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Art Williams. Filmed on location in Charleston, S.C., the opus is done with an eye on reality, vivid understanding and a keen knowledge of the sensitivity of human beings in or out of bondage. It should be a prime target for sponsorship.

WRITE FROM HERE: — Most of the talk about Leon and Jayne Kennedy's centerfold like carrying-on for the July Playboy is bad. Personally we have lost all respect for her beauty and womanhood, and him as a husband...William Grant Still's 40-yr old Opera, "The Bayou Legend," on PBS-TV was a treat for the eyes and ears. The critics were right, it was a stunning production and a tribute to the time and effort of the Mississippi Center for Educational TV and Opera/South... "Bustin' Loose" is high Priority at the boxoffice everywhere and by the write count it grossed over \$12 million the first ten days out in 810 theatres...The Nigeria Business Review, a first in America being published about Africa's most populous and wealthiest country, is the brainchild of Chika A. Onyeani, the African mgr. consultant...There may be more stars on the Jackie Robinson lawn than in the sky during the Jackie Robinson Foundation 8th annual "Afternoon Of Jazz" in Stamford, Conn. Sunday, Carmen McRae, Joe Williams, Billy Taylor, Max Roach and Honi Coles are names which should give you a bright idea of what's shinning.

The happiness spread over the lovely face of Libby Stanford has to do with the acceptance of Billy Dee Williams of her org.'s invitation to head this year's festive Virgin Islands Film Association celebration. It will be a salute to Columbia Pic., so natch "Lady Sings The Blues" will be the number one flick shown. The invite to Diana Ross went unanswered. Libby, who heads the non-profit ass'n, was on the mainland visiting with her kids who are spread-out over the east and west coast...Just incase their wax works stop turning gold and platinum, the Jacksons have gone into limbo, biz... "All My Children," the top rated soap, has added the handsome black face of Darnell Williams...Look for Ruth Clark Unlimited Personnel to develop a totally new image this summer. She also plans to take her CUP into places where there are none...Diahann Carroll didn't expect such wide response when she announced she was B'way play hunting. Nor did she invision such gosh awful ones.

WRITE OUT: — The office of the late Erroll Garner Memorial Foundation has been deluged since the announcement it is offering three \$1,500 scholarships each to an instrumental jazz student...The St. Jude's Children Research Hospital, Memphis loved the ticket action for its July 11th Salute to Cab Calloway. The event benefited the institution founded 20-yrs ago by Danny Thomas...The resurrection of the Ike Golf Tournament by ITT will take the bias out of bashing the ball from tee to green. It will give all players an opportunity to play with and against private club players on lush private club courses...International fashion and beauty expert Eunice W. Johnson has let out yards of good words for the full figured lady in the July edition of Ebony. She said, "Having a full figure doesn't mean that you can't be in full fashion."...STAY LOOSE.

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two to a bed, four to a room; were served poor meals; and were forced to perform their dance and musical routines up to 14 hours per day before television crews. The pageant was held at the Sheraton Pocono in Stroudsburg.

They further alleged that Anderson planned to sell tapes of the talent sequences, which they had performed, and that there were no provisions made for them to receive any of

the profits.

Promoter Anderson, who started the pageant in 1967, said "The Miss Black America Pageant has always been a television-oriented production. In my opinion, they were not worked too long. They really enjoyed what they were doing."

He stated that the Sheraton Pocono in Stroudsburg was the only hotel "that would provide us with free rooms at the last minute and that was why there were four girls in each room."

Further, he said that refunds for the Jamaica trip will be made within 30 days.

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abilities have backed recordings of Sammy Davis, Jr., and Sam Cooke. For two years he toured with Dick Clark's Caravan of Stars.

Smith has drawn accurately and heavily on this background to write his powerful novel, which brings out in detail many of the difficulties encountered by black artists in the music and recording industries. Smith now lives in Hawaii, where his group plays music in

clubs.

Grove Press editor Kent Carroll says his firm was happy to see

"The Day The Music Died," as many people had come to believe rock only came to the US with the Beatles. "And," says Carroll, "since R&B was best composed and played by black people, the same benighted racial attitudes that plagued almost every other segment of our society also had their corrosive effect on the music business." Do tell!

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