

GOP's Star-Studded Supporting Cast

MIAMI BEACH—A supersized contingent of Hollywood superstars, led by celebrity co-ordinator Johnny Grant, are supplying a liberal (if they'll excuse that expression) dash of pizzazz to this convention lacking the political suspense of the Democratic conclave, but which is stacking up as one heck of a grand old party.

Frank Sinatra is here to prove publicly that he loves the Republicans best, as is Charlton Heston who, coincidentally, came out in favor of the President's re-election after the President came out with an endorsement of Heston's "Skyjacked" film.

And arriving en masse over the weekend were a Hollywood super-booster group including John Wayne, Chad Everett, Jimmy Stewart, Glenn Ford and Richard Zanuck.

Eva Gabor, who is very close to the Republican Party and to Vice President Spiro Agnew, is also here, as are Art Linkletter, Lainie Kazan, Pat Boone and family, Gary Collins, music man Mike Curb, Ethel Merman, Dennis Cole, Julie Summors, Lionel Hampton, and so on and on among

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the show-biz types of conservative persuasion.

The Sands Hotel in Las Vegas darkened its main show-room so Sammy Davis Jr. could headline the Marine Stadium nomination rally. \$\$\$???

Alvin Cooperman, a former NBC V.P. now employed by the Republican Party, has the job of staging the convention to insure its show biz appeal — a responsibility that was handled by George Murphy during the convention of '68.

It's producer Cooperman, I'm told, who's arranged for the sprinkling of stars throughout the televised doings, with June Allyson's daughter, Pam Powell, leading the Pledge of Allegiance at the opening session, Glenn Ford opening the second session and Jimmy Stewart introducing the First Lady at session Number Two.

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