

Mark Tan IN LAS VEGAS



NOTES FROM ALL OVER.....BRECK WALL'S award winning musical comedy revue - now in its 20th smash continuous year - will now have a dual opening in October. Bottoms Up No. 1 (the original company which stars Breck, David Harris, Bill Fanning, etc.) will open a three month engagement in Dallas (where the very first "BU" originated at the Adolphus Hotel) at Granny's Dinner Theater, to be followed by another three months in Granny's in Houston; Bottoms Up No. 2, the road company, will open a 12 week stint in Atlantic City at the new Caesars Palace Boardwalk Regency Hotel-Casino. "BU" is currently winding its annual summer long date at Harrah's Lake Tahoe. That company closes in mid-September to give the cast a few weeks holiday before starting the fall-winter tours.....Coming soon from Orlando, Florida - **SPUN GOLD** - the top drawing rock and roll revue in the southeast U.S. will make a special two nights only appearance in Las Vegas, at the Aladdin Hotel on September 24 and 25. The nine person company which presents a series of rock and roll "Calvacade of Stars" shows in its repertoire features **TERRY TURNER** (Florida), **EDDIE LOWE** (San Francisco), **BERNIE SCHWARTZ** (Idaho), **ROSCOE MOZZARELLI** (New Jersey), plus such "character" stars as **DADDY RAT** (Oakland, California), **CAPTAIN AMERICA**, **FRIENDLY FREDDIE**, **J.J. JOHNSON**, and the lone femme member **D.J. DARLIN**. The group which has had fabulous reviews in every engagement it's played throughout the U.S. and are currently headlining at the Golden Rock Sho Lounge in Orlando, recently appeared on the nationwide Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy. **SPUN GOLD** will be presenting several of their all new shows in their Las Vegas debut at the Aladdin. Watch for 'em.....**RIP TAYLOR** who just closed at the Sahara Casbar (he has one more engagement to play there to complete his current pact with the hotel) will be co-starring next with **CHARO** in Atlantic City at the Caesars Regency opening Sept. 27. This week Rip will be flying back and forth to Los Angeles (he lives in Vegas) to complete his role in "The Gong Show Movie" and tape more of next season's "The \$1.98 Beauty Show" segments (NBC).....

STRIP CHATTER.....BERNADETTE PETERS, who's between engagements (she just closed at the Riviera and opens on Sept. 11 with Shecky Greene at the Desert Inn) decided to stay over in Vegas during her hiatus so she can be with her number one fella, **STEVE MARTIN** now

IT'S FUN TIME AT SAHARA HOTEL

It's fun time at the Sahara this week as Dom DeLuise and the Mills Bros. entertain twice a night in the Congo Showroom.

Dom DeLuise has become "Hot Stuff" with his latest movie (of the same name), but Congo Room audiences see another side of this complex entertainer. The musical numbers are warm and pleasing to the ear, and show some surprisingly good terpsichorean talent. No DeLuise performance would be complete without his "Dominick the Great" magician turn, and that added to his great likability factor makes for a fine show.

The Mills Bros. have been performing longer than most of us have been around, and they are proof of the old saw that they're not getting older, they're getting better. Their current repertoire includes a number of contemporary things, but showgoers clamor for (and get) "Paper Doll" and the rest of their "golden oldies."

The Dom DeLuise-Mills Bros. engagement continues through September 12, with two per-



formances nightly, a dinner show at 8 p.m. and a cocktails - only midnight appearance.

blockbusting at the Riviera.....**ANN-MARGRET** winds her latest film making chores in Canada next month and will return to Caesars Palace on October 25 (her second Vegas appearance this year) and has also been set to headline at the Palace for the Christmas-New Year's holiday period.....Producers-stars **MANOLO TORRENTE** and **FREDDY MANJON** whose lavish extravaganza "LATIN FIRE" has been playing all over the world since its last Las Vegas engagement at the then-Thunderbird Hotel several years ago, in town to see the "new" Las Vegas and for meetings 'bout a long awaited (and muchly missed) return to the Strip scene. Manolo and Torrente both from Havana, Cuba where they were top nitery stars in the early 1960's before they escaped to the U.S., were (and are) among the Strip's most popular visitors and have an enormous 'local' following as well as being big big favorites with the tourist and convention groups. When "Latin Fire" and "Latin Fire Follies" played the Strip several years in a row between 1966 and 1975 Manolo and Freddy's annual **SANTA BARBARA FIESTA** was a December annual classic attended by showfolk from every show, Strip headliners and Latin stars from all over the country.....**SAMMY DAVIS, JR.** now at Caesars (with newly joining special gueststars **PEACHES & HERB**) will star in a special evening for the Woodland Hills Temple Emet on September 15 in Los Angeles at the Century Plaza Hotel. Tickets are now on sale in Los Angeles and Las Vegas at \$125.00 per person. Several hotels and Strip businesses have been buying tables of tickets for Mr. D's gala.....Hawaiian star **CAROLE KAI** returned to aloha-land

after her appearance on the Labor Day telethon. Carole recently made her mainroom debut, at the Sahara, with **DON RICKLES**. She'll be busy in Honolulu the next couple of months recording a new album, appearing at several nightclubs there, and preparing for her annual all charity event The Carole Kai Celebrity Bed Race which takes place in Waikiki every February.....

'ROUND TOWN.....The annual all showfolks' **BEAUX ARTS HALLOWEEN BALL** will be held in late October at a soon-to-be-announced major Strip hotel. **JOAN RIVERS**, **ANN-MARGRET**, **BERNADETTE PETERS** and **CHARO** will be the quartet of stars who will reign as Queens of the Ball this year. A dozen other celebrity gueststars will join the ladies in the Royal Court of Judges for best costumes in ten categories and a special celebrity "look alike" category. Tickets go on sale all over town and at most backstages on October 5.....Singer-impressionist **JIM BAILEY** arrives in town this week end to film his special guesting on "VEGAS" in a two part segment. Bailey just ended a ten city tour in the east. Personal manager **ALLAN CHAPIN** (who has his own production company, **KREISS-CHAPIN INC.** in Beverly Hills) will be headquartered with Jim at the Desert Inn Hotel..... Speaking of Kreiss-Chapin projects, a new revue called "LOVE IN THE AFTERNOON" conceived, produced and directed by **DICK McINNES**, and starring several of the daytime soap opera stars, is being talked about as a special late September-early October attraction at a major hotel.

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