

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

MAGIC OF TONY BENNETT, COUNT BASIE IN SAHARA'S CONGO ROOM

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ROUND TOWN.....WELCOME BACK to the delightful and hilarious musical comedy duo **THE REYCARDS**, now at the Aladdin Casino Theater for their first appearance in more than a year. The former stars of the Dunes' "Casino de Paris" have been movie making and recording in their native Manila, and playing concert dates all over the Far East, Hawaii and the U.S. Once known as "the Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis" of the Philippines, Ricky and Rey, have added even more zaniness to their popular act. Their routine on "Fiddler on the Roof" is still a Strip classic..... Exotic beauty **SUZETTE SUMMERS** who is currently headlining the all new burlesque romp at the Jackpot Casino's new showroom, will be making her debut as a singer shortly. Suzette who has starred at the Aladdin, Holiday Casino, Thunderbird, etc. is prepping her own show that'll combine her many talents as a singer-dancer and personality hostess. When she's not working at the Jackpot, you can find Suzette all over town as the supervising representative of the Ideal Corporation which specializes in health food and natural products for skin, hair and health care..... "Bottoms Up" comedy team-performers-writers, **DAVID HARRIS** and **SUZANNE BUHRER** take their new act to Hollywood for a special one night only performance at the very hip Studio One Backlot. The Harris-Buhrer debut will be on Monday, September 12 with two shows (9:30 and 11:30 P.M.). Several dozen Las Vegas and fellow performers round town are planning to drive to L.A. for the special stint. There's also talk and negotiations underway to present Suzanne and David on

They have been appearing together on occasion for about 20 years, but this concert engagement of Tony Bennett and Count Basie in Hotel Sahara's Congo Room is the best ever, according to comments from first nighters.

The magic of Tony Bennett alone brings an expectant hush over every audience. Showgoers savor every inflection, every gesture of this master showman who through the years has refused to compromise his own fine taste to the musical fads of the day.

Bennett could never leave the stage without his renditions of "I Left My Heart," "Wanna Be Around," "O-Sole Mio," "Lady



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is A tramp," "For Once In My Life," and all the others which are indelibly linked to him. But that doesn't stop

him from putting his personal signature on some of the good contemporary things. He touches all the bases.

The Basie sound has been around since the Big Band era and music buffs will tell you that the distinctive fundamental beat which is his trademark has not changed at all.

And somehow Basie's version of Bennett's arrangements, while using the same notes, comes out a bit brighter, a bit more vivid than usual. The reason must be the genuine respect accorded each other by these two giants of the music business.

The Bennett-Basie engagement continues through September 14 with an 8 o'clock dinner show and a midnight cocktail performance nightly. **SUPPORT YOUR LAS VEGAS ISRAELITE NOW IN 13TH YEAR.**

the upcoming "Star Spangled Night of Stars for Human Rights" which will be at the Hollywood Bowl in mid-September, with stars like **BARBRA STREISAND**, **FRANK SINATRA**, **BETTE MIDLER**, **SHIRLEY MACLAINE**, **WARREN BEATTY**, **LILY TOMLIN**, **JOAN RIVERS**, **JANE FONDA**, **EARTHA KITT**, **BETTE DAVIS**, **SAMMY DAVIS JR.**, **LIZA MINNELLI**, **JACK JONES**, **WAYLAND FLOWERS**, **CHARLES PIERCE**, **CAROL BURNETT**, and dozens and dozens more reportedly being tagged for the superstar turnout.....

LIGHTS..... CAMERA..... ACTION..... "STINGRAY" starring Mark Hamill (of instant "Star Wars" superstardom), "RACQUET" starring Bert Convy and ABC Movie of the Week "TELETHON" among the latest movie and tv productions being done in Las Vegas. Upcoming next two big television specials..... "HAPPY BIRTHDAY LAS VEGAS" with some fifty stars and nearly as many Las Vegas locations being done by producer **PIERRE COSETTE** for fall airing, and the annual "LAS VEGAS ENTERTAINMENT AWARDS", a Sedbar Production, for a

two hour NBC-TV special which starts taping November 21-22-23 for early December airing. The **LAS VEGAS ACADEMY OF VARIETY** and **CABARET ARTISTS** which conducts the annual awards will, this year, with several more representatives from all fields of show business and Las Vegas including columnists **FORREST DUKE**, **BILL WILLARD**, **JOE DELANEY**, **JIM PARKER**, **CHARLES SUPIN**, **MARGUERITE RITTENDALE**, **RALPH PEARL**, **DICK MAURICE**, etc., Public Relations Directors **TONY ZOPPI** (Riviera), **JEAN MAGOWAN** (Dunes), **JIM SEAGRAVE** (Caesars Palace), **BILL BRAY** (MGM Grand), **GENNIE MACILVAINE** (Tropicana), **BRUCE BANKE** (Hilton), **DEE SPENCER** (Stardust), etc. and Performer Reps from all the major Strip revues, be revising and improving the yearly balloting and voting. **WEEKEND WANDERERS..... ANN-MARGRET** at the Hilton..... **FLIP WILSON**, **ROGER MILLER** and **HELEN SCHNEIDER** at the MGM..... **PAUL ANKA** at Caesars Palace..... **WAYNE NEWTON** at the Frontier..... **ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK** at the Riviera..... **LEON** and **MARY RUSSELL** (Sept. 5) at the Aladdin **TOPA.....**

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