Miles Davis

By Kip Branch

There has been both too much and not enough written about Miles Davis. As soon as Miles makes a new record or announces that he has a new band via one of his many close sources pens begin to fly. Whenever he has commented about the conditions in this country either for the creative artist or for black people, he has many times been labeled as hostile or as a racist.

The plain fact is that: Miles Davis tells the truth, and for many it seems that the truth is either painful or upsetting.

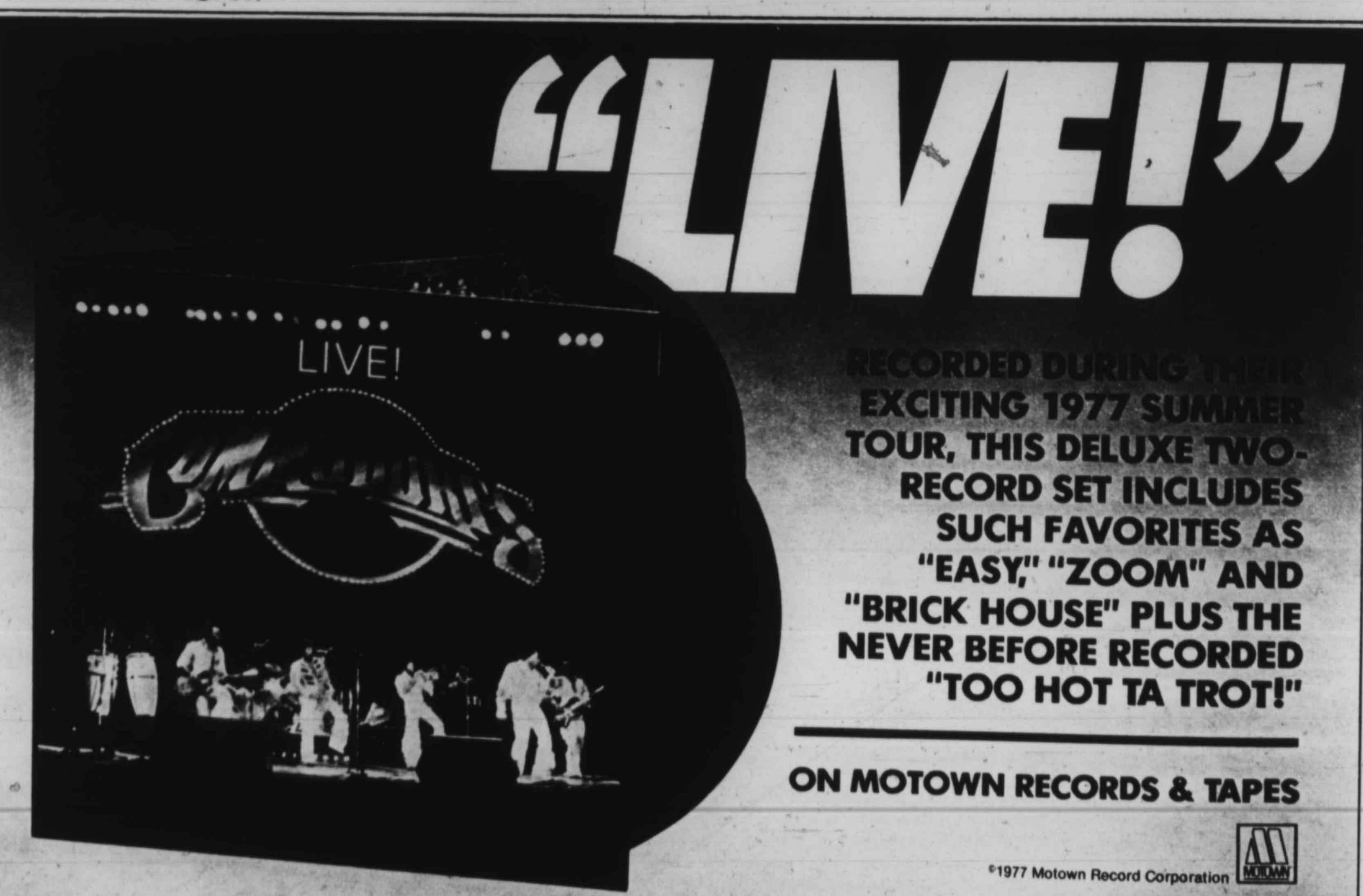
Let's go back in black musical history for just a minute.

Miles Davis, son of a wellto-do dentist, came to New York City during the 40s, during the time when Jim and all of his Crows reighned supreme.

