

# LAS VEGAS

# SHOWCASE



The current Washington, D.C. comedy of errors & terrors with leading man RONALD REAGAN and cast of some fairly mediocre actors found titillating surcease over in Italy. A sketch, something of a hoot, poked fun at the U.S.-Iranian arms deal and broadcast over Italy's TV network RAI, had REAGAN trying to sell the AYATOLLAH RUHALLAH KHOMEINI wrist-watches, socks and other "odd items." The actor playing REAGAN, carrying a big suitcase full of the goodies, was asked if the U.S. sold arms to Iran. "Yes," was the reply. "It's part of our disarmament policy to get all the arms out of the White House closet, which is completely full." "Did Iran receive the arms?" he was questioned. "Let's not start again with the arms, they didn't even fire," the actor/REAGAN replied. The actor playing KHOMEINI in full beard, turban and black robe, plus the satire on the arms, socks and stuff, caused the real AYATOLLAH to go into high dudgeon over the "insult." He then ordered the expulsion of three Italian diplomats from Iran, plus its ambassador to Rome and closed the Italian Cultural Center in Tehran. So, maybe if every country spoofed Iran ... The obit on

HORACE HEIDT failed to mention that he was the owner of the Nevada Biltmore, located at Bonanza & North Main, in the mid-40s. That resort, which preceded El Rancho Vegas (which started the Strip in 1941), was built by BOB BROOKS, whose Seven Seas night club on Hollywood Blvd. was a famous watering hole of that period...Only 37,000 conventioners coming to town this month, but hold your hats for January when the biggie, WINTER CONSUMER ELECTRONICS SHOW arrives on Jan. 8, extending through the 10th at Convention Center, Hilton, Sahara & Riviera hotels...LARRY HART and ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK attended the JIM HALSEY party at Bally's couple of weeks ago with upshot of the trio's get-together, LARRY will be booked by the HALSEY COMPANY, one of the most astute of artist placement firms in the U.S. On Saturday, GARRY HART, who plays drums in the HART band, was greeting guests at HARTLAND, the huge manse on South Sixth St. for his "25th" birthday party. HUMPERDINCK's 22-year-old son was there, JASON DORSEY, with pert girl friend. He and LARRY will journey back to London, JASON for hearthside holidays at the HUMPERDINCK/DORSEY manse north of London and LARRY to finish his album sponsored by EH.



Quote of the day/week/month: "It's funny. We liberals have spent the past six years claiming that PRESIDENT REAGAN doesn't know anything. Now when he admits it, we don't believe him." -- DONALD KAUL, L.V. Review-

Journal 12/13/86...Didja know that MARTI BARRIS, playing piano and singing in Claudine's Piano Bar of Holiday Inn Center Strip, is the daughter of LOYCE WHITEMAN & HARRY BARRIS, latter guy one of the THREE RHYTHM BOYS of the PAUL WHITMAN ORCH years? The other two lads in the RHYTHM BOYS were AL RINKER & BING CROSBY...Over at Bourbon Street hotel-casino, the Cajun Bar resounds with the vivid repertoire of JIL CLARKE...Anyone attending the "Weekend With the Stars" CEREBRAL PALSY telethon at Imperial Palace recently can watch themselves and stars airing on Channel 13 January 17 & 18. Taping that aft at IP were SAMMY DAVIS JR., ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK, PIA ZADORA, BILLY PRESTON, LOU RAWLS, BEN VEREEN and cast members of the IP's longrunning "LEGENDS IN CONCERT." Host for the telethon was DAVID HASSELHOFF, star of tv's "Knight Rider"...When LOU RAWLS played the Golden Nugget recently, his upfront comedy yockstar was MAUREEN MURPHY, long a staple in MITZI SHORE's COMEDY STORE at the Dunes and Hollywood. MAUREEN took a powder on her day off, tripped to Hollywood for an audition with producer GREG GARRISON. It was a pilot starring DOM DeLUISE, and that "Dom DeLuise Show" pilot, bankrolled by MULTIMEDIA, is being pitched for syndicate or network and MAUREEN MURPHY is a co-star. It's a family sitcom which takes place in a barbershop operated by DeLUISE. He, by the way, will exercise his funny ways with CHARO at Bally's Jan. 8-14. No poker-face is CHARO, but she

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