

Sidney Poitier To Star In Movie, "The Seven File"

Movie Reunites Academy Award-Winner, Director

Sidney Poitier has been signed by Ralph Nelson and Fred Engel for a starring role in "The Seven File," to be directed by Nelson for United Artists release.

Screenplay for the Nelson-Engel production has been completed by Albert Maltz from a novel by William P. McGivern that was described by literary critics as "a fictional story of great insight and power, with a shattering impact of truth."

The announcement marks a reunion for Poitier and Nelson, whose "Lilies of the Field," also a UA release, was the "sleeping" hit of 1963 and won for Poitier the "Best Actor" Academy Award.

Where his Oscar-winning role as a footloose ex-GI in Arizona was essentially a comedy performance, Poitier will play a straight dramatic part in the new film as an FBI agent assigned to an East Coast kidnapping case.

Nelson and Engel also expect to assign other "Lilies" players and production aides to the new project.

Singer Cheered

MOSCOW (NPI) — In American phraseology, a throng of 1,500 packed into the Hermitage Park theatre just about "brought down the house," as they cheered American Negro folk singer Leon Bibb and kept him returning for encores here last week.

Bibb on a concert tour of Russia, including appearances in Crimean beach resorts, was brought to the Soviet Union after a Russian talent scout visiting New York City heard him sing at the Village Gate, one of that city's most popular nightclubs.

For his concert here, Bibb, who also plays the guitar expertly and is a former Broadway actor who played in "Amie Get Your Gun," chose a repertoire that included



WARM-UP TIME — Misses Carandra Brown, left, and Sandra Ross, right, both clarinetists from Elon College, go through warm-up procedures in preparation for the band concert given last week by the A&T College Summer Music Institute for Junior and Senior High School Students. More than 100 high-ability students were enrolled in the program, the first held at the college.

English ballads, Negro spirituals, American frontier songs, and melodies from musical comedies.

Accompanying Bibb on the tour is his wife, Marilyn.

"One Potato, Two Potato," Film On Interracial Marriage Gives Honest Potrayal, Despite Lacks

MINNEAPOLIS (NPI) — Robert Houze, a jazz drummer, was fatally wounded here last week in an altercation with his landlord, George Brown.

According to Brown, the two men became embroiled in an argument over back rent, and Houze pulled a knife on him. Taken to County General Hospital, Houze died seven hours after the shooting as doctors labored to save his life.

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NEW YORK (NPI) — Destined to become one of the year's most controversial movies, "One Potato, Two Potato" is a restrained, thoughtfully produced film which pioneers in the explosive area of interracial marriage.

To the extreme credit of Larry Pearce, the director, and Sam Weston, the producer, the temptation to give the movie a sordid and sensational treatment is resisted. They chose the alternative and came up with a moving and honest effort which won honors at the recent Cannes Film festival.

The story's plot is a fascinating one which develops with tenderness and understanding. Though the climax raises gnawing doubts, there is no denying the emotional impact of the entire story.

Central theme of the movie is a court action for the custody of a girl whose father returns to reclaim her after his divorced wife has married again—a Negro. Great pains are taken to point up the pitfalls of interracial marriage. As Barbara Barrie (the mother) and Bernie Hamilton (her Negro husband) meet in a local plant, the development of their friendship into courtship and finally marriage is tenderly handled.

The initial reluctance of the Negro's family to the marriage is also skillfully and realistically unfolded. However, the movie loses plausibility when the child's father — portrayed as an unstable dreamer and wanderer — returns abruptly to claim his child.

Poitier Among 10 Best-Dressed

NEW YORK (NPI)—Oscar-winning actor Sidney Poitier has been named one of America's 10 best men by the Custom Clothiers Association.

Poitier, who dresses nattily, was named along with such other nationally prominent persons as Ex-President Dwight Eisenhower, Republican Presidential nominee, Sen. Barry Goldwater, Pease Corps Director E. Sargent Shriver, fellow actors Richard Burian and Robert Goulet, singer Vic Damone, golfer Arnold Palmer, hotel chain owner Morris Landburg and Alan King.

Poitier, a topnotch actor for several years, won the 1964 Motion Picture Academy "Oscar" award for his performance in the movie "Lilies of the Field."

Dropped from the best dressed list for the first time in several years was Chicago's Mayor Richard J. Daley.

Chirp One For Record

JUAN LES PINS, France (NPI)—American jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald and the "crickets" sang a "Special" for the records here last week. But the impromptu session was not transcribed, so fans won't be able to buy it.

It happened this way. Ella was singing in her usual swinging style when some crickets with a musical air began interrupting her open air concert.

The insects interrupted her so often that Ella Fitzgerald, universally recognized as the First Lady of Jazz, decided that since she couldn't compete with them, it was better to join them.

So the artful Ella let the crickets provide the background music for the remainder of her concert, while she swung the lead.

California Notebook

BY BILL ROBERTSON
(Former Raleighite)

The basis of our present racial problem I have found to be the "bogey man" prejudice or hate. Does this need to be true?

Certainly not, for studies in psychology indicates that people who are driven by the need to hate reveal their first and deepest hates as themselves. Childhood experiences makes some people exceedingly insecure emotionally. If they have not loved (or wanted) praise and cherished by their parents, and if they have been rejected, derided, despised, they often come to think of themselves as basically unlovable.

