4 firms hit by NAACP bias charge

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The NAACP has filed complaints with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, charging that four major Memphis, Tenn., companies are guilty of racial discrimination.

Herbert Hill, NAACP Labor director, filed the complaints here Aug. 31 with EEOC Commissioner Samuel Jackson, under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Law which prohibits discrimination in employment on the basis of race or color.

The complaints accused these Memphis, based, companies of Job bias: Memphis Molding, Hungerfold, Inc., Southern Bell Telephone, and Kroger Baking.

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THE NAACP also lodged complaints against Locals 3806 and 3850, Communications Workers of America, AFL-CIO, saying they practice discrimination in union membership.

The NAACP had previously filed some 2,000 complaints alleging racial discrimination, since July 2, 1965, when Title VII of the Civil Rights Act went into effect.

DR. C. D. PETTAWAC, left, of Little Rock, Ark., resigned as president of the National Baptist Convention of America during its recent annual meetings at Indianapolis. Dr. Pettaway was succeeded by Dr. J. C. Sams, right, of Jacksonville, Fla.

Baptist Convention stunned by Dr. Pettaway's resignation

INDIANAPOLIS — The National Baptist Convention of America opened September 5 with more than 5,000 delegates from throughout the nation registering. Shiloh Baptist Church, located at West and Walnut Streets, was the host church. Rev. C. V. Jetter is pastor of Shiloh.

Dr. C. D. Pettaway, president of the 3 1/2 million member organization for the past ten years, stunned the gathering as he resigned his post during the 67th annual Session held in the Fairgrounds Coliseum here.

The unexpected announcement greeted delegates just after they had been moved by Dr. Pettaway as he delivered his annual President's Address. When calm was restored, Dr. Pettaway was elected President-Emeritus and voted a substantial annual salary for the duration of his retirement.

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DR. J. C. SAMS, pastor of Second Baptist Church at Jacksonville, Fla., was elected president by the body on the recommendation of the retiring Dr. Pettaway. Dr. Sams had served as first vice president throughout the presidential tenure, of Dr. Pettaway. Dr. B. O. Byrd, Los Angeles, was installed as first vice president.

Convention delegates rejected the choice of Dr. Pettaway when they elected Rev. M. L. Price, Houston, Tex., to the position of second vice president. The Houston minister, supported by the strong Texas delegation, defeated Rev Robert L. Wilson, Dallas, who had been close to Dr. Pettaway and the ruling council of the Baptist organization in the capacity of corresponding secretary, a position he retained.

Dr. D. C. Cooksey, Jr., Tulsa, Okla., retained his position of recording secretary. Dr. John Francis, New Orleans, La., was reelected treasurer.

The 58-year-old Dr. Sams has been a minister in the Baptist church 35 years, serving as pastor of a number of churches over the past 32 years.

Born in Cochran, Ga., he has lived most of his life at Jacksonville. He holds degrees from Florida Memorial College, and Florida A and M University. The new president also attented Garrett Theological Seminary.

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THE CONVENTION this year was divided into seven sections with each section holding formal meetings at a different church within the city. Concurrent meetings were held at the Coliseum.

Local church sites were Mt. Paran Baptist Church, New Bethel Baptist Church, New Liberty Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of North Indianapolis, and Beulah Baptist Church.

Dr. F. Benjamin Davis, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church and dean of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, is state president of the Indiana Missionary State Convention whose churches are affiliated with the National Baptist Convention of America.

Mrs. Hattie L. E. Williams, Alexandria, La., retained her position as president of the Junior Women's Convention. All other officers were reelected. They are: Mrs. Mary Etta Woolridge, Greenville, S. C., president of the Nurses Corps Auxiliary;

Mrs. Katie Allen, Austin, Tex., president of the Usher Convention Auxiliary; Ira L. Clark, Houston, Tex., president of the National Baptist Brotherhood Union Auxiliary, and Dr. M. A. B. Fuller, president of the Senior Women's Convention Auxiliary.

Increased Giving Necessary To Aid Education, AME Treasurer Warns

By ART CARTER

WASHINGTON — Although the African Methodist Episcopal Church has shown steady progress in its financial status in the past 10 years, there is a great need for increased giving to maintain an effective church program.

