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U.S. Tour Cancelled

Mexico's Circus Union has abandoned its plans to tour in the U. S. despite recent Immigration Department approval of its entry request. The problem, according to show owner Senor Jesus Fuentes, was a stipulation in the agreement that the circus must be managed by a U. S. citizen. Because Fuentes was unable to find anyone to his liking the tour was called off.

Well over a year ago Fuentes announced he would tour the U. S., playing areas with a major Spanish speaking population along the border and in the west. In preparation for the tour he ordered a colorful new big top measuring 140 ft. x 232 ft.

Shortly after that first announcement several American show owners voiced their objections, even going to officials in Washington, as a result the Immigration Dept. refused to grant an entry permit for the circus and its personnel. However, early this year a move got underway to gain backing for the circus and finally because of pressure the Immigration Dept. reversed its ruling and said the circus could come into this country.

Charges Filed

Charges of cruelty to animals were filed against Otto Berosini early in this month in Sarasota (Fla.) County Court. The charges were filed by Mrs. Boots Pallister, an investigator for the Equine Rescue Service.

Mrs. Pallister told the Sarasota Herald-Tribune
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MAGIC

Magic-Time USA recently completed its swing through the mid-west and certainly enjoyed a wealth of visits by several magicians, many of whom provided some interesting news about the magic business.

The Amazing Conklins joined us for a cook-out at Peoria (Ill) on their way home to Colon, Mich after dates in Texas for Jim Nordmark. Jerry reports that when they showed Texas City the entire local IBM ring visited the show, including Zaney and Becky Blaney, Sandy Rings, Adrian and Terry Overstreet (Terry used to work for yours truly), Ken and Roberta Griffin and Bob Ford. Cindy Conklin recently made the "ultimate production" by having a son - Shawnee Thunder Pony. Mike Conklin (our stage mgr) recently sprained his arm when he fell from a skate board in Peru, Ind.

At Elkhart (Ind) Don Babbs and Mark Straw visited. Master builder Don Babbs worked for years under the name Arturo and invented many effects including the "girl to 6ths". We very nervously presented this illusion as he watched the show, then tried to get a few pointers from Don, but true to form for a magician he declined to come up with any fine points for his brain child.

Other recent visitors have been: In Chicago, Dick Oslund; In La Salle, Mystery & Co; In Joliet, Dee-Lip-Yoo and also circus photographer Clayton Wood; In Monmouth, Leola Wain and others. In Joliet we showed at the old Rialto Theatre and discovered some old Thurston paper back stage. Had a nice chat with Leola La Wain who is carrying on with her departed husband's mail order used magic business. In Elk Gove, veteran agent Gil Miller was by for a chat.

While in Chicago we all visited Magic, Inc. and cut up a few jackpots with Jay Marshall. When

you are in Chicago that's the place to find out what is going on in magic.

We also found time to visit the Dobritch Circus at Wheaton, Ill. They had a great show and our thanks for the hospitality extended by Billy Barton and Jimmy Douglass.

Magician Mike Martin recently broke his arm and says he had to have it reset twice and it is still causing trouble. Am anxious to see him as a "one arm magician."

Reports from Mexico City say the famous Blanqueto Theatre (Mexico's No. 1 vaude house) has magician Chen-Kai and also comic Loco Valdez on the bill. Loco was the show stopper in the Mexican version of the Magic Show a while back. He played the part of the old magician while Tino Flores played the Doug Henning part. Chen-Kai, of course, is the famous Mexican "magician's magician."

We are now following a route that will take us east and into New Jersey and are looking forward to meeting many fans and magicians. Our route is in CR and you are always welcome. We are especially proud of our band which is led by Jack King, a veteran of vaude, burlesque and everything else. Besides being a great musician, Jack is full of show-biz yarns and it is worth your while to visit our show just to meet Jack and hear his stories, so come by when we are in your area.

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ROUTES

ACT Circus

Aug. 27-29 Edmonton, Albt.

Beatty-Cole Bros. Circus

Aug. 22-24 Sharon, Pa.
25-28 Youngstown, Ohio

Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show

Aug. 26-28 Louisville, Ky.

Carson & Barnes Circus

Aug. 22-23 Harvey, Ill.
24-25 Merrillville, Ind.
26 Wilmington, Ill.
27 Sycamore
28-29 Prairie du Sac, Wisc.

