

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWEAST

## Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Silverbird returns to star policy end of this month as "Ipi Tombi" hits the road. It wouldn't be surprising if RAY CHARLES and GEORGE "GOOBER" LINDSEY dropped their \$190,000 and \$150,000 suits against the hotel when they were bumped by the South African stomper. Producer DON HUGHES is negotiating contracts with the 23 - member "IT" cast despite termination notices last week, opting to continue the tour interrupted Aug. '79 when the troupe settled into the Strip for a long run...CHAZ CHASE, over from the Crazy Horse in Paris, is hypoing "Alcazar de Paris" at the Desert Inn... "Hollywood Squares" auditioned contestants in the Riviera Grand Ballroom for upcoming telecasts from the hotel next month... DIANA ROSS could hardly wait to get back to Vegas and Caesars Palace after the SAMMY DAVIS, JR. - PILITA CORRALES interim.... EDWARD VILLELLA

tosses a ballet workshop July 12 - 16 at Movements West dance studio....TONY BENNETT opened a Sands reprise Thursday fresh from a totally SRO South American tour wrapped in Anhembi, Brazil.



One time Lt. Gov., attorney CLIFF JONES, the dashing Caribbean gambling entrepreneur and Hollywood movie producer is said to own 50% of First America Corp. (Egypt) Ltd., bent upon running up a casino and health spa in Aswan along with some real estate ventures in Cairo. The firm is an offshoot of Vegas-based International Leisure & Casino (owns Lotus Inn) chaired by WILLIAM BUTTERS. Ah, but there's a rub. Egyptian government has to okay the fancy project -- howdy ANWAR, say hello to Cliff...The best jazz these nights is in the Hacienda lounge Monday, but through the 29th buffs will gather for concerts all over town and in Henderson to celebrate Jazz Month. The fine hand of the Las Vegas Jazz Society (spelled MONK MONTGOMERY) is evident everywhere.... Owners of the Aladdin may not be definite from day to day, but Olympic silver medalist LINDA FRATIANNNE will grace the upcoming "Holiday on Ice" frappes as rock concerts are faded... Couple of Hall of Fames are in the works with Best of Las Vegas Awards competing with Tro-

picana memorial wax museum saluting such Vegas worthies as SAMMY DAVIS, JR., SOPHIE TUCKER, JOE E. LEWIS, JIMMY DURANTE, LIBERACE, DON RICKLES, ROY CLARK, TOM JONES, LIZA MINNELLI, JACK BENNY and a parcel of etceteras.



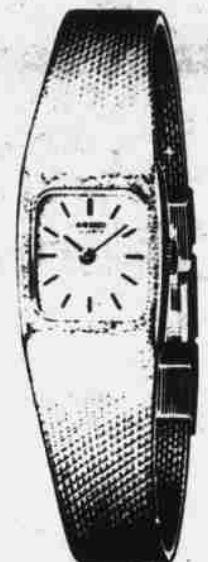
FRED TRAVALENA, who coheadlined at the Riv with SHIRLEY MAC LAINE through Wednesday, will stomp summer stock at Hampton Playhouse in New Hampshire in "Sugar" lead role, tuner version of "Some Like It Hot." Riv top spots are now covered by NEIL SEDAKA and BERNADETTE PETERS....Date of St. Jude's telethon switched from May 21 to 23rd at the Frontier because of previous commitments by DANNY THOMAS. ORSON WELLES, GLEN CAMPBELL and TANYA TUCKER have already pretaped their segs.. Big anni JIM HALSEY party will HQ at Williams Plaza Hotel in Tulsa this week for Mayfest culminating in the JH-Kool blues and international country/western concerts Thursday-Sunday at Performing Arts Center, Assembly Center and Williams Center Green....Mac Davis in for three at MGM Grand, trekking here from Sahara Tahoe...TOMDREESSEN is his warmer - upper.



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### DAVID AND "CUCHI"



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Taking over the Sahara Hotel Congo stage Sunday the 11th was the "cuchi cuchi" girl herself, Charo, in Concert with her International Revue, and comedian David Brenner. Charo and Brenner are appearing nightly -- dinner show at 8 p.m. and cocktail show at 12 midnight -- through May 21.

Charo brings an all-new show to the Sahara this engagement that is even more exciting and full of spontaneity than her previous blockbuster shows. The sexy "cuchi cuchi" girl and her International Revue offers the best in song, comedy and even the classical guitar playing that amazes and captivates fans.

David Brenner is rapidly making a name for himself as a comedian who can tap the experiences of his audiences and hand them back in hilarious fashion. His bits about Las Vegas and gaming are becoming standards.

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