This warning was sounded recently by Dr. Robert W. Mance, treasurer of the AME Church.

Dr. Mance pointed out that additional funds for education are needed "if AME schools are to be effective institutions in the years ahead" and the Church needs "not less but more service agencies for this day."

In addition, he emphasized that the evangelistic program needs to be "greatly broadened and much more emphasis placed upon it with adequate financial support pledged."

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THESE SIGNIFICANT suggestions are contained in an exhaustive study of the AME Church's financial setup conducted by the Commission on Finance and Statistics. They are published in a 25-page report entitled "Sociological and Economic Trends Affecting the Patterns and Potential of Giving in the African Methodist Episcopal Church."

The report cites the history of giving, pointing out that "nearly all of giving was originally motivated by religion."

It stresses that a whole new dimension to the ethics of giving was made by Jesus who emphasized "the idea that the spirit of the giver was more important than the size of the gift."

Failure to provide adequately for the Church's needs encourages violation of Church laws and "weakens the morale of our administrators to the extent that they become fair game for any and all kinds of money raising schemes," the report declared.

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THE REPORT stresses examples of lack of provision in several areas including expenses for holding the General Conference and Women's Missionary Quadrennial and insufficient reserve in the Educational Fund "to meet unforseen emergencies."

Dr. Mance added to the list the "pitifully inadequate contributions to ecumenical involvements" which has bordered on the "ridiculous if not a bit the downright disgraceful." He emphasized that the Church should make budgetary allowances for these items "Musts."

THE REPORT attacks the method of collecting funds in the Church, asserting "we have done very little to develop a spirit which makes it a joy for members to give." It points out that the Stewardship Program insists upon $4.00 from each member regardless of "his affluence or poverty."

The Commission expressed the belief that "there is something basically un-Christian in building a budget which does not take into consideration the varying economy in different parts of the country and the increasing influence of many members in the industrial areas of the nation."

The report disclosed that the median income of members in the various districts range from $3,231 in Fourth District, the highest, to $1,076 in the Seventh District, the lowest.

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THE REPORT declares lack of proper funds has caused gross neglect of church buildings, parsonages and property, and "expansion is almost a joke."

With respect to schools, the report stresses the need for education funds, stating "AME schools are inadequately supported in the face of almost limitless funds available from governmental sources — providing matching funds can be found and financial responsibility established."

It points out that getting students is no longer a problem but the question is "where can we find the money for better facilities, dormitory space, libraries, science buildings, etc., so we can provide for the rising number of applicants."

TO HELP correct these shortcomings, Dr. Mance urged the Church to give the privilege of studying the needs of the Church to the annual conferences, which would approve a fiscal policy for presentation to the General Conference.

Such a procedure, he insists, "would create a much better atmosphere for serious, deliberate discussion of AME fiscal policy at the General Conference" and at the same time "respect the integrity and sovereignty of the annual conference as the basic governmental unit of the AME Church."

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no need for a roll call or standing vote."

The council is comprised of 42 members, both laymen and clergy. The 176-year-old church has about 3.5 million members. More than 10,000 Episcopalians, some from foreign lands, are expected to attend the 11-day convention, which is expected to be one of the most controversial and important since the founding meeting in 1785.

Mass debate hinted as Groppi backed

MILWAUKEE — The Rev. James E. Groppi and the Milwaukee NAACP Youth Council entered the fourth week of marathon open housing demonstrations Monday with ecumenical blessings and the hint of ecclesiastical dissension.

Both the Board of Governors of the National Council of Churches and the Archdiocean Senate of priests endorsed Father Groppi's stand Friday. That night 70 clergymen and nuns joined the marchers on the North Side.

But an anti-Groppi priest told a South Side audience parishioners are free to argue with their priests at Sunday masses on the open housing question.

"If Groppi can hold his vigils and meetings inside the church, individuals can get up and disagree," said the Rev. Russell Witon, chaplain of St Alphonsus Hospital in nearby Fort Washington.

GROPPI, meantime, re-

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FATHER GROPPI, meantime, remainedat St. Boniface Parish on the North Side as his followers set out again to get the city to pass an open-housing ordinance.

But the marchers were walking on the far North Side. They have not been back on the South Side since last Tuesday night when violence began.