Hubert Castle Circus

Aug. 22-24 Crown Point, Ind.
26-28 Birmingham, Ala.

Circus Vargas

Aug. 23-25 Sherbrooke, Quebec

Funs-A-Poppin Circus

to Aug 28 Lion Country, Calif.

Bobby Gibbs Circus

to Sept. 11 Baraboo, Wisc.

Hall & Christ Circus Unique

to Aug 28 Columbus, Ohio

Tommy Hanneford Circus

to Sept. 5 Lake George, N. Y.

Happytime Circus

to Sept. 6 Sacramento, Calif.

Hoxie's Great American Circus

Aug. 22 Louisburg, W. V.
23 Summersville
24 Sutton
25 Jane Lew
26 Stonewood
27 Kingwood

Int'l All Star Circus

Aug. 22 St. Paul, Minn.
25 Chicago, Ill.
27 W. Bloomfield, Mich.

King Bros. Circus

Aug. 22 Erie, Pa.
23 Conneaut, Ohio
24 Ashtabula
25 Medina
26 Fostoria

Martin & Downs Circus

Aug. 22 Windsor, Nfld.
24 Badger

Ringling-Barnum - Blue Unit

Aug. 23-24 Sioux Falls, S. D.
26-28 Madison, Wisc.

Ringling-Barnum - Red Unit

Aug. 23-30 Oakland, Calif.

Ringling-Barnum - Thrill Circus

Aug. 22-28 Columbus, Ohio

Royal Danish Circus

Aug 25-Sept 5 Detroit, Mich.

Wenatchee Youth Circus

Aug. 27 Spokane, Wash.

Sells & Gray Circus

Aug. 22 Aurora, Ill.
24 Barington
25 Northbrook
26 Harvard
27 Belvidere
28 Savanna

John Strong's Circus

Aug. 22 Blackfoot, Iowa
23 Idaho Falls, Idaho
24 Pocatello
25 Twin Falls
26 Ontario, Oregon
27 Baker
27 La Grande

TNT & Royal Olympic Circus

Aug. 24-28 Toledo, Ohio

PEOPLE

LEO DeMERS, 89 yrs. old, retired acrobat now living at the Veterans Hospital, Wood, Wisc., and The Rev. FATHER ALEX, of the Italian Catholic Church, Milwaukee, Wisc, and FRANK FINK, son of retired animal trainer and slack wire performer, GEORGE BINK, cisted the Circus World Museum at Baraboo as the guest of JOHN H' WILSON, retired performer, on Aug. 10th. The visit, however, was cut short because DeMers was on only a few hours leave

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HOXIE TUCKER entered the Lancaster (Pa) General Hospital on July 18th for a Hernia operation...There are rumors that GERARD SOULES will take out a small, but elegant tent show next summer between his ice show commitments. The tent is to be made by Leaf...The DAVID and HARRY RAWLS Chataqua returned to the barn two months ago, but will re-emerge as a circus for a 6 week fall tour.

REPORT FROM CIRCUS VARGAS: WALLY BICKMORE is building the props and cages for the new Joyner cat act....Young TIM BICKMORE is managing the Coke Concession which is not bad for a 16 year old.....Canada is expensive: people lose 4 to 6 cents on every dollar sent to the states....Gas is between .80 and \$1.06 a gallon.....30% comes off the top of salaries in taxes.....CLIFF VARGAS hired an accountant to do the performers' tax returns. Last season he saved JAN JOYNER over 300 bucks.....MARY LOU DE TEMPLE (Miss Christine and General Vargas) has been known to have some hot times at her trailer, but recently during "spec" a faulty TV wire caught fire and totally destroyed it. Thanks to quick action by JOHN MARONE and PINKIE FRITZ her little dog was rescued.....The show had a typical Old Fashioned July 4 Celebration, barbecue and all. JIM GIBSON's band played a medley of patriotic tunes. With the volume full pitch half of Canada heard our National Anthem! The barbecue was a success, with "just enough people there to make it enjoyable and just enough absent to talk about!".....Highspot was JIM GIBSON's ice cream laced with Kalua.

