



HOLLYWOOD BEAT BY BILL LANE

SAMMY DAVIS, who's returning to the NOW Grove with his new Summer revue, is set to fly to the Isle of Capri next month to star with Dyan Cannon in a movie titled "Speak No Evil." And Zev Putterman, who got his program formulation wings at Synanon, quit his programming job with ABC-TV here to join National Education Television's network, working out of its San Francisco offices, near where Synanon has its big Oakland and Tomalpas Bay facilities.

Steve Allen's show at the Flamingo in Vegas got panned, but the Friends of Distinction on his show got all kinds of praises. And Ike and Tina Turner signed with Universal for a new movie.

O. C. Smith left for Australia, to play the Chevron and to be on Tommy Leonetti's show... Lou Rawls getting ready for his big benefit show in San Diego for the mentally retarded, after returning from showings in Australia.

LOUIS ARMSTRONG did not serve up a playing session at his testimonial show in L.A. for his recent 70th birthday, but he did sing some songs and play some trumpet with Al Novis at the Century Plaza's Garden Room while here. Novis used to play guitar with the Armstrong unit.

When somebody asked William D'Angelo why he was filming "Barefoot In The Park" with an all-black cast (Nipsey Russell, Thelma Carpenter, Tracy Reed), he said they just simply wanted to stage an all-black something or other, but that they had failure finding black writers (?) for the series.

Learned that the Kermit Bailers are expecting, when we phoned to impart the very sad news of the sudden fatal heart attack which struck Irene Williams Matney, wife of NBC White House Correspondent Bill Matney. Irene Matney and Bill had just moved into their 13-room Washington D. C. home, from Chicago, when the attack came. It was the first, and the last one. She had been dieting and had lost some 14 pounds in less than two weeks. The attractive Mrs. Matney, a former singer with the stage version of "Porgy and Bess," was the daughter of the late composer Clarence Williams, who wrote "Baby, Won't You Please Come Home" and "Royal Garden Blues."

Out here in Hollywood several film unions called a meeting to discuss "grave injustices and inequities" which they say have resulted from the film industries' recent hiring program in line with Justice Department guide lines. The unions say they have man (all white) on their rolls, who are out of work, and that their agreements with the industries call for firms to hire seniority men before taking on new (black) workers. Some observers say there never existed a union which did not have members with seniority out of work. And such seniority was built up during years when blacks were not hired and not admitted to union membership, which logically prevented blacks' ever building any seniority. Like revolving credit, it could go on forever.

DEACON Jones and his band, along with several of his L. A. Rams cohorts, shook up the Century Plaza the other afternoon kicking off a new approach in promotional programming for Batk Wine and Spirits.

GENE PAGE, son of the late Eugene Page, the composer, following in his dad's footsteps. He just arranged a beautiful set of songs for Merry Clayton's debut on Ode Records. Merry was once a Ray Charles singer.

Sammy Davis and his bride Altovise have gotten tired of apartment living, and were looking at homes in Beverly Hills the other day, in the \$400,000 class. Ray Charles will shortly do a concert with the Houston (Tex.) Symphony Orchestra. Marcene Harris, Redd Foxx' sister-in-law, now playing piano and singing pretty at Cyrano at The Marina, where it's cool on the beach.

Greg Poree, Jerry Peters, Anita Poree and Wayne Douglas held a swinging session with Porpete Music Company in its new offices at 8833 Sunset the other day.

FRISBEE CONTEST HELD

Brightly colored whirling plastic discs filled the sky as the North Las Vegas Parks and Recreation Department held local competition in the National Frisbee Championships on July 21.

Boys and girls, ages 6 to 15, were eligible to participate at five playgrounds with winners progressing to competition at the All-City Tournament. The winner and runner-up of the All-City Tournament competed in the state tournament held at Las Vegas Dula Center.

The winners of the different age divisions were Carol Sirorine from Lincoln Elementary, girls 12-15; Lonnie McCraney from Jo Mackey Elementary, boys 12-15; Opra Robinson from C.V.T. Gilbert Elementary, girls 6-11; and Billy Thayer from Tom Williams Elementary, boys 6-11. In the city finals Billy Thayer was the winner and Carol Sirorine was the runner-up.

Billy and Carol were they eligible to compete in the state finals held July 23. Billy won second place and Carol won fourth place. If the winner is unable to compete in the regional contest held later this summer in Southern California, Billy will represent Nevada.

Nationally more than 475 parks and recreation departments and YMCA's in every state in the union are taking part, with more than three quarters of a million youngsters expected to enter the competition.

At the end of the rainbow is the National Junior Championship with the winner receiving a \$1,000 U. S. Savings Bond. State and Regional champions also receive U. S. Savings Bonds in addition to trophies.

Jerry Butler signed to sing the title song for the movie, "Joe." The Young-Holt Trio have filed suit against their record company for monies they say are due and not paid.

THE SUPREMES, sailing in popularity despite the change, have been signed for three major network TV shows set for August-September taping: Glen Campbell, Andy Williams, and Tom Jones.

SPECIAL NOTE TO FELLOW NEWSBUDDY CHESTER HIGGING (of Jet): I know you are getting old(er). But another fellow who used to write "People Are Talking About," the late Dan Burley, NEVER got old enough to give in so easily to the encroachment of coverups for feminine beauty the way you did the other day when you sighed that the midis and maxis were finally upon us. Maybe it's because you live in Chicago now, where it gets rather cold, and where womenfolk have never liked to follow California women in style creations. Or maybe it's because the Ebony Fashion Fair will be featuring the long skirts this season.

Anyway, the only people who can really benefit from this sudden oblique change over in women's fashions are the garment manufacturers, who, along with the style "creators," no doubt look to big returns when women have to throw out all their "old" shorties and buy new longies. They knew the ladies didn't have enough goods in those minis to let out to meet the new styles. A great big money-making conspiracy.

But I don't believe the ladies, enmasse, are going to give up as easily as you. Thousands of ladies, from teenagery to temerity, will attest to glorious new-found imagery with those short skirts. And you just don't quickly give up that kind of long-sought attention for ANYBODY'S style!

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Nancy Sinatra Opens At Caesars Palace

August 6, 1970, is a special date for Caesars Palace, the showcase hotel-casino on the Las Vegas Strip.

On that date the hotel with be four years old; Nancy Sinatra, with co-stars the Osmond Brothers and the Blossoms, will open a four-week engagement in the hotel's Circus Maximus theatre-restaurant; and the management will officially open a new 14-story high-rise addition of 222 plush suites to the already vast complex. The new addition also includes an exquisite Japanese steak house, appropriately named Ah So and manned by Oriental personnel; Cleopatra's Barge, a floating cocktail lounge which also offers dancing to live music; The Piazza, a restaurant featuring southern European cuisine; and the circular Discus Bar.

Frank Sinatra himself will host a glamorous three-day gala at the hotel to mark the event. Invitations have been mailed out to some of the world's leading figures and personalities. None, however, were posted to Princess Margaret and Lord Snowden of Great Britain.

And why were no invitations mailed to the Royal pair? Well, Caesars Palace put the invitations into an envelope, put the envelope in the hands of a courier, and put the courier on a jet plane for New York City and on to a London-bound flight out of New York. The courier, of course owned specific instructions on hand delivery protocol.

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