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WRITE WHERE IT HAPPENED---Arthur Ashe's Wimbledon win surprised everybody but the Jamacian government. That West Indian nation had made a win, lose or draw deal with him to head a major sports-entertainment festival in Kingston Sept.-end thru early Oct. even before he hit the pay dirt of the center court of the prestigious English tennis tournament where he "Ashe canned Jimmy Connors." The tournament-festival is expected to bring out the world's greatest racquet stars and some super theatrical celebs like Stevie Wonder and Aretha Franklin. Reynolds Aluminum is believed to be furnishing the up-front cash and the event is expected to become a worldwide happening... Tony Silvester's production hipness is carving an impressive niche on the wax charts for the Ace Spectrum Trios... PBS' factual telecast, "The Chicago Conspiracy Trial," produced by the H'wood TV Theatre, created an outstanding eye-view shot for Al Freeman, Jr. The critics dubbed his portrayal of Bobby Seale as brilliant. Statuesque Tamara Dobson, whose "Cleopatra Jones" has created a film way of life for her, has excited some new male-money to further her career. "Casino of Gold," the flick she finally concluded in Hong Kong, will generate new demands for this tall, tan and talented actress in-the-world of make believe.

NBC-TV News has assigned Lynn Shifflett to research material for an eye-view of the late Jo Baker. Lovely Bessie Buchanan, her pal for yrs who has discovered time's secret, may be called in to help the telecast factual and news worthy... Dave Hepburn, WNEW-teevee veepee, is putting the P.R. push behind Black Beauty, the once white owned Black talent model agency acquired by his spouse Mildred... Sanitation Ass't Commish Eddie O'Jay the ex-deejay, is keeping his 'pipes' in shape emceeing anything from boat to hayrides and the dolls are screaming like he was still on the kilocycles... Pervis Jackson, the Spinners, grooved not, to be sure he was in hand holding range when his wife gave birth to Pervis, Jr. in Detroit's Hutzel Hosp... The socially involved Bon Bons are getting love notes from Camp Minisink where they sent 3-kids for the summer... Bruce Perry, is looking for letters Malcolm X wrote to friend or foe to add to the biography of the late remembered Malcolm, whose last moniker was little, before it was X'ed out... Talk is that Donald and Libby Stanford have desires of selling their lovely Virgin Islands manse. It's complete with swimming pool and hi on a not too windy hill with a breathtaking view of the sea... Will heavy champ Muhammad Ali pay that \$698 bill, and bail out that car a Zaire Amb allegedly left in a N'York garage when he took another assignment. The dallies are making the country, which paid him millions, look bad with all the ink they are laying on the oversight.

Comedian-social activist Dick Gregory spent daughter, Michelle, toss the javelin around in a national track and field meet before he jet jumped to DeeCee. There he was twice arrested on charges of demonstrating before the "Resident of the President" without a permit... Pinkie Price, she nixed "Fun City" 10-yrs ago to teach in Orlando, Fla., is summer vacationing in big town. She brought the happy tale that Flo Hawkins, mate of trumpeteer band master Erskine, is moving up in the Miami school system and is just a thesis away from her Ph.D... Helen Procope, spouse of the ex-Duke Ellington horn sounder, Russell, is re-


covering from a serious operation... Who was the dude that escorted Hildergarde, widow of band-leader Earl Bostic, to the Shougette social Club's ball at the Marriot Hotel in Saddle Brook, N.J.? Talk is that Henry Nash, the QBC agent, seems to be again paying more than booking interest in one of the Pointer Sisters to the dismay of Carol Eldridge, daughter of Roy Eldridge, the senior citizen of jazz trumpeteers... Frisco may be a boss place to shop for this and that, but to Joe Rollins of A.D. Little, it's just the best place to buy sour dough bread. He brought back loaves of it to his kitchen in Boston... Joe Makel, retired after yrs of topping the wine salesmen list, is trying his acting talent. If you look fast he will pass in review in an up coming "Streets of San Francisco" teevee series... Bennie Benjamin and Solly Marcus have collaborated on the title song for the upcoming B'way show, "Wk-end With Feathers." Patty Duke may star in this 4-character comedy expected to lite a thea. this fall... Robert DeLeon, who's been on "leave" from his jet mgr-editor's chair since exchanging vows with lovely Diahann Carroll, is rumored working with a friend's management firm in Berkley, Ca.

Don King, who is to boxing now what Mike Jacobs was to the art of fisticuffs when Joe Louis reigned supreme, is the happiest man alive over Muhammad Ali's retirement. He just leased a suite of penthouse offices in Rockerfeller Center at an annual rental cost of \$77G's... Sammy Davis, Jr., is on the teevee guest run again. While in N'York he will guest appear on the soap opera, "Love of Life" and on the coast do the Gladys Knight and the Pips summer replacement and Carol Burnett long running opus... NASA's Clarence Catoe has been accepted as a Woodrow Wilson Fellow at Princeton U. He is Chief of Information Systems for the Space Adm... Poetess Nikki Giovanni, whose stuff is preserved on Atlantic wax, told Gov. Ray Blanton of Tennessee that the old ways of the south, and all of America, must die if this nation is to survive. He honored her in his chambers with the Outstanding Tennesseean Award... Sen. Alan Cranston, the Calif., Dem., has informed that colleges and universities in his state will divide \$7,156,550 to recruit and provide special services for Viet-era vets during the next school yr. 129-colleges and U's will share this amount to establish special programs for vets from disadvantaged backgrounds... Rev. Jesse Jackson has selected Phila as the site for the 4th. annual convention of PUSH and the theme will be; "Organizing Resistance to the 1970's Depression: Save the Family"... STAY LOOSE.

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