

Jackie Wilson

Q. — TV anchorman Max Robinson, is he married or single? How long has he been in television?

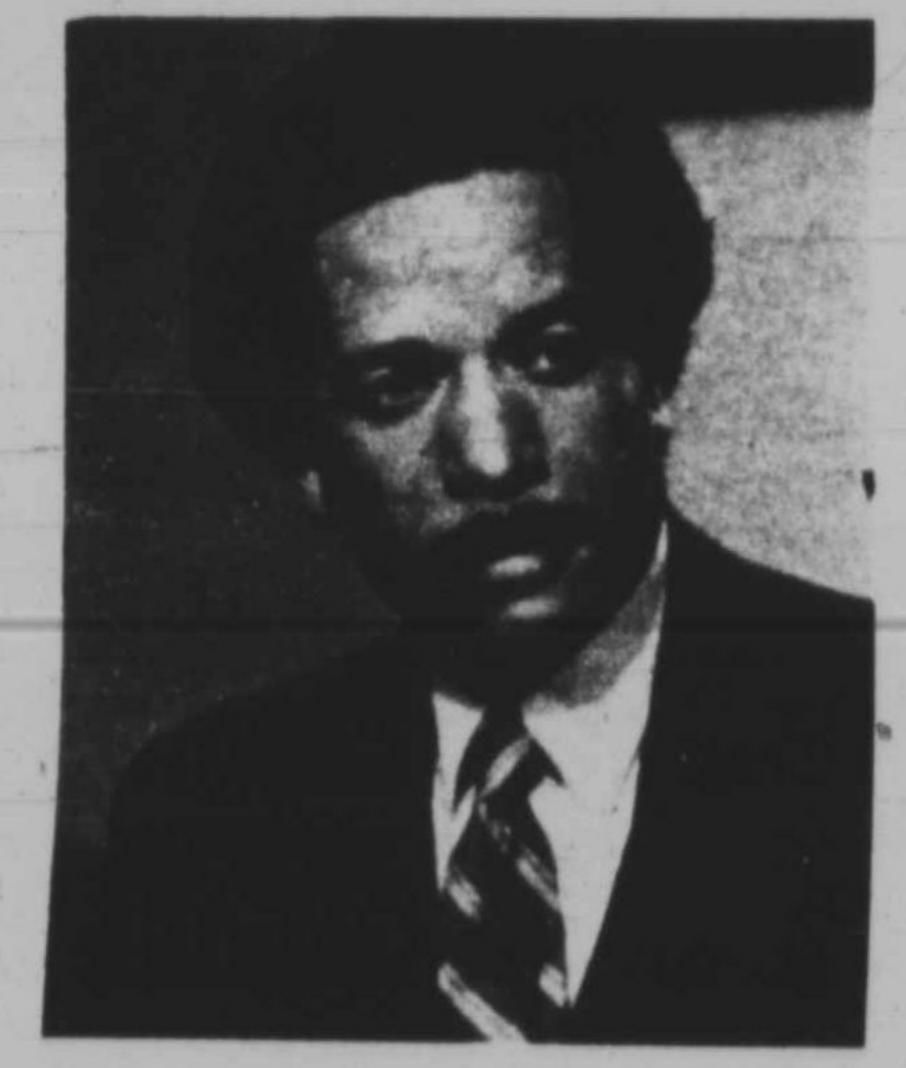
Cleveland, Ohio

A. — Robinson, anchor on the national desk of ABC-TV's
"World News Tonight," is married and father of four. He began in television as a studio director in 1965. He has anchored the national desk since 1978.

Q. — Approximately one year ago, I heard on a D.C. radio station that Jackie Wilson had died. Is this true? If so, when?

W. Burnett

Washington, D.C. A. - I'm happy to report that singer Jackie Wilson is very much alive at press time. Several months ago, Wilson survived the removal of his life support systems, and has since been moved from a nursing home in Camden, N.J. to an undisclosed location. Mrs. Harlean Wilson, Jackie's wife and guardian, reports that her husband, though unable to care for himself, appears to respond to the sound of his records. Wilson has not been able to walk or speak since a heart attack he suffered onstage caused him to fall and sustain a severe injury to the brain.



