

LAS VEGAS

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The FOREST DUKE PARTY on Sunday the 20th is a heartfelt tribute to a man who has had a Las Vegas love affair for nearly 30 years. His accolade, The Best City Of Them All, shortened to the acronym TBCOTA, has been picked up by columnists and publications, even TV hosts from coast to coast. At the Frontier in the Beyond Belief Showroom, friends and people DUKE has publicized over the years will help him face retirement with some financial resources. Showbiz pals "sons" and "daughters" he has championed will appear. The list is impressive: SIEGFRIED & ROY, DON RICKLES, DIONNE WARWICK, RICH LITTLE, SHECKY GREENE, NORM CROSBY, PAT BUTTRAM, FRANK SINATRA JR., ANTHONY NEWLEY, GWEN BRISCOE, KELLY MONTEITH, FRANKIE LAINE make up a partial list of entertainers, and a host of other well-knowns in the community will take part in the three-hour show. Tickets are \$100 for the gold, \$25 for the silver, obtainable at the Frontier casino cage and at the door Sunday afternoon. Look for some surprise topliners to show up!



"I knew JIMMY CAGNEY before he became a star." Speaking was JOE CAPPO, 85-year-old retired vaudevillian/comedian/actor. "I met him through a friend of mine one day when we were standing in front of the Strand Theater Building on 47th & Broadway. We struck up an acquaintance and became very good friends. We were both hoofers and we started to show each other steps. I said to him, 'Jimmy, why don't you come out to my house and have dinner with me and we'll practice dancing.' I said to him, 'Do you like spaghetti?' He said, 'I love it.' So Jim used to come out to my house in Brooklyn two or three times a weekend, have dinner with my family and we would practice dancing." JOE went on, "Finally, JIM got a job in a show on Broadway and I teamed up with another guy, we did a dancing act for 11 years, called ourselves WALLACE & CAPPO. I used to talk like a Brooklynite - dese, dem and dose - and JIM used to try and teach me to use good English, always preached to me about it. Next thing I know is that he has gone to Hollywood and got work in pictures. I met him in Hollywood later and he said to me, 'How do you like that? Here I tried to teach you from saying dese, dem and dose and now that's what I'm doing in pictures. They want me to do a tough guy from New York or Brooklyn!' " Some time later, CAGNEY called CAPPO and brought him into "Yankee Doodle Dandy," the musical about GEORGE M. COHAN that won CAGNEY an Oscar. According to JOE, "I was a dancing stand-in and also worked a few bits in the picture." For

many years JOE CAPPO was co-host with JOHNNY PAUL at the Showboat. His last main showroom appearance found CAPPO doing his CHARLIE CHAPLIN schtick in one of LIBERACE's spectaculars at the Las Vegas Hilton about six years ago.

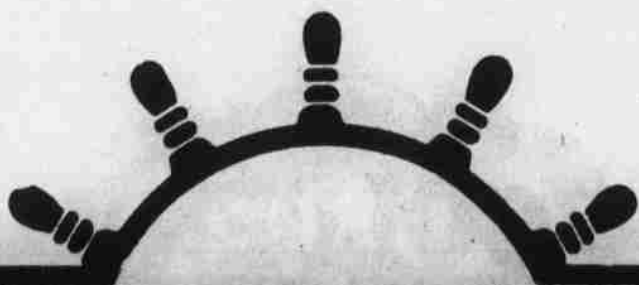


After actor ROBERT BLAKE made a few locals uneasy, saying his plan was "to hustle Vegas for as much money as I can and then go to L.A. while we're still hot there," the GREAT PEACE MARCH arrived and won hearts of Las Vegans. BLAKE & PAUL NEWMAN & BARBRA STREISAND & who knows how many others responded to the marchers' need for money to continue their cross country walk for nuclear disarmament. There have to be more and more brave souls like these along with the GREEN-PEACE members and those with courage to stand vigil at Nevada Test Site, to counteract this administration's hellbent bombast, lies and horrors. The anti-nuke forces are the real heroes of our time as history will prove - if there is really much of any history to come...

LIBERACE had a brief vacation after his Caesars Palace fortnight, then it's three months on the road with the first stop on the 28th at Milwaukee's Riverside Theater. Opening night is a benefit to raise money for refurbishing Milwaukee's newly-named LIBERACE PLAYHOUSE, a 104-year-old theater where LEE performed as a youngster. Fave KITTY KOVER singing at his Tivoli Gardens here was handed a



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