ON THE SCENE WITH HOXIES BIG TOP: Prop boss WES BROWN's right hand is becoming stronger since its recent mangling in the spool wagon and LINDA CHANDLER, recovered from her broken wrist suffered this winter, is doing web and working a dog act. She made the bright orange tunics for the CORTEZ Family's high wire act....Hubby, PHIL CHANDLER's magic/illusion display utilizing four feather-clad dandels is the "flash" of the program....JOHNNY and LAURA (Herriott) WALKER are doing a superlative job with the Hoxie elephants and Laura is presenting a pony drill trained by her dad....How JOHN LEWIS gets over the road with that pick-up is a miracle...Lion trainer MICHAEL CECERE is the number one surprise of the current program. His five lion: act is improving rapidly and the audience enjoys it....The second BIG surprise is the outstanding five piece band overseen by

drummer JOE EDDY. It's the best band Hoxie Tucker ever had on any of his shows....It takes clown TOM SINK longer to park and level his trailer than it does the tent crew to put up the big top!....The show will have a new top in 1978....8 yr. old ROBINSON CORTEZ slipped from the flybar on a return, fell into the apron, bounced out. He was hospitalized with a severe concussion, but is now back on the show and flying....Miss MATTY SIRRIO is hand-raising two of Cecere's lion cubs, one is named Eloise (berchtold) and the other Rex (Williams)....PHIL CHANDLER is seriously planning to start a MARY RUTH HERRIOTT "fan club" . . . sort of a new type CFA by professionals which might just catch on. Since there's a vast number of very "popular" and very "famous" personalities for whom there is no "tent" or "ring" this could be successful....Yo Yo the Unrideable Mule made a surprise guest star appearance at the Act III nite spot at Riviera Beach (Md) and left his "trademark" on the dance floor....Terrell the Lion Terrible has managed to get a healthy nibble from virtually the entire prop crew (as well as others) and on one show, when the door in the shifting cage was not closed properly, he stood in the opening looking at first WES BROWN and then at PHIL CHANDLER, apparently sizing up the juiciest meat!....Illusionist GARY HOLVECK at Williams Grove Park (Pa) for the summer was a recent visitor and when the two shows were 20 miles apart personnel were seen dashing back and forth.

SNAPSHOTS: CARMEN PADILLA, who fell from an ankle drop on Beatty-Cole, is back in the show...KAY PITTEGER visited TOM and STRUPPI HANNEFORD at Lake George (NY)....KENNY DODD hoped over to visit JIM DOUGLASS now at home in Florida...DIANE WILSON, it's said, is planning a bird act...DE MILLE wound up his season for Fleckles....DON PHILLIPS is trying his hand at promoting, is in the mid-west for the Jacobis....The DAVIDE ZOPPE and BUMPY families were reunited at the "Ak-Sar-Ben" date in Omaha. They played it together 5 years ago when David and Susan became engaged. "This time," says Susan, "when we played there we were married."

Report from FAMOUS HUNT: "Weiner" HERRIOTT suffered "mono" and was out of the show for awhile...MARY RUTH has been working the baby elephant...DON JONES has been "in advance" of the show...A new Massey-Ferguson fork-lift is now in use....ERIC

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Recent visitors on the King-Cole lot included: Tiny Phillips, raving about the CFA Convention in Vegas; Hoxie Tucker, back on the road after an operation; Pat Bissonette and George Hanneford. . . . Brian and Jerry Maas, closed with the King show, will work the Minnesota State Fair and then join Royal Hanneford for the fall season. . . . The Dorian Blake Show played two weeks at a Holiday Inn in North Carolina. . . . During a recent show Carlos Campa played two chickens, it was his first attempt to perform this before an audience. . . . Recuperating aerialist Nancy Giordano, who suffered a freak fall early in the year, plans to return to the air in January '78.

Acts booked for the Emmett Kelly, Jr., Circus at Cohasset, Mass (Aug. 11) by agent Rose Adair were: Joe Phillips, wonder dogs and Golden Mist, the horse; Ken Sherburne, juggling and rolling globes; The Cyclonians, unicycles; Mike Naughton and Pat Bissonette, clowns and Scalzo, illusions.

Mike Naughton

ATTENTION

ANYONE knowing Mr. and Mrs. Marty Martin (Eleanor) formerly of Houston, Texas. Please notify an old friend: Sylvia Newton Morris, P. O. Box 6486, Burbank, Calif. 91510. (Heard they were working in a circus as vendors in California).

A Big Show

The Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show program as presented here at Scottsdale (Ariz) July 16-31 was a great show. The program offered 38 displays featuring a wide variety of acts and old western numbers, with lots of color and excitement.

