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## Hollywood Happenings

Hollywood people are talking about: The fact that BILL COSBY's company, Campbell-Silver-Cosby Corp., has entered into a twelve million dollar contract with Warner Brothers-Seven Arts Studios to make five movies. First film will be "The Picasso Summer," starring ALBERT FINNEY and YVETTE MIMIEUX, on which CSC has already finished principal photography. Their next venture will be "God Save The Mark," based on Donald Westlake's novel, to be followed by Theodore Sturgeon's science fiction work, "More Than Human."

The FBI has been called in to investigate the appearance of Nazi swastikas on billboards advertising SIDNEY POITIER's newest movie, "Guess Who's Coming To Dinner," in Los Angeles.

JIM BROWN is teamed with Academy Award winner ERNEST BORGNINE for the third straight time in "The Split," story of a race track robbery led by Brown. The two were recently co-stars in "Ice Station Zebra" and "The Dirty Dozen." Says Brown of Ernie: "What a guy to have running interference for you on the screen!"

When jazz-blues singer RAY CHARLES heard all the recent publicity about the lack of Negro entertainers going to Viet Nam, he quickly volunteered -- and was just as promptly turned down. Military sources say his blindness presents too risky a security problem with all those Viet Cong snipers on the loose, but his offer was much appreciated.

A strong rumor around Hollywood these days is that JANET MacLACHLAN, beautiful actress sporting an out of sight natural and who starred in a much talked about segment of "I Spy" as BILL COSBY's romantic interest, is soon to say "I do" to actor RAYMOND ST. JACQUES, handsome soul brother currently starring with RICHARD BURTON and ELIZABETH TAYLOR in "The Comedians." St. Jacques recently purchased a \$150,000 pad in Beverly Hills and is reportedly furnishing it with Janet's favorite Victorian furniture, so a wedding might not be too far off. I called Janet in Hollywood at the Actors' Studio regarding the matter, but she was non-committal.

LOU GOSSETT has been signed to star in the play "Carry Me Back To Morningside Heights," which SIDNEY POITIER will direct at the Golden Theatre in New York Feb. 26, following a tryout engagement in Philadelphia at the Locust Street Theatre beginning Feb. 12.

Talent manager J. W. ALEXANDER has confirmed that he and LOU RAWLS have split after a year and a half. Alexander was Rawls' original mentor in 1957, though he did leave the singer for a short time to handle the late SAM COOKE. Reports that ANDY WILLIAMS' manager, ALAN BERNARD, will become Rawls' next handler have yet to be confirmed, since neither Rawls nor Bernard have been available for comment.

As a sure sign that the '68 political campaign fever is upon us, comedian GEORGE KIRBY now includes an impression of RONALD REAGAN in his act.

And if you think your rent or house payment is too high, just give a thought to whoever rents ELVIS PRESLEY's mansion in Beverly Hills. He's announced that he'll rent his place while he's out of town -- for \$3,500 a month!

Juanita Moore will guest star as a Haitian woman suspected of having supernatural powers in a segment of the "Gentle Ben" TV series to air on the CBS-TV network Jan. 28. Starring as Mama Jolie, Miss Moore attempts to restore Gentle Ben the bear's appetite in the

## Another Promotion For Pepsi-Cola Executive



James H. Jackson

DETROIT - (NPI)--James H. Jackson has been appointed Pepsi-Cola Company district manager for the State of Michigan, it was announced last week by R. M. Snay, regional manager for the firm.

Now a Detroit resident, he formerly was director of program planning in New York for the national special markets department. Prior to that he was a field representative in Cincinnati, Ohio, where he joined the company in January, 1965.

A native of Waterloo, Iowa, and a one-time teacher there, Jackson served one term in the state legislature from Blackhawk (Ia.) County, prior to affiliating with the beverage firm.

The 28-year-old executive graduated from East Waterloo High School in 1956, and from the State College of Iowa in 1961. He worked his way through and received a bachelor of arts degree in education. He was a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon fraternity and played all-conference basketball.

IN 1965, Jackson was chosen by the U. S. Junior Chamber of Commerce as one of the outstanding young men in the nation. Five years earlier, he represented his home state with the White House Conference on Children and Youth.

While in high school, he was president of the athletic club, class president, and lieutenant governor of the American Legion's Boys State. He also won letters in football and track, and was selected for the all-state basketball team.

