



THIS COLUMN finds your bearded boy in the big city, New York. Having spent most of my adult life with a Manhattan address, it was only in the past year or two that I assumed visitor status as regards the "Apple". I don't miss it but I don't think I shall ever fall to the level of the cliché, "Well, it's a nice place to visit but I wouldn't want to live there!"

It really is not a good city for a visit unless you know precisely where and what you are going to do. Are you going to sight-see the neighborhoods--the museums--the galleries? Are you going to the theatres--catch up on movies that won't get to Vegas for years, if at all? Are you going to shop?

You should make a decision as to what you want to do, allow sufficient time, then stick to it. I don't. I just go--and then I leave NYC with such a sense of frustration! So, if you are going to NYC, do as I say and not as I do! As for living there, I prefer to live in what colleague Forrest Duke refers to as TBCOTA, (The Best City of Them All)--Las Vegas. I agree with Forrest.

This time I am going to try to do it, as I suggest you do it. Will you let me know how I made out a few columns from now. Meanwhile, I hope you have a fine Easter Holiday. Be good to yourselves and to each other.

TONY BENNETT - One of the truly great performers. It is such a joy to see someone surmount all the so-called surface handicaps.

Mr. Bennett is neither handsome nor physically prepossessing. His nose is the original. And the sibillance is still there. But who cares. In short, he has only his talent and that is considerable. His recording career has been a series of ups and downs but each "up" has been higher than the one preceding it. The "downs" have been "higher" too. Our boy opened at the Sahara on St. Patrick's Day and should be in concert for the next several weeks. Catch him a couple of times. We will.

MILTON BERLE - The funniest comedian that this beard has ever caught in a night club. For about six years (1946-52), Uncle Milty was the greatest TV set salesman in America. Tuesday nights belonged

to Berle all over the U.S. He has excelled in every phase of the entertainment field. One owes it to themselves to catch him in a night club atmosphere. He holds forth at the Desert Inn. When you are there, dig his sense of tempo. It is amazing. If you are a comedian buff, then you know that each of the great ones has his own sense of timing. The parallel would be to a good jazz player. Each has a particular groove in which they can wail the freest. From now on, when watching a comic, pay attention to his tempo and watch how he falters if he loses it and, especially, what he does to get back "in". Vegas is truly fortunate to have these two "Bs" in town at the same time.

As predicted, PEARL BAILEY did not return to complete the Flamingo engagement. This Hotel has announced that she will be back. Our hunch is "No". We predict the Riviera as the place where Pearl Mae will next alight. See if we are right.

It looks like WOODY HERMAN did not make it (businesswise) last time in town. Herman's latest Herd is the best of them all. Whatever they may lack in technical proficiency, they more than make up in sheer enthusiasm. But something definitely is wrong somewhere. How can you explain the success of HARRY JAMES, the so-called TOMMY DORSEY orchestra, FATS DOMINO and similar musical attractions only a few blocks away? Perhaps the answer would be apparent if Woody was booked into the Flamingo, which is the roosting place for each of the above named bands. Would love to see Woodrow Wilson Herman get just one shot at that Flamingo Lounge. Wouldn't you? Well, say something?

You know who has been away from town too long? Sassy has, that's who. We may have to start a "Bring Back SARAH VAUGHAN" movement.

As I put this down, I am beginning to develop a spring cold. Actually, it is a continuation of my winter cold, which I held over from last Fall.

Despite words from various people, the GEORGE AULD situation remains the same. What a non-use of fine abilities. SWEETS, CARL FONTANA, HARRY GARD, the LORINGS and, especially, George, him-

A BILL that could send parents of illegitimate children to prison for up to five years unless they submit to voluntary sterilization has been passed by the Mississippi House of Representatives.

self. I am reminded of my own words a few paragraphs earlier re the importance of tempo! Please, Dave?

For continued excellence and sustained high quality, we must give a mention to the DANNY KAYE Show on TV Wednesday nights. Comedy, music and sheer talent. The finest. One suggestion: that DK make NANCY WALKER, the funniest lady in the entire world, a regular.

Hallmark, a week or so ago, re-did (as opposed to re-ran) live the "Little Moon of Alban" with JULIE HARRIS. What beautiful prose. So economical but complete. Very much like SWEETS EDISON playing a ballad. The show was a lovely ballad and Miss Harris, perfection itself. If you didn't see it, do yourself a favor and ask TV 2 to repeat or write a letter to the sponsor,

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