The rally at which Father Witon spoke was sponsored by the Milwaukee Citizens Civic Voice, a group formed on the South Side after police clashes with whites protesting Father Groppi's demonstrations.

At the MCCV meeting, literature was passed out from the Committee on Police Support, a local organization with John Birch Society backing.

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THE ONLY colored Wisconsin legislator told the rally at St. Boniface that the only thing the mayor of Milwaukee wanted was "peace from colored trouble" rather than open housing legislation.

Earlier whites who call themselves the "White Power Rangers" marched again, first to the 2nd District police station on the South Side.

Chanting, "I wish I was an Alabama troopa so I could shoot a 'N—' legally," they said they wanted to express their support to police.

Police Sgt. John Dotski appeared in front of the building and told them that if they were going to march to "conduct yourselves as you have been —as law abiding citizens."

The group then marched on.

U.S. aid halted for Ga. schools with mini mix

WASHINGTON (UPI) — A federal examiner has ordered all federal funds cut off to the Wilkinson County Board of Education in Georgia for its failre to desegregate six schools in the district.

The board contends any further increase in its rate of desegregation "would only result in an outbreak of racial violence" because of community hostility.

Termination of this aid, the board contended, would be primarily detrimental to the colored population of the county.

The examiner's order becomes effective within 45 days unless the Commissioner of education issues a notice that he will review the case or unless any party files an exception.

A final appeal cold be taken, however, to the secretary of HEW.

Eight students last year integrated one previously all white school in the county. Two other schools remain all white and three are all colored.

Chief hearing examiner Pal N. Pfeiffer handed down a decision stating that the county's efforts at desegregation were "clearly insufficient to warrant continuance of federal aid."

Churchwoman's daughters had no warning

DETROIT — Bishop and Baltimore, attending the 61st Convocation of the International Churches of God in Christ in which she heads the Women's Department.

Bishop Bailey, co-chairman of the Executive Board of the Church, received the news in Detroit, where he immediately boarded a plane to Baltimore to personally convey the news.

The couple then proceeded to Oakland to comfort the grief stricken surviving husband and children.

MRS. RHONE succumbed while still in the dentist's office following a routine tooth extraction.

The deceased's husband Henry Saunders, her children two sons Minyard and Leon, and daughters Sandra, and Annette, survive.

Mrs. J. S. Bailey of Detroit, Michigan rushed to Oakland on Thursday, Sept. 7 upon the sudden death of her daughter, Mrs. Clara V. Rhone Saunders, on Wednesday, Sept. 6.

The shocking news reached Mrs. Bailey while she was in

Rhodesia eyes apartheid laws

SALISBURY, Rhodesia (UPI) — The ruling Rhodesian Front party will outline plans for South Africa-style segregation in Rhodesia at the party congress Sept. 28, political observers said Saturday.

A 12-point agenda for secret discussion features demands for immediate introduction of legislation similar to South Africa's apartheid measures.

Resolutions on the secret discussion list include banning of sex relations between persons of different races and an end to "multiracial participation of any nature," including sports, in European government schools.

One resolution in the 12-point agenda additional to an already announced open agenda, calls for a vote of no confidence in minister of local government mark pattridge in view of his "unsatisfactory reply" on the question of racial residential zoning.

Banker turns intergroup head for national CORE

NEW YORK — Floyd B. McKissick, national director of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), has announced the appointment of Collis N. Brown as director of Community and Intergroup Relations for National CORE.

Brown assumed his duties with National CORE on Aug. 2. He was formerly assistant to the branch manager of a leading New England bank prior to spending seven months in his native Durham, North Carolina, just before coming to New York.

Brown is a graduate of Hillside High School in Durham, where he was president of the Class of 1957, president of the Broadcasters Club, band captain and a member of the Junior Varsity Basketball Team.

He is also a 1961 graduate of North Carolina College at Durham, with a major and minor in biology and chemistry, and a 1963 graduate of the North Carolina College School of Law.

Among his many activities while at North Carolina College, Brown was president of the Student Bar Association, president of the North Carolina College Chapter of the NAACP, commissioner of student affairs, sports editor for the "Campus Echo" and a member of the Student Welfare Committee, a campus tribunal.

