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those contemporary comedians who jabs his well-aimed needle at current affairs. And TV programs.

On the popular "Real People" Wallace muses, "who are these guys 'Real People?' A guy who irons his cat isn't real people."

Or game shows like "Family Feud" where, he feels, they'll yell and scream at any answer a member of the family comes up with — even, for favorite foods, like "broccoli and ice cream."

He brought up a good question, too, when he wondered why, since he can fly right through airports, does O.J. Simpson need to rent a car in the first place?

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of my prayers. And it's kind of nice to know the man who never rested on canvas, now sleeps on clouds. God bless you, Joe. The fight's over. And you came out of the ring with dignity and decency." End of quote.

is certain, and death is uncertain - death is cer-

ISLEY BROS AT ALADDIN

The Isley Brothers, appearing at the Aladdin Hotel June 4, are one of the few vocal groups to survive the '60's. They've been playing for high stakes for over twenty years and winning, becoming music legends in the process. It's no accident that their recent lps have borne such titles as *Showdown*, *Winner Takes All* and *Go All The Way*.

The original Isleys consisted of Kelly, Rudolph and Ronald. In the '50's they recorded such songs as "Angels Cried" and "Everybody's Gonna Rock 'n' Roll" for small, semi-obscure labels.

Their concert at the Aladdin starts at 8 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the Box Office.

tain! Death plans family reunions and makes us adjust our schedules.

Stepping into this beautifully prepared atmosphere, the "Country Preacher" went uptown as he denuded the tenure of life and the measure of living as he clothed the sacrament in ancient and modern garments. His words, and the thoughts they implanted grew memories in the hearts of all the 4000 plus under the sound of his voice within the Sports Palace. What he said deserves a place in your archives. Therefore for the next two or three columns around we will fill this space with them to the conclusion of what he said. Record them with your heart to one day be played back by your soul. He captured his inspiration from 11 Timothy 4:5-7. It was Jesse in his finest hour. What he said was a magnificent narration of truth and meaning. And I quote.

"The season of Pathos and passion has taken on added meaning. Joe Louis died on Palm Sunday, we celebrate his life on Good Friday. How marvelous it is to be in the Rhythm of the Creator. This period has become a very fertile season for the giants."

"Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Duke Ellington, Jesse Owens, Dr. Howard Thurman and now Joe Louis. We have also experienced the right to vote for the first time in 100 years, during this same period. And, so we know Crucifixion, but we also know Resurrection. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning." Death, with its mighty sting bids us: be prepared! Death is threatening, perhaps even frightening, but it is democratic. Death has the master key to everybody's house. It brings a telegram to your door that must be signed by you. We live as if life

Death makes us humble and accountable. Death deflates our arrogance and reminds us of our finitude, of how limited we are. Death is another one of God's promises. It challenges our immaturity and makes us face the responsibility to live on in spite of it. Death bids us to be prepared. You know not the day, the hour, the time nor the circumstances. It is no respecter of persons. It knocks on the door for courtesy, not for permission and disregards all locks, combinations and barriers. It has scouts running around advertising its arrival. Gray hairs, bald spots, ar-

thritic knees, tired eyes, reduced energy, wrinkles - these are all appeals to get your house in order. We dye our hairs, transplant our bald spots, attribute arthritis to the weather, eyeglasses to extend our sight, face lifts for our wrinkles. Self-deception is not death deception. And, thus, this moment must be faced.

In this natural process of living and dying, we experience sunrise - the early morning of our existence; noonday, the peak of our lives; and sunset, the evening of our lives. God let Joe see sunset - 66 years old, twice longer than Jesus lived. So many of our geniuses never survived sunrise. King Tut died as a teenager; the four girls bombed at the 16th street Baptist Church; Jimmy Lee Jackson in Selma, Alabama - so many of our geniuses had their sun eclipsed at noon. Chopin at 39 died of Typhoid Fever; Mozart died at 36 of a disease of the Kidney; Mendel sohn at 38; Schubert at 31; Bellini at 34; Dr. King and Malcolm X at 39; Jesus the Christ and Donny Hathaway at 33. But, God smiled on Joe - he experienced the sunset of life...Continued next Write around...STAY LOOSE.

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