

Show Biz Notes

GREEN POWER

RENO, Nev. - (NPI) Super-charged entertainer Sammy Davis Jr., reportedly has signed a \$1 million contract with William Harrah, operator of casinos at Reno and Lake Tahoe (Nev.). Although details were not immediately disclosed, Davis was naturally elated about the contract, saying: "Harrah made the offer... A million dollars represents security."

BLUE NOTES TOO

NEW YORK - (NPI) Controversial trumpet star Miles Davis last week blew a torrent of hot notes at his estranged wife, Frances, for what he termed "excessive" alimony demands. His wife asked \$1,500 monthly alimony and \$4,000 attorney fees. It was reported that Davis has no intention of paying the "excessive" demands and is contesting Mrs. Davis' claims.

THRILLS BOWL THRONG

HOLLYWOOD -- (NPI)--Count Basie and his swinging orchestra thrilled a throng at the Hollywood Bowl playing a number of super-charged renditions that had the audience stomping its feet in unison. The Basie orch appeared on a double-header entertainment program at the bowl.

ON EUROPEAN TOUR

NEW YORK - (NPI) Hard-driving band leader Lionel Hampton of "Flying Home" fame is currently on a month-long tour of Europe. His band plays in Amsterdam (Holland), Copenhagen (Denmark), Stockholm, Frankfurt, Brussels, Paris, Madrid, and Lisbon, before winding up the tour with a BBC TV spectacular in London, Oct. 12.

BROTHERS CELEBRATE

The famed Mills Brothers celebrated their 40th year in show business recently with a party at the Fairmont Hotel. The popularizers of "Daddy's Little Girl" and "Paper Moon" and many other hit tunes over the years were in fine fettle for the celebration.

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Harmony for Freedom Show Set

The Las Vegas Chapter of The Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America will present its annual show "Harmony for Freedom" in the Las Vegas High School Auditorium on November 12.

HEADLINING THE show will be the FAR WESTERNERS from Downey, California who placed 10th this year in the International Quartet Contest at Chicago with 1200 quartets competing in the Contest. Also appearing on the program will be the Las Vegas Chapter's famed quartet--The Deck-O-Chords as well as the local Chapter's equally well-known choral group, The Silver State Serenaders.

Admission price has been set at \$2.50 and \$2 with most of the proceeds benefiting the Institute of Logopedics for Children in Wichita, Kansas. This is the Foundation for treating children with speech defects that the local Barbershoppers have supported for the past two years.

The organization whose slogan is "We sing that they shall speak" was founded in 1938 by O. C. Cash and Rupert Hall in Tulsa, Oklahoma and now has 30,000 members.

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"NEVER A BRIDE"

ATLANTA - (NPI)--Julian Bond faced further rejection by the Georgia House of Representatives after winning another nomination to a seat in the legislature.

BOND, WHO has expressed admiration for the courage of draft card burners and opposed U.S. military policy in Viet Nam, has never retracted his views. But he resigned recently from the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, which has expressed similar views and has become identified with "black power."

Bond resigned from SNCC without explaining why. He has continued, meanwhile, to espouse his views on the nation's military and draft policies.

He won the nomination by a 1,317 to 1,267 vote--a possible indication that SNCC was not behind him as much as before. His opponent was Malcolm Dean, an Atlanta university dean. Bond's slim margin contrasted with his hefty victory over Dean the year before.

DEAN CHARGED that SNCC workers helped in Bond's campaign, despite his resignation from the student committee. He expressed his hope that Ralph Moore, a Republican, would defeat Bond in November.

Regardless of who wins then, Bond is not likely to be seated. A three-judge federal panel upheld the Georgia House's denial of a seat to Bond, declaring that his opposition to the selective service system was legitimate grounds for the House to consider Bond unfit for office.

Bond, at age 26, faced the prospect of becoming "an old politician" who will "never fade away" as he continually meets rejection in his effort to become a Georgia legislator.

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