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Miles: A Portrait of Concentration



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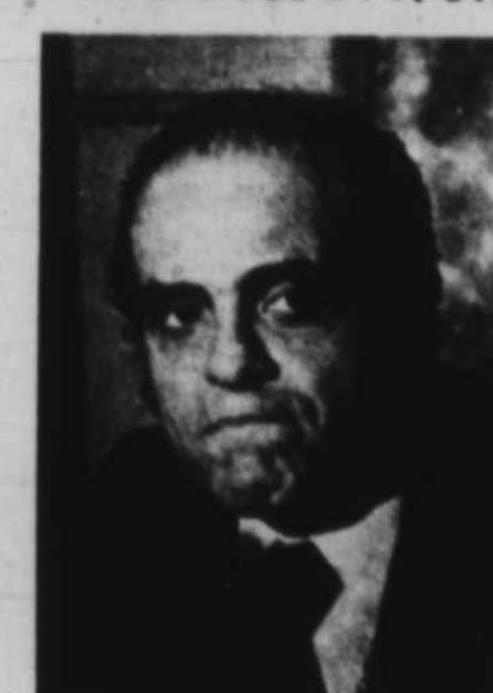
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SHIRLEY CAESAR



LOU GOSSETT, JR



BENJAMIN HOOKS



Q. According to Shirley were being produced Caesar's latest album mainly by Jews. has she changed her

Tampa, Florida Houston Simmons A. "The NAACP is firm-Ty opposed to A.. Gospel music is adopreligious bigotry and ting a newer musical racial prejudice. We form to reach a wider will not sanction nor audience. Shirley tolerate any anti-Caesar is going disco in semitic statement by her latest album. anyone representing Caesar feels exposure the N.A.A.C.P." says to gospel can help turn Benjamin Hooks. He youth away from commended the trio drugs. She has made Cato, Hilburn and the music up to date Walters of the with electric guitars, N.A.A.C.P. for their efbass guitars etc. forts to correct She is out to reach the discrimination. The audiences who dig

Areatha Franklin,

than on previous ef-

seen the last of 'Roots'

know when "Roots II"

A. A year after the

Haley are combining

for an hour special a

sort of epilog set to air

- One Year Later." Lou

Gossett will be co-host

and other persons are

still to be determined.

Q. The Los Angeles

branch of the

N.A.A.C.P. issued a

deny license renewal

against local Los

Angeles radio and

television stations.

They made a reference

that television shows

Q. I just know we have not

on television. Do you

will be aired?

forts.

James Brown and Q. Most musicians have others. Her sales their own sound people. are considerably It's so expensive. Why higher on this disc not leave it to the management of the A. There was a demon-

Booker Simms Macon, Georgia . Shirley Bassey knocked down the mike and mike stand at a concert in Florida. Bassey waged a show long feud with sound and lightning technicians to cancel a ABC-TV and Alex weekend performance. She told her audience, that "if it weren't for the enthusiastic applause I would have walked off the stage after the first song." Sound is supreme for all musicians.

Some segments will Q. What's nice for Christ-

Ashford Cleveland, Ohio warning of petitions to A. An all black Cinderella planned as "Cindy" will be aired on ABC-TV this December. Charles Walters Productions will produce and write

an original two hour musical comedy special. Charline Woodard will star in

the title role.

Q. Our jazz Hall of Fame is never mentioned, does it still . The tribute to Count Bassie held in Kansas

City recently raised \$20,000 for the financially pressed Charley Parker foundation. The foundation was in debt about \$30,000, the tribute helped out but not enough.

issue was regretful for Q. What's happening with the Paul Robeson movie?

> Q. Is it true that three stration at the Colonial Theatre in Boston because Paul Robeson Jr. objects to the portrait of his father. / local committee was specifically shocked by James Earl Jones continued participation the play. In addition a night long candle light vigil in front of the theatre, a petition is being circulated through the city asking A. Yes, it has polarized for the play to be stop-

Q. "Josephine" the authorized biography commenced by Miss Baker and completed by Mr. Bouillon should be interesting but who is Mr. Bouillon?

Oakland, Cal. A. Jo Bouillon is Baker's widower, long her conductor and arranger and under French law co-guardian of the

ter are now with him in remarks that were **Buenos Aires. Bouillon** grossly offensive to has exclusive rights to Jews and Blacks. "Josephine." Baker Q. I want to intern at one of the major networks. was an idealist who Which one would you adopted twelve

children, and attemp-

ted to prove people of

can live together in

harmony. "The Rain-

bow Tribe," Bouillon

ficult. He expressed lit-

cle bitterness but

rather reveals she had

the energy of ten

people - did much for

the French war efforts,

careers ups and downs

as well as heart attacks

are true heroine of our

concentration sur-

vivors sought a

restraining order to

prevent showing of the

hour long program,

'Black Perspective of

News" a PBS produc-

tion which Ku Klux

Klan and American

Nazi Party spokesmen

engaged in hate

the Phila. community

and triggered demon-

strations, legal action

and threats of reprisal

against the station, its

management and its

band of directors. The

directors said "these

guys on the show

Public television is to

air public issues. City

council Pres. Schwartz

charged the program

was "pointless" and

destroy themselves.

Harriston, Texas

K. Jones

P. Ludlow New York, New York various color and creed A . CBS records has donated \$12,500 to a new internship program sponsored by implied while living Black Caucus. Try with Josephine was dif- that!



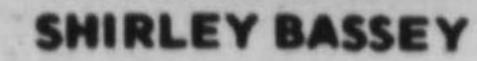
COUNT BASIE



PAUL ROBESON



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JEANNE PARNELL welcomes questions from her DAWN Readers. While she cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.