

JIM CROW FORCES LORETTA YOUNG TO DROP FEATURE

Eartha Kitt "Steals" Festival For Israel Affair

Star Sings In Many Foreign Languages

NEW YORK — (AP) — The ninth annual Chanukah Festival for Israel, presented by the State of Israel bonds at mammoth Madison Square Garden, played to an SRO audience, despite a downpour of snow and sleet. A great number of people were on hand to salute Israel and enjoy the program.

The world's leading stars and impresarios donated their services, time and talents for the superb Greater New York Committee State of Israel bonds, whose bond-selling broke all records.

Appearing were Ed Sullivan, Edward G. Robinson — both serving as emcees and narrators—Jan Peerce, Jennie Tourel, violinist Nathan Milstein, Maurice Levine and the 60-member New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Inbal, Israel's incomparable dance theatre directed by Haiman Brown; and the famed (only tan star on the program) Eartha Kitt of radio, television, film and stage.

It was left to petite Eartha Kitt to gain the only encores (three) before she was permitted to leave the huge stage. She received a tumultuous ovation.

Dressed in a dazzling white rhinestone sheath, with train, Miss Kitt's warmth radiated to the huge throng and gave the audience its first lift from the formal concert format which had preceded her.

She sang in Turkish, Hebrew, English and other foreign languages, to the sheer delight of her listeners.

Theatricals



CHERYL-LYNNE MELLIS, left, eight years of age, and her sister Rhonda Mellis, four years of age, recently, thrilled a near capacity audience in a Voice, Piano, and Guitar recital at Town Hall, New York City. Both girls, who are prodigies, displayed such unusual talent and technical ability in their performance that the audience continued in its applause long after the concert was over. Cheryl-Lynne reached the climax in her performance of the Hungarian Rhapsody by Liszt. Rhonda displayed great dramatic style in singing and captivated the audience with many pieces taken from the suite for piano, "Children At Play."

Delta Brings Woman On 2-Month US Tour

WASHINGTON, D. C. — An African woman who is a political leader in Tanganyika started December on a two-month, nationwide tour of the United States to observe and learn how women's organizations and labor unions function in this country.

E. Steichen To Direct 'Many Faces' Project Soon

Edward Steichen, dean of American photographers, will head a nationwide search for photographs that will dramatize the multi-racial character of America, it was announced today by Theodore W. Kiesel, president of the National Urban League, the organization which is sponsoring the search.

Using the theme, "America's Many Faces" the search will begin on February 1st and will continue through May 31st, 1960. It is expected that both a photography exhibit and a publication on the same theme will follow the search.

Mr. Steichen is director of photography of the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. He assembled the renowned photography exhibition, "The Family of Man." The National Urban League is an organization devoted to improving opportunities for Negroes and bettering race relations in America. It has 63 affiliates in urban centers across the nation.

Public Relations Institute Slated For Smith In January

CHARLOTTE — More than 20 colleges will be represented at the Third Annual Public Relations Institute scheduled to meet at Johnson C. Smith University on January 22 and 23. The theme of the conference this year will be "Student-Alumni in College Public Relations and Development."

The program committee met recently at A and T College in Greensboro, and worked out a program which will include various phases of the public relations program and its relation to alumni work. The committee was composed of Moses S. Belton, Johnson C. Smith University; Charles A. Ray, North Carolina College, and E. F. Corbett, A and T College.

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Bennett College, Greensboro; Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Fayetteville State Teachers College, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Johnson C. Smith University, Knoxville (Tenn.) College; LeMoyn College, Memphis, Tenn.; Livingstone College, Salisbury; Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.; Morristown (Tenn.) College; North Carolina A and T College, Greensboro; North Carolina College at Durham; Paine College, Augusta, Ga.; St. Augustine's College, Raleigh; South Carolina State College, Orangeburg; Talladega (Ala.) College; Tennessee A and I University; and Virginia Seminary and College, Lynchburg.

Several other colleges have been invited and are expected to send representatives.

DATA 'N CHATTER

BY DARCY DEMILLE FOR ANP FROM HOLLYWOOD TO HARLEM . . . Nat "King" Cole is traveling in a Ford with the Forde of Detroit this season. Nat was among the selected few invited to the private debut party Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ford, II gave for their eldest daughter, Charlotte.

Heretell movie scouts are planning to test Agnes Morris, a beautiful Chicago R.N. who walked away with the Miss Sepia America contest netting her a trip to Paris, France. Ella Fitzgerald shouts untrue to those romance rumors.

Sam Cooke treated sister Mrs. Mary Miller, a Chicagoan, to a trip to L. A. during the Christmas week Mrs. Miller and Sam's nephew, Don, and niece, Gwen, headed straight for Disneyland.

Ruth Brown's oldest son (he's now five) apparently has been bitten by the show business bug. During a recent trip to Toledo with his famous mama, young Michael suddenly jumped upon the drummer's stand, grabbed those sticks and began wailing away. The SRO house rocked with laughter and applause. Incidentally, Mike and Ronnie spend most of their time with their grandmother in Portsmouth, Virginia. Ruth reported this latest development on the home front.

She called from her New York apartment to talk to her tykes and was asked by Mike "why don't you send me some money?" When Ruth replied that money had been sent—in his grandmother, Mike said, "well I'm not getting any. Guess I'll have to breeze up to New York to get it myself."

Prettiest Christmas card I've received to date was post-marked Beverly Hills. Jeff Chandler's signature brightened up my day—considerably.

