

Diana Ross Introduces Jackson-Five To Group

LOS ANGELES, Calif. - Singer Diana Ross has discovered what she considers the most talented entertainment act of this decade.

Last Monday night, with the pomp and pageantry accorded most Hollywood debuts, Miss Ross introduced her proteges at a gala press party held at the Daisy, one of Beverly Hills' most exclusive discotheques. More than 350 guests representing the movie and music industries and national press were personally invited to the affair by Miss Ross.

Miss Ross introduced her talented "bananaza," amid thunderous applause. Her stars are the Jackson-Five, five brothers from Gary, Indiana, whose ages range from 8 to 16.

Into the spotlight strolled eight-year-old Michael Jackson, the spectacularly talented lead singer of the Jackson-Five.

Dressed stylishly mod, Michael charmed his audience both on and off stage.

Asked whether or not he was Miss Ross' protege, Michael flippantly replied:

"After singing for four years and not becoming a star, I thought I would never be discovered. . . that is, until Miss Ross came along to save my career."

There was more to Michael's humorous report than most people knew. He has been the principle lead singer of the group since his fourth birthday and constantly reminds his older brother (Torianno, 14) with whom he shares the lead chores, that he might one day take over the entire job.

Just to make sure that the public gets a chance to fully view her proteges, Miss Ross insisted that promoters of her show at the Los Angeles Forum, Saturday, August 16, bill the Jackson-Five with her and the Supremes.

She also will give the Jackson-Five their national television debut when she hosts the Hollywood Palace Show, Saturday, October, 18.

Judging from rave press re-

views given her proteges, Miss Ross' ear for appraising singing talent is as finely tuned as the golden voice that propelled her to the pinnacle of entertainment success.

The Jackson-Five, composed of brothers, Michael, 8; Marlon, 9; Jermaine, 13; Toriano, 14; and Sigmund (Jackie), 16, have a repertoire that ranges from Ray Charles to Liberace.

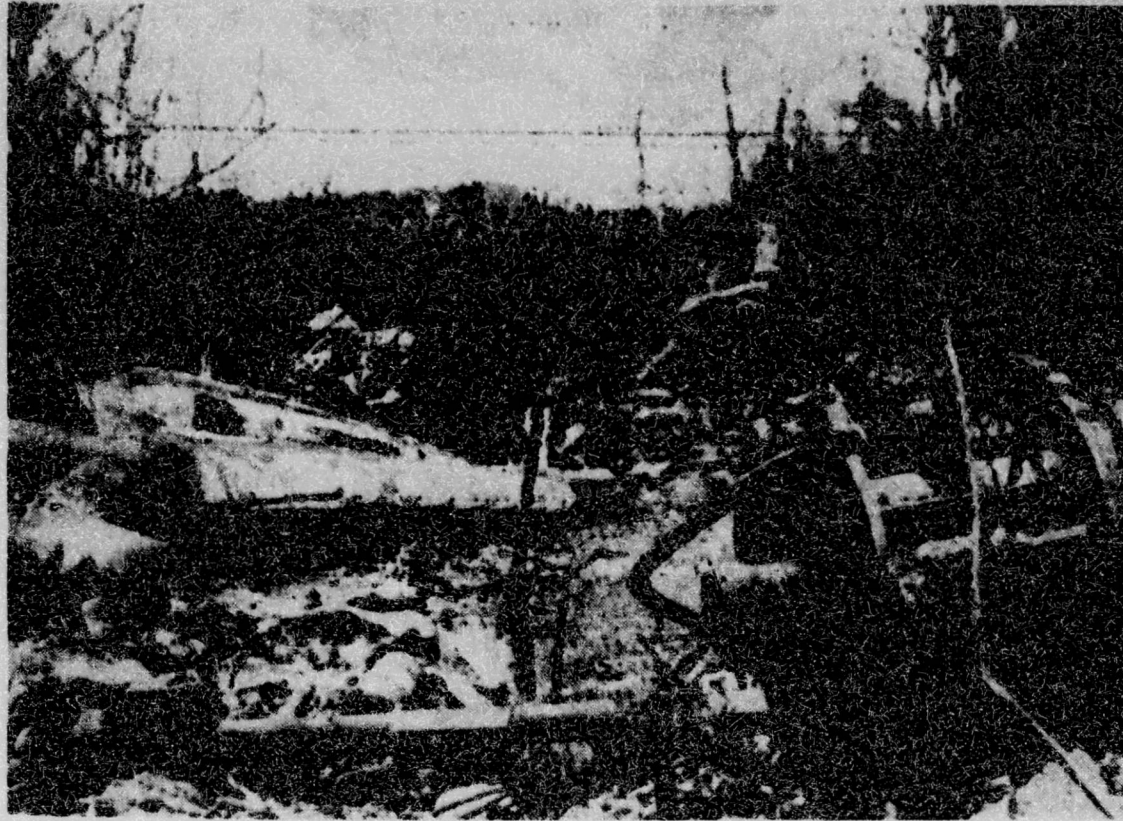
Law Enforcement Grants Available At Elizabeth City