He has been a member of the National and Iowa State Education Associations, as well as the Science Teachers of America Association.

He and his wife, Janet L. (nee Norman)--also a Waterloo native--have three daughters: Denise, 8; Jacqueline, 6; and Stephanie, 4.

## Gardening Tools? Who Needs 'Em? MTA

show which stars Dennis Weaver... Singer Ella Fitzgerald joins Martin Landau and Barbara Bain of "Mission: Impossible" and the singing King cousins on the Jonathan Winters Show which airs Jan. 31 on CBS-TV.... Popular songstress Dionne Warwick will guest star with Jonathan Winters on the Carol Burnett Show Jan. 29 on CBS-TV.... Comedian Flip Wilson joins Robert Culp of "I Spy" as guest star of the second of the new "Rowan & Martin Laugh-In" comedy series on NBC-TV Jan. 29. Also featured will be The First Edition, a rock group.... "The Slender Thread," movie starring Academy Award winners Sidney Poitier and Anne Bancroft, will be shown on the ABC Television Network's "Wednesday Night at the Movies" Jan. 24. Film also stars Telly Savalas and Steven Hill.

## ENTERTAINMENT ★★★

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## Hues & Cries

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### THRILLS IMPATIENTS

NEW YORK - (NPI)--Pianist Nina Simone combined talent with wit with amazing results last week, as she delighted a capacity audience in a Carnegie Hall concert. Coming onstage an hour late, Nina soon had the impatient audience cheering by ad-libbing the reason for her tardiness in song, before taking off with her more potent song fare. Her fare included "Little Girl Blue," "Turning Point," and the protest song, "Backlash Blues."

### A NATURAL

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Jazz leader Louis Armstrong has been signed to a "natural" role in the upcoming film, "Hello Dolly," which goes before the cameras in April. The man credited with being the great popularizer of the song tune "...Dolly," on stage and on record, Armstrong was signed by producer Ernest Lehman for the role of the band leader in the film that co-stars Barbara Streisand and Walter Matthau.

### NEW FLAME?

PHILADELPHIA - (NPI)--Rumors circulated last week that a pretty, curvaceous dancer Sammy Davis Jr., had discovered for his "Golden Boy" show may be discovering the way to his heart. The romantic linking of pretty Lola Falana to Davis comes closely on the heels of Sammy's separation from his blond wife, Mai Britt. Falana was schooled in nearby Germantown, Pa.

### GETS BIG LIFT

LOS ANGELES - (NPI)--Show business friends of comedian Redd Foxx gave him a big financial lift recently. After Foxx disclosed that he was in danger of losing his La Cienega nightclub here, a flock of luminaries, including actor-comic Bill Cosby and vocalist Billy Eckstine, volunteered to appear for the minimum fee at the club, with tremendous financial results.

### CO-STARRING ROLE

HOLLYWOOD - (NPI)--Sammy Davis, Jr., portrays a captain of a charter boat off the coast of Florida in his next film venture. In the role, Sammy will be co-starring with Frank Sinatra, in a picture entitled "Lady Cement."

### MEDAL WINNER

BORDEAUX, France - (NPI)--Although far from home--Cleveland, Ohio--Elwyn Adams, concert master for the Bordeaux Symphony orchestra, has just been awarded the Eugene Ysaye 1967 competition for violin. Adams placed first among three U.S. violinists entered in the contest. He is scheduled to begin a tour of American colleges next month.

### DEBUT AWAITED

NEW YORK - (NPI)--The Broadway stage debut of Carol Cole, 23-year-old daughter of the late Nat "King" Cole, is being avidly awaited by fans of the late singer throughout the country. Miss Cole has been selected for a major part in "Weekend" which will open at the Broadhurst on March 13.

### SOUNDS OF THE POOR

RACINE, Wis. - (NPI)--The voices of the poor as well as that of the Vice President of the United States may be heard in a series of four one-hour radio programs, entitled "The Sounds of Poverty," which has just been released for broadcast on educational and commercial radio stations by the Johnson Foundation. Produced last January in Charleston, W. Va., the series gives the reaction of the poor toward poverty in their communities, and ends with a statement by Vice President Hubert Humphrey lauding anti-poverty efforts in America.