Speaking of Christmas cards, have you noticed that cards seem to be getting taller and TALLER. What ever became of those short round ones and those tiny, tiny ones that could fit into a Christmas stocking?

Everybody's talking about—Dorothy Dandridge's choice of a song during her recent Ed Sullivan Tee Vee stint—Really Dorothy!

Dakota Staton's retirement plans—Ernest Anderson's new wardrobe—Diahann Carroll's new maturity—the surprise elopement of that west coast singer.

Maria Cole and the ex-Mrs. Nat Cole's similarity in winter wardrobes and hair-do's—Fats Domino's new diet—the real reason behind Rev. Martin Luther King's move to Atlanta.

Tempest Storm's Christmas gift to hubby, Herb Jeffries—the impression Marjessa Dawn has made on "southern" Hollywood movie moguls. They seem ready and willing to welcome her to the Woodstock-Holly.

Eartha Kitt's sparkling sense of humor. She could give Sid Caesar a run for his money. Quite a change has taken place in this doll of late.

Claudia McNeil's deep love for children. Hope she is successful in adopting a tyke. Cordie King's plans for motherhood. — Sammie Davis, Jr., devotion to those who are loyal to him.

Television Show On Arkansas Is Dropped

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—(AP) — Actress Loretta Young, whose Sunday night television shows have been enjoyed by fans from coast to coast, is being pressured by a local segregationist to drop a planned showing of the efforts of a group of women who worked for the reopening of Little Rock's integrated public schools.

Dr. Malcolm G. Taylor, president of the Capital Citizens' Council, who fought reopening of the schools, sent registered letters to Miss Young, the president of the National Broadcasting Company, and the general manager of Loretta's program, asking that the proposed show be cancelled.

One of Miss Young's shows early in 1960 is to be centered on the work of the women's emergency committee, the group supporting reopening the schools. ANP learned.

The Platters Beat Morals Charges

CINCINNATI, Ohio — (AP) — The Platters, nationally famous rock 'n' roll singing group, have won dismissal of moral charges placed against them shortly after their arrest here last Aug. 10. They were seized along with four girls, three of them white, when police raided their downtown hotel.

The Platters had been tried here twice before on the same charges. They were arraigned in Police Court in August, and later tried before an over-flow crowd last October.

The Platters are Herbert Reed, David Lynch, Ernie Robie and Samuel Williams. The girls with whom they were arrested are Patty Sue Howard, Virginia Jones, Helen Harrison, white, and Jarie Davis, Negro. All are 19.

The Platters were freed by Judge Gilbert Bettman in Municipal Court, however, before doing so, the judge lectured the popular singers and their companions. He read an 18-page statement, saying in part: "Each of you has taken part in what can be the core of a creative and productive life and turned it into a socially abhorrent, tawdry indulgence in lust.

"For these transgressions, you will have to account in the Higher Court before which you must stand for final judgement."

Following the trial the Platters flew to New York to join Zola Taylor, the only female member of the group. They were scheduled to leave immediately for a European tour.

Mrs. Vel Phillips Supports Sen. Kennedy For President

MILWAUKEE, Wis. — Mrs. Vel Phillips, Democratic National Committee-woman from Wisconsin, and a member of the Milwaukee City Council, today announced that she will support Sen. John F. Kennedy (Dem., Mass.) for the Democratic Presidential nomination.

In issuing her statement of support, Mrs. Phillips said that she thinks Senator Kennedy has the best approach to domestic and international issues, the best understanding of human problems and the best chance to win the election.

"Senator Kennedy has been a welcome visitor in Wisconsin many times in recent years," Mrs. Phillips said, "and I have had an opportunity to hear him speak on many subjects, before all kinds of audiences, large and small. Each time I am impressed by his direct answers to questions, his astonishing fund of knowledge, his unfailing ability to reach his audience and win its respect and warm response."

"Each conversation I have had with Senator Kennedy has increased my feeling that he has the great heart and imagination and the stubborn integrity that are needed to make a great President. And America needs a great President to give leadership in a world making day-after-day decisions."

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IN A&T CONCERT—Members of the A&T College Choir, light candles prior to the annual Christmas Carol Concert held at the college last Sunday, December 20. In the group are from left to right: Mrs. Doris Bowman, Greensboro; Richard Rader, Brooklyn, N. Y., and Ruby Coston, Warsaw, one of the principal Soprano soloists.

A Pattern For Pleasure: The Family Breakfast

Breakfast is the family meal. Breakfast has a pattern for pleasant eating. This is the meal when everyone is most likely to be together—a fact turned up by economist who sleuth out typical eating habits.

This is the meal at which a surprising variety of items appear. The meal tuckers turned up the startling statistic that at breakfast "the greatest number of dishes, or specific kinds of food" are served. Of all items recorded, 34 percent are eaten between 6:30 and 8:30 a. m. This is the meal, too, prepared the quickest of all three, in a half hour or less.

In step with breakfasting Americans, are these Proven Recipes. Short cuts to variety are through bread uses—bread cups fashioned from egg crumbs, slices, or English muffins. These will hold egg and meat or egg and cheese mixtures. For the entire whisked together in a jiffy, the scrambled egg type recipe is perfect and is attractively served on toast squares or "logs."



READY — These five Bennett College students model party dresses which they will be wearing during the holiday season. In the usual order: Misses Brenda Saunders, Gastonia; Sheila Cressar, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Elizabeth Payne, Boston, Mass.; Sharon Mizell, Hallandale, Florida, and Yvette Williams, Springfield, Mass.

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