Among those on the show were Jim and Vi Brady (Vi was on the Col. Tim McCoy Show when she was 18); the Petersons, the Warvell Family, The Syd Moore Family, Joyce Rice, Glen Randall, who was also on the McCoy show and who trained horses for the Petersons, Gene Autry, Roy Rogers and Rex Allen. Other personnel included Jess Montana, Juan Montano, Chryle Rowles, Dottie Montana, Jones Benally, Magdamonius, John Brady and several Indians. Rudy Robbins played the part of Buffalo Bill and did a great job.

The show's staff included: Rudy Robbins, Buffalo Bill; Montie Montana, Jr., producer; Ruth Neimark, public relations; Jim Flynn, advertising director; Diana Stewart, show secretary; Jones Benally, chief of Indians; Chryle Rowles, Miss Wild West; Karen Hornbrook, sales manager; Gerry Roberts, pyrotechnician; Kelly Montana, prop director; Dan Walker, concessions; Juan Montano, farrier and Ray Anderson, animal manager.

..... Joe Rettinger

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Show Folks

Six performances were presented by the Hubert Castle Circus at Joplin, Mo. (Aug. 4-6) where the show was sponsored by the Joplin Shrine Club. Herbert S. Hoyt served as the Circus Chairman and Alton L. Jones was Co-Chairman, both men are members of the CFA.

Acts appearing in the show included Derrick Rosaire and his horse, Tony; the Rock Smith Flyers; Joe (Red) Hartman, lions and tigers; Dale Harney, escape artist; Doug Ashton, comedian deluxe; the Shrine Aerialovelines; Marios and the Mad Hatters; the Rodriguez Troupe; Dennis Sherman, high dive; Pamela Rosaire's chimps; the Droguettes, jugglers and the Friel-Smith Rocket "S" Cannon.

Out-of-town visitors included: Everett Eslinger, of Springfield and State CFA Chairman for Missouri; Johnnie Marietta, of Pittsburg, Ks, circus and railroad buff and Velma and Aden Lowry, of Sedan, Kansas.

PEOPLE

MOORE's MONGREL REVUE leaves this week to join the Ice Folies International for their tour in South America.

DAVID HOY, magician and publisher of an E.S.P. Letter is recov-

ROUTES

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James H. Drew Shows
Aug. 22-27 Gray, Tenn.

Foley & Burk Shows
to Aug. 28 Monterey, Calif.
Grass Valley

Magic Time USA - Prof. Miller
Aug. 22 West York, Pa.
23 Pottstown
26 Perth Amboy, N. J.
27 Great Meadows
28 Union Beach

Royal Lipizzan Stallion Show
Aug. 26 Great Falls, Mont.
27-28 Billings

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Aug. 25-28 Lancaster, Wisc.

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ering from two recent heart attacks.

ROGER SEMOK, ventriloquist of Fords, N. J., recently completed work on an Post Alpha Bits commercial for TV. Featured is a

ghost which flies around behind two youngsters seated on a park bench.

KARRELL FOX, magician, calls his "Linking Ring" routine "The Three Ring Circus" or the "Mystery of the Elephant's Teething Rings"

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The **SIKORSKYS**, jugglers and unicyclists, and probably one of the youngest and newest acts out this year, worked July 4th weekend at Crescent Lake Park, Providence, R.I., working with the **CRISTIANI** elephants, **LIPKO's** Chimps and **MARCELLI** and **JANICE**. Following that a week was spent at Canobie Lake Park, Salem, N.H., the Goshen Fair, Westchester, Pa., and upcoming dates include the Annapolis Exhibitions in Lawrencetown, N.S., Woodstock, Connecticut Fair, plus dates in the Penna/New York area for Harmes Productions and Smyser.

JACK SLAGLE and **GERALD HARSHMAN** visited the Hoxie's Great American Circus at Slippery Rock, Pa., where the Mayor proclaimed July 26th as "Circus Day."

BILLY BARTY and Family visited the Funs-A-

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Show Features

Members of the Robert Dover CFA Tent entertained the Hoxie Bros. Circus personnel with a dinner, served in the show's cookhouse, at Hanover on July 9th. Lots of visitors were on the lot including Chappie Fox, John Phillips, Jim Harshman, Ray Holten, Lawrence Springer, Dr. Boas, Joe Kittle, Andy Baekner, Jack Emmett, Clint Rowland, Cecil Pool, and Bob and Esther Weigel.

