



Triad Minority Trade Fair organizer Melvin "Rip" Wilkins gets last week's activities off to a start by introducing the fair's participants (photo by James Parker).

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until he comes up with a combination he likes. Then he takes it off the mannequin and puts it on himself." Then, voila! Out he goes to pick up **Brooke Shields**, a few more record-breaking awards and a few more dollars such as the \$1 million "up front" a toy maker is paying for rights to sell look-alike dolls at \$12 each.

**DAHANN VS. RUBY??** -- The talented ladies probably don't care one way or the other, but ABC-TV's recent announcement that **Diahann Carroll** will become "the first black actress with a continuing role in a major prime-time series" when she joins the cast of the "Dynasty" nighttime soap is not exactly exact, according to niggling Hollywood credit watchers.

Oldtimers at 20th Century Fox contend that

their prime-time serial, "Peyton Place," integrated **Ruby Dee**, **Percy Rodriguez** and **Glynn Turman** into that bed-hopping neighborhood way back in 1967, and, contrary to popular misconception, it improved the neighborhood considerably.

So just wait, if you can, to see how svelte Diahann is going to "improve the neighborhood" of all those rich Denver people carrying on the way they do.

"A SOLIDER'S STORY" continues to surprise and amaze with the wonderful talent involved. For instance Grammy Award-winner **Herbie Hancock** ("Rockit") is busy writing the music for the film. This is Herbie's third scoring assignment for major films. The first two were "Blow Up" and "Death Wish."

And, **Adolph Caesar**, who created the role of Technical Sgt. **Vernon C. Walters** in the Pulitzer Prize-winning stage play, and recreated same for the film, found himself back onstage recently subbing for **Graham Brown**. The play, a Negro Ensemble Company (NEC) Production, is currently on the road touring some of the major cities.

Brown, who was playing the Waters role, suffered a minor back injury and had to be taken out of the St. Louis production until he healed properly.

Caesar, hearing of the dilemma, quickly stepped in for the ailing Brown, and the show did indeed go on. You can also spot Caesar on the day-time soap, "The Guiding Light," playing a South American. Talk about versatility!!

## Musical Notes From Page B8

pop single "Joanna" plus the new and rising top 40 hit, "Tonight."

The success of "To-

night," by the way, puts **Kool and the Gang** comfortably ahead of the 80s' biggest rock band, **The Police**,

as it gives them a total of 10 Top 40 hits in the 80s. The Police have had only eight.



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