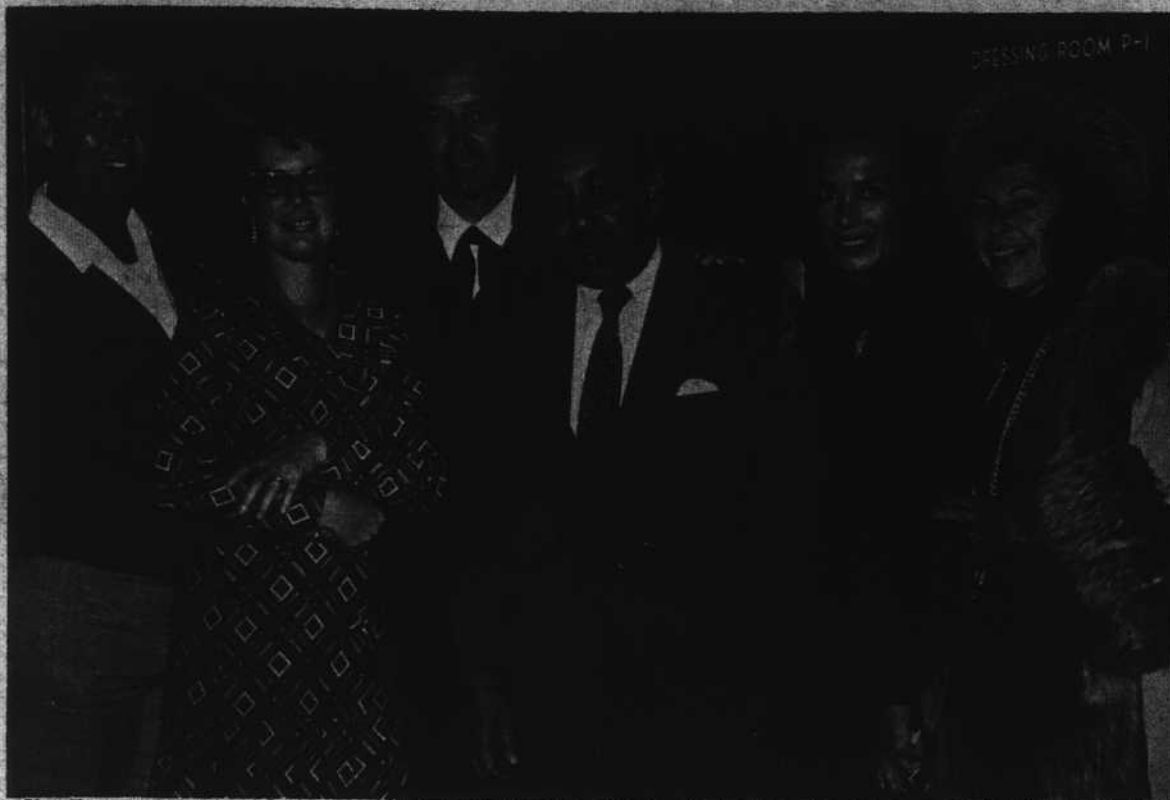


The Tonsils And The Typewriter Meet



Vic Damone, one of the very best singers in the country, currently appearing in the Lounge at The Frontier, meets with Rollo S. Vest, Managing Editor of The Las Vegas Voice, after a capacity attended smashing show. A few Baha'i friends of Vic's were on hand to cheer him on and to add charm and class to the surroundings. From left are Don and Mary McCoullough, The Tonsils, The Typewriter, Judy (Mrs.) Damone and Mrs. Barrie Bailey. Said Vest, "Catch Damone, and what a band."

(Photo by Sandra Lichtenfeld)

BLACK TV - RADIO STATIONS JUST DON'T FULFILL TRUE NEED

Black - oriented radio and television stations have long felt the sting of criticism about their lack of community responsibility.

The major complaint of most critics is that they devote most of their air-time playing the latest records and indulging in snappy jive talk rather than giving much time to public service programs to inform the ghetto populace.

Their news policy has consistently been called "rip 'n read," a reference to the way many soul station newsmen give a rapid-fire delivery of the news from news copy freshly torn off wire service teletype machines.

The newsmen have also been criticized for not giving on-the-spot news coverage to events that interest their Black audiences.

Some of this criticism was voiced last week at the 12th meeting of the National Assn. of Television and Radio Announcers (NATRA), an 800-member, predominantly Negro organization, which reportedly speaks daily to 15,000,000 Black people in this country.

James D. Williams of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights said NATRA members had a "responsibility that transcends the playing of records and making chatter. You have the responsibility

to show a changing society, its problems and failures."

Williams, a former Washington editor of the Afro-American Newspaper, spoke to about 75 NATRA members at a two-hour seminar on "community action programs and citizens rights."

He said that he did not criticize Black radio stations as much as he did several years ago, but Williams lamented that Black stations in Washington failed to send a news representative to a recent civil rights commission press conference at which a study of Negro city employes was released.

The Seminar at which Williams spoke, as all other NATRA seminars, was closed to news reporters. No NATRA officer was available for comment. A NATRA press officer would only say the organization wanted no press coverage of the seminars.

Armed guards stood by meeting rooms to see that no unauthorized persons entered the seminars or general meetings. The press was allowed to attend meetings of the Fraternity of Recording Executives (FORE), an organization of associate members of NATRA.

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Anyone with small amounts of time are asked to call Mrs. Mollie Cox and get a supply of these flyers.

The pamphlets are published by the Office of Housing Urban Development and describe what the Federal Housing Law does and does not cover.

Nevada does not have a state housing law. Introduced legislation was defeated in the spring of 1969.

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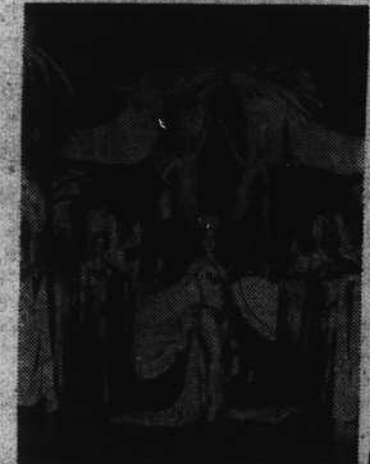
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