

**"MURDER" AT UNION PLAZA**

"Murder At The Howard Johnson's" opened May 6, and nobody was more suited to open the curtain than Dennis James, whose been seen all over the country in productions of both "Murder At The Howard Johnson's" and "The Impossible Years." Produced and directed by Maynard Sloate, the popular star plays the husband in the delightful story of a romantic triangle that has everybody plotting to murder

everybody else. James, playing the used-car-salesman husband Paul Miller, is one of the most versatile performers in show business, putting more hours before a television camera and for a longer period than any other personality in the world. Familiar to any television fan as the congenial host of the nighttime "Price Is Right," James also took time out to appear with Henry "The Fonz" Winkler in the film

"The One and Only," with more television appearances on "Fantasy Island" and "Rich Man, Poor Man." Appearing as James' wife, Arlene, is June Lockhard, a star in every phase of the entertainment industry. Nominated for an Emmy for her performance in the long-running hit series "Lassie," she went on to star in "Lost In Space" and "Petticoat Junction." Her film credits include "All This and Heaven, Too," "Sergeant York," "Adam Had Four Sons," "The White Cliffs of Dover" and "The Yearling."

Alan Young portrays the lover/dentist Mitchell Lovell. Best known for his character on the television series, "Mr. Ed," which ran for six seasons, he appeared on Broadway in "The Girl In The Fruedian Slip," "Finian's Rainbow," and "The Odd Couple." He has completed feature motion pictures, as yet unreleased, "Baker's Hawk" and "The Cat From Outer Space" for Disney Studios.

"Murder At The Howard Johnson's" features showtimes at 8 and 11:45 p.m.

**CHURCH BLASTS**

WASH. (WNS) -- Sen. Frank Church (D. Idaho), chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, put the blame on "confused and contradictory signals" from the State Department as the reason why "some European nations have flirted with recognizing the Palestine Liberation Organization and changing United Nations (Security Council) Resolution.

**MAC IS BACK**

LAS VEGAS, Nev. -- Mac Davis, who is making it a habit to be at the MGM Grand Hotel on holidays, returns to the plush Celebrity Showroom on May 15 for three special weeks with comedy guest, Tom Dreesen.

There couldn't be a hotter performer to be around for the Memorial Day weekend than Mac, who packed the room during his last stint, which was a Valentine's engagement back in February.

In addition to the widespread acclaim he received for his first starring movie role in "North Dallas Forty," Mac has just completed his second featured role in "Cheaper to Keep Her." In addition, he has a skyrocketing album entitled "Hard To Be Humble" and an upcoming TV special with Anne Murray.

Mac's shows at the Grand are packed with people, he fills the 1,200-seat room nightly, and Country/Pop music, most of which he has written himself including "I Believe in Music," "Memories," "Stop And Smell the Roses," "In The Ghetto," and "Hard To Be Humble." He also sings and dances an upbeat disco medley which features "Best Disco In Town," "I Love The Night Life," "Love To Love You Baby," "Dancin' Fool," "YMCA" and more.

Mac Davis and Tom Dreesen will share the MGM Grand stage twice a night through June 4.

**MUSKIE SHOULD CONTINUE ALLIANCE**

WASH. (WNS) -- The resignation of Cyrus Vance as Secretary of State and his replacement by Sen. Edmund Muskie (D, Maine) is not expected to result in any change in President Carter's policies toward Israel, the Camp David accords or the entire Arab-Israeli conflict. When asked about a possible change of policy, especially on the Arab-Israeli situation, State Department spokesman Hodding Carter said, "My own

strong sense is that the main currents of policy in every area will be the same." Vance's resignation because of his opposition to the attempt by the U.S. to rescue the 53 Americans held in Iran was made public. Vance, in the letter, listed the Camp David accords and the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty as among the principal foreign policy achievements under Carter's leadership.

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