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to introduce the resolution to have the "Apple" polish itself by honoring the Immortal Heavyweight.



NEWSLINES: — As you have already read here, the Lena Horne b'day bash was something to witness, be a part of and talk about. Alberta Hunter, not

looking her age, was there passing out secrets about longevity. Her's is based on facing every fresh without the cares and woes of yesterday or fears of tomorrow . . . Count Basie and his band never sounded better,

she's down to a size she can wear any dress in her closet, even those dating way back, very happy . . . Jimmy Daniels was also on the "seen" not looking a day older, but talking much wiser and is planning a hunt for a spot to do a session or three per wk . . . Myrna Loy gave us a chance to tell her how long we have been an admirer. Eartha Kitt was ready to dance everytime Basie struckup the band, but preferred folks who could give her an apt lead since she's on the hunt for one in the Apple. There's a B'way show in her immediate future . . . Ron Glass, of TV fame had the prettiest girl on his arm to take attention from his red bow-tie, on a wing collar, and cummerbund to match. Now that's as far as we're going to go with that name calling bit as there were more folks than an elephant can remember so who's asking for problems. Not I.

NOW HEAR THIS: — "Lena Horne — The Lady and Her Music" has got a movie making date . . . H'cum the local newsgatherers missed Sentell "Sonny" Taylor, Jr.'s appointment as Plac-

ing Judge, N.Y. State Racing Ass'n? And his appointment of Steve Foster as head clocker? If they keep their nose for news upwind they may not miss out when Barbara Jacquett is deservedly put on an OTB fast executive track in a veepee saddle . . . That lovely Patricia Harris, whose ennobling achievements border on the heroic, has created a new form of reality for Afro-Americans. Those in Washington, D.C. have a great opportunity to elect this astute, caring person mayor. She was the second biggest hit at Lena Horne's party . . . Critics came away from Lena's final nite saying that she gave a performance beyond the pale of the possible. Her show grossed over 200Gs its closing four-day wk . . .

"Dreamgirls" original cast album has sold in excess of 200,000 units in two months and has been dubbed the most commercially successful legit LP since the "Annie" wax works in '77.

WRITE ON — The other black shows lighting the great illuminated canyon are holding their boxoffice own. "Dreamgirls" is a sell-

out with a gross of close to 400Gs wk'ly. "Sophisticated Ladies" is doing better than 50% for a weekly gross that's very close to 200Gs. "Master Harold and the Boys," that hard hitting drama exceeds 100Gs wkly and that is good . . . That James Brown concert at the Greek Theatre in August has been cancelled for reasons nobody seems prone to talk about . . . Joe Grant, prexy of Sammy Davis, Jr.'s TransAmerican Entertainment

Corp., is off to Australia to set concert dates for the total talented one. South America . . . is also on the schedule . . . Lee Elder has switched his annual Celebrity Pro Am golf tournament from his own course in DeeCee to the Bay Tree Golf Course in North Myrtle Beach, S.C. . . . What is this stuff about Robert "Benson" Guillaume's alleged estranged wife, Marlene of St. Louis, suing him for a divorce . . . STAY LOOSE. Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.



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