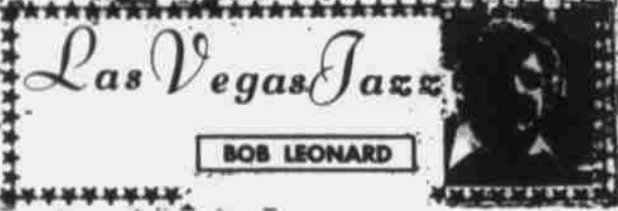


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The minute Labor Day passes and the JERRY LEWIS TELETHON is over, don't you have the feeling that the Summer is over too???

I took another jaunt out of town over Labor Day Weekend to visit Los Angeles this time... Got a real boot out of catching two attractions I'm associated with in Century City... First, caught BARBARA McNAIR, with excellent backing by H. B. BARNUM, (which I arranged), at the plush Lainie's Room at the Playboy Club... Barbara was absolutely at her singing best, and was cheered on by many celebrity fans that came out to "dig her".... Across the street at the Century Plaza Hotel's Hong Kong Bar was my all-time favorite vocal act, JON HENDRICKS & FAMILY, sometimes billed as HENDRICKS, HENDRICKS, & HENDRICKS.... an inspiring musical family sure to please any jazz buff.... Jon's show the "Evolution of the Blues" will be coming to Hollywood's Las Palmas theatre, in October.... I'll keep you posted on the exact date... LAURINDO ALMEIDA follows Jon Hendricks into the Hong Kong Bar September 12 - 16, followed by BENNY CARTER September 19 - 23, to be followed by LOUIE BELLSON September 26 - 30, giving the Century Plaza Hotel sort of a lock on the best names in jazz playing the Los Angeles area during the month of September... I am still dreaming of that kind of a lineup for some Vegas hotel....

Maybe Caesars Palace will receive some impact from the opening act SAMMY DAVIS, JR. is bringing in with him!!! RAMSEY LEWIS, a truly great keyboard artist will make an extremely rare appearance for Las Vegas, as Sammy's opener September 7 - 26... This could be the start of jazz attractions being used as "openers" for the main headliners.... People here still talk about the excellent package of ELLA FITZGERALD, COUNT BASIE, OSCAR PETERSON, and JOE PASS that played the Sahara Hotel some six months back.... I was under the impression that package was a solid winner for the hotel....

Looks like The Improv Club is off and running, with a press party scheduled for September 7th, and some very funny new comics to this area set as openers.... The only bad feature I hear about that club is that they "do not pay" entertainers to work there.... that the club is strictly a "showcase" spot for acts to try to "get it on".... The Comedy Store, in L.A., run by the ex-Mrs. Sammy Shore (Mitzie), has a unique monopoly on using comics (no pay), to capacity audiences.... reason being very simple.... on any given night there is always some hip producer that will pull one of the comics out of that showcase for major TV exposure.

I have only recently started to "pluck" talents from the Monday night Showcase at the Sahara Hotel, to place in various situations... LIFESTYLE, currently the opener for RONNIE McDOWELL, at the Marina Hotel, was seen at the Sahara Showcase, and I proceeded to act accordingly.... This LIFESTYLE group is the "cleanest, best singing, and dancing group" I've caught in a long time, and they are destined for the Big Time.... Have fun... Jazzfully yours,

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NEW POPE EXPECTED TO HAVE GOOD RELATIONS WITH JEWS

NEW YORK (WNS) -- The newly-elected Pope John Paul I "will be good for the Jews," according to Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum, inter-religious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee.

Tanenbaum, who was the only rabbi present at Vatican II presided over by the last two Popes, said that the former Cardinal Albino Luciani "possesses the warm touch of Pope John XXIII and the practical wisdom of Pope Paul VI." The 65-year-old Luciani, who was Patriarch of Venice until his surprise election August 26 by his fellow cardinals as supreme pontiff of the Roman Catholic Church, selected a name that was apparently intended to signify he would carry on the work of his two predecessors, Tanenbaum noted that as "Cardinal of Venice, Pope John Paul made several statements in which he expressed his great

respect for the Jewish people and the Jewish religion. It remains to be seen as to how he will translate his positive attitudes toward the Jewish community into policies toward Israel and, in particular toward Jerusalem." AJCommittee president Richard Maass in a statement congratulating the new Pope said that "we pledge to cooperate with Pope John Paul, not only in promoting improved understanding between Catholics and Jews, but as well in advancing the cause of world peace, human rights and social justice.

The Israeli government in Jerusalem announced that its delegation to the new Pope's coronation September 3 would include the director general of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Israeli Ambassador to Italy. Israeli officials said the delegation will be larger than before because of the improved relations with the Vatican. Ashkenazic Chief Rabbi Shlomo Goren said that he hopes Pope John Paul will recognize the State of Israel and put an end to the slaughter in Lebanon. The Pon-

tiff, in an appearance before 150,000 persons crowded into St. Peter's Square August 27, said he was thinking of strife-torn Lebanon. The new Pope has never been out of Italy and has spent all of his life in the Venice area. He comes from a poor family and as Patriarch of Venice since 1969 has allowed churches to sell their jewels to help the poor.

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