

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



Time for this thespian to exit "One Mo' Time" at the Sands as Sunday night's 10:30 perf is final curtain for this VERNEL BAGNERIS musical of 1920's jazz at the old Lyric Theatre. The Copa Room goes dark while Sands bosses stew and fret about a replacement show or whatever, possibly to four - wall or make a percentage deal with a name performer similar to the ROBERT GOULET pact with the Dunes... Meanwhile in the Sands grand ballroom, after GEORGE CARLIN'S success a couple of weeks ago, another four - waller finds HANK WILLIAMS JR. & EMMYLOU WILLIAMS heading a country show Sept. 27 through Oct. 2... JOAN RIVERS, who wrapped her Riviera romp in favor of DAVID BRENNER, will guest host "The Tonight Show" Sept. 27 - 28 and will play a dramatic role in an episode of "Love Boat" taping Oct. 11... PATTI JAMES, the busty bombshell, has revived her singing act in Southern California at Tractons Club on Ventura Blvd. in the Valley... There are still a bunch of entrepreneurs, single bosses in the hotel - casino biz despite the influx of corporations over the last 15 years -- PAUL LOWDEN, Sahara & Hacienda; ED TORRES, Aladdin & El Rancho; RALPH ENGELSTAD, Imperial Palace; BOB STUPAK, Vegas World; JACK ANDERSON, Maxim; JACKIE

GAUGHAN, El Cortez and doubles team of WILLIAM BENNETT & WILLIAM PENNINGTON, Circus Circus and JACK & TED BINION of the Horseshoe... The shocker is paucity of people in the huge Hilton showroom to cheer "Bal du Moulin Rouge de Paris." They could drop every number except the circus extravaganza, keep the fresh acts of SALY BROTHERS, MONROE and the sensational finger/shadow artist BABLU MALLICK and have themselves a hell of a show. But don't tell HENRY LEWIN I said that... EDDIE FOY has begun his special class on auditioning and casting this semester at UNLV Tuesdays & Thursdays, a 3-credit course... First Celebrity Pro-Am Fishing Tournament is Sept. 25th at Lake Mead Marina. GIANNI RUSSO, celeb chairman, holds pairing drawings at his State Street restaurant the day before... Some 864 bowlers from across the U.S. competed last month at the Showboat in a scratch tourney with high roller champ MICK MORTON of Longmont, Colorado, taking \$210,000 grand prize money back to the mile - high city.



Signs of the economic miasma were evident over Labor Day weekend with hotel/motel occupancy down and Jerry Lewis' MDA Telethon off 10% from last year's pledges. But there are several thousand more hotel rooms available over last year... Last Tuesday the Sands pink-slipped over 250 of personnel including some in top echelon and the production "One Mo' Time" was put on two week notice. The resort with its Inns of Americas connection through the PRATT BROTHERS took a bath because of the Mexican peso devaluation. The usual September independence fiestas for Mexican high - rollers

by the Sands, Desert Inn and Tropicana, principally, are certain to be low key, if at all, and those casinos will probably have to eat plenty of markers of amigos below the border... CLIFF JONES; \$6,000,000 casino deal in the Mount Parnes hotel near Athens, was blocked by the Greek National Tourist Organization. The org's secretary general NIKOS SKOULAS said, "We are determined that the casino should remain in Greek hands and be run for the benefit of Greek society." JONES was Lt. Gov. of the state in the early '50s, associated with the Thunderbird, then moved on to the Caribbean.



DIANA ROSS will be at Caesars Palace during the Grand Prix Sept. 23 - 26. Stands have been enlarged to hold 45,000 this year with ticket sales ahead of the preem event in '81, per BILL WEINBERGER, CP v.p., who benignly said about the GP, "The only problem is that there are no problems." MOET & CHANDON is one of a few of the upercase firms with private club vantage points trackside tossing parties through the GP for VIP guests. Across the Strip, the Imperial Palace with its new 650 - room tower completed, is having a European Motor Sports Show during GP Week, presented by European Motor News published by Beverly Hills Corp., and jointly hosted by the two palaces. And up-strip at the Trop, that resort salutes the GP with Malibu Grand Prix racing from noon to midnight on its parking lot in 7/10ths scale formula cars.



NEIL SEDAKA & DAVID BRENNER are the bringers into the Riviera via the marquee route for a week followed by VILLAGE PEOPLE & DEBBIE REYNOLDS for a frame... Las Vegas Convention & Visitors Authority knighted ROBERT GOULET for his "unselfish contribution

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