

LAS VEGAS

SHOWCASE

Bill Willard's VEGASTARS

JERRY LEWIS, who will be trotting into Bally's later on with SAMMY DAVIS JR., directed a play-reading of CHARLES SUPIN's "Interruption" at Charleston Heights Arts Center Wednesday for NewWest Stage Co. More than 100 thespians auditioned for only four roles at Community College, with CCC theater's artistic director ROBERT DUNKERLY sifting through the hopefuls for first rehearsal. SUPIN is editor of the Vegas section of L.A. Herald Examiner and theater critic for KNPR-FM...Actor MARTIN SHEEN got a touch of Nevada Apocalypse Now and may be in a bind with his Nuclear Test Site protesting unless local barrister AL MARQUIS and nationally-known RAMSEY CLARK can prove SHEEN was not "threatening to commit a crime" while appearing on ABC's "Good Morning America." On that show he said he planned to trespass the test site on the anniversary date of the first A-bomb dropped on Yucca Flats. On that PROTEST TUESDAY around 7 a.m., SHEEN was handcuffed during a prayer vigil and whisked to Beatty for arraignment before zealous Nye County D.A. PHIL DUNLEAVY. He was ordered to pay a \$5000 fine in cash within 48 hours because of a

cockeyed unconstitutional Nevada law. The bond binds SHEEN for six months, meaning he supposedly can't participate or encourage anyone else to take part in test site demonstrations according to that Nevada law which violates First Amendment guarantee of freedom of speech. Notice that SHEEN was engrossed in a prayer vigil when he was snatched and handcuffed. Prayer vigils are okay for schools, rave and rant the administration's MEESE-keteers, but not at Nevada Test Site...The Mormon Church has softened toward gambling. GORDON B. HINKLEY, first counselor to EZRA TAFT BENSON, prez of the church, in a packed Thomas & Mack Center week ago Sunday, allowed as how dealers and casino exex will be permitted to enter Mormon temples -- if they are worthy members.

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ESTHER LYNN (COHEN) is the L.V. Review-Journal's new entertainment columnist after the retirement of FORREST DUKE and his 25-year pillaring. At one time she was doing legwork for him, knows the Vegascene very well...Bally's hoped the flu virus would stay away from any and all COMMODORES who replaced the flu-bitten TONY ORLANDO. Comedy slot held by FREDDIE ROMAN continued on for JOHN DAVIDSON. Opening Thursday was the topline who will not share the huge Bally marquee with a supporting act, TOM JONES...ANDY GIBB played the Sahara showroom through Sunday with comedian MAUREEN MURPHY, who managed a fast turna-

round from a previous week at the Dunes Comedy Store. This week's laughs at the Dunes are LENNY CLARKE, KAREN HABER, DANNY STONE, JIMMIE WALKER & REX MEREDITH...Bowout of "Here's Entertainment" at Bourbon Street hotel-casino opens the showroom space for "BOURBON STREET FOLLIES," starring the magic of MELINDA, one disappearing act including her clothes...RICH LITTLE manages to get by with about 40 characters in his Xeroxing at the Desert Inn with SUSAN ANTON. The country rising star, T. G. SHEPPARD, who preceded the LITTLE/ANTON combine, returns to the D.I. in April, but before that he'll star in DON LAUGHLIN's Starview Room at the Riverside in Laughlin March 20-21. JANIE FRICKE, with SHEPPARD at the D.I., also finds herself down Laughlin way in the Starview showroom overlooking the madly rushing Colorado River this weekend...The BUDDY HOLLY segment of "Legends in Concert" at Imperial Palace was expanded last Tuesday for both shows with a special tribute marking the 28th anni of the legendary R&R singer's death. GEORGE TRULLINGER portrays HOLLY, one of the show's standouts since it opened in 1983...ALAN GRANT's Monday Night Jazz this week brought jazz legend MOSE ALLISON to the French Quarter of the Four Queens. Next Monday, it's "West Meets East," trumpeter SHORTY ROGERS & saxist CHARLIE ROUSE...In special concert, comedian ALAN KING plays the Riviera tonight (13) and tomorrow night.

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Caesars 20th Birthday Bash To



George Burns

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — Caesars Palace will celebrate its 20th birthday with a superstar television special live for SHOWTIME cable, it was announced by Allen Sabinson, SHOWTIME's senior vice president of original programming and Frank Brill, president of Caesars World entertainment.

The special, titled "Caesars 20th Birthday

Celebration," will air live March 8, at 9 p.m. (EST) roster that already includes George Burns, Norm Macdonald, The Pointer Sisters, Garry Shandling, headliner at the Palace, tie private party of more than 100 VIP guests will participate in the birthday bash.

Asked about the celebration, Sabinson said he looked at Caesars, the site of motion pictures, champagne and TV extravaganzas. "Caesars Palace to the entertainment industries is immeasurable. Caesars has given new life to the known show business. Caesars Palace.' SHOWTIME has a terrific relationship with us. We host to three of our 1986 events. The '20th Birthday' is our bond with this, the people of the world."

"Caesars 20th Birthday" was produced and directed by Allen Sabinson for his work on more than 100 specials, including the Academy Awards shows, the Academy Awards marks his 16th consecutive

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