



It is Capsule Comment time again, wherein we give you a check list and rapid review of what to see and do on the Strip and in the Casino Center: Last month, we started downtown and worked our way South, so it is only fair that we reverse our direction and dig the scene as it would be seen by someone entering our oasis from Los Angeles, Hollywood, Yermo, Barstow, Baker or some other exotic California spot.

On your left, just north of the old airport entrance is the HACIENDA, home of LES POUPEES DE PARIS, a puppet package that is most unusual and entertaining. In Hollywood and in Manhattan, this miniature review is quartered in or adjacent to a "hippy" hangout. Here in LV, it is found in one of the two "square" hotels on the Strip (both, incidentally, owned by Doc Bayley). The lounge features dancing and the people there are, most nights, more entertaining than the lounge attractions.

Next, on the corner of Tropicana Road, is the TROPICANA, a good-taste establishment with an excellent French type revue, the FOLIES BERGERE, which features the best variety acts of all the so-called French girlie shows. JERRY COLONNA and PAUL GILBERT are soon to be followed by THE VAGABONDS, DENIS and ROGERS and the exciting MALDINALDO Dancers.

On the same side as the HACIENDA is the DUNES with LINE RENAUD, CASINO DE PARIS and the OCTORAMA STAGE for those capable of splitting their attention at least three ways. Across the street and just south of the DUNES is the TALLYHO, with custom cuisine, high-type hospitality and GERRY GERARDO'S guitar-istics.

THE FLAMINGO couples the most eloquent ELLA FITZGERALD with the stylized but sterling stories of MYRON COHEN, ROY ELDRIDGE and GUS JOHNSON are along for the "ride" with Ella. In the lounge, you have a TOMMY DORSEY group with all the principals listed separately. Only CHARLIE SHAVERS can qualify as an authentic alumnus. Perhaps one other, but the group is entertaining.

RED SKELTON and VIKKI CARR are at the SANDS with Red deserving the entire time allotted (no offense to Miss Carr). Skelton and DANNY KAYE are such giants that I, for one, resent any intrusion on my time with them. RED NORVO is a pleasant surprise nestled among MORRY KING and the regular permanent party personnel in the lounge.

BOTTOMS UP seems to be holding its own at the CASTAWAYS. Check if PEARL WILLIAMS is still there should she be your style. JOE BURTON SIX plus DANNY AND DEMPSEY in the Kon Tiki cubicle.

DESERT INN has two prizes in its package. The first is the incomparable MAURICE CHEVALIER and the second, the big room debut and deservedly so of the KIM SISTERS. The BEN BLUE REVUE, JOHNNY PULEO and THE LILT-ING (and sometimes, in tune) STRINGS perform for the loungers.

NEW FRONTIER: (See HACIENDA) They are back to RHAPSODY ON ICE with WICK AND BRAND, two funny fellows that you should stay for after you have had the good sense to catch the most unusual and exciting performers in Las Vegas, THE CLARA WARD SINGERS.

LIDO DE PARIS may never leave the STAR-DUST and for good reason. It is the hardest seat to get during the busy season. The lounge line-up is good and varied with ESQUIVEL as our own personal best bet.



CORONATION BALL--Upper photo shows coronation of King and Queen at recent NAACP Youth ceremony. From left, J.C. Dukes, Maxine Groce, King Peter Steele, Queen Emily Groce, James Ennis and Joy Ann Williams. Lower photo shows some of NAACP Youth who participated in Culinary Union Hall affair. From left, Joseph Bradshaw, Gwendolyn Isom, Jean Childs, president; Stephen Giles, Joy Ann Williams, Edyth Giles, Sharon Abington, Rose Wickcliffe, Anice Bullocks, Paul Howard, Dorothy McNeal and Jean Marie Giles.

BRIAR ROOT ACRES CONTEST CONTINUES

Residents of Briar Root Acres are working overtime these days to whip their lawns in shape for judging in the "Best Lawns Contest" being sponsored by developer Nicholas Paglia. The contest closes August 15.

Cash prizes totaling \$300 will be awarded Briar Root Acres home owners who have developed the most attractive grounds up to that date. First prize is \$150, second \$100 and third \$50.

GOVERNMENT HELPS SMALL BUSINESSMEN

WASHINGTON -- Thirteen loans to Nevada businessmen were approved by the Small Business Administration last year, according to Senator Howard W. Cannon. The loans totalled \$658,000.

Cannon said 104 loans amounting to \$5,718,000 have been granted to Nevada firms by the Small Business Administration since its establishment 10 years ago.

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RIVIERA: GEORGE BURNS, just opened, so JACK BENNY is sure to be in attendance. JANE RUSSELL, CONNIE HAINES, BERYL DAVIS plus a bookfull of hymns and other diversions and a group called the COSSACKS complement the very funny Mr. Burns.

THUNDERBIRD: HIGH BUTTON SHOES is now seen and enjoyed at both the dinner and the supper shows while the KIRBY STONE FOUR picks up where WILLIAM ECKSTINE leaves off, lounge-wise TEDDY RANDAZZO continues.

SAHARA: DONALD O'CONNOR has his own revue which includes IRENE RYAN of the BEVERLY HILLBILLIES. I have been told that is is a fresh, funny and well-worth-it show. LOUIS PRIMA, GIA, SAM, et al, are back in the lounge along with the CHARACTERS. PRIMA in, RICKLES out and vice versa. I am sure that there are visitors who think that one or the other plays the lounge all year long. STARLIGHTERS provide perfect music for dancing and for enhancing the excellent BEACHCOMBER food.

SHOWBOAT: Neither on the Strip or in Casino Center, this is a favorite place for locals as well as visitors. SPIKE JONES, HELEN GRAYCO and the whole damned crazy mixed-up mess are there now and I will be stopping by and you should, too.

GEORGE JENKINS plus RUBEN'S great food are still the top WEST SIDE parlay and the only good jazz in town. Next week we will all go downtown. Anon!

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