He has also been very active in establishing CORE and NAACP Chapters throughout North Carolina.

A former editor of the Carolina Times, a Durham, North Carolina weekly; Brown, is an Episcopalian, a member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Prince Hall Masonic Order and the United States Junior Chamber of Commerce.

COLLIS N. BROWN

Algeria bursts Ivory's bubble

ALGERS (UPI) — The Government nationalized last week the Algerian subsidiary of Procter and Gamble, the big American manufacturer of household products.

An order published in the official government journal said all "goods, parts and shares" of the Deterzay-Algerie Company were nationalized under a decree signed by President Houri Boumedienne.

Procter and Gamble will be compensated for its loss.

Episcopal Church votes to help poor

SEATTLE, Wash. (UPI) — The Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in the United States, Friday, overwhelmingly adopted a major policy change designed to put the power of the church behind efforts to alleviate conditions of ghetto residents.

The change, embodied in a five-point recommendation by the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, president bishop of the National Church, now will go before the 62nd General Convention which began in Seattle Sunday.

Bishop Hines said he was convinced the general assembly would approve the plan which calls upon the predominantly white congregation to "reconsider its position."

The council adopted Hines' proposal after a two-hour debate. "Only a few minor changes were made in the wording of the original resolution," Bishop Hines explained.

THE PROPOSALS call upon the church to:

—Bring black people into decision-making roles within the church.

—Use its political and economic power to support justice and self-determination for all men who seek to influence others to do the same.

—Make available skilled personnel, assistance and at least $1 million a year during the next three years to enable organizations of black people in programs under their control, to gain economic and political power.

—Administer these efforts through cooperation with other churches — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish — and agencies for the purpose of eliciting similar efforts from other groups.

—Approve a reordering of the priority ratings in the proposed general church program as a part of our response to the national crisis.

BISHOP HINES said other national church leaders who had seen his recommendations had generally approved of them.

He said the main purpose of the plan was to put the Episcopal church's "major strength in a strategic area to alleviate a crisis in our national society."

He said colored church members would be added to administrative positions where they could participate in a more foceful manner. He and his staff emphasized these would not be mere figureheads. "If they happen to be militant, that's what they will be."

Bishop Hines said the council vote was by voice and was so overwhelming there was no need for a roll call or standing vote.

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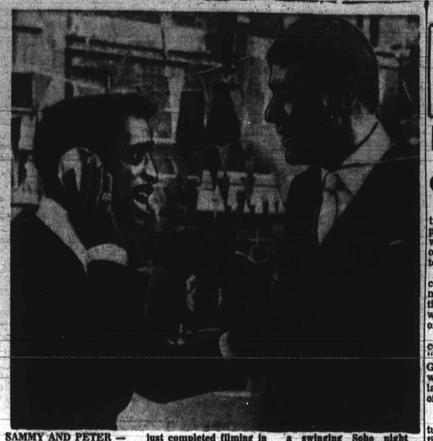

SAMMY AND PETER — Animated Sammy Davis Jr., gesturs wildly to Peter Lawford in scene from "Salt and Pepper," just completed filming in London. Real-life buddies, Sammy and Peter are aptly cast as misadventure-prone pals who own a swinging Soho night club. Movie marks the debut of Davis and Lawford as comedy duo on the screen.

HOLLYWOOD HAPPENINGS

Diets have good and bad sides, says popular comic

By WALTER BURRELL

HOLLYWOOD — God isn't what he used to be.

For one thing, he's lost 116 pounds in less than a year, which is a spectacular change in itself. For another, he has more color TV sets than he knows what to do with. And he has terribly flat feet.

God, of course, is what he's called by his intimate friends. You probably know him as the inimitable Godfrey Cambridge, popular actor-comedian who began his show business career as a "professional laugher" in television audience.

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DESPITE Godfrey's mounting success as both a nightclub performer and movie personality, the really big thing in his life these days is his diet.

"But don't think having lost 116 pounds doesn't have its bad side," he says. "I just finished a movie titled 'The President's Analyst' and since I was so big they made me a present of the wardrobe I wore in the film.

"The only problem was that as I continued to lose weight the clothes didn't fit, so I gave them back to Paramount Studios. I wonder whether that makes me an Indian receiver?"

