

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

JUKEBOX TUNE SOUR NOTE IN ASCAP'S EARS

N'YORK CITY: The keen sharp feeling, inherent in one who has been victimized before was the fervent tone of an appeal made by Hal David, president of the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers, to all ASCAP members and followers urging instant mobilization against the sour note of pending jukebox legislation S.1734 and H.3858. If passed it would abolish the present annual \$50 jukebox fee, just passed by Congress with its copyright Act in '76, and be replaced by a one time \$50 payment. According to David, this Bill would overturn the royalty system on which all copyright licensing is based, and replace it with a discredited "Buy Out" notion. Should they pass the repercussions for the entire copyright system in all areas of the arts could be devastating. The estate of such immortals like Nat King Cole, Duke Ellington, Fats Waller and Erroll Garner, just to name a few, would lose millions in royalties. David is backed in this appeal by Wyer Handy, the son of the immortal "Father of the Blues, W.C. Handy, whose publishing house would also be hard hit by such a new law. Both agree that your help is vital.

WHAT YOU CAN DO: As is too often the case, bad legislation is enacted because those who are in favor become vocal supporters while those who rightfully oppose remain silent. Don't let that happen in this case. Write to your Senator and Congressman today. State your opposition to, and outrage over S.1734 and H.R. 3858. Tell them you also expect their opposition now!! This is a crucial campaign with no racial, religious or sex overtones. It is just one way to help protect the rights of the other person, which by the way is the only way in which you can

protect yours. As Hal David wrote, "Your interest, and those of your fellow ASCAP members depend on it." Get on the write hand to the United States Senator who represents your area, Washington, D.C. 20510 and your Congressman, House of Representatives, Washington, D.C. 20515. Do it now hear!

NEWS HIGHLIGHTS: Word about the cola beat is that Coke has dropped out of the bidding for the commercial services of talented superstar singer/composer Lionel Richie and that Pepsi has added him to its multi-million-dollar stable of super salestars. Would you believe they've got Michael Jackson, his brothers and perhaps his sisters also ... Remember E. Frederic Morrow, who from '55 to '61 was administrative ass't to Pres. Eisenhower? Well, he has done several big things since then, but currently is trying to lessen the unnecessary growing tensions between some Afro-Americans and Jews before it becomes advantageous to the real enemy... Herb Douglas, the Schieffelin & Co. veep, was recently doing his eye-ballin' in Germany. He was there for the changing of the sign naming the street he traversed with Jesse Owens to the Berlin Olympiad, "Jesse Owens Strasse." The 4-gold medal winner of the '36 Olympic widow Ruth was also on eye-level for the ceremony with their three daughters ... Meanwhile back in the Apple, Rose Morgan's House of Beauty, a Harlem landmark, that's never open on Monday, did so recently. All proceeds from that day's work of doing whatever it takes to keep ladies beautiful was donated to The Jesse Jackson's campaign for the Dem. Presidential run ...

... **STAY LOOSE** ... Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

Little Theater Holds Open Auditions

The Las Vegas Little Theater will hold open auditions for Beth Henley's comedy "Crimes Of The Heart" on Sunday, June 10, and Monday, June 11 from 7:30-10 p.m. Henley was the winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Drama Critics Circle Award in 1981. This production will be directed by Kathryn Sandy O'Brien.

Parts are available for four females and two males ages ranging from 23-32.

The Las Vegas Little Theater is located at 2228 Spring Mountain Road (behind the Fashion Show Mall). For further information call 735-0167.

Jackson Date Appears 'Out,' New Date Set

LEXINGTON, KY. — It appears Michael Jackson and his musical brothers will not open their summer tour in Lexington, Ky., on June 22, as previously announced.

Bill Humphrey, operations manager of the Rupp Arena in Lexington, said the date "was out" because no contracts had yet been signed, making it "nearly impossible" to set up mail-order ticket sales in time.

