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HOLLYWOOD--Handsome Jim Brown, who is terribly involved with the Mississippi Food First Program which he founded along with several of his athlete buddies, swung open the doors of his Sunset Plaza Dr. hillside home over the weekend and had quite a cocktail soiree. Jim's home is up the hill and around the corner from Johnny Mathis'; therefore I wasn't the least bit surprised when Iran into Clem Mathis. Clem, Johnny's father, was in town to take care of his son's pad while he fulfilled an engagement at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas. Clem informed me that the entire Mathis clan would either spend Christmas with Johnny or at the family home in San Francisco. --In town for television appearances and to promote their latest recording, the Del-Fonics called to invite me down to the Apartment for a party they were hosting for members of the Fourth Estate, but with all of my shopping to do I just couldn't make it; however, we understand from unimpeachable sources that the affair was quite swinging.--While Bob Jones is getting settled, into his new position with International Management Co. and Jobette Music Publishing Co. as their new Publicity Manager, we have been assigned to report the local showbiz gossip. Do be patient until I really get to grooving.--"Red, White and Black" the story of the legendary all-black 10th Cavalry will have its invitational premiere here this week. The film which stars Rafer Johnson, Robert DoQui, Cesar Romero and numerous others will be screened for one-week for Academy Award consideration. I also musn't forget to mention the outstanding job that Allen Wood has been doing to promote this fine film.--Speaking of the Academy Awards, Melina Mercouri, she's doing her biography with the help of Rex Reed, arrives here shortly to do some advance Oscar campaigning for her role in Jules Dassin's "Promise At Dawn," the story of Romain Gary's mother.

Following the dreadful reviews of Eloise Laws received while appearing with Belafonte in Las Vegas, you may rest assured that she will not be working with him following the fulfillment of her current agreement. We hear Belafonte even went so far as to choose the songs she sang.--Next week we plan to give you the real lowdown behind the troubles Bob Jones had with David Horwitz and Diahann Carroll during the 4th Annual Beverly Hills --Hollywood NAACP Image Awards. According to Bob, David Horwitz applied behind the scenes pressure.--Smokey Robinson was expected of the West Coast for the big screening of his Smokey Robinson Show, however, his wife was infanticipating which prevented his being present.--Berkeley was the scene of the big party Fantasy Records hosted honoring the Creedence Clearwater Revival over the weekend. Creedence's records sell by the millions and their fans are black, white, blue and green. Fantasy flew in key press from around the country to enjoy two days by the bay and to attend a live concert by this ourstanding group, we'll have more about this fulfilled weekend in next weeks report.--Lou Rawls reportedly will be leaving Capitol Records at the expiration of his contract and will be joining Mike Curb & Co. at MGM Records. It seems such a pity that Capitol hasn't been able to come up with a hit record for this talented guy.--Friends of Sammy Davis, Jr.'s are really worried about his health these days. He should take a close look at all of the activity he's currently involved in.--The Jackson 5 will jet out the day after Christmas for a tour of the Southeast. Their Christmas album is one of the biggest sellers of the holiday season.--Emmit Cash, the hot young designer, is confabbing with Raquel Welch about a line of clothes for women that would use her measurements and her name.--"Stoned Love" by the Supremes has surpassed the million sells mark and is their 26th million selling record, and is the second one for the group since Jean Terrell became a member.



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 The pictures show some unidentified teenagers shooting pool and some girls serving refreshments.
 The teenagers ecanenjoy themselves playing table games, reading magazines, listening to records or watch their favorite football or basketball team on television.
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