

Lena Horne

Q: What's this about Harry Belafonte being some kind or political hero in Europe? Has he retired from show business? V. Brewer

New York, NY.

A: On the contrary. Belafonte is as busy as ever in concert tours, though not as much in films and

He toured Europe during last spring and summer and was in Germany during the height o. that country's anti - bomb demonstrations. Belafonte played to SRO crowds and spoke and against the economic policies of President Reagan. According to one German source, Belafonte was lionized by the youth of that country and the press. Perhaps he has become a German "volks" hero of sorts.

Q: My children, who have after school jobs, spend every cent they make on records. Every week there seems to be yet another record they've "got to have." With many records, artists and these high prices, how does anybody "keep up?" Aren's record stores hurting themselves with these prices?

Washington, DC

A: The prices of records and tapes are set by large record companies, not by the stores who sell them. And though merchants and record company execs are complaining that records sales



profit of \$72,300,000 on sales of \$1.1 billion. Records are CBS' second largest source of revenue, after the CBS - Broadcast group, which posted only \$1.7 billion in

at Warner Communications, records are the division. That's right; with sales of \$805,700,000. In 1980, records on labels like Atlantic, Elektra - Asylum, and Warner earned more for the company than the movies, television and even Atari games.

Still, record companies, artists and producers would like things to be better (poor dears). So one of the things on the agenda at a recent conference of the Society Studios was how to keep down the cost of producing records. They called that workshop "Are Producers, Artists, Studios and

Seems some record co. execs think the \$100,000 or so to produce the average hit is, well, a little high. Considering the one nice tune we usually get for our \$8.90, they may be kidding each other, but methinks the joke's on us. S. down and have a head to head talk with your kids about taping what they like.

Q: Did Bill Cosby help Rev. Jesse Jackson work out the Coca - Cola advertising deal?

New York, NY A. Call 312 - FREEDOM and put question to Operation P.U.S.H. I did and they wouldn't tell me. Still, I will tell you if you promise not to tell a soul that we have reason to believe that Cos was kind of, you know, in

And since Coke spent over \$184 million in advertising in 1980, \$35 million scattered among black media is the least they can do this year.

Q: When my husband and I



Bill Cosby

visited New York last summer, there were several shows we wanted to see and Lena Horne was the only one we couldn't get tickets for. Can you tell us if that situation is any better for Christmas and what has this woman done to New York? M. Blackmore

Cinn., OH. A: Unfortunately, by the time your letter appears in this column, Christmas will be over. Fortunately, however, Lena's close this month (January), has been extended to June 30, 1982, her sixty - fifth birthday. You noticed, too, that New York loves Lena, huh? Her show has played to greater - than - capacity (solo out, standing room, you choose)



Jesse Jackson

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more vocal agility than any of us have heard in a long time. Her begins at 60.

So now you have six months more. Call ahead or try going to the theatre to pick up some no

-Paradise

(Continued from Page 4) part of the diet, and indeed conch salad and-or conch chowder figures prominently on menus. Grouper and red snapper seem

dishes. Was especially impressed with one item on the dinner menu which listed Grouper Tarragon: fresh grouper broiled in clarified fresh garlic, shallots, tarragon and white wine.

The beach at Treasure Cay is 31/2 miles long, and pure white fine sand. There is a little outdoor restaurant in near proximity, which serves barbecued snacks

Imagine if you will, coming from a brisk swim in the sea, lying on a chaise lounge under the sun, then smelling just plain hamburgers being barbecued. They are especially delicious when washed down with one of the imported beers.

Back to Nassau, and this time to pay a visit to Paradise Island, which is a huge complex of hotels with beach areas. It is here one of with a Las Vegas-type show

It was really impressive lavish in scope. Discovered that the facility was owned by Resorts International, which helped explain why things looked a bit

4 word of warning, leaving Nassau to return to the U.S., is a bit time consuming. After clearing things with the airlines, ustoms at entry ports in the U.S.

Bear in mind that the Bahamas are not a duty-free port, so you to search for shopping



Land mark in downtown Phillipsburg, capital city of St. Maarten in the Netherland Antilles.



Beach scene at Dawn Beach Hotel and Villas, showing some of the condominiums available for rental.

Finding That Place in the Sun

rare. People are putting as much thought and effort into going to warmer climes for the winter season as they do in planning their summer respites.

One of the prime vacation spots is in the Caribbean area, where Americans flock to soak up sea and sand while the wintry winds blow across the States.

Some islands are well known and offer the standards expected in world travel, replete with exotic foods, casino gambling and all the rest.

Some places are lesser known, and offer a wide variety of things to do and see, and cuisine to enjoy. Thus it was that Dawn travelled to St. Maarten in the Netherland Antilles to make a firsthand inspection.

Several airlines fly into the Eastern Airlines flight, which brings up the first matter or concern. Getting to St. Maarten usually is via Miami or New York, and either way it is important to try to schedule flights as close together as possible.

Since the air controllers strike, several flights have been cancelled, which is why we had a four - hour layover in Miami. But once we alighted at the miniscule airport in St. Maarten — twas all worth while.

The temperature hovered near the 80s, and it took only about 10 minutes to clear local customs, and acquire a visa stamp in our passport. Passports are not

Staying off the beaten path is one way to enjoy the sun while exploring an entire new way of life. There is a vacation to fit every pocketbook-look around.

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Saba Island was formed by an erupting volcano, and residents live

in these neat little cottages in the valleys.

citizenship is required for Americans and Canadians.

Was met by the very efficient Rose - Marie Rolan, who was L be our guide during the visit. In the party was Ruth P. Scott, the Atlanta Daily World; Michael Zielenziger, Chicago Sun Times, and Fred R. Smith, of East - West

We were taken immediately to the Belair Beach Hotel at Little Bay, one of the newer establishments on the island. All of the

bedroom suites, with picture windows overlooking the Bay, two full baths, kitchen, and two queen - sized hideabed couches in the living room.

A beach with swimming is only about 10 yards from the hotel, which also has an indoor swimming pool for those inclement days. Winter rates, European Plan, is \$190 for two persons. While this may sound a

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bit high, the cost for four persons is just \$205 daily. Of course, European plan (EP)

means room only, no meals. While the Modified American Plan (MAP) indicates breakfast and dinner will be provided by the hostelry.

In a lesser range are some of the guest houses and smaller hotels such as the Castle Cove Inn, which has just 10 rooms, with a \$50 per day charge (EP) for doubles. Or, such places as the Pasanggrahan, which offers off beach accommodations for 40 per person (MAP) double oc-

These are just two examples which indicate that visiting on St. Maarten can be geared to fit most pocketbooks. This is also a port of call for many of the cruise ships, and accordingly, there is fabulous shopping all along Front St., which is the main thoroughfare on the Dutch side of the

For, if you drive along a well kept two - lane highway, you pass a small marker which indicates Martin. The two countries share the 37 - square mile island.

On the French side, whose capital city is Marigot, there are On Saturday mornings, there is an open air market along the bay

Couldn't help but notice one odd thing as we observed the

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