It's KOOL at Caesars Palace July 9-14

Kool & The Gang return to the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom July 9-14 as part of a multi-city U.S. tour. The tour extends into the fall, when their new album, as yet unnamed, will be released.

Influenced greatly by the music of such jazz luminaries as John Coltrane and McCoy Tyner, Kool and most of the future members of "The Gang" formed a band called the Jazziacs in the mid '60s. It wasn't long before the Jazziacs started heading in the direction of rhythm and blues. By 1969, the group took on the new name of Kool & The Gang and graduated into the world of pop music. Their gold singles such as "Jungle Boogie" and "Hollywood Swinging" established the group as one of America's foremost party bands in the 1970s.

Vocalist J.T. Taylor brought the group a new, softer sound first heard on

platinum ''Celebrate''

albums "Cherish," "Emergency," ight," "Misled" and Fresh." The and album brought a host of "Something Special." Their accolades, including an

1986 American Music Awards. "Billboard" reported that the group had more number one rhythm-



Kool and the Gang

latest album, "Emergency," featured four top-forty singles,

award as Top Black Artists of ir top-forty 1985 by "Billboard Maga-including zine." They also won two and-blues singles in the 1980s than any other artists.

Joining Kool & The Gang at Caesars Palace will be comedian Jeff Altman. Altman, seen most recently as a guest on "Late Night with David Letterman" and in two episodes of the "New ROWE .

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over 26 awards over the past four years at the Minnesota Music Awards, this year he got up-staged by Limited Warranty, the '85 Star Search musical group winner, who walked away with 11 compared to Prince's three William Greaves writes that he's got most of the \$5 mil. needed to finance the pic. version of the Langston

Hughes/Roy DeCarava book

"The Sweet Flypaper of Life." Last summer he went

Redford's

Robert Love American Style," was known as the "campus crazy" during his college days at John Hopkins University. A veteran of television, movies, commercials and stage, Jeff creates memorable impressions and clever observations to keep

audiences entertained. Kool & The Gang and Jeff Altman will be appearing in cocktail shows nightly, July 9-14. For reservations, telephone the Caesars Palace Circus Maximus Showroom (702) 731-7333 or (800) 454-4544 (outside Nevada, within the U.S.)

Sundance Ints. to tighten up the screenplay. Smokey Robinson, Michael Warren and Ted Lange joined other hunks in a hunkathon fashion show to raise money for the Native American Indian medical, educational, homeland and water needs.

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That director Richard Attenborough listened when the Zimbabwe gov't. told him to expect violence from rightwing extremists during the filming of the saga of Steven Biko. He is the So. African martyr who died while in police custody nine yrs. ago. His death sparked riots throughout the Aparthate nation. Universal has anted up \$20 mil. to bring this to the big screen. It's scheduled for an '87 release

Based on a report commissioned by the Southern Educational Foundation, schools in the south and west will face a severe drought of Black teachers unless more Afro-Americans major education.

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