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## Talented Teens Expected To Gather In New York

The second decade of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International will be observed in New York, the Biggest Apple - and at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel, celebrating its 50th anniversary this year.

Talented Teens from seven countries and 35 states are expected to gather in New York August 1-8, joining with celebrities and VIP New Yorkers to celebrate their talents and their hopes for careers in show business.

Hal Jackson, founder and director of Talented Teens International reminisced that in the past ten years most of

the Talented Teens, the winners and runners up, have become achievers in their professional lives. So have the celebrities who took an interest in the pageant and participated in the finals festivities: Tony Brown, Julian Bond, Kevin Hooks, Don Cornelius, Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, the Sylvers.

The concept for Talented Teens International grew out of a vision developed by Hal Jackson, a broadcast pioneer who numbers among his life experience a number of "firsts", from his initial appearance as the first black

host of an integrated network program, NBC's "Frontiers of Faith", to his present role as vice chairman of Inner City Broadcasting Corporation, owners of seven radio stations across the country, including the flagship station in New York, WBLS-FM.

Jackson has remained a prime advocate of those who believe that young people must combine innovative achievement with social responsibility, as he has all of his life.

Sixteen-year-old Miss Annette Jones of Sacramento, California, the 1980-81 win-

ner of Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International pageant, poses above with (l) Hal Jackson and Don Cornelius (r), host of the TV series "Soul Train".

Young ladies, 13-16, with performing talent and ambition to succeed are encouraged to enter. This year, the eleventh year, finals will be held August 1-8 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City.

Those interested in participating should write to: Hal Jackson's Talented Teens International, 350 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5818, New York, NY 10118.