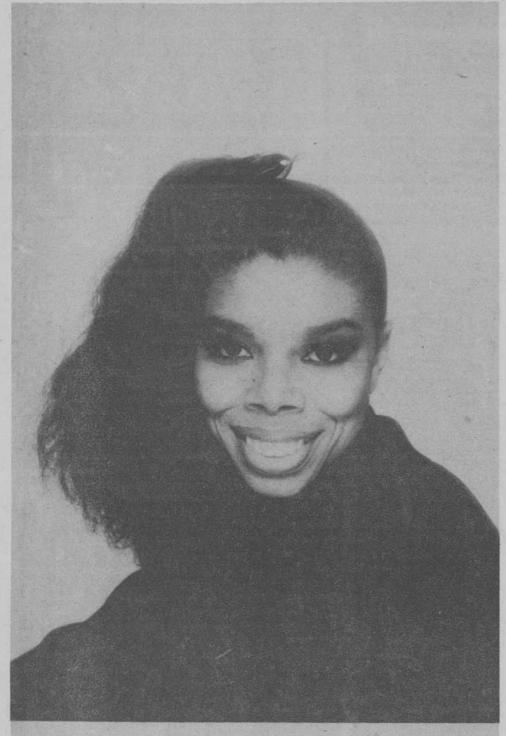
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#### Millie Jackson Claims 'First Lady Of Soul' Tag

"I Had To Sav It" is eagerly-awaited follow-up to the critically-acclaimed "For Men Only." and. with its release. Millie Jackson lavs conclusive claim to her title as the First Lady of Soul. Once again co-produced with long-time collaborator Shapiro, "I Had To Sav It" tackles social issues like only the great Millie can - with a no-holdsbarred frankness and a sense of humor which spills off the disc and into your heart. "I Had To Say It" should add to the legions of Millie Jackson fans who already recognize this superlative performer's multiple talents and abilities. demonstrated on such soon-to-beclassics as. "I ain't No Glory Story." the Sam Lorber and Jeff Silbarpenned "Ladies First" and the Millie Jackson-Al BreVard composition ''You Owe Me That Much." If last year's "Live and Uncensored" seared with explicit intensity. "I Had To Sav It'' smolders with the type of unabashed honesty and frankness the public has come to expect from the very special and courageous Millie Jackson.

Georgia-born Millie is no stranger to controversy, ever since her first release for Spring Records, the single "A Child Of God." which dealthead-on with sexual and social

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Vernel Bagneris is all amazed at the topper of a success his musical "One Mo' Time" is turning in here at the Aquarius Theatre. Although the music of the show is from the Twenties, the nostalgia buffs are packin' the place nightly. But Bagneris is not just settling for his own show's success. As did Nell Carter, during the run of her show starrer. "Ain't Misbehavin'" at the Aquarius. Bagneris is aettina moonlight jobs in movies. After all, this is the movie center. Nell Carter got movies and television. Bagneris has signed to co-star with Steve Martin in the film "Pennies From Heaven."

AND speaking of nostalgia, over in New York they are detting set foralookat "Sophisticated Ladies." a musical based on the life and music of Duke Ellinator, Included in the cast are Judith Jamison. Gredory Hines and Phyllis Hyman, Miss Hyman's new record album, produced by Norman Connors, just may be released around February 22, at the time the musical opens at the Lunt-Fontanne Theatre on Broadway in Gotham.

AND Aretha Franklin is also now readving to begin refrearsals to star in her first Broadway

And speaking of Duke Ellinaton. Leonard Feather, the jazz author and music critic of the L.A. Times syndicate, is set for honors or January 3 here at the Cocoanut Grove of the Ambassador Hotel on a gala evening celebrating the music of the Duke. Penay Lee, Sarah Vaughan, Joe Williams and bandleader Tommy Newsom are among music's greats who are slated to be on hand. They are all dedicated to setting up a Leonard Feather Scholarship at the Duke Ellinator School of Arts in Washington, D.C.

AND speaking of honors, music's Kenny Gamble was awarded the AMC Cancer Research humanitarian kudo in NYC the other night, the event at the Hilton highlighting the urgent need for support of cancer research. . More black people reportedly die from causes due to cancer than do whites in these United States.

THF recording group Tierra is out with a new album which features eight songs, seven of which were written by a member and producer of the group Tierra. The eighth song was written by Kenny Gamble and Leon Huff, and titled "Together." Which sono has suddenly become a radio hit for the aroup. You auessed it. "Together."

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