

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE



AL GUZMAN, the astute veep for marketing and entertainment at the Sands is tossing a sumptuous spread on the 24th for the Grand Finale of the Copa Room along with an interesting show. The interest is DANNY THOMAS, who opened the Sands December 15, 1952 with a fancy collection of stars. He will tete - a - tete with GLEN CAMPBELL and LONNIE SHORR to bring down the curtain with festivities starting at 10 p.m. and carrying on well beyond midnight. Quote Mr. G from his invite: "Over fifteen million people have had the pleasure of seeing the greatest stars in the history of show business appear on this stage, and, while we will always have a special place in our hearts for the Copa Room, we want you to know an even greater and more elegant Copa Room will emerge and reopen December of 1981". JACKETT fills and pere, meaning BUDDY & SANDY work together for the first time dishing up funnies at the National Football League Players Association

"Award Banquet in Chicago on the 28th...The mucho hyphenated FRED TRAVALENA, comedian - impressionist - singer - actor - songwriter, appears twice in July at the Frontier, first with HELEN REDDY July 10, then with ROY CLARK July 30. Leggy JULIET PROWSE, set to film a new series of vidblurbs for I. 'eggs pantyhose, has been named a member of the honorary board of advisors of the Dance Hall of Fame... ROGER & ROGER, bringing up the laughs in the Hacienda's "An Evening of Comedy" will headline at Grossingers in the Catskills Labor Day weekend, their first trip to the borscht belt. R&R most likely will be guests when I sub for RALPH PEARL Thursday on Channel 5. Have a look and listen. DENNY YEARY joins the FREDDIE BELL SHOW in the Frontier Lounge Thursday... KENNY KERR and his "Boy - Lesque" cast have been vacationing, but will reopen at the Silver Slipper on Friday.. Little chap looking like a wilted CHARLIE CHAPLIN dashing around handing out discount coupons also bears news that the Entertainers Hall of Fame at the Tropicana is pouring bubbly champagne with every admission 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.



You have to commiserate with the Hilton people, BARRON, HENRI LEWIN and assorted exex when they release figures showing the

occupancy rate is down three percent from a year ago and then at the other store, the Flamingo Hilton paying out a couple of mammoth jackpots in one day. And while the tears were falling in one Hilton another was alight with hanging bells as the new record win was recorded, \$370,000, hit by Paul Idomir, of Beltsville, Md. Earlier that day corporate lawyer Rafael Campazano from Mexico, who recently won \$250,000 in a lottery, came up with the 7's and \$365,000.. ROSS EASSTEY, prez of Trans-American Video of Nevada, skied to the annual Pasadena Playhouse brunch last Sunday at Sportsmen's Lodge and mingled with dais celebs RAYMOND BARR, LEONARD NEMOY, DANA ANDREWS, LURENE TUTTLE, NANCY ANDREWS and PAT CAMPBELL. EASSTEY is past prez of the alumni association, now chaired by TONY DI MILO...TIBOR RUDAS thinks it'll be a year before debut of his biggest production show he's currently assembling for MESHULAM RIKLAS at the Riviera. Salient feature of the new showroom is instant conversion into a vid-studio...As the town is beset by the lower visitor volume blues, note 45 conventions arrive this month with 38,000 people shelling our \$2,850,000 exclusive of gambling -- a mere pittance.



After 18 years, FREDERICAPCAR'S "Casino de Paris" becomes history as a four - waller, "From Ireland With Love" trundled in on Wednesday. Caesars Palace hopes for FISA okey in Paris for its 2.57 mile grand prix race course set for completion Aug. 16. ...JOAN RI-



June Wilkinson in Ninety Day Mistress



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