

Music Center to House Its First Hollywood Movie February 4th

HOLLYWOOD—Los Angeles' celebrated Music Center will house its first Hollywood movie premiere on February 4 when the world premiere of "Wattstax" will be staged at the Ahmanson Theatre.

Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke is honorary chairman of the event, which officially opens the national release of a major new film made by the Stax Organization and Wolper Pictures, Ltd. for Columbia Pictures release.

The film will premiere before an invitational audience of 2,100 motion picture and television stars and executives, as well as political, social and community leaders.

Among guest who will appear at the event are the 26 musical acts gathered by the Stax Organization to appear in the film. The artists, who will fly in from areas all over the country, include Isaac Hayes, The Dramatics, The Staple Singers, Kim Weston, Jimmy Jones, Bar-Keys, Albert King, Little Milton, Johnnie Taylor, Mel & Tim, Carla Thomas, Rufus Thomas, Luther Ingram, William Bell, Freddy Robinson, Newcomers, Louise McCord, Lee Sain, Eddie Floyd, Debra Manning, Ernie Hines, Temprees, Rance Allen Group, Eric Mercury, Little Sonny and Frederick Knight. Also seen in the color, windscreens film and expected at the premiere are comedian Richard Pryor and the Reverend Jesse Jackson.

Emanating from the seven-hour "Wattstax" concert staged by Stax Organization last August at the Los Angeles Coliseum, the film was produced by Stax's Larry Shaw and Wolper's Mel Stuart. Stuart directed the picture, with Stax's Al Bell and David L. Wolper as executive producers and Stax's Forest Hamilton as associate producer. Among a group of nationally known consultants were the Reverends Jesse Jackson and Jesse Boyd, as well as numerous leaders in community services.

A Drop of Blood



MEDICAL STUDENT Joseph Harris tests for sickle cell disease in the mass screening and counseling program at Julia Richman High School, New York City. The March of Dimes supported pilot project was conducted by medical and nursing students from Cornell University Medical School.

reflects the total Black experience, using the people of the streets, their music, their humor and their emotions in a mixture of entertainment and drama.

"Wattstax" has its New York Premiere Thursday, February 15. Two twin-record albums featuring recordings from the film and concert will be released by Stax in connection with the release of the film.

New Street Signals Stop Confusion For Drivers, Pedestrians

In Newport Beach, Calif., there was a report of a motorist who saw a green signal, drove briskly through an intersection and proceeded to cause a six car collision.

The problem was that the green light the man saw was 100 yards ahead and intended for traffic further down the road. Fortunately, no one was injured, but the damage to the cars involved was considerable.

This driver was victim of an ever present traffic safety problem — confusion caused by the complex display of signs and signals required to handle traffic on our burgeoning highway system.

Just the very pace at which cars move on modern freeways has caused signing problems. Some signs are not easily readable at relatively high speeds. Government and business safety engineers are working on this problem with new messages and symbols that can be understood at a glance.

But signalized intersections, especially those where more than two roads cross or where they come together at acute angles, pose a different problem. When approaching such an intersection, a driver may see a confusing or conflicting display of traffic signals and key on one not meant for him. Or he may take too long to mentally sort out the signals before deciding which one is for him.

The conventional method for preventing problems at these locations is to install louvers or long metal hoods on the signals to restrict their visibility. These have not been completely satisfactory, because they do not permit precision "aiming" of the signal's light. And the louvers actually cut down on the target value of the light; it's harder for drivers to see.

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Outstanding College Lineman during benefit dinner here, Jan. 18th. Proceeds from the dinner went to the American Cancer Society. The Award was

conceived following the death from cancer of Green Bay Packers and later Washington Redskins coach Vince Lombardi in 1970.

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