Hoxie's date at Hagerstown (July 11) was sponsored by the Emmett Kelly CFA Tent. A party including food and films was provided by fans on the show's day off (July 10).

On Sunday morning, July 10th, there was a 10 a.m. church service under the big top with Rev. George Hodgdon, minister. His sermon was "Why, Why, Why?" (The cry of the detractors). Vocalist for the service was David Dimitri, who directed the singing of hymns.

..... Robert Weigel

Miscellaneous

Mexico's Circus Union is heading South for an extended tour of the Central American area.

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JACK NIBLETT, visiting the U.S. from Britain, spent his time seeing Hoxie Bros. Circus, Carson & Barnes and the Circus World Museum, plus many friends throughout the country.

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The performance ran for two hours and received coverage in local area newspaper and TV stations. The circus was produced by Baron Von Uhl, with Tony Slyker serving as ringmaster and show manager. Richard Yeagley was the technical director and George Hubler handled the concessions.

The program featured: Clown warm-up (Honkey and Tonkey); Overture by Virginia Lee Fenton and Chuck (drums and organ); Baron Von Uhl, lions and tigers; Clowns; Ricardo Troupe, low wire; Kolmedys, balancing; Clown Lion Act; Bernard Horwich Community Clown group; Pietro & Joyce, unsupported ladder; the drawing of door prizes and intermission.

Following a color book sales pitch by George Hubler, the show continued with: Pietro & Pietro, comedy roly boly; Muffet, the Clown (Kevin Sherman); The Canestrellis, teeterboard; Clown Cooking School; Olmedas, cycles; Kevin Sherman, comedy trampoline; Tony Diano's elephants with Lee and Jeanette Keener.

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The wayward elephant was finally spotted by airplanes and elephant supt. Don Carr, along with trainer Joe Carroll, dashed off with the elephant "Kay" to bring her back.

They arrived on the show lot in time for "Barbara" to take part in both performances and help with the teardown work, with a full stomach of corn.

Hoxie Bros. Circus drew three-quarter and full houses at its Lynhurst, N. J. (July 25) date for the Kiwanis Club.

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'78 Dates Set

Although the season is less than half over the TNT & Royal Olympic Circus has already signed several major dates for 1978. Among the dates set for next year are Dallas, Independence and San Jose, plus Cedar Rapids and Austin.

The show has been plagued by heat throughout its midwest dates with temperatures running to 100 plus almost every day. In contrast there have been some windy and rainy days, but with the show playing indoor malls the weather has virtually no effect on attendance. As a result they have enjoyed SRO crowds on a continual basis, with exceptionally heavy crowds in and around the Chicago area.

Tim Tegge, show drummer and clown, worked a Warner Bros. record promotion at Independence on July 23rd for the release of Alice Cooper's new album "Lace and Whiskey."

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SAWDUST TRAIL

Ken "Turtle" Benson, announcer/elephant handler/side show super/performer, informs this writer that Vermont has provided some straw houses for Fisher Bros. Circus. Benson says, "we'll soon be turning back for a run southward."

"Miss Sunbeam" the New Orleans Zoo elephant that cruised an attendant to death in July, has been traded, with "Cookie" another elephant, to the St. Louis Zoo. Both animals were traded for a \$7000 credit against a future elephant when the new elephant enclosure is completed.

A feature act at the Lake Pontchartrain Park at New Orleans is the "Human Torch" (Steve Murray) who dives from a 80 ft. platform.

Reports released by the Superdome state the Ringling-Barnum show was our most successful event this year. "We (Dome) netted over \$100,000 clear and the circus did even better." The Blue Unit jumped into Houston from New Orleans and again encountered good business.

Attention All Tent Circuses: The drought in Louisiana, Mississippi and Arkansas is over. We have had lots of rain, crops are excellent and the temperature is slightly below normal, so it looks like a good fall ahead.

Members of the Ed Millette CFA Tent recently completed work on cataloging a circus collection for a local University. This is another fine collection that will be available to future historians and those who love the circus. By the way the Dallas folks are looking forward to a big event when the Dr. Pepper Circus makes its annual appearance at the Texas State Fair.

