

News Briefs

Warner Bros. is mounting a heavy publicity campaign in black publications for "The Trial of Billy Jack" when it completes its current showcase run in theatres around the country. Warners becomes distribution boss when the hot flick goes into multiple (or second run) release. In "The Trial" Billy undergoes many humiliations and frustrations well known to black people.

Several black actors appear in the film, and specific reference is made to Establishment

"Dark Old Men"

Special Set For

January 6

"Ceremonies in Dark Old Men," a "complex, deeply significant play" by Lonnie Elder III about a black family fighting the desperation of ghetto life, will be presented by the Tony Award-winning Negro Ensemble Company in the "ABC Theatre" telecast on the ABC Television Network, MONDAY, JAN. 6.

Douglas Turner Ward, Artistic Director of the Negro Ensemble Company, heads the distinguished cast which includes Robert Hooks, Godfrey Cambridge, Rosalind Cash, Glynn Turman and J. Eric Bell.

When the play was first performed in 1968, the Negro Ensemble Company production received several awards, including the Outer Circle Award and the Vernon Rice Drama Desk Award, along with many plaudits from the critics. The New York Times wrote: "The fabric of the play is wonderfully diversified, as Mr. Elder piles tragedy, melodrama and even slapstick comedy into a dramatic mixture that is as inconsistent as life itself! A complex, deeply significant play. A remarkable play!"

New Yorker Magazine's Edith Oliver wrote "If any American has written a finer play, I can't think what it is." And it was hailed by the New York Post as "the best American play of the season. A drama of power and importance."

The story concerns an ex-vaudevillian, Mr. Parker (Ward), who now marks time as a sometimes barber in his own shop. He plays the game of survival by ignoring reality and reliving the past with his checker-playing companion, Mr. Jenkins (Cambridge). Parker's daughter, Adele (Ms. Cash), has decided to meet life head-on, becoming part of the system as she attempts to conquer it.

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gunplay on college campuses such as Jackson State and Southern U.

Upcoming segments of "Feeling Good", the adult TV health series on Public Broadcasting stations features Bill Cosby and Western singer Charley Pride, plus a return of Pearl Bailey.

Cleavon Little has a "bit" in "All Over Town", according to reports from Washington where the Dustin Hoffman-directed comedy is playing through December 14. It opens in NYC before Christmas.

"Mr. Show Business"—Milton Berle—portrays Meyer, the father-in-law of Louis "Lepke" Buchalter, in "Lepke", a film about the rise and fall of one of the most ambitious and cruel leaders in the history of American crime. Tony Curtis is in the title role.

Della Reese will soon be seen guest starring in the "Once Upon A Victim" segment of the NBC-TV show "Petrocelli".

"I really like the concept that we're all brothers and sisters and this feeling of humanity. And I think it's an enriching experience to look into the cultures of different people", explains a parent after viewing "Big Blue Marble", the first worldwide children's TV series which is sponsored weekly as a public service by ITT.

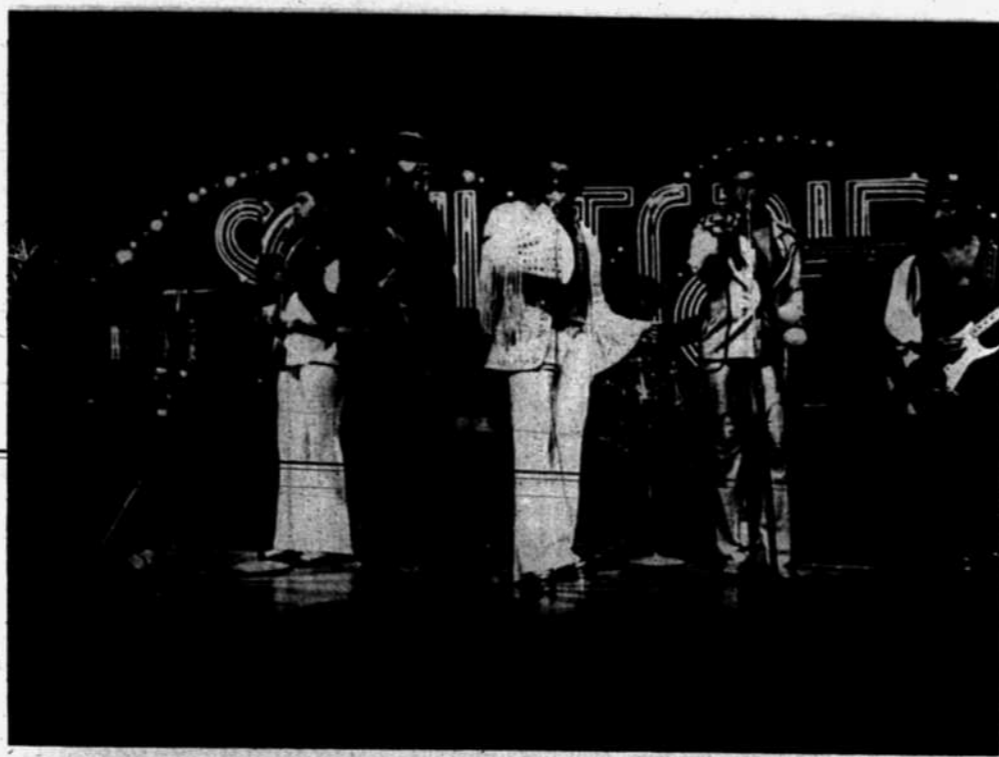
"Freebie and the Bean", Warner Bros.' new feature starring Alan Arkin and James Caan is a screamer about two tough big city cops on the make. More than a year they have been pawing through garbage pails for some scrap of evidence that will convict an important numbers man. When they find it, they also find that there is a "contract" on their suspect's life. In order to protect their investment, they must secretly guard him and keep him alive until they can get a warrant to pick him up. Crazy.