ANOTHER gift Godfrey received for appearing in "The President's Analyst" was a color TV set which he promptly placed in his home next to the other three sets he's received for appearances in other films, including "The Silent Treatment," "The Biggest Bundle of Them All," "The Busy Body," "Bye, Bye Braverman" and two TV shows, "The Monkees" and "The Pat Boone Show."

One of the less publicized facts about Godfrey is that he's an accomplished writer, having recently completed a book titled "Put Downs And Put Ons." He's also contributed to the script of an upcoming movie, "Pardon Me, Sir, Is My Eye Hurting Your Elbow?"

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"THE MARVELOUS thing about being a comedian, whether as a writer or a performer," notes God, "is that when you get mad at someone you can turn it into something funny and still get your point across."

This is clearly evident when Godfrey speaks out on any issue, as he did when I spent the evening with him recently in Hollywood. His comments are hilariously funny, yet strike home deeply, as in the following excerpts from his never-ceasing dialogue.

ON THE war: "Recently, when a GI met a Viet Cong in the bush, he yelled 'the devil with Ho Chi Min.' The Viet Cong yelled back 'the devil with Johnson.' While they were shaking hands a tank ran over both of them and the GI wound up getting a Purple Heart."

Interracial accidents: "A white woman ran into my car outside the Chateau Marmont Hotel in Hollywood the other day, jumped out of her car, ran over to me and said 'I'm married to a colored man.' I said 'that's great — I'll give you two percent off.'"

The Supreme Court: "I'm glad to see the Supreme Court has finally made interracial marriages legal. I'm certain that mulattoes across the country were reassured when they heard the news, too."

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CRIME: "Our soul brothers should move away from that violent kind of crime (which we're doing quite well in, by the way) and get into that white collar type of mass thievery. The middle class whites have been stealing for years, but they know how to make it profitable — and not get caught."

LEADERSHIP: "All you need to be a colored 'leader' these days is five dollars and a new suit, because the whites will listen to anybody, so long as he says what they want to hear."

Hippies: "They're basically a white, middle class manifestation. It's quite disconcerting to go shopping in Beverly Hills, see a barefoot white boy and realize you're not in a poverty area."

Black self-determination: "It's simple: If I'm not for me, who will be? And if not now, then when?"

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AND HOW does Godfrey maintain his steady flow of material? "I do my own writing," he says. Some of it is taken from tapes — I tape all of my shows so I won't lose any new material. Other stuff is gleaned from everyday experiences.

"That's why I'll drive to places rather than take a plane sometimes. Maybe something interesting will happen along the way, like the radiator may boil over and I'll have to spit on it."

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STILL OTHER material comes from the "think sessions" he puts himself through in his home study room, and from the tremendous amount of daily reading he does.

Whatever the source, Godfrey MacArthur Cambridge has moved the American public as no other comedian has. Fellow comedian Buddy Hackett put it quite well when he said he'd rather "watch Cambridge on a bare stage than Lady Godiva bare on a horse."

Millions of people would readily agree.

CO-STARS — Cab Calloway ((left) co-stars with Pearl Bailey in "Hello, Dolly!" the musical blockbuster, which will come to Washington's National Theatre in the 1967-68 Theatre Guild Play Series beginning Oct. 11th.

Pearl and Cab co-star in coming 'Hello Dolly'

WASHINGTON

Warren Caro, executive director of the Theatre Guild-American Theatre Society, and a member of the Advisory Committee for the John F. Kennedy Center, says that "Broadway producers have a steadily increasing respect for the Washington theatregoing public.

"They find here a discriminating and highly-sophisticated audience" he added, "one to which they like to present productions prior to their New York opening".

Here in Washington this week to announce additional bookings for the TG-ATS 1967-68 season at the National Theatre, Mr. Caro added two hilarious comedies to the current list. Both were first smash hits in London, and then outstanding successes on Broadway. They are Gilbert Gamedy" and "The Killing of Sister George".

"BLACK COMEDY" which Time Magazine termed "the best entertainment on Broadway", uses a lighted stage to denote darkness, as a group of people fumble their way through a temporary blackout. Second half of the Peter Shaffer double bill is "White Lies" a subtle character study. Alexander H. Cohen is the producer.

