

Taylor & Taylor At The Trop



VERSATILITY -- Not too many lounge attractions have the ingredients to meet the diverse requirements of both lounges at Las Vegas' Tropicana Resort and Casino. But the attractive performance team of Taylor & Taylor handle it with ease. They are currently pleasing patrons in the new Paradise Cove Lounge, built as part of the Trop's conversion to the "Island of Las Vegas." They alternate stage appearances with Starr & Wainscott, while in the popular Atrium Lounge, the excitement is produced, alternately, by Darcus, the Treniers and the Indigos.

Keystone Cops In Roman Togas At Plaza

Had any good laughs lately? If not, then "A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM" is the answer. There are more than 300 laughs, BIG laughs, throughout the popular Broadway show of 24 years ago that still is not just a funny show, but an uproarious one!

"A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM" is currently playing in the main showroom of the Union Plaza Hotel and Casino in Las Vegas.

Everything's very Roman in "A FUNNY THING--," the musical comedy based on several plays by Plautus, the hottest gagman covering the Forum-to-the Coliseum beat in 200 B.C. The critic for the learned London Observer described the show as being "a medley con-

cocted from the ur-gags of Plautus."

Psuedolus is the slave-in-a-toga who gets many a kick in the toga, of course, creating an uproar in every direction as he tries to gain his freedom. Psuedolus, played by Alan Young, caters to the yearnings of his master Hero, in Hero's pursuit of the most desirable merchandise in Lycus' collection of courtesans. Hero Eric Michael Gillett), Lycus (Kenneth Carr), and Philia (Nancy Colette Pinceau), the beautiful naive courtesan, plus an entourage of Proteans put a modern distillation of sure-fire rowdiness into the already racy musical farce.

Showtimes are 8 p.m. (dinner or cocktails only) and 11:45 p.m. (cocktails only).

Shcharansky Thanks Free World For Its Role In The Struggle For His Freedom

In an open letter, newly freed Soviet refusenik and Prisoner of Conscience Anatoly Shcharansky thanked the free world for its help and support in his recent release.

The letter was obtained by the Union of Councils for Soviet Jews from Lynn Singer, Chairperson of the UCSJ Advisory Board, who had the opportunity to meet with Anatoly and Avital in Jerusalem shortly after Anatoly's release. Shcharansky handed the letter to Mrs. Singer and asked that it be made available to the public.

The letter began, "There are no words to adequately express to all of you my utmost thanks for the support you have given to my wife, Avital, during the many years of the struggle for my freedom.

"Although the KGB never allowed me the pleasure of receiving your mail, somehow I could

sense the constancy and tremendous out-pouring on my behalf. If I could, I would write a letter of thanks to each of you personally.

"I want to let you know how proud I am to have finally reached my homeland, Israel. You, the people of the free world, helped me to reach my goal.

"Our fight must go on. Iosif Begun and all the Prisoners of Conscience, Ida Nudel, Vladimir Slepak, and all the former Prisoners of Conscience, every Jew in the Soviet Union who wishes to leave, must be given that right.

"Together we will do it!"

The letter is signed, "Shcharansky," and dated Monday, February 17, 1986.

Stated Morey Schapira, President of the UCSJ, "We are extremely pleased to have this statement of thanks, and welcome Anatoly's invitation to work with him on behalf of the other refuseniks and Prisoners of Conscience. We encourage everyone to adopt Anatoly's spirit, and join in the struggle for their freedom. As Anatoly himself said, 'together we will do it!'"

Notre Dame University Enrolls First Israeli Student

SOUTH BEND, Ind. (WNS) — Notre Dame, a bastion of Roman Catholic education, enrolled its first Israeli undergraduate student this academic year. He is 22-year-old Yehuda Kovacs, whose course of study is mathematics but whose advocacy -- and reason for choosing Notre Dame -- is fencing.

Kovacs is a former national junior fencing champion in Israel. Wishing to further his skills in the sport and in the absence of such university programs in Israel, he wrote to 13 American schools with top-flight fencing programs. One of the 13 was Notre Dame.

Coach Mike DeCicco showed Kovacs' letter to university president Rev. Theodore Hesburgh who, he said, was "estatic" at the possibility of enrolling the college's first Israeli. "We wanted him as much as he wanted to be in this country," said the coach.

DeCicco approached a friend, Rabbi Yisrael Gettinger of the Hebrew Orthodox Congregation of South Bend, to discuss the question of money, as there are no fencing scholarships at Notre Dame. Gettinger mobilized his congregation to raise half of Kovacs' tuition and a great part of his living expenses. He wrote Kovacs that the city's Jewish community would welcome him with open arms.

Kovacs, one of the college's 18 Jews out of a student body of 7,500, has flourished at Notre Dame and on its fencing squad, which also includes a Soviet

Jewish immigrant. He finished as a runner-up in his first tournament, racked up a 29-3 record, and recently bested a Wayne State student who is the defending national collegiate foil champion.

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