



WE HAVE CAUGHT a few of the shows on the Strip and possibly the funniest of all the "book" shows is the new entry at the Riviera, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum." It has all the elements and we recommend a reservation "without reservation"! You will be glad you did.

YOUR BEARDED BUDDY caught the Broadway version several times back in the Apple and we honestly felt that Zero Mostel MADE the show. We didn't think anyone else could hack the part, particularly someone as unlike Mostel as is the personable and multi-talented Dick Shawn.

SHAME ON US! Shawn cuts it perfectly, ably assisted by Jack Gilford of the original cast and Mort Marshall, who fills the hard-to-fill slippers of David Burns in the part of the lecherous old Senex. John Carradine is on hand as the old procurer and the luscious damsels who make up his house are each in their own way designed to bring out the beast in you.

LAST TUESDAY, after the fights at the Castaways, we caught the Monte Proser (no better recommendation) production of the Ziegfeld Follies. It was a packed house and the customers enjoyed themselves. I could have stood a little more in the way of humor, especially from two such talented artists as Benny Baker and Eddie Hanley. Sue Carson is the star--and she is all of that. Prediction: Sue will be a big, big one once they find the right vehicle for her. Meanwhile she is a showstopper at the T'bird.

SIDELIGHT: The character of the old 'bird has changed with the new management. Such coldness. It is analagous to automation. The charm is gone. Such a loss. I WAS a habitue, as was my old daddy. I guess this makes me a son of a (deleted).

SPEAKING OF THE CASTAWAYS, the other six nights a week, Hank Henry and company hold forth along with (and I would like to be along with) Lili St. Cyr. Go for some good laughs and a couple of good looks.

AS FOR NANCY WILSON at the Flamingo, only a man of the magnitude of a Jack Carter could follow her.

OUR DEEP APPRECIATION to our good friend and colleague, Bryn Armstrong, for his gracious permission to reproduce the excellent column on the subject of humor (and love, too) in the last issue. And now we are due at Nino's for a beard trim, so, anon. . . .

# Goldwater "Democrats" Lose in Georgia

ATLANTA, Ga.--Two avowed supporters of the loosely organized "Democrats-for-Goldwater" movement in the South have been defeated in Georgia Democratic primary runoffs

## Johnson's Press Support Far Exceeds Kennedy's

NEW YORK, N.Y.--Although a poll of American daily newspapers shows almost equal editorial support for President Lyndon Johnson and his Republican opponent, Sen. Barry Goldwater, newspapers backing the Democratic nominee have a big edge in combined circulation over those advocating the election of the Arizona solon.

Editor & Publisher, a newspaper trade magazine has received 828 replies from its poll of the nation's 1,754 daily newspapers. E&P reported that 243 dailies, or 29.3 per cent of those making commitments, support Johnson, compared with 250 for Goldwater, or 30.2 per cent.

However, the 243 newspapers supporting Johnson represent 42.3 per cent of total daily circulation, while the 250 backing Goldwater account for only 17.7 per cent of the overall national circulation.

"Never before in the history of these polls has newspaper support been divided so evenly between two major candidates," said Robert U. Brown, publisher of the weekly magazine. "As of last week, with less than 50 per cent of the country's dailies reporting, President Johnson already had more newspapers lined up for him than John F. Kennedy had in 1960, and those papers have almost three times the total circulation of papers that backed Kennedy."

for Congress, thereby stirring speculation as to possible national significance of the results.

The contests had been closely watched for indications of Republican Presidential nominee Sen. Barry Goldwater's appeal in the southernmost regions of Georgia, areas of strong racial feeling but traditionally heavily Democratic.

Many political observers have assumed that Goldwater must do very well in such districts if he is to carry the South over President Lyndon Johnson, his Republican opponent in the Nov. 3 general election.

In the Second District, former Lieut. Gov. Garland T. Byrd defeated Stephen Pace Jr., 22,568 votes to 22,149 in unofficial returns. Pace, son of a former Congressman, had declared himself a Goldwater supporter, while Mr. Byrd had declined to say how he would vote in November.

In the Third District, Maston O'Neal defeated Harry Wingate Jr., 27,632 votes to 27,035 in unofficial returns. Goldwater had endorsed Wingate on a visit to Atlanta Sept. 15. O'Neal had indicated that he would vote for the Democratic ticket in November.

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