He said that the target date is now June 29 or 30 and that an official announcement on it should

Foxx steals show at Evers parade

JACKSON, MISS. — Comedian Redd Foxx, riding in the back of a red pickup truck like his television character Fred Sanford, stole the show at a parade honoring slain civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

The parade on Saturday was part of the 1984 Medgar Evers Mississippi Homecoming, which included concerts, forums, parades and entertainment dedicated to Evers, who was shot to death on June 12, 1963, in front of his Jackson home.

Foxx was trailed by clusters of children, yelling greetings, waving and laughing as the 61-year-old comedian repeated his famous heart-attack antics from his comedy show "Sandord and Son."

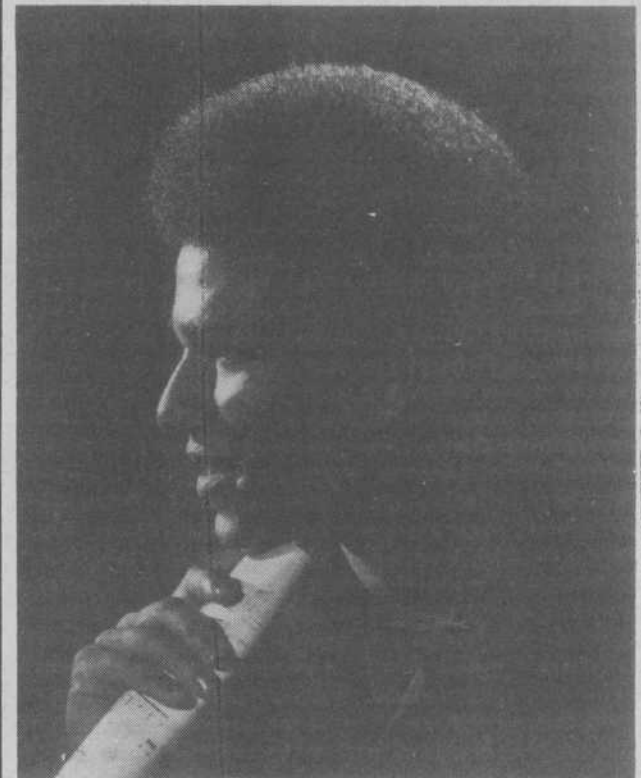
Following Foxx up Capitol Street were former world heavyweight champion Muhammad Ali and blues guitarist B.B. King.

King, a native of Indiana, compared his childhood to the Mississippi of today.

"... The changes now in Mississippi are as different as night and day. It's good to be born now," he said. "Black people have a lot more than they used to."

be made by Thursday. Details of the times and dates of other concerts on the Jacksons' tour still have not been announced.

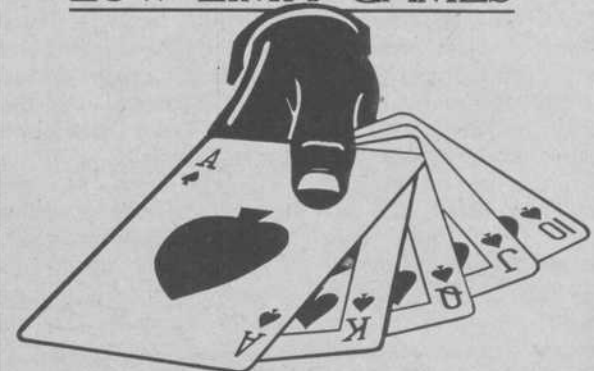
LINK'S TO PRESENT PAUL BALFOUR



PAUL BALFOUR, currently back from a triumphant six-month tour of Europe, will be presented in Concert by The Las Vegas Chapter of The Links Inc. The Concert, with *Dancing and Hors d'Oeuvres*, will be held at the Top of the Dunes on June 10, from 6-10 p.m. Donation of \$25 will benefit the Thelma Toms Scholarship Fund and tickets will be available at the door. Mr. Balfour is a noted Pianist, Harpist and an Outstanding Vocalist. He is very well known in the Las Vegas area, having performed at the Desert Inn, Caesars Palace, State Street, Tivoli Gardens and the Dunes. He will be returning to Europe after the concert, so be on hand to see and hear the very talented, Paul Balfour.

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