



BOB LEONARD

What a memorable evening took place at Donte's, on Lankershim Boulevard, in North Hollywood...It was the second night of JON HENDRICKS & FAMILY, premiering their new act before they take off for a flurry of East Coast bookings set up by Yours Truly...CARMEN MCCREA was there, RUTHOLAY, EDIE ADAMS, with hubby PETE CONDOLI, (one of the all time great trumpeters), JAKE HANNA, who sat in on drums, and BILL HENDERSON, who comes up on stage to scat wall opposite Jon!!!! Well, to hear these two vocal talents Be Bop sing to each other using the microphones a la tenor sax was a sight and sound I haven't seen or heard in over twenty-five years...That was a musical event worth sitting in the audience to appreciate.

While in Los Angeles, I had the pleasure of catching a most unusual Rock attraction, that featured eight girl musicians, including a tenor, bari, trombone, and trumpet for the horn section, and a solid rhythm section of keyboards, bass, and guitar...Now THAT'S AN ATTRAC-TION.....Naturally, I signed them to a management contract in a minute....I notice that FLIP WILSON opened at Caesars Palace, for the first time, and brought with him one of the greatest genius' in the music business named DON COSTA.

I wonder just how much singling Flip is doing, to have such an arranger, producer, and conductor with him of such great stature...Don has only made the recording careers of the likes of SINATRA, ANKA, STREISAND, STEVE & EDIE, GOULET, MATHIS, VAUGHN, and on, and on, and on.....You name the star, and they either have or wish to have their albums produced, and arranged by DON COSTA....One time when Don got seriously ill with a heart problem, the MAN, of our business (F.S.), flew Don to Texas, and had the #1 heart Doctor of America, take care of him. Blue Eyes footed the cost... just to show his respect for his talents.

TINA TURNER, during her outing at Caesars with BUDDY HACKETT, turned out to be a sensational opener, with more excitement than ever before....It seems once the Ladies get the Men hanger-ons, like Ike, out of the way....they can perform better....Let's face it. Ike was never a stage personality to warrant the success he received, only a good musical husband.

I hear that CONNIE FRANCIS is now seeking to go back to work....seems to me, that after receiving over 1 million dollars, for a sexual mishap, she would be content to stay home and cook Lasagne....The Jockey Club is building a bigger and better lounge room capable of more seating, and thinking seriously of bringing in Jazz Attractions, for the mellow members... ERNIE ANDREWS got raves singing with FRANKIE CAPP/NAT PIERCE BAND, called JUGGERNAUT, at the Concord Summer Jazz Festival, in No. California...LAURINDO ALMEIDA, has the best of at least three worlds....He takes gigs at Movie & Television Studios, works as part of the L.A. FOUR, (other members are BUD SHANK, SHELLEY MANNE, & RAY BROWN), and also goes on the road as a single, using a house bass and drummer....His recent appearance at Disneyworld in Orlando, Fla., was written up as a most auspicious occasion... MARC HANNIBAL, who hosts a groovy TV Show called Folks, on Sunday, ABC, 6:00 - 6:30, will be "singing in the park" on August 10th. That's Hadland Park, Eastern & Stewart, with the BILL GEYER 18 - piece Orchestra....Marc is a mellow jazz voice a la ARTHUR PRY SOCK, and certain to make it big in films, TV, Records and Stage.

Lots of inside talk that the Aladdin Hotel might be sold for a whole bunch of Millions, and that The Performing Arts Theatre will house an aqua show with underwater ballets!!! Now, that's jazzy.

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REPATRIATING ARABS NEAR LEBANON

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The question of repatriating some 200 Arab Christians to the sites of their former homes near the Lebanese border was sent to a committee for solution by the government coalition with the support of some Labor Alignment MKSs.

The Arabs, who are maronites and Greek Catholics, were removed from the vil-lages of Ikrit and Birim by the Israeli army nearly 30 years ago for security

reasons. Although promised that they could return, suc-cessive Labor gov-ernments had of-fered them com-pensation instead. The villagers were subsequently razed by the army. Several years ago the vil-lagers petitioned to return.

But the government headed by Premier Golda Meir rejected the petition on the grounds that it would set a precedent for other Arab villagers who lost their homes,

VANCE TO BRUSH PLO IN MIDEAST

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The United States will "suggest certain proposals" for the Geneva Conference on a Middle East settlement, Secretary of State Cyrus Vance told a press conference July 29, two days before departing for the Mideast.

Vance said that the suggestions will include both "the questions of substance and procedure." He refused to provide any details.

When the Secretary was questioned about a report in the Israeli newspaper Maariv that he would propose an Israeli trusteeship for the West Bank, Vance replied "It would be inappropriate for me to go into any specifics on what we might suggest."

Vance said that he would not meet with representatives of the Palestine Liberation Or-ganization during his visit. He admitted that the U.S. has been receiving communications from the PLO through intermediaries but said the U.S. was not responding to them because it stood by its position that it would not deal with the PLO as long as it refused to recognize the right of the State of Israel to exist.

The Secretary said that at the end of his trip "it is possible...we will not know" whether the Geneva Conference can be reconvened. He said if that proves to be true, talks will continue probably at the United Nations General Assem-bly meeting which opens in September. But he said he believes the trip will give "a clearer idea of the ability to which we have been able to narrow the differences that have existed be-tween the parties." Vance said he was keeping "closely in touch" with the Soviet Union, which along with the U.S. is the co-chairman of the Geneva Conference, on developments in the Mid-east. The Secretary also said he was "pleased" by reports that Israeli Premier Menachem Begin had accepted the possibility of stationing UN troops along the Israeli - Lebanese border. He called the idea "a constructive suggestion" and said it would be discussed during his trip. Vance goes first to Alexandria, Egypt, then Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Saudia Arabia and finally Israel where he will arrive August 9. He will return to the United States via London.

Meanwhile, Time magazine reported in its latest issue that President Carter has said "If the Palestinian leaders...espoused the UN Re-solutions 242 and 338 as a basis for negotia-tions at Geneva we would immediately commence plans to begin talks with the Palestinian lead-ers." He said he could not speak for Begin's response to such a development but "I hope that he would accept that."

Carter offered this approach during an inter-view July 29 in the Oval Office at the White House with Time's managing editor Henry Grun-wald and a group of Time correspondents. The President rejected a "step-by-step incremental approach" as "too long, too tedious, and leaves unhealed wounds." Despite the possibility of breakdown and failures at Geneva, Carter felt that "it will be the first opportunity, if it ma-terializes, for the Arab leaders and the Israeli leaders to meet together in extensive negotiations to understand one's another approach, positions, attitudes and to marshal the opinions of the world on the points in dispute." The President added that after Vance's Mideast visit "I think we will have a much clearer picture of where the differences lie."

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