A Church Revival crowd was recently surprised

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PEOPLE

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REVIEW

Bill Garden's "Holiday Hippodrome Circus" played at Gloucester, Mass. (Aug. 6) under the auspices of the Lions Club. Two shows were presented (2 and 4 p.m.) in the 625 seat O' Maley Auditorium. Tickets were priced at \$2.00 each, for everyone.

The Gloucester date was set by executive agent A. W. Constantini and the day room telephone promotion was handled by Jeff Green. The four phone promotion was managed by Jerald Sacks.

The 90 minute program, consisting of ten displays, featured: Plate spinning by John Alberti assisted by his wife, Crystal; magic and illusion, including the Zig Zag by Floyd Bradbury, assisted by his wife, Marlene and daughters, Sheri and Melody; balancing by Andre Schweizer, assisted by his wife, Ree; balancing on a globe by Mario Alberti and his wife, Barbara; four miniature poodles by John and Crystal Alberti; balloon demonstration by Floyd Bradbury and youngsters from the audience.

After intermission were two chimps and two Siberian husky dogs, presented by Al Antonucci; balancing by Mario Alberti; illusions by the Bradburys; Andre Schweizer on the low wire.

BILLY BARTON (Continued)

JAEGER left suddenly, taking his two assistants with him....Show has been operating with only one light plant, a rod went thru the motor of the second unit.... Biz remains steady and the show will close with a week long mall stand winding up their season on Labor Day.

One of the large bulls with Hoxie's Big Top Circus actually rolls the side show canvas with its trunk aiding this operation by first pushing with its right foot and then its left. In 43 years of trouping I never saw anything like it!

See you down the road, luvs....

Most of the music for the show was provided by Floyd Bradbury on the organ and Sheri Bradbury on drums. Occasional recordings were also used. Floyd Bradbury served as show manager and announcer as well.

The show arrived in Gloucester after playing dates in Burlington and Barry (Vt) and Laconia and Manchester (N.H.). They moved from Gloucester to play one day stands in Plymouth and Hyannis (Mass.), Keene (N.H.), as well as Wilimantic and New London (Conn.).

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she has nine witnesses who will testify that Berosini mistreated his animals. She charges the animals were beaten with a 2x4 plank and a rake, and were kept in the hot sun without adequate supplies of water.

The animals were taken into custody and "are being well taken care of," according to Mrs. Pallister. A former show employee (Gregg Jackson) is helping to care for the animals.

Berosini, who says he fears for his animals safety of his animals since they are out of his control denies all the charges. "I'm a circus performer," he said. "I earn my money by showing my animals. If my animals look scruffy and underfed, who is going to pay money to see them?"

According to Berosini, Mrs. Pallister and her nine witnesses are unfamiliar with training methods. Don't you think that if I beat my tiger he would turn on me, the trainer added. It took years to train the animal by patiently leading him around on a leash, "never beating him."

Berosini was featured at the Circus Hall of Fame

but his contract was terminated a few weeks ago. That, says CHF general manager Herb Garrido, was because the contract had a clause that if revenue drops below a certain figure it could be terminated. "We weren't pulling in enough People," says Garrido and so Berosini was released.

The action had nothing to do with the alleged mistreatment of the animals. I never saw Berosini mistreat the animals, says Garrido. If we had any such information concerning mistreatment of the animals, adds Garrido, we would have fired Berosini immediately.

Berosini says his troubles started when he fired Gregg Jackson for beating the camel and forgetting to feed the other animals. He retaliated by telling Mrs. Pallister that the animals were being mistreated.

At press time the matter was scheduled for a hearing before County Judge Edwin Cummer, of Sarasota, Fla. Under Florida law Judge Cummer could take all of Berosini's animals away from him and turn them over to the Equine Rescue Service for custody.

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PEOPLE

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GUNNAR AMANDIS recently made a quick booking trip into Canada.

CARL TRUCHEL, escape artist, was a feature attraction at New England's Crescent Park early this month. Also appearing at the park was the Hunt's Circus.

MIKE SPORRER reports that RBBB's Blue Unit substituted Sioux Falls for Kansas City, which was originally scheduled for playing.

FRANK DEAN, western star, walked for the first time last week without the aid of a cane or crutch. He suffered a broken leg last August while performing at the California State Fair.

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ROSE ADAIR, veteran agent, recently set the BLAKISTONS, illusion act from Britain, followed by CHARLES MERRILL's Dove Illusions at the International Tropicale '77 Revue at New York City's famed Chateau Madrid.

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