

Jeff Kutash Dancers



The Jeff Kutash Dancers have been set as the opening act for Dean Martin at the MGM Grand Hotel, January 11-24. The show will feature a "Broadway Goes Disco" theme. Highlights include a dance interpretation from "Grease," a "Copacabana" extravaganza and a 6-minute "Ultimate Disco" routine. The Jeff Kutash Dancers just closed an extended engagement at Harrahs Tahoe.

Choreographer Jeff Kutash has two other troupes currently performing, one at the Chicago Playboy Club and another on a 6-month Australian tour. The Jeff Kutash Dancers are featured weekly on NBC-TV's "Midnight Special."

Also, they have appeared on "The Merv Griffin Show," "Dinah!" "Mike Douglas Show," "Phil Donahue," "EveryDay," "Danny Thomas Special," "Hot City," "American Bandstand," "Soul Train," "20th Anniversary Grammy Awards," and "Hanna Barbera Happy Hour." Jeff Kutash just completed a starring role in "Family" with Kristy McNichol.

The Jeff Kutash Dancers have performed internationally at the Rex Ballroom in Paris, the Byblos Hotel in St. Tropez, the Nichigeki Theatre in Tokyo and Mann Auditorium, Tel Aviv.



President Jimmy Carter chats with representatives of black media organizations following an interview with them. They are (L to) Don Agurs, White House correspondent for Mutual Black Network; Roy Betts, White House correspondent for Johnson Publishing Company; Sherman Briscoe, executive director emeritus of the

National Newspaper Publishers Association; Raymond Boone, vice president for editorial development for the Afro-American Newspapers. Also participating in the interview was Vicki Allen, White House correspondent for the National Black Network.

President Jimmy Carter told five members of the Black Press last week in a wide ranging mid-term interview that his entire staff and Cabinet "are strongly oriented toward improvement of the life of minority citizens.

"If I should ever have any proven allegations that this is not the case with a single Cabinet member or any of my advisers, I would discharge them immediately," the President declared.

This was in response to a question by Raymond H. Boon, vice president and editor of the Afro-American Newspapers, who wanted to know of the President who his top adviser is on concerns of the black community.

The other four journalists who interviewed the President in the Cabinet room of the White House were: Don Agurs, Mutual Black Network; Ms. Vicki Allen, National Black Network; Roy Betts, Jet Magazine; and Sherman Briscoe, National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA).

The mid-term press conference was arranged by Marc T. Henderson, associate White House press secretary, a black journalist who joined the staff a little over a year ago.

As to fighting inflation and unemployment, President Carter said he was for a proper balancing of anti-inflation and increased job opportunities.

Regarding the establishment of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., as a national holiday, Carter said he is all for it.

As to the financial crisis of the NAACP, the President stated that it is important that the Organization continue strong and well-financed, so as to be "constantly vigilant about encroachments on the freedom and the equality of life..."

And regarding hints of cutbacks in the 1980 budget on programs for minority businesses and the poor, President Carter said the allocations for the poor will be substantially increased, as well as those for minority businesses, and for civil rights.

Other answers given by the President were that: The government is doing all it can to get the remaining 600 victims of the Guyana tragedy identified and buried; that he is pushing against a strong lobby for containment of health care costs.

That in the appointment of 152 new federal judges, there will be a representative number of blacks, although he is having difficulty getting some senators to include blacks and women in their recommended lists.

The President also said he is strongly for majority rule in South Africa and Rhodesia. Regarding the CIA and FBI and their plots

against Dr. King, the President said he is determined that there shall not be a repetition of this.

As to the Small Business Administration removing the prohibition against insuing loans to small and minority newspapers as it has been removed for electronic media, the President said he is for it, but it may have to be achieved through the courts or legislation.

And regarding his top adviser on blacks, Carter said Louis Martin works closely with him on such matters, but that he had tried to avoid any arrangement in his administration whereby only a black person can be responsible for improving the quality of life of black citizens.

And when blacks or other minorities have a special problem that relates to the government, I don't want them to feel that they have to find a black official to listen to them. "I am available and I hope that every member of my staff, every member of my Cabinet feels the same way," said the President.

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their children, but it would certainly be a worthwhile endeavor for those of us who are interested in self-improvement and in the education of our children.

As teachers, we could promote a quiet study period for ourselves and for our students, during which time we may develop curriculum materials and/or help students who need special help.

All in all, if we all work together, we as Black students, parents and teachers will be able to have a banner year in our educational endeavors.

BLACK POETRY

HEH BLACK MAN!

Heh, black man,
—He who has the power to touch the soul of my being and warm my inner essence,
—He who with a smile or tender hello can make the sun to show its brilliance in my face,
—He who has the strength that I depend on when weary,
—He who has the love that I need and want so terribly as a woman—as a black woman.

You mean so much to me. Without you I am incomplete.

Listen to my heart; for it overflows with love for you—
So much that it makes me blind to the weaknesses and shortcomings that are yours.

Sometimes you take me and my love for granted;
Sometimes you seem to think only of what you want,
Sometimes you forget that I am just like you,
That I am a part of you and that without me... you are nothing.

You need me just as much as I need you and I demand very little of you except to

be respected and cared for —treated as you care to be treated,

For I am as you are, an intelligent and strong human being and am worth as you are to me every bit of love that only you can give.

—Letha Joyce Perkins

"AMERICA AMERICA"

America America,
It's your nature
To keep civilizing me,
To keep using me.
America America,
It's my nature
To let civilization die
When I'm not under
Your watchful eye.
America America,
Love of mankind
Is one thing.
Your relationship
With me is another.

—Robert Louis Jimerson

"27 YEARS OLD"

One man's irritation and vulgarness make another man void.

Yet quiet solitude brings loneliness; people bring madness.

—Robert Louis Jimerson

