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MOTOWNER MOVES . . .

Berry Gordy, Jr., founder and main wheel of the giant Motown recording and talent enterprises, and owner of one of the most fabulous homes in Detroit, is now up to something in California.

He has purchased a home in Beverly Hills, and has enrolled three of the young Gordy heirs in school there. Youngsters Berry IV and Terry are in an exclusive Beverly Hills school, and Hazel Joy Gordy is a new and happy student at Beverly Hills high school where the enrollment reads like something out of Who's Who.

At the recent return date of Motown's Supremes at the Grove, Berry was very much in evidence, and later constantly at the side of the radiant Miss Diana Ross, lead vocalist of the Supremes. The closeness attracted most of the stars and bigwigs present at an after-party, taking away much of the attention from Marvin Gaye, also there, but who was mobbed by pretty female non-stars. Diahann Carroll showed with Roscoe Lee Browne, the actor.

Another actor present was Otis Young of "The Outcasts," who got into a hot squabble with Maggie Hathaway, founder of the Beverly Hills-Hollywood branch of the NAACP (which raised 28G's with its recent Image Awards show). The argument was about the NAACP. Maggie was present to give Berry Gordy an NAACP Image Award. When Miss Hathaway, a former Dunham dancer and actress, urged Young to join, the latter reportedly said, "Nothing doing. I can't stand such chicken ----- organizations!"

Look for a national story soon on the numerous Black businessmen now blooming around the U.S. with Chrysler-Plymouth-Dodge dealerships. Bob Hill, an L. A. CPA, has been in training with Chrysler, and shortly will give up his CPA offices in the Bank of Finance to set up a Dodge dealership.

Zero Mostel, longtime Yiddish star of "Fiddler On The Roof," set to open in January on Broadway in a musical, "The Exception and The Rule," with Leonard Bernstein music. With the exception of Mostel, all the other cast members are to be Black people--playing Chinese!

Ray St. Jacques still mad at that Boston hotel incident. He was in Boston for opening of "If He Hollers," and was waiting as his chauffeur-driven limousine pulled up. He heard the white doorman say to the white chauffeur: "What-cha drivin' that nigger 'round for?" The doorman was fired. The actor received citywide apologies.

Money interests behind Ronald Reagan now pulling out all stops to back Max Rafferty for senate in California. One of the backers is H. L. Hunt, the Texas tycoon whose political tastes reputedly would have possibly made a beautiful inner cabinet for Hitler. Alan Cranston, running ahead of Rafferty, says it's alarming when "your opponent has the backing of the richest man in the world." And the John Birch Society is now freely admitting it is solidly backing George Wallace. So is H. L. Hunt. LBJ is said to be alarmed. You'd hardly know it, though.

Look for Quincy Jones to return to his first love--leading a band, in the spring. He's now compiling his list of bandmen. He's now done 16 movie scores, just completing "MacKenna's Gold," and now working on "The Lost Man," for Sidney Poitier. Some of the Jones' tunes in "The Lost Man" will have vocal backing of the Tenth Memorial Baptist church choir of Philadelphia.

ELSEWHERE . . .

Detroit Doris Postles now sojourning in Beverly Hills, while doing governess work for Barry Gordy's kids and chaperone work with the Supremes.

Two Detroit beauties who say a Motor City preacher (once involved in an L.A. vice scandal) got them to visit him in Los Angeles, but once there he wouldn't let them do anything but attend his revival sessions. One of the chicks bolted, and spent most of her time on

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Jack Hammes Seeks Water Board Seat

Jack Hammes, a fifteen-year resident of Las Vegas announces his candidacy for a seat on the Board of Directors of the Las Vegas Valley Water District, representing District #4. He is active in many service organizations and is dedicated to the welfare of the community.

Jack and his family come from Philadelphia where he attended the Wharton School of Finance, University of Pennsylvania. He also attended the Government Administration College in Washington, D.C. where he conducted a study of the tax structure of the Eastern States. During World War II, he served in the armed forces for four years.

He is known and respected for his leadership in civic affairs in the City of Las Vegas and the State of Nevada. He has served as President of the Nevada Rehabilitation Association, Southern Unit, and is a Director of the Nevada State Board. He has served many terms as President of the Riviera Hotel Employees Association. Presently he is President of the Moderation in Drinking School conducted by Judge Walter Richard. He is a member of the Budget Committee of the United Fund and is a member of the Child Welfare Board of the City of Las Vegas. In addition, he is a member of the Clark County Association for Retarded Children, the American Legion, and the Optometrists.



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of Georgia, who are stimulating intensive voting participation by Negroes.

Obviously the Negro vote in the major cities of the North can be a major factor.

Moreover, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the section's leading civil rights organization, has planned massive voter-turnout campaigns . . . in the South as well as in the North.

With all of these factors going for minority citizens, the challenge still remains--in the North as well as the South--that every eligible

man and woman should and MUST VOTE.

In a close presidential race -- as this one might eventually turn out to be--massive Negro voting could decide.

But the greatest roadblock to progress and advancement in America today among Negroes could develop if we do not recognize the challenging situation we are facing, if we do not utilize that cherished and vital right to utilize the most cherished privilege of U.S. citizenship--our right to vote.

CHESTER L. WASHINGTON, Publisher, Central News Los Angeles, Calif.

VA FACTS

Monthly compensation payments for some 112,000 veterans with 100 per cent service-connected disability will be increased from \$300 to \$400 in 1969.

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VA payments to war orphans are not counted as income in determining whether dependent received half of his or her support from taxpayer.

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The seven states with more than a million veterans are, in order, California, New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, Texas and Michigan.

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