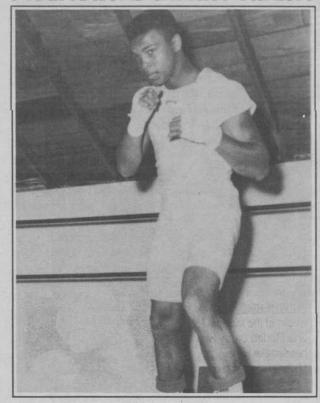
#### The LAS VEGAS SENTINEL-VOICE

# SERIES ON MUHAMMAD ALL **AFRICANS IN AMERICA RECIEVE** PUBLIC BROADCASTING GRANTS



MUHAMMAD ALI

San Francisco, Calif., June 21-A 10-hour series on the life of Muhammad Ali and a three-part series on Africans in America are receiving funding from the CPB-PBS Program Challenge Fund, public television executives announced at the 1992 Public Television Annual Meeting here today.

The Program Challenge Fund was established in 1987 by the Coorporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB) and the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) to ensure the development and production of high-visibility, domestically produced programs.

Muhammad Ali-The Whole Story will trace one of the most dramatic biographies of modern times, from Ali's childhood in segregated Kentucky to his status as international statesman and human rights campaigner. The programs will cover Ali's religious committment as a Muslim, the fights that made him a famous international sports hero, his controversial rejection of the draft during the Vietnam War, and his tumultuous private life.

Africans in America-the first notification television series to appear on this subject in more than a quarter century-will explore the economic, political, and cultural impact of Africans and African Americans on our nation in the years prior to the Civil War.

A wide variety of personal narratives and other primary documents and visual materials will tell the story of Africans in America. The first program is set in the mid-18th century and focuses on the institutionalization of slavery in Virginia; the second explores the black struggle for freedom before, during, and after the American Revolution; and the third shows black leadership in the struggle for freedom and equality during the first half of the 19th century.

Muhammad Ali will be produced by Directors International, a New York-based independent production company, which has secured the exclusive worldwide rights to produce the definitive program on Ali's life.

Africans in America will be produced by WGBH/ Boston in close collaboration with scholars in the fields of American and African American studies.

The program Challenge Fund is funded jointly by CPB and public television stations and managed by Donald Marbury, director, CPB Television Program Fund, and Jennifer Lawson, PBS executive vice president for national programming and promotion.

CPB is a private, nonprofit corporation that was authorized by the Public Broadcasting Act of 1967 to develope noncommercial radio and television services for the American people.

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Jackson was having problems with the financial cut backs due to MARLON'S NOT SO HAP-PENING CAREER. Boo, Hoo! I guess she hasn't heard...

"YOU CAN'T BELIEVE THE HYPE!" SINBAD is also in that not so together WAY. He and his WIFE have separated and it is word up that their divorce is final. SINBAD IS FREE!!

Well, I hope that they work hard and KEEP THE BABIES HAPPY. SINBAD has told sources that told ME, his wife hated the entertainment world, that is apparently SINBAD'S WORLD; and Mrs. THING, Your MINK COAT WORLD. YOU BETTER LISTEN!!

PRINCE is singing that famous tune, "YOU'RE HAVING MY BABY!" Actress TROY BEYER is pregnant by THE PURPLE BADNESS, and is expecting his BABY! Go-on Girl!!

Troy needs to write a book, "HOW I CAUGHT MISTER UN-CATCHABLE!"

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