In "The Killing of Sister George" the dropping of a beloved heroine from a radio soap opera is the basis for an outrageously funny play, written by Frank Marcus and produced by Helen Bonfils and Marton Gottlieb.

MR. CARO called attention to the fact that the next two plays on the Theatre Guild Subscription Series fall into the category of those which Washington audiences have the opportunity to see before New York. The first attraction the smash/London hit, "Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead" has its American premiere in the starring Pearl Bailey, Cab ital Sept. 21st.

Entertainment

Fresh new trio invades entertainment bigtime

CHICAGO — With less than two years behind them, three pretty young Chicagoans are well advanced in the business of cutting inroads into the entertainment bigtime.

The T-Airas female group, consisting of Audrey Cummings, her sister, Gloria, and their cousin, Beverly Sims, was formed here in January of 1966.

They already have recorded one platter entitled, "Running Out of Time" by Glyoria and The T-Aira's. It was recorded on "Betty" labels which is a subsidiary of Morrison Sound Studios.

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THE RECORD was featured on Chicago radio station, WVON, reaching one of the largest listening audience in the United States.

Some of the disc jockeys including this record in their daily programing were: Herb Kent, Butterball, E. Rodney Jones, Job Cobb, Lucky Cordell and Ed Cook.

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THE T-AIRAS have made appearances at Chicago's top night clubs such as: The Blue Angel, The Playboy Club and The Club.

They have also appeared for organizations such as: The Admiral Corporation, The Regal Theater and The Camp Ataberry Job Corp Center in Indiana.

Some of their shows have been presented with bands such as: the George Hunter Orchestra and the Syl Johnson Orchestra.

The T-Aira's are presently appearing at Jonesville U.S.A. in Chicago.

THE T-AIRAS
Sisters Audrey and Gloria Cummings and their cousin Beverly Sims, make pretty, talented trio

Redding ousts Presley as Britain's favorite

LONDON — Great Britain's Melody Maker magazine has released the full list of winners in its much-discussed poll which determined that Stax/Volt recording artist Otis Redding has toppled Elvis Presley from his long-held position as the world's leading male vocalist.

This is the way the winners finished in the most popular male vocalist of 1967 category:

1 Otis Redding; 2 Elvis Presley (number one since 1956); 3 Bob Dylan; 4 Scott Walker (formerly of the Walker Brothers);

5 Cliff Richard; 6 Paul McCartney (of the Beatles); 7 Tom Jones; 8 Gene Pitney; and 9 John Lennon (of the Beatles).

Redding placed seventh in the same poll last year. He is the only colored artist to place in the poll.

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ON JANUARY 28, 1968, Redding and his revue will appear in concert at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. The auditorium received a great degree of notoriety when the distinguished contralto, Marian Anderson, was prevented from performing there in 1939 by the D.A.R. (Daughters of the American Revolution) because of her race.

As a result, President Franklin D. Roosevelt invited Miss Anderson to sing at an open air concert held on the grounds of the Lincoln Memorial.

Otis will begin a two month tour of one night concert appearances on college campuses across the nation in October.

OTIS REDDING

SPREADING JOY — Kenneth Prymus leads the "Young Americans" in song in front of the Massachusetts State Capitol. It is a scene from the film made by Columbia Pictures on the operating agreement of musical performers. The movie, titled "The Young Americans," is designed to show how the talented and versatile youngsters spread joy throughout the United States.

9,000 cheer James Brown for aid in youth job work

WASHINGTON

Bandleader James Brown, rated as the nation's top rock and roll singer, was cited by the U.S. Employment Service and the President's Council on Youth Opportunity before some 9,000 cheering fans last Saturday night at the Washington Coliseum.

Brown was honored by representatives of the employment service and the youth opportunity campaign for his efforts on behalf of the summer job program in the District and the nation.

The artist, who popularized the tune "Don't Be A Dropout" along with other rhythm and blues hits, was presented a citation signed by Vice-President Hubert H. Humphrey and President Lyndon B. Johnson.

THE SINGER and dancing maestro has been active in urging disadvantaged youths to prepare themselves for new job opportunities open to them in todays, expanding labor market.

