

LAS VEGAS SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

Longtime friend MATT GREGORY has come out of his Cable TV corner to once more mount a production show. So far untitled, the revue will be playing at Harveys, Lake Tahoe, opening next month. MATT needs some dancers, feminine and clothed, to enhance his five-month run plus options. Call him at 459-9566 to arrange an audition...Not too long ago I had the pleasure of talking with actor TONY RANDALL, busy in town as the Minolta rep at NOMDA, which is the acronym for National Office Machine Dealers Association. In his Desert Inn suite we chatted about theater, opera and the late HANK HENRY, top banana at the Silver Slipper, Castaways and Hacienda for years. TONY was a fan of HANK, saw him not only in the Vegas shows, but "This Is The Army," the IRVING BERLIN World War II show that toured the world. RANDALL said he will definitely turn his back on any more TV

series. "All they know is how to cancel," he grumped. "They cancelled 'The Odd Couple,' another show where I played the judge, and when they cancelled 'Love Sidney,' I said to hell with it. I will do theater, go on the road, but really I have no further ambition in my theater career except to do classical repertory. They don't have any classical repertory in New York. My ambition is to start one." RANDALL has been working hard at his project and said he has raised "enormous amounts" of money, but the question is when CR will begin. He hopes to have a theater given to him and the project. "Every year I've been saying by next year we'll be in business," he lamented. Las Vegas in town since the late '60s should remember TONY RANDALL in "The Odd Couple" at Caesars Palace in 1967. His role was a familiar one, but his partner was not familiar to his role -- an actor named MICKEY ROONEY...Of current theater here, "Godspell," the musical is at Spring Mountain Ranch Park playing through Saturday night. Prices are \$4 & \$2 Friday and Saturday, \$3 & \$1 Thursday. Bring a blanket, picnic supper and sweater. The park opens at 6 p.m.



The second week of MITZI SHORE's Comedy

Store at the Dunes will feature a surprise comedian, MAUREEN MURPHY, one of the brightest lady funsters in showbiz. She opens Tuesday. Current yocksters are ARGUS HAMILTON, PAM MATTESON, LOUIS ANDERSON, BLAKE CLARK and HARRY BASIL...The VAN-DELLS return to the French Quarter of the Four Queens, leaving Sunday. A flashback song and dance act with '50s and '60s memories, they capture the long ago flavor of that era...Another act that roars back to the '20s and zips to the '80s is THEN & NOW alternating in the Flamingo Hilton lounge with WINCHESTER CATHEDRAL...The brainchild of 71-year-old VINCENT (JIMMY) PALMISANO is the San Gennaro Feast, celebrating this year in the Paradise Road parking lot of the Landmark. Sponsored by the UNITED CEREBRAL PALSY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA, this 6th anni feast is an old tradition in the Lower East Side of New York. I remember those occasions well when I was an art student in the Big Apple and subways down to join in the fun. For the San Gennaro Feast, mark Sept. 13-22...Another fete finishes Saturday in Laughlin. Three years ago, EDDIE PEDDIE, funnyman entertainer and a major domo for DON LAUGHLIN at the Riverside, was scurrying around getting Laughlinites fevered about a celebration to pay tribute to his boss, the found-

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Maccabiah Closes; U.S. Team

Wins Most Medals

TEL AVIV (WNS) — American athletes at the 12th Maccabiah Games won the most medals with a total of 246, and Israel was second, with a total of 217. Athletes from other countries were left way behind, with only Canada ahead with 51 medals. These are the final ratings as the Games closed here July 25 with a festive closing ceremony.

The official Maccabiah standings were: United States 109 gold medals, 90 silver, 47 bronze; Israel 62 gold, 67 silver, 85 bronze; Canada 12, 15, 24; Brazil 10, 11, 11; Britain 7, 6, 9; Holland 7, 5, 1; Modi'im (a team of potential So. African immigrants) 6, 12, 10; Australia 6, 5, 8; France, 6, 4, 1; Mexico 1, 3, 12; Sweden 1, 2, 2; West Germany 1, 2, 1; Denmark 1, 0, 1; Argentina 0, 5, 6; and others, four silver and seven bronze.

Two Miami women athletes fought it out for the Maccabiah tennis singles crown at the Ramat Hasharon tennis center, with 19-year-old Ronni Reis eventually triumphing 6-1 6-2. Reis then went on to win both the women's doubles and the mixed doubles -- equalling a

Joke's On Doc In D.I. Spa



Doc Severinsen (center) of "The Tonight Show" was recently the "butt" of NBC's "TV Bloopers And Practical Jokes" in the Desert Inn's Spa. Comedian Gary Shandling lured Severinsen into the Spa's main whirlpool and then left him "without towel." A bevy of towel-clad girls entered, leaving Severinsen thinking he was in the women's spa area. Afterwards, Severinsen and the girls got together for a "poolside chat." The episode will air on NBC in the fall.

Maccabiah feat last performed by South African Ilana Kloss at the ninth Maccabiah in 1973.

In the softball final, the U.S. team triumphed over Canada by 3-0, in a hard fought game. The winning hit was by Neil Kabinoff. According to experts, the U.S. team was probably the best Jewish softball squad ever assembled.

The American contingent's most sweeping success was in swimming where they took almost all the medals. Every single one of the 25 American swimmers won a medal of some kind. The Americans won every relay. And every American woman swimmer finished up with a new Maccabiah record.