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IN
LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....Las Vegas: Veteran producer **JOE PETERSON** is into the final laps of negotiations to present a new musical revue titled "ENCORE! JOSEPHINE DU PARIS" — a tribute to the late great Josephine Baker — in association with Casablanca Records and the Baker estate — scheduled to open in June at the Silver Bird Hotel. Set to star as the famous "American in Paris" is brilliant new singing discovery **PHYLICIA ALLEN** who recently released her first Casablanca album "Josephine Superstar".....**Honolulu, Hawaii:** Impresario **GEORGE SIMONE**, who was the former personal manager of Dick Jensen, is introducing a new policy of "name stars" in his just opened 500-seater Imperial Hotel Ballroom. **FRANKIE AVALON, DIONNE WARWICK, GLADYS KNIGHT & THE PIPS, JAMES DARREN, JOAN RIVERS, RIP TAYLOR, BERNADETTE PETERS, FRANKIE VALLI, CONNIE STEVENS, DAVID BRENNER**, etc are among the stars Simone is currently hoping to include on the summertime roster. **REDD FOX** is currently headlining with his own revue at the Imperial.....**New Orleans:** **CHARO** who was scheduled to reign as Empress of the annual Mardi Gras had to bow out at the last moment due to illness. The trouble plagued city lost millions of dollars this year because of police, firemen and sanitation workers strikes. Charo will be returning this month to the Sahara Congo Room with gueststar **DOM DELUISE**.....**St. Louis:** A new **BRECK WALL/PATRICK MAES** production titled "Jubilation '79" opens this week for a six week run starring **PATRICK, THE ALL AMERICAN MALE STRIPPER** and ventriloquist **DICK WESTON**. In simultaneous production and rehearsal with director/choreographer **CARY LASPINA**, Wall/Maes are prepping their all new show "LIPS" to open at Harrah's Tahoe next week. "BOTTOMS UP" the flagship of the producers company is currently SROing in Houston and will be opening in Denver in mid April at the Turn of the Century just prior to its opening at Harrah's Tahoe in May.....**Hollywood:** **BERNADETTE PETERS** just here with **Rich Little** at the MGM Grand, will squeeze in a special guesting with **PERRY COMO** on his next television special before joining her "favorite comedian" and longtime boyfriend, **STEVE MARTIN** in his Universal movie debut in "THE JERK" which begins shooting in April. Steve co-scripted the comedy with director **CARL REINER**..... **Chicago:** **Zany RIP TAYLOR** just back from Hawaii and opening next week at Studio One in Los Angeles has been set to make his first appearance headlining at the Blue Max at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in April. Rip is also wanted for a return stint with Charo at the Sahara Congo Room in May replacing **SONNY BONO** who bowed out of his scheduled "solo" debut.....**Atlantic City:** The east coast Caesars Palace hotel/casino, The Regency, will be shifting its entertainment policy to an all star name policy instead of the previously reported **Frederic Apar** spectacular **PLUS** name star.

ENGLEBERT BACK AT MGM GRAND



Engelbert, whose latest album "Engelbert" has just gone Double Platinum, is back in the luxurious Celebrity Room of the MGM Grand Hotel for another exciting two - week engagement.

Celebrating his 10th year as a Las Vegas main showroom attraction, he is also marking his first anniversary with the Grand, where he has never failed to fill the 1,200 - seat showroom for any performance.

Engelbert is also remembered as the first artist to prevent the Beatles from having the Number One hit worldwide when in 1967 "RELEASE ME" topped "PENNY LANE."

Included in his MGM show are some of the songs that have helped make him one of the re-

cording industry's top artists the past decade with over 130 million records sold. Among them: "THE LAST WALTZ," "A MAN WITHOUT LOVE," "ANOTHER TIME, ANOTHER PLACE," "WINTER WORLD OF LOVE," "LOVE IS ALL," and the latest single to hit the top of **BILLBOARD** Magazine's "Easy Listening" chart, "THIS MOMENT IN TIME."

In addition to his awe - inspiring vocals, Engelbert delights his stage audiences with three uncanny carbon - copy impressions of **Tom Jones, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.**

The highlight of his show, though, is his two - song tribute to **Elvis, "HOW GREAT THOU ART" and "YOU'LL NEVER WALK ALONE."**

Engelbert's special guest for the fortnighter to run through March 14, is top comedian and pantomimist **Dick Capri.**

From an opening film, featuring various stars including **Wayne Newton, Robert Goulet** jumps into a beautiful version of "Around the World in 80 Days."

In excellent form, **Goulet** bounces around the Crystal Room stage at the Desert Inn, with numbers such as "You Light Up My Life," "On a Clear Day,".....it's truly a thrilling performance that is highlighted by his walking through the audience offering ballads of love to the ladies.

Opening the bill is "Funnyman **Foster**," who continues to generate the laughter with his post - cocktails comedy.

It's personality plus as **Foster** reaches out and tickles the funny bone of the showroom guests.

And then, in a surprise move, **Foster** breaks into song, and the audience is suddenly enjoying a magnificent voice and ballads such as "Make the World Go Away."

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WASH. (WNS) -- President Carter's Commission on the Holocaust has scheduled "Days of Remembrance" for the week of April 22 - 29. It will include Yom Hashoah, the Jewish observance of Holocaust Day which this year falls on April 24. The week's events will begin with services at Temple Emanu-El in New York April 22 and end at the National Cathedral of the Episcopal Church in Washington April 29.

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