# All About Opera - The Las Vegas Symphony Orchestra



(L-R) Susan Houston, Betty Miller, Virko Baley, Kenneth E. Miller & Bodo Igesz.



(L-R) Scott MacTaggart & Judith Markham.

#### **Polish Government Says Convent** At Auschwitz Will Be Relocated

Riviera Executive Casino Host

Wins Role In "Crime Story"

THE "GOOD GUYS" -- Riviera Hotel Executive

Casino Host Nick Georgiade (right) chats with

Dennis Farina, star of the popular NBC TV series "Crime Story," during a break in filming of a

recent episode in Las Vegas. Georgiade played

Lt. Peterson, a Las Vegas policeman and friend

of the show's hero (Mike Torello), played by

Farina. The show is tentatively scheduled to air

Riviera Hotel & Casino Executive Casino Host

The episode, entitled "Last Rites," was recent-

ly filmed in Las Vegas and is tentatively

Georgiade played role Lt. Peterson, a Las

Vegas policeman and good friend of Mike

Torello, played by the show's star, Dennis Farina.

Story' was because all of my scenes would be

plays as "The Rose Tatoo" and "A View From

The Bridge," and more than 350 performances in

TV hits such as "Rockford Files," "Delvecchio,"

"It was a big thrill," said Georgiade. "One of the reasons I was excited about doing 'Crime

Georgiade's versatile show business career has included performances on Broadway in such

Nick Georgiade has landed a feature role on the

NBC television hit series "Crime Story."

scheduled to air March 8.

played with Dennis."

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Birkenau death camp Church. will be removed, in

GENEVA (JTA) - compliance with an The Polish government agreement reached has given written here last February 22 assurances that a Car- between high-level melite convent built on delegations representthe grounds of the ing Jewish organizaformer Auschwitz. tions and the Catholic nuns in residence has

Church officials in

Poland apparently Polish Visitors returning from 1985. Auschwitz have reported that no steps have been taken to remove the convent and that, in fact, the number of increased.

The World Jewish Congress, played a key part in reaching the agreement, was concerned. Gerhart Riegner, cochairman of the WJC's governing board, visited the Polish minister of religious affairs, Dr. Wladyslaw Loranc, in Warsaw last November to raise the

Riegner made public a letter he received from Loranc, promising that the nearly year-old agreement will be implemented without further delay.

Riegner told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that church representatives in Poland claimed they could not act as long as they had no permission from the government. loranc promised to make things move and, fact, kept his promise, Riegner said.

The Geneva meeting last year followed longstanding expressions of deep distress by Jewish groups that a convent was located at a place where hundreds of thousands of Jews died in the Holocaust. Many ranking church officials in Europe expressed sympathy with Jewish concern over the issue.

The matter was raised by Edgar Bronfman, president of the WJC, when he met with

Premier stalled on implement- Wojciech Jaruzelski in ing the agreement. Warsawin December

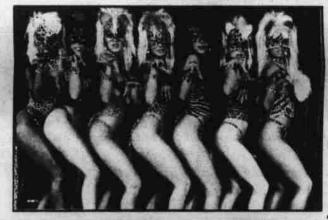
A sold out house braved a cold evening to enjoy the wonderful performance of "I Pagliacci" by Ruggiero Leoncavallo. The audience was mesmerized by the well known story of the famous clown. Under the combined talents of Lighting Director Bill Kickbush, the incredible State Direction of Bodo Igesz of the Metropolitan Opera, and the polished performances of John Duykers (who recently portrayed Mao Tsae Tung in "Nixon in China"), Sharon Spinetti, the beautiful and moving Nedda, and John Matthews the consumate opera baritone in the role of hunchback Tonio, the audience was moved to shouts of Bravo! What made the opera all come together was the magnificent orchestral accompaniment guided by the genius of Maestro Virko Baley.

Toasting the performance in the lobby of Artemus Ham Concert Hall was Col. P.K. Robinson and wife Rita, Dr. Thomas and Caryn Gott, Dr. Patrick Flanagan and wife Melitisa, Board Member Lilly Fong and husband Wing Fong, Scott MacTaggart, Secretary of the Las Vegas Symphony Board, Aileen O'Neill, Dennis L. and Victoria Morgan, Robert and Jo Waters, Irene Perer and Dr. Marvin Perer, Joyce LaGrange, Colleen Schroeder, Judith Markham, Executive Director, Ron Gomes - Vice Presient and General Counsel of the Las Vegas Symphony, Elizabeth Castle, Ethel Trione, Nancy Austin and David London, Roberts King, Victor Hancock and Judge Miriam Shearing and husband Dr. Steven Shearing.

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"Starsky and Hutch," and "The Untouchables." He is best known for his portrayal of Ricco in "The Untouchables." The actor/casino host recently co-starred in the Lorimar film production, "Picasso Trigger,"

which will be released March 25.