

No Dreams Of Super Stardom For This Comedian



A LAUGH-A-MINUTE -- Zany, sharp-shooting comedian Rip Taylor is currently co-starring with Debbie Reynolds in "Bal du Moulin Rouge" at the Las Vegas Hilton. With a timing so unbelievably quick, he keeps audiences in stitches with his arsenal of bizarre props and way-out humor.

Rip Taylor doesn't have any dreams of becoming a big star like most performers. In fact, he's perfectly happy just playing the part of a "second banana" as he puts it.

"I want to be a road-company Gale Gordon," says the zany comedian co-starring with Debbie Reynolds in "Bal du Moulin Rouge" at the Las Vegas Hilton.

"I like being a second banana and I definitely don't want to be a big star. When you're a star they can knock you down. You don't get a second chance when you bomb -- ever!"

Taylor would rather be working constantly, as he's doing, and getting all the laughs. When he steps on stage the only thing he has in mind is having fun with the audience -- and that's exactly what he does.

With an arsenal of the most bizarre props, he fires out a series of jokes at such a fast-pace that before one punch line is out, he's into his next line.

Taylor is, as one critic puts it, a "laughing man's comedian." His timing is so unbelievably quick that his audiences never have a chance to catch their breath.

Serious about perfecting his craft, he works at it constantly when not in the spot light. His efforts were recently rewarded, when the readers of Atlantic City Magazine voted him the "Best Comic Act" during their "Entertainer of the Year" awards.

Rip Taylor knows the meaning of hard-work and endurance. Candidly he admits, "You name any crummy joint -- I've worked it." But, this never tainted his desire to become a performer. Still, he managed to keep right on going.

WASHINGTON (WNS) -- The Reagan Administration stressed that no decision will be made before next fall on requests by Jordan and Saudi Arabia to buy sophisticated American arms. "Both Jordan and Saudi Arabia have informed us of their current defense needs and these remain under review," State Department deputy spokesman Charles Redman said.

Dixieland Band At Bourbon Street



In popular music there's no happier sound than Dixieland, and it can be heard regularly at Bourbon Street Hotel and Casino.

Trombonist Don Burke and his Dixieland band, Bourbon Street Parade, get the Basin Street Lounge patrons in a foot-stompin' groove as they perform the tradition 2-beat rhythms which were first heard in the New Orleans area. They entertain from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday through Sunday, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Monday and are off on Tuesday.

In the same room, Big Tiny Little and his Dixieland bunch, featuring Fay McKay, provide their version of those happy sounds from 9 p.m. - 2 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday, 8 p.m. - 1 a.m. on Tuesday and are off on Monday.

An additional music treat is provided as the David Poe Trio offers their Dixieland sounds from 2 - 6 a.m. Wednesday through Sunday.

Austria To Return Stolen Art To Jews

VIENNA (WNS) -- Parliament, when it reconvenes, will pass a law establishing that all the objects looted by the Nazis were the property of and are to be returned to the rightful Jewish owners. The Austrian government has agreed to return to Jewish ownership all art works that were confiscated by the Nazis from Jews during World War II, according to a WJCongress report.

Agreement on the return of the art was reached in a meeting between Austrian Foreign Minister Leopold Gratz and WJC Secretary General Israel Singer. Austrian Chancellor Fred Sinowatz telephoned them during their meeting to express his support for the return of the art to Jewish ownership. He confirmed that this was the understanding he had reached in a private meeting with WJC President Edgar Bronfman last January 29.

The confiscated art was given to Austria by U.S. military forces in 1955 on condition that Austria make "every effort to return the works to the extent they had not already done so" to the original owners or heirs. The art had been stored in a monastery near Vienna since 1955. But many paintings and other items were removed for placement in museums and other Austrian institutions.

Sinowatz told Singer that he would ask the

Imperial Palace Hotel And Casino Announces Expansion

Ralph Engelstad, President and owner of the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino, announced plans for a major expansion. A new tower will be constructed on the east side of the existing hotel. The addition will increase rooms at the Imperial Palace from the existing 1500 to 2100. Construction on the new tower is expected to begin in August.

The multi-million dollar tower is the sixth phase of the hotel's continuing expansion, and will make the Imperial Palace the fifth largest hotel in Las Vegas.


Expansion of the casino by approximately 15,000 sq. ft. has begun and continues at this time. The four story atrium was remodeled to increase space for the popular Emperor's Buffet (on the third floor) and three specialty restaurants (on the fourth floor).

The parking garage was expanded early in 1985 and now is one of the largest covered hotel parking facilities in Las Vegas. The fifth floor of the parking structure houses the Imperial Palace Antique & Classic Auto Collection. More than 200 vintage autos are on display in the gallery-like Collection.

With its increase in guest rooms, restaurants, and parking, the Imperial Palace will be better able to accommodate the hundreds of thousands of vacationers and business travelers, both American and foreign, who stay at the hotel each year.

the objects looted by Austria, under the chairmanship of Rabbi Israel Miller, would be the agency responsible for all technical arrangements and procedures on behalf of the Jewish community.

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