

fornia. . . Meantime, The Supremes head to Washington, D. C. for the big "Festival at Ford's" where President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon hosted his Cabinet and leading members of Congress at the taping of the public service special which was aired on Thanksgiving Day. Out of Detroit comes word that Marvin Gaye has taken a little time away from producing hit sides to go into the studio and cut several new albums that should be on the market soon.

Marvin, who just happens to be one of the most talented singers on the Motown label, reportedly will be headed to the West Coast shortly for several television guest stints. — Incidentally, when The Supremes appeared in D. C. at the Festival at Ford's, it was the first time that the girls had the opportunity to work with their close friend Dionne Warwick. Dionne and Mary always get a big bid whist game going.

Producer-horseman William Asher is still looking for a win-

ner at Santa Anita's Oak Tree meeting but swears wife Elizabeth Montgomery worked her nose-twitching magic of her "Bewitched" TV show when she cashed in a winning ticket on a long, long shot at the Arcadia racing plant. "No magic," Liz swore, "the jockey was wearing my favorite colors."

Engelbert Humperdinck fans have been beseiging ABC, the network which produced his weekly television series, their local stations, the Royal Box at the Americana Hotel in New York, Toronto's O'Keefe Center where Humperdinck just finished up and Chicago's Mill Run Theatre where he is now, anybody they can find to write with letters begging them to do what they can to get Engelbert back on network television with a new show.

Diahann Carroll and Flip Wilson are headed for a great downfall if they don't take a close look at the enemies David Horowitz, their Press Agent, is making for them. David is not black and will never understand all

the pitfalls of being black. This cat had the nerve to tell me, as a representative of Miss Carroll, that if we, the Beverly Hills-Hollywood NAACP, didn't admit he and his wife free to our annual Image Awards Show, that Miss Carroll wouldn't be attending. Is this the price of freedom? Nothing like being a winner. . . .

Berry Gordy, Jr., whose success in record production made stars of Diana Ross, The Jackson 5, The Temptations, Smokey Robinson, Stevie Wonder, Martha Reeves and numerous others, adds another dimension to Motown's ever expanding arm when he serves as execu-

tive producer on that special Diana Ross will be taping shortly. You just can't beat a winner. . . .

Take a look at the current issue of Soul Magazine with The Jackson 5 on the cover and you will read a very interesting story about my trip with the kids on their concert tour. The Jackson 5 are one of the finest group of youngsters around today; and I am quite proud to be able to say I was a part of that very exciting few days. By the way, things are already in the works for the Jackson 5 to have their own special on television and they may even end up doing a weekly Saturday

morning program.

A group of Los Angeles hookers asked for a private screening of "The Owl and the Pussycat" when they learned that Barbara Streisand plays a fellow Western Ave. stroller in the wild comedy, which Ray Stark produced.

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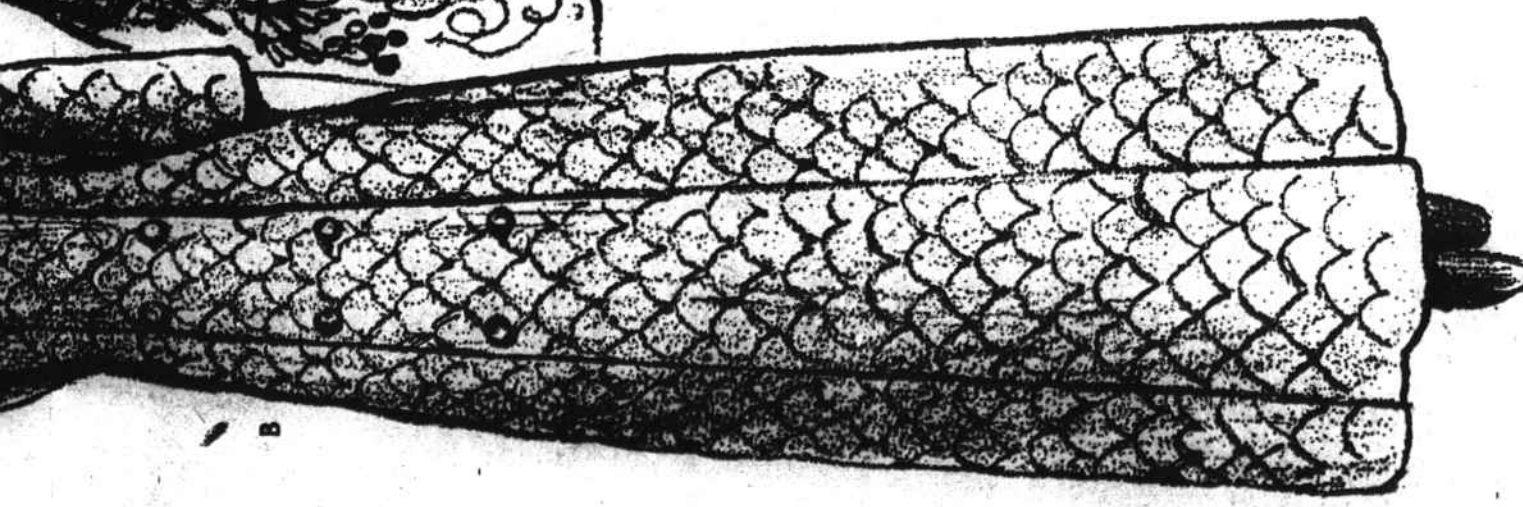
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