



## LET'S LISTEN

WITH MILDRED HOUSE JOVIE

"Americans Abroad," a weekly broadcast of American leaders on a London to Tokyo tour of world capitals, is enabling Americans to receive a first-hand impression of world problems. Among the prominent critics participating in the Saturday NBC round-table discussions are representatives from the NAACP, National Council of Negro Women, American Civil Liberties Union, and leaders from various national interests, members of congressional labor subcommittees, library associations, and many other important civic organizations. Five more broadcasts of the 13-week series are still to be aired and the series of a generation of America on world observations which proved to be an inspiring and enlightening listening.

## NEWS NOTES

Bing Crosby begins a new radio series for CBS September 21. Perry Como will air a new half-hour show for the same sponsor following Crosby. The popular daily "Supper Club" broadcasts were dropped this year to present Crosby and Como. George Burns and Gracie Allen have shortened a European vacation to the back to Hollywood to arrange for their CBS airings starting September 21. "Cavalcade of America," a long-time Monday evening serial will be heard on Tuesdays this Fall.



**NO LENA, PROGRAM TAKES FEATURING** — Lena Horne cost the Hollywood bowl more than \$7,000 by not being able to keep her August 25 date as headliner of the National Association of Negro Musicians program. A previous arrangement to appear in Winnipeg, Canada, on the same

night, however forced her to cancel the local show.

Two fine artists, soprano Soprano Davis and pianist Hazel Harrison, did appear on the bill that hundreds who would have bought additional tickets to see Lena decided to forego the "Night under the Stars" program.

## Rating Hot Records

BY J. H. RANDALL FOR AP

## ELLA FITZ IN THE '30S

Ella Fitzgerald has been No. 1 on the music lover's sheet for a UNDECIDED — another item which has been given a variety of treatment by many groups, individuals, both vocal and instrumental. Incidentally, Ella in these days had second billing. Label on the platter reads "Chick Webb and orchestra with Ella Fitzgerald." Now, the labels bear the inscription "Ella Fitzgerald and..." How time flies.

## SPOTS AND MILLS BROS.

As an example, back in the middle '30s Ella and Chick got together on a nursery tune which had everyone humming, whistling, singing or trying to sing. The tune, which Ella collaborated with Al Feldman in producing was A-TISKET A-TASKET now re-issued by Decca, with whom Ella has been recording from the start. The side shows Ella in her earlier days, not too experienced, but with a freshness and eagerness which still is evidenced in her singing today.

## HAMP

That team of Lionel and Gladys Hampton with Curley Hamner put their heads together for another hit item called WEE ALBERT and BEULAH'S SISTER'S BOOGIE. "Albert" is an instrumental, comes right on through and is a showcase for the band's talents. "Beulah" is as its title implies — boogie, with a scat vocal by Doreen and Ricks Butera, it's ready to go on the bluesy side. Decca offers.

## BLUES

Speaking of blues, Victor Washington and Sam and his Washboard and rock nicely through a blues MAYBE YOU'LL LOVE ME, with a guitar that's gotta. Paired is the low tempo I'M JUST TIRED. Doreen's contribution is DATES DICKENS and His Quintet on HOLD ME BABY, with Joe Gregory and the ensemble shouting the blues. Doreen takes the vocal on the steady rolling and snuffing ROCK AND ROLL BLUES on the reverse. B.B. King, with his group, on Bullet, whip way two originals WHEN YOUR BABY PACKS UP AND GOES, a shuffle rhythm blues which King sings; and a steady pounding MISS MARTHA KING.

## SPIRITUALS

Marie Knight who, with Sister Rosella Thorpe, has done some fine work on spirituals for Decca, is with Vivian Cooper and the Sam Pease Trio (guitar, piano, bass and drums) — that's a quartet on a measured and well-harmonized spiritual, TOUCH ME, LORD JESUS. Paired is the soul-stirring but not so fervent OUT OF THE DEPTH. Both tunes were arranged by Marie... Regal label puts Edna Galmon Cooke with the Mt. Vernon Men's choir of Washington, D.C., on the spirited singing of HANDWRITING ON THE WALL and I PROMISED THE LORD.

## FRIDAY AND SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 2-3

## DOUBLE FEATURE

ALLAN ROCKY LANE

IN

## RUSTLERS OF DEVIL'S CANYON

ALSO RICHARD DENNING TRUDY MARSHALL

## IN

## DISASTER AND CHAPTER 3 JACK ARMSTRONG

## GOSPEL GROUP MEETS IN L.A.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The second annual session of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses Inc. will be held in Second Baptist Church here August