Max Robinson

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By JASON:

Q. — I think Chaka Khan is one versatile singer. I have every album since "Rags to Rufus." How does she feel about meeting fans and signing autographs? Is she producing albums yet? "Please Pardon Me" is my favorite by her.

I. R. Brown

Oakland, Calif. A. - Apparently, you are not alone. Since the release of her latest LP, "What'cha Gonna Do For Me?," Chaka Khan, who turned 28 on March 23rd, is hotter than ever. Although she records solo on Warner Brothers Records, Ms. Chaka and her long-time partner, Rufus, will release a new album in the fall on MCA Records. She says she loves to meet fans, and has been signing autographs in record stores this spring. Although she is very involved in the production of her own records, Chaka has not acted as producerof-record for other artists. "Please Pardon Me," written by songstress, Brenda Russell, was one of Chaka and Rufus' biggest

Q. — I read that Michael Jackson is a Jehovah's Witness.

However, my mother, who is a Witness, says that he would not be making Christmas records if this were true. Is he? It seems that a lot of stars in show business are getting religious. Also, who was the actress who quit a television show because of her religion? I think the show was "Get Christy Love."

Baltimore, Md.

A. — The actress you speak of is Theresa Graves, formerly of "Laugh-In" and "Get Christy Love." Ms. Graves told an interviewer in 1975 that she had specified in her contract that she would not have to kill or tell a direct lie on the detective show because these were against her religion. She is a Jehovah's Witness and the show was cancelled that year.

Michael Jackson is not a baptized Witness, although his mother is and he is said to be "studying" the religion, as is George Benson. Singer Larry Graham has reportedly been "disfellowshipped" (excommunicated) from the Witness organization.

People in show business differ little from people in other professions in their private lives, of which religion is a part.

Q. — When I went to school in Boston, there was a keyboard player named Webster Lewis who frequently appeared at a club called the Western Front. I'm sure he is the same as the recording artist, but where is he now?

D. Johnson

A. — They are one and the same. Lewis, who will be 38 on September 1st, now lives in Los Angeles. A graduate and former director of community services at Boston's New England Conservatory, Lewis is a late bloomer on the recroding scene. He spent many years studying, producing other artists and as a studio musician. His most recent projects are an LP on the Epic label, "Let Me Be the One," and the score of the Jayne Kennedy-Leon Isaacs

Q. — Since Bob Maryley's death, what can we expect for reggae music? Did it die with Marley?

film "Body and Soul."

Newark, Del.

A. Hardly. Reggae continues to be Jamaica's second most popular import to this country. This Afro-Caribbean sound is, however, even more popular in England, where there is a large Jamaican population. As to who the stars are: Jimmy Cliff, who scored a cult hit with the film, "The Harder They Come," is probably the biggest. It was Cliff who first brought Marley to Island Records. There is also Peter Tosh,

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come, but while Jason cannot provide individual answers,

questions of general interest will be used in this column.



Chaka Khan

a former Wailer (as in Bob Marley and the Wailers) and Toots Mytall.

Listen also for newcomer Kwame Heshimu, also from St. Anns, Jamaica, Marley's hometown. Heshimu sports dreadlocks, hairdo of the Ras, but says he is not a Rastafarian.

Said Heshimu, "(Reggae) has grown out of a political movement (rastafarianism), but I have no desire to be a part of any organized religion." Heshimu's debut album on Polydor Records is "Follow I."

Q. — I saw former civil rights leader Stokeley Carmichael on a talk show recently and he had changed his name. What is it now? Is he still married to singer Miriam Makeba?

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Michael Jackson

