

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE



Some very knowledgeable local writers told Las Vegas branch of National League of Penwomen at their third anni workshop how to do all sorts of things from writing novels, gathering information, editing to crystal balling the future of the book business last Saturday at the Showboat. There were JANET LOWE, NAN DOUGHTY, ELIZABETH PATRICK, JACK SHEEHAN, DEBBIE SORRENTINO, NORMA ENGBERG and JUDY OLSON speaking in 45 minute sets, while crusty founder and publisher of "Westernlore," PAUL BAILEY from Claremont, Calif., really unloaded the inside stuff as luncheon speaker. Oh, yes, this columnist contributed a bit of thisa-thata on the subject of "The Illustrative Writer"....Las Vegas TERESA GILMORE, 22 - year - old theatre arts major at UNLV, was named regional winner of the IRENE RYAN ACTING AWARD in competitish sponsored by the American College Theatre Festival. She walked away with a \$750 scholarship....Colonel of Culture CHARLIE VANDA starts off next year's Master Series of concerts in Ham Hall with the Vienna Philharmonic, performing Strauss waltzes. Final program of this sixth season is GILBERT & SULLIVAN, "The Mikado" with RICHARD SHELDON Mar. 22....KLTV CHANNEL 10 is in the midst of "Festival Nights" fundraiser for the local PBSHOWS. Lend a hand and give some \$\$\$.... PETER ANTHONY laughs his way out of the Sahara Casbar lounge with entrance of "Saddle Tramps" revue and group called the LELANDS.... Fan clubbers of ENGELBERT HUMPER-

DINCK headed to San Antonio after his Hilton run for a two - nighter Mar. 12 - 13 at the Majestic Theatre....Upstate the 5th DIMENSION is playing ex-Riviera entertainment TONY ZOPPI'S new digs at the Fairmont in Dallas through the 20th. Back home loungers downtown can drop into the Union Plaza and stomp to the DIXIE JAZZ KINGS midnight to dawn...And lounge rounders might bounce out on the Strip to the Imperial Palace for STREETCAR, starting at 4 p.m., BRUCK ZARKA at 8 o'clock alternating with the SUNMATES....JONES is the entertaining combo now ensconced in the Cloud Nine lounge of the Maxim.



Just as auctioneers were about to gavel down and sell the DeVille Casino opposite the Convention Center, up springs a chap named IRVING BRAND, chairman of Ormont Drug & Chemical, who said he once worked for Technicolor in London, with a \$30,000 cashier's check for an unrefundable deposit. Bankruptcy Court Judge LLOYD GEORGE okayed the deal, total price \$4,500,000, but there are some iffies in the way; licensing by Nevada Gaming Commission and a bunch of negative factors surrounding the 25,000 square - foot casino, no hotel attached, none the least, very little parking space...Only a slight hop & skip down the street is the now shuttered Royal Americana which went bellyup last week. When confronted about this unhappy situation for owners HORN & HARDARD and some 350 employees, BRAND said, "I feel that their overhead was quite high and they were running the wrong type of casino in the wrong place".... Amtrak's Desert Wind choochoo servicing Las Vegas on the run between L.A., Ogden and Chicago showed the highest increase in revenues of all long - distance trains in the nation, generating \$7,800,000 last year, 10% above '80.



The very hot SIEGFRIED & ROY in the Frontier's "Beyond Belief" will be spelled in May by SHECKY GREENE & TAMMY WYNETTE through the 20th, DAVID BRENNER & JOAN RIVERS through the 31st....Aladdin turns to production with imported "C'est Magnifique" arriving Thursday for indef stay...TONY ORLANDO is at the Hilton through the 15th when BILL COSBY joins the RAINBOW DANCERS through Mar. 29. Room will be dark Mar. 24 with COS filling a previous one - nighter commitment....MELISSA MANCHESTER and "take my jokes, please" HENNY YOUNGMAN out of MGM Grand Wednesday making way for return of SUZANNE SOMERS, opening for BOBBY VINTON'S week through the 17th....BUDDY HACKETT & ABBE LANE play around at the Riviera and also leave Wednesday for NEIL SEDAKA & JOAN RIVERS, in for their frame.

JIM HALSEY and M'NISA CRUMBO honored last night by Baker U. at Crown Center Hotel, Kansas City. The "Distinguished Citizens for Public Service" duo hit Europe again this year with HALSEY becoming the only American judge at the famed Golden Orpheus music fest at Sunny Beach, Bulgaria June 3 - 6 while wife Minisa has an exhibit of her photography, poetry and paintings same time, same place... DON RICKLES may be playing his last Sahara date Thursday for a fortnight with LESLIE UGGAMS....Sky Harbor Airport owner ARBY ALPER is planning an international airshow to land at his flying field at the far south end of Paradise Valley. For his World Exhibition of Aviation Technology Show for '84, he would raise \$50,000,000 to ready airport and surround for the event....No more tickets to see "Bravo Vegas" at Imperial Palace. Maitre d' SAM FISHER takes reservations and seats the customers...."Boy-Lesque '8" starring KENNY KERR was celebrated at the Silver Slipper with a posh gourmet buffet, something of big local wingding every year when a new KERR edition rolls around.



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PLAZA "LOVES MY WIFE"

On film, he admires Jack Lemmon, for his flexibility, his ability to go from outrageous comedy to the drama of "The Days of Wine and Roses."

On stage, he admires Pearl Bailey, for the way she relaxes and just talks to people one - on - one.

But Las Vegas audiences are discovering that Jerry Clark-- regardless of who he may admire--doesn't have to be anybody but Jerry Clark at the Union Plaza Hotel, where he's bringing the house down in the Tony - award-winning "I Love My Wife."

Clark makes his own special magic work on stage twice nightly, with an 8 p.m. dinner and an 11:30 p.m. cocktail performance. "I Love My Wife," a musical taking a delightful look at a sexual quandry, also stars Patti Appel, Ron Moriarty, and Robyn Blythe.

The hype on PAUL LOWDEN's Hacienda show preeming April 22 takes the title "Fire & Ice" and adds "A show so hot we have to keep it on ice". Largest scale frappe ever presented at the Hacienda, "F&I" is produced by RON ANDREWS, conceived, staged and directed by JERRY JACKSON, featuring bladestar NANCY LEE PARKER, chirper TERESA FOY, adagio team NANCY TALAVERA & MICHAEL CHAPIN, comedian BABE PIER, and world - class juggler on ice, ALBERT LUCAS....Tropicana's entertainment director DREW CUMMINGS released the 5th DIMENSION from their Ramada Inns pact to sign on at the Riviera with first Riv date April 22....Great weeks for the Irish with IRISH SHOW BAND opening at the Barbary Coast for a lengthy run....Meadows Playhouse has a hit in the sparkling tuner "The Great American Backstage Musical" with former "Bravo Vegas" production singer B.J. DOOLAN a hit. Up next at the Playhouse, "An Almost Perfect Person" with JUDY BRENNER, ART ENGLER and JOSEPH BERNARD.



WASHINGTON (WNS) -- "Genocide, a \$3 million film venture by the Simon Wiesenthal Center at Yeshiva University of Los Angeles had its world premier before a black tie audience at the Kennedy Center here. Narrated by Elizabeth Taylor and Orson Wells, "Genocide" is intended to remain a lasting testimony of the Nazi atrocities of World War II. The film will open in March in New York for an extended commercial engagement and will then be shown in Los Angeles and Chicago.