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Hollywood Happenings

Being a woman can be a problem. Especially if you're a black woman and trying hard to be a successful actress in films, according to vivacious Ena Hartman. "It's not that I'm complaining," she explains, "because I think I understand just how tricky the problem of casting a Negro woman is."

"When it comes to the black male actor it's fairly simple to cast him as an electronics expert, a teacher or even a cowboy and things proceed with few or no problems."

"BUT WHEN an attractive Negro girl is put into a film the type of role she's playing is overshadowed by one thing: her femininity and appeal to whomever the male in the picture happens to be. By all standards of logic she just naturally evolves as a romantic interest by virtue of her biological makeup."

"It just stands to reason that an attractive girl is going to catch the eye of any normal male and it would appear downright peculiar if a film dared to ignore this fact. However, people who make films are presently leary of showing interracial involvements on the screen."

Ena feels that since the problem isn't going to be solved in the immediate future, the obvious alternative is to write more scripts which center around Negro-oriented situations.

As Ena puts it, "film makers aren't prepared to present the public with totally integrated marital and social situations and this is the second best idea."

EVIDENTLY HER idea of scripts showing Negro life also came to the minds of the writers of the new "Ironside" series, for the segment currently in production finds Ivan "Hogan's Heroes" Dixon cast as a football star whose brother, played by Don Marshall, becomes involved in the numbers racket. Ena stars as Marshall's pregnant wife.

"It's a beautiful script," says Ena, "which brings out many of the psychological scars and crutches experienced by nearly all Negro families in America. Yet it shows beauty and strength, too."

"One thing is certain when it comes to the black actor in the film industry," the actress continues, "and that's the fact that overt pressure by various groups on the film industry has only, if anything, closed the doors tighter. That method simply hasn't worked."

Ena's femininity won't pose any problems, however, when she visits Viet Nam from Nov. 17th through Dec. 5th. The shapely actress has received over 3,000 letters from admiring fans in the war zone and her trip is a direct result of their requests.

WHEN TOLD that several big-name Negro entertainers have declined to do shows in Viet Nam because of their opposition to the war, Ena commented that "we can't make this a political thing. It isn't the fault of the boys who're fighting and dying over there that we're at war."

"They want, and deserve, to see some black faces among the USO groups traveling to that area."

SHE'S GOT A PROBLEM?



TIME OUT--Ena Hartman and "Hogan's Heroes" co-star Ivan Dixon are caught by the camera during filming of "Ironside" segment, "Backfire."

Civil Rights Group's Suit Against Eastland

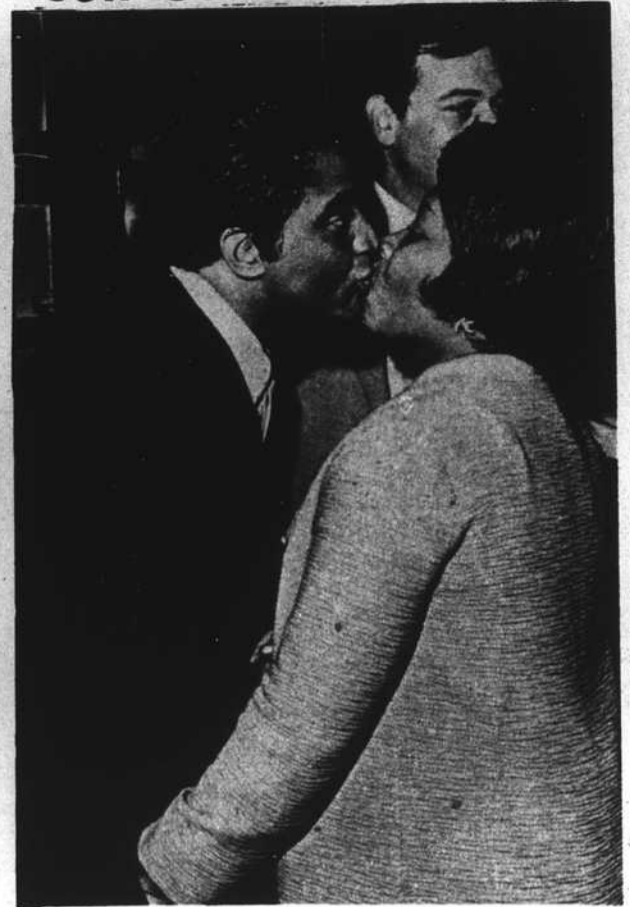
WASHINGTON - (NPI)--The U.S. Supreme Court has ordered Julian G. Sourwine, chief attorney for the Senate Judiciary Committee, to pay \$772 in court costs to the Southern Conference Education Fund.

This is believed to be one of the first times that an official of one of the investigating committees has had to pay such costs to a civil rights organization.

SCEF had sued Sen. James Eastland (D.-Miss.), committee chairman, and Sourwine for \$250,000 each as a result of raids on offices and homes of its officers in New Orleans in October 1963. Two SCEF officers were arrested.

Hearing of the \$250,000 suit against Eastland and Sourwine is expected to start soon.

Jackie Wilson Threatens Suit Over AP Release



AT THE SAME TIME he was being accused of a narcotics arrest in Philadelphia, singer Jackie Wilson was at the Whisky A-Go-Go in Chicago clowning around onstage with the Dynamic Duo, Sam and Dave, and kissing Stax-Volt recording artist Mabel John. Wilson had been in the Windy City a week before reports of his alleged arrest were circulated. Wilson instructed his attorneys to file suit against Associated Press for the erroneous report.

--Photo by Lee Dale Associates

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NEW YORK--(LDA)--Brunswick recording star Jackie Wilson last week revealed plans to file a double suit against Associated Press for a story released by them that definitely identified him as the person arrested here on a charge of possession of narcotics.

Conferring with his press secretary, Harry Dale, president of Lee Dale Associates, Wilson has decided to sue for equal space in the publications that printed the wire service story.

ACCORDING TO Dale, the 34-year-old singer does not use narcotics, was not in New York at the time of his alleged arrest, and feels the release was highly damaging to his professional career.

"We are certain that several newspapers used the Associated Press release," said Dale. "And much emphasis is generally placed on the arrest of an entertainer in connection with narcotics."

"Jackie Wilson was in Chicago at the time of the story release and we know that demanding a retraction will result in a one-inch story buried in the classified section of newspapers."

"We feel that since headlines were used to vilify our client's name, Associated Press should be able to use the same size headlines with equal story copy to clear him."

Meanwhile, Nat Tarnapol, manager of the energetic, dancing singer, disclosed plans to file suit for monetary damages, but no definite amount had been decided upon at press time.

Wilson's current recorded effort, "Higher and Higher," is now number five on the nation's record popularity charts and is expected to become the number one tune in America by the end of October.

Lee Dale Associates, a top-rated entertainment public relations firm, will coordinate the "equal space" litigation from their Chicago offices and plans are being formulated for test case proceedings in a federal court of law.

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Reopen Investigation Of Honor Student's Death

CHICAGO - (NPI)--The fatal shooting of a Southside honor student has been reopened by the state's attorney's office after a coroner's jury called the slaying "accidental."

The student, Kenneth Alexander, 17, was killed by Policeman John Woodlock, who maintained that he fired accidentally at the youth after tripping over some debris.

However, witnesses to the shooting told the state's attorney's office that the officer aimed his gun at Alexander and fired without warning as he saw the youths going through a passageway.

Police Superintendent James Conlisk, Jr., also agreed to investigate the slaying of Alexander, a football star and top student of Hirsch High School.

The Woodlawn Organization, a militant Southside group, had demanded that a probe into Alexander's death be reopened.

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