In the face of this theory, the Negro has stood up under his adversities extremely well in the face of prejudice.

You may ask: "What can a person who feels rejected do?"

Well, just as a lame person needs a crutch or a deaf person needs a hearing aid, unloved people search for emotional crutches. Prejudice serves as such a crutch.

Despising others becomes a way of trying to bolster one's own shaky self-esteem by making other people seem more inferior or contemptible. In fact, the only way some people can salvage their own self-respect is to feel "lucky" that they are not a Negro, a Catholic, an Italian or whoever is set up as a bogeyman for their own secret fears.

Just as we have developed the atomic and nuclear weapons, we ought to be able to develop the know-how to wipe out prejudice. If prejudice can be learned, then men and women should be able to unlearn it.

... DASHING ALONG ...

BILL MARSHALL ... the celebrated stage and film star is presently in Los Angeles slated to headline a stage production for the Art Patron.

JESSE JAMES ... is the new singing sensation in Angel City. Jesse who is also tabbed (Mr. Wonderful) is currently packing them in nightly at the Folks Dot Club on Broadway. You can't afford to miss his act, he is tan and terrific.

TONY CASCO ... the popular west coast bachelor is reported set to wed petite Daphne Fernandez. She is displaying a big diamond ring he recently gave her.

ARTHUR PACE ... the personable fellow is steadily making a big name for himself in the advertising field. He is currently Advertising Manager for Bronze magazine.

NICK STEWART ... the veteran screen-stare star has produced an excellent stage production at his Ebony Showcase on Washington. The fine play is called "Oop!"

MIMI DILLARD ... the lovely screen starlet has landed a major role in an upcoming film for a major Hollywood studio. Congrats, to the wonderful girl.

LOUIS COLE ... the well-known Angel City model believes in being prepared for the future. In addition to her modeling career, she is pursuing a degree in elementary education at USC.

JAKE MCKINNEY ... the handsome magazine editor ... is appearing nightly at the fabulous Melodyland Theatre across from Disneyland. Jake is an excellent singer and plays a swinging Hawaiian guitar.

SAD BUT TRUE ... Many people are not aware that not one weekly Negro newspaper in Los Angeles has its own printing plant. Hard to believe, but it's a fact.

O. G. TAYLOR ... the globe-trotting Hampton Alumnus was in L. A. recently. His mission: to show films of the new ultra-modern buildings on the "Home By The Sea" campus and to garner more pledges from us oldtimers, natch.

ARIE WRIGHT ... the celebrated west coast model will direct the first "Miss Teenage" Pageant scheduled for August 16th, at the Elks Auditorium. Photographer Eddie Johnson is producer. The event is being sponsored by the Sub Dept.

DOLORES DAVIS ... the charming angeletown schoolteacher is attending UCLA this summer working on her master's degree.

THURMON FOREMAN ... the dapper young man-about-town is presently a representative for Ultra-Sheen products.

BILL THOMAS ... the former Oklahoma "lad" with big muscles with his hobby. He is a top north leather crafter.

EARLINE CURTIS ... the lovely wife of B. C. Curtis is all smiles these days. She recently completed her studies for a business course at a local college.

DOLORES BROWN ... the cute petite UCLA coed says, she will wait until she is independently wealthy before marriage. Well fellows, now you know.

MANFIELD COLLINS ... the dynamic young minister will soon have his new church completed. He formerly served as assistant minister at his father's church.

JIMMY PIERCE ... remember this kids name. He is the rockin' Dodger catcher that the entire organization is high on. Jimmy joined the Dodgers in Milwaukee bringing a .350 average with him from the farm club he had been blistering the ball for.

WINI ORE ... the noted PE girl of angeletown is making use of her journalistic talents serving as social editor for the Herald-Dispatch.

SALLY MORGAN ... the striking westside brunette has returned to the city after spending a brief vacation with her parents in Boston. Sally is a lab technician at Cedars of Lebanon Hospital.

WATTS U. S. A. ... From a very reliable source I have learned exclusively that the long awaited RIOT (Harlem style) expected in

Los Angeles will take place very soon and the target area is WATTS, a blighted overpopulated ghetto in South Los Angeles. Looks like we will have a long hot summer after all in the south of California.

FORNIA CLARE ... the hard-working political-social girl has started organizing her groups to see that everybody she can think of will vote for the Democrats and Lyndon Johnson.

GEORGE FRANKLIN ... the personable fellow plans to spend his vacation in Houston and other points south visiting his relatives.

MR. MUHAMMAD ... The leader of the Muslims arrived in Los Angeles Sunday to head the sect's big rally and delivered a fiery speech blasting the white man for his hypocrisy and denouncing the Negro's fight for integration at the Embassy Auditorium. It was a SRO crowd. Whites were seated throughout the auditorium. Overheard a little ole lady say: "Why did Mr. Muhammed spend so much money with the whites, advertising on buses, billboards, radio, TV, etc., if he believes as he professes that Negroes should only spend money with other so-called Negroes. He spent thousands of dollars advertising this rally that went into the hands of the whites directly. Mr. Little ole me ... He certainly did, lady."

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