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THE SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF HARLEM

N.Y. -- They are talking loud about Flip Wilson who is quoted by the "white press" as having said that all the folks who helped him were white and they are the ones he loves, as he knows the beauty of those people. The fast rising comic is reputed to be earning a half million bucks annually, so that kind of help deserves some affirmative affection...Louis Armstrong believes that the run to Japan is too long a jet trip for him so he turned down the Japanese government's request to appear at Expo-70. At this writing, they are negotiating with Leslie Uggams to fill the slot left open by his refusal...If you missed Ethel Waters on Daniel Boone the other teevee time you muffed an eye and ear treat. The Grand Dame of the theatre was as great as she wanted to be. Rosey Grier was even better than ever beside her.

Feeling is that H'wood has at long last found an intelligent way to handle a relationship between a black male and a white female. "My Sweet Charlie," which fractured all the boob-tube ratings its first showing, has put Patty Duke and Al Freeman, who starred, in the running for every award the industry has to offer...Ellsworth Wright, the Actors' Equity exec. made some king of history when he was recently tapped to act with the judges for the annual "Emmy" awarding. However, he wouldn't even give us a hint as to who will walk away with the golden lady...In that vein you wonder if there are any black folks among the Nielsen families with the power to make or break teevee shows. These 1,200 watching-listeners are accepted as the oracles of the nation's taste and what's good for them is acceptable to the 58-million set owners in the land. According to the A.C. Nielsen Co. out there in Chgo, a new group of families is selected yearly and that the sampling conforms to U.S. Census projections in population distribution, income, education levels and racial mixture.

Joe Louis has joined the Miami golfers for the first time in a couple of years...Pretty and knowledgable Pat Rainford has departed her desk at Capitol Formation to go over and assist John Baker of the new Coalition Venture Corp...George and Shirley Rhodes, both of the Sammy Davis, Jr., Ent., are making sure before making a happy announcement...Terry McNealy, Sidney Poitier's number one man, can't keep his marriage a secret any longer. His wife is expecting. Speaking about Sidney Poitier he has packed his golf bag and traveling stuff and taken off for the Bahamas to inspect his new house in Nassau. He will be joined by Bob Turner, Jimmy Baird and Alan Peterson to make up a jet-about other golf courses four-some...Harlem Republicans are talking about a surprise candidate to challenge Powell for Congress. Think how surprised he or she will be if either even comes close to winning.

Time-Life has taken on several new black reporters and is preparing a feature on "The Negro in America." Understand the research will take a yr...Speaking about such things, The Monetary Times Mag. took a deep cut at Prime Minister Lynden O. Pindling's Bahamas. According to an article in the Feb. issue "The natives are restless and in the Bahamas today, both black and white have become decidedly unfriendly toward each other." The writer must have eyed faces we did not see on our just concluded visit...The fire Commish daughter, Gertrude Lowery, has found the man most likely to spend the rest of his life with her in L.A. where she went to teach for a year...Here across the Jersey shore Joe and Ellie Dargan's son has found a girl to plot a wedding with...Ruth Bowen, who heads Queen's Booking, jetted in and out of London over the wk-end...Which is a reminder that Marion Rogers is back at her TWA desk after being home-side for three months due to surgery...Hazel Scott will be the number one co-star of an upcoming "Julia" telecast in an eye-opener titled "Gone With the Whim"...JCBO's charming eye-



HAIR PERFORMERS -- Rear, from left, Oney Sunic, Rik Carlock, Paula Larke, Victor Willis, Roger Jenkins and Bob Cole; front, Lyle Kang and Pat Keene.

This extraordinary group is but a part of the wealth of talent and beauty which has made "Hair" a legend in its own time.

Hair's publicity and public relations genius, Kimo Gerald; Las Vegas Voice editor, Paul Smith; coordinator Foster Johnson and Doolittle Recreation Director, Joe Haynes, have arranged a "get acquainted" scene at the Doolittle Recreation Center Sunday, March 8, at 4 p.m. where everyone is invited to meet the entire cast of the fabulous musical comedy, love rock revue, "Hair."

At that time, plans will be made to set up various workshop activities for the Westside community. These workshops in Dance, Acting, Singing, Music, and varied activities, will be conducted by the members of "Hair." Ain't that Love? Be there! This is progress -- Today, is the first day, of the rest of your life!



catcher Donna Byrd flew in and out of Los Angeles so fast she didn't even miss a payday... Barbara Lacy, who sold the downtown spot which made her the first black lady pub owner on rich 57-street, is trying her luck with Broadway show promoting. She plans to bring an African drama to the States.

Look for a number of new black stars to get their start on the new talent hunt show being planned for an early telecast by CBS. A number of "new finds" have auditioned here and more are being sought throughout the country...Hollywood is looking for somebody to play Ethel Waters in the soon to be produced "His Eye is on the Sparrow," the biog of this great lady of the theatre. She would like to see Eartha Kitt in the role...Those close to basketball super-star Lew Alcindor are worried about the chip on his shoulder...N'York blacks, who went for him 85%, are beginning to wonder about Mayor John Lindsay and are talking out loud about his in-action as far as they are concerned. It was hoped that he would appoint a black deputy mayor, but he took care of a white friend instead. If the fight continues to boil, John's national political posture may get out of focus...The Guardians Association, made up of black members of the N'York Police Dept., have asked all its off duty members to jam the trial room of Police Headquarters Feb. 24th. When one of its members will be on trial. The Jim Cato case could really divide the white and black members of N'York Finest...The last flicker in which the late James Edwards is featured, "Patton," opened here and took the best adjectives the critics had to offer. The role he played would have set him high in the H'wood skies again had he lived--STAY LOOSE.

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