Hollywood reports that "Mahogany", starring Diana Ross and Billy Dee Williams will begin filming under the Motown-Paramount banner in Rome on January 1 after winding up shooting in Chicago. Added to the cast are Tony Perkins, Nina Foch and, maybe, Marcello Mastroianni, while lensing is under way abroad for two months.

Take a top critic's summary of Andre Watts: "Andre Watts is the greatest young American pianist...."

Gladys Knight and The Pips are the winning song group chosen this year by the American Guild of Variety Artists. Frank Sinatra was named male singer of the year. Female singer was Helen Reddy, who, incidentally, will be seen in the next segment of the TV adult series, "Feeling Good".

Gregg Morris, who starred in "Mission Impossible", is now into the co-production of films. He will soon be starring in "Starrett", a 90-minute movie for NBC in which he plays a narcotics investigator and his production company.



THE ISLEY BROTHERS

...To Do Their Thing On Soul Train

The Isley Brothers Will Be Soul Train's Guests

The Isley Brothers will solo on Soul Train this weekend when host-producer Don Cornelius presents his nationally televised, weekly musical-dance show.

In one of their many return engagements, the popular singing group will perform "That Lady," "Live It Up," "Summer Breeze," "Midnight Sky" and "Hello."

The group, among the "elder statesmen" of musical families, has been an act for

almost as long as brothers Ronald, Rudolph and Kelly can remember, having been influenced and encouraged at an early age by their choir director mother.

Now matured and interested in expansion, they have formed the T-Neck Record Company to which they hope to attract creative young artists. Future plans call for their own talent agency and film company. Two other brothers, Ernie, who recorded on T-Neck's first release, and

Marvin, are also musicians.

The Soul Train gang will provide the dancing action and will have an opportunity to meet and greet The Isley Brothers during the regular question and answer session.

Sponsored by Johnson Products Company, the nation's largest Black manufacturer of hair care products and cosmetics, Soul Train is shown weekly in 95 markets of the United States and the Caribbean.

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Carolina Theatre

WBT-TV

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On December 22, at 10:30 P.M. WBT-TV, Channel 3 will present a very special Christmas treat, called CHRISTMAS WINDOWS. Based on the Christmas Advent Calendar, each open window will reveal a musical Christmas symbol. The viewers will enjoy seven windows, seven musical experiences for the holiday season.

Featured in the 30-minute special will be many outstanding Charlotte musical groups, many of them new to television audiences, and a special ballet segment performed by the Charlotte Regional Ballet Company to the music of "The Nutcracker".

A special extra attraction will be a guest appearance by Mary Mayo, the North Carolina-born singing star.

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To Nodu Dambreville, 'Opportunity' is more than a long, foreign word.

Nodu came here in 1969 from his native West Indies with a suitcase, no English, and high hopes. Those hopes are becoming realities right now. He learned English and business math (among other things) at night school. He studied accounting and billing procedures for two years at the Opportunities Industrialization Center school in Brooklyn, and, on graduation, joined The Sperry and Hutchinson Company as Accounting Clerk.



He's been promoted three times. Evenings, he continues his studies at a seminary, for his ultimate goal is to enter the ministry.

Among the thousands of words in his new language, Nodu understands very well the meaning of opportunity. He realized it through OIC.

His employer, Sperry and Hutchinson, has been a major supporter of OIC for more than eight years, and helped sponsor the training centers that prepare men and women like Nodu for skilled employment in the business world.

"We need the skills OIC's program teaches, so we've seen firsthand how this mutually beneficial program works," says Frederick A. Collins, Jr., president of The Sperry and Hutchinson Company and himself a member of OIC's National Advisory Council and Chairman of the New York Council.

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