

# OF THE STARS



Take stock in America.



With the Aladdin Hotel's casino closed, restaurants down and workers laid off, perhaps Culinary Union's head honcho JEFF McCOLL and other unionites view with skepticism hotel owner GINJI YASUDA's management philosophy. In his penthouse suite, YASUDA told reporters through his interpreter, "In Japan, employees and employers are considered the same family members. Both are working together." YASUDA expanded on the theme, "Most Japanese businessmen are very patient and very modest and in Japan they appreciate that quality of management. In Japan, we need the assistance and cooperation with employees to do big work. Single-handed, you cannot do anything" ... Meanwhile, auto passengers and pedestrians on the Strip are amused at the huge Aladdin marquee sign gleaming above the darkened casino that says, "No way to lose here!" ... Will she, or won't she? Will DOLLY PARTON play out her full three nights at the Golden Nugget opening Valentine's night. Her only appearance here a few years ago at the Riviera was

a bust. She begged off because of a cold or something. No one knows if Riv boss MESHULAM RIKLIS, who paid her \$350,000 for the week, got a rebate. The high fee caused a ruckus in the entire Vegas entertainment biz. Before she opened RIKLIS told me with a grin the reason he paid DOLLY all that money was to grab attention. "I'm the new kid on the block," he said.



FRANK SINATRA made Las Vegas Sun jazz columnist LAMONT PATTERSON's birthday party in the posh Palace Court of Caesars Palace. He sent a mailgram wishing the scribe a warm birthday and congrats to the man who has handed SINATRA many a written bouquet over the years... One of Caesars Palace's fave trios has returned -- JOAN RIVERS, JIM STAFFORD and DOC SEVERINSEN... It's party time in The Desert Inn's Crystal Room for three frames with TONY ORLANDO hopping all over the banquettes -- he even has the audience singing "Auld Lang Syne" -- and JULIET PROWSE's famous legs... MITZI SHORE brought in RONNY KENNEY, STEVE OEDEKIRK, BARRY SOBEL, JANICE HART and JIMMIE WALKER Tuesday for a week of the Dunes Comedy Store... THE MCGUIRE SISTERS are set to headline "Bal du Moulin Rouge" at Las Vegas Hilton April 2 for a month with fancy illusionist JEFF McBRIDE... Heavy Metal rock & brawlers headed to Thomas & Mack Center on UNLV campus Monday night for the usual bizarre explosions of KISS... The more staid folk attend-

ed Musical Arts Singers concert Sunday aft at the U., with Bach, Haydn, Mozart and Handel works directed by DOUGLAS PETERSON. Soprano PAT DAWSON soloed... TONI HART and the Mint exex sprung for a party last Wednesday night at the Top Of The Mint for her son LARRY HART and his unique brand of lounge warbling and sendup of the "Degenerate Lounge Syndrome" He's there three weeks... CHOCOLATE BUTTERMILK BAND opened the Paddlewheel lounge with instrumentalists JOHN SHIPLEY, RONNIE RATHERS & SAM COX and surprise appearance of DARCUS SPEED, excellent singer... GLORIA LORING, who recently wrapped her date at Caesars Palace with GEORGE BURNS, will be guest of honor at Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Brown bag luncheon Friday in Sahara Space Center... Also on the 14th, Valentine's Day, RAY ANTHONY leads a big band dance at the Continental.



Jazz this coming week spots pianist/singer/firebrand DOROTHY DONEGAN to lure buffs into the French Quarter of the Four Queens for ALAN GRANT's Monday Night Jazz. At the Hob Nob lounge, JIMMY COOK's HI HO SILVER BAND cooked on Tuesday night... Former Riviera pubrelations head, ERICK MEUGNIOT, saw the light after she left the hotel for freelancing and found herself in charge of PR at Las Vegas-based Pacific Farwest International Ltd., designers of state of the art fiber optic hightechnique for marquees, conventional signboards and exterior decor... BUDDY RICH & BAND move into UNLV's Ham Hall Saturday for a concert. He formed his first jazz band in 1946 with backing of former roomie FRANK SINATRA... ROBERT GOULET sells his new album "Won't You Dance With This Man" via mag ads in the more mature publications. It's on Rove label, first two letters of his and wife VERA's first names. NORM JOHNSON, by the way, has returned to the GOULET fold as PR disseminator.

## Record Prize Fund In National Chess Open Set For Imperial Palace

It may not have cheering crowds, bruised bodies, and champagne corks exploding in the locker room, but chess is nevertheless a grueling sport. It will be played for high stakes March 14-16th in the 1986 National Chess Open at the Imperial Palace, Las Vegas.

Yogi Berra could have been describing chess instead of baseball when he said it was "90% mental, and the other half is physical."

Ask Grandmaster Walter Browne, six times the U.S. champion, who failed to win last year's tournament after playing an exhausting "simul" the night before the tournament began.

A "simul" is the simultaneous playing of challenges by one player who moves quickly from board to board. In the "simul" at the Imperial Palace last year, Browne stood in the center of a large square formed by long tables and played 48 games at one time, taking just seconds for each move.

Browne intends to begin this year's tournament well rested and ready to direct all his energy against the other Grandmasters in the National Open.

Many of the world's greatest players will be

there, including GM Arthur Bisquier, GM Dmitry Gurevich and GM Sergey Kudrin. International Grandmaster (IM) Maxim Dlugy, National Junior Champion, will compete, fresh from his triumph in the Arab Emirates. IM Joel Benjamin will be a strong contender, having just finished a strong second in the U.S. Championships in Colorado. And all the players are wary of a formidable 16-year-old Hungarian girl, IM Susan Polgar. Many observers consider her the strongest woman player ever.

The prize fund for the event is \$17,000 which tops last year's record prize fund by \$5,000.

All play is in the Royal Halls on the third floor of the Imperial Palace. Spectators may watch three games between pairs of Grandmasters. Each move is shown on a large demonstration board above and behind the players. Fans of the game relish the chance to watch Grandmasters play. Although the game may last three to

four hours, the moves may be analyzed and hotly debated for years.

Not all the players are superstars. Row upon row of players as yet unrated and others rated from 1-1999 points will compete in the Reserve Section. Players rated 2000 points and over meet in the Championship Section.

There will be an outstanding display of chess books, blocks, chess sets, computers and other paraphernalia by Labate's Chess Center of Anahim, CA. This will be the largest display of chess books ever, with nearly 3,000 titles.

The 1986 National Open is co-sponsored by the United States Chess Federation and the Imperial Palace Hotel & Casino. For registration information, write USCF, 186 Route 9W, New Windsor, N.Y. 12550 or call (312) 779-3360.

### Spiritual Thought For The Week

A little light dispels much darkness.



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