In addition to receiving the award during his performance at the packed Coliseum, Brown met with several summer job workers and made a personal appeal for all the city's youth workers to return to school this fall in order to prepare themselves for better jobs in the future.

The red, white and blue certificate was inscribed with the words "awarded in grateful recognition to James Brown whose participation in the 1967 Youth Opportunity Campaign advanced the welfare of the nation by helping young Americans help themselves."

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THE AWARD was presented by Robert L. Williams, deputy assistant director of youth operations for the U. S. Employment Service for the District.

Joining Williams in making the presentation were Abraham Caldwell, 18, a Crdozo graduate and Miss Carolene Mathis, 18, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Clarkton, N. C. Both students worked in the summer job program in the District to earn funds to continue on to college.

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APPROXIMATELY 20 other "typical" youth workers who were placed in summer jobs by the U. S. Employment Service, were also the guests of Brown and Radio Station WOL at the Coliseum. The youths were selected at the eight USES job Centers.

In announcing the awards for the summer youth opportunity campaign, Williams stated that approximately 20,000 youths were placed in summer jobs in the District.

Singer Mabel John signed by Dale firm

CHICAGO — Dynamic songstress Mabel John, a member of the Stax Volt "Memphis Sound" recording firm, last week signed a long-term contract with Lee Dale Associates, a public relations firm dealing primarily with entertainers and disclosed plans for her forthcoming tour of several European countries.

REAGAN'S DESIRE

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (UPI) — Gov. Ronald Reagan Wednesday called on the Johnson Administration to drop the "pretense of peace and prosperity" and devote the full resources of the nation to the Vietnam war.

6000 expected at heart meet

SAN FRANCISCO — A record total of 307 original papers on new advances in cardiovascular medicine and research will be presented at the American Heart Association's Annual Meeting and Scientific Sessions here, Oct. 20-24.

Some 6,000 physicians, scientists, nurses and lay leaders are expected at the meeting which will be highlighted by three days of Scientific Session from Friday, Oct. 20 through Sunday, Oct. 22 in Civic Auditorium.

Leslie Uggams nixes niteries

NEW YORK — The success of her first Broadway vehicle, "Hallelujah Baby!" has induced singer Leslie Uggams to reappraise her fall and winter schedule.

Last week, she announced cancellation of all her upcoming night club commitments, beginning with two of the most coveted spots in the entertainment field. She nixed a contract for Nov. 2, at the Monticello in Framingham, Mass., and one for the plush Americana Hotel here, Dec. 12.

Other cancellations by the pretty young thrush included dates at the Eden Roc Miami Beach, Feb. 2, and El San Juan in Puerto Rico, March 8.

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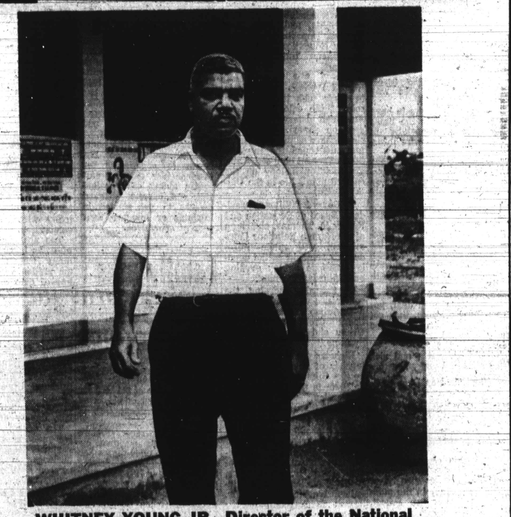
INDICATIONS ARE that Miss Uggams will be tied up with "Hallelujah" indefinitely, and if she does leave the show it will be for another musical, a television series or a movie.

All nitery contracts carry a clause permitting an artist to withdraw in the event roles are obtained in those areas.

GOOD READING IN THE AFRO MAGAZINE



WHITNEY YOUNG JR., Director of the National Urban League, was one of the 22 member observation team sent to Vietnam to oversee the Vietnamese elections on behalf of the U.S. During his stay Mike Davis, AFRO Correspondent in Vietnam had an exclusive interview with him which is featured in this AFRO Magazine section. Look for it.

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