ELIZABETH CITY - Dr. Ernest A. Finney, director of the Law Enforcement Education Program (LEEP) at Elizabeth City State University, announces that grants are available for law enforcement personnel interested in participating in the program. Dependence upon qualification and need, the maximum grant will be \$300 per semester of \$600 per year. This amount will cover tuition and fees.

According to Dr. Finney, applicants to the LEEP project at ECSU must be high school graduates, with preference given to persons who are already engaged in law enforcement on the city, county, state, or federal levels. "An applicant can enroll as a full-time or part-time student, taking the course or courses of his choosing, but related to the program," Dr. Finney stated.

"They must, however, agree to remain in law enforcement at least two years after completion of the study or studies supported by the grant," he continued.

Registration for the first semester at ECSU is scheduled for September 2. All members of law enforcement agencies and other interested persons are asked to contact Dr. Finney, immediately, for further information on the federally-funded law enforcement education program at ECSU.



EIGHT AMERICANS DIED HERE - South Vietnam: An American soldier sifts through debris of the burned out Huey helicopter in which eight Americans, including Associated Press photographer Oliver Noonan, were killed when it was shot down August 19 by Communist anti-aircraft fire. U. S. infantrymen finally won their six-day battle against hundreds of North Vietnamese and reached the crash site August 25. (UPI).

Dr. Bunche Credits His Grandmother For Success

NEW YORK - United Nations Under Secretary-General Dr. Ralph J. Bunche has written a rare personal memoir in which he credits his late grandmother with the "obsession" that resulted in his deciding to go to college.

In his memoir, written for the September Reader's Digest as one of the magazine's "My Most Unforgettable Character" series, the Nobel Prize-winner also reveals that a great-uncle, his grandmother's twin brother, was so Caucasian in appearance that he "passed over" into the white community. He did so, says Dr. Bunche, not because he thought white people were better, but to escape the hardships of white prejudice against Negroes.

The United Nations Under Secretary-General writes that when he was enrolled in school in Los Angeles, he was given

the commercial courses that all Negro children then received -- "to help them get jobs after high school." His grandmother, whom he calls "Nana," went to the school and demanded that he be allowed to take college-preparatory courses instead.

"Thus I got acquainted for the first time with algebra and geometry, natural science, history, and French," he writes. Graduated head of his class and valedictorian of the Jefferson High School, he was nonetheless "blackballed" from the city-wide student honor society "because of my race," he says. Ironically, some 30 years later he was admitted to membership in the society.

Dr. Bunche writes that his grandmother's "obsession" with college made it the chief topic of conversation during the summer after his graduation

from high school, when he was working as a carpet layer during the day, and chasing around wildly at night. "Nana was not to be resisted," he writes, "and I finally appeared on the UCLA campus and enrolled."

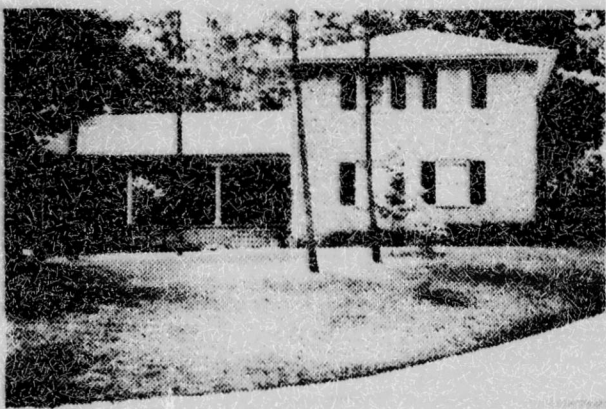
"Halfway through my freshman year, I began to realize that I could hold my own and that Nana's stubborn dream might come true," he writes.

Dr. Bunche disavows any claim to being "A symbol of what a Negro can accomplish." "I am no such symbol," he declares, "for in this regard I can lay claim to nothing more than the good fortune of having had Nana for a grandmother. The point that must be made is that no young man or woman should need my luck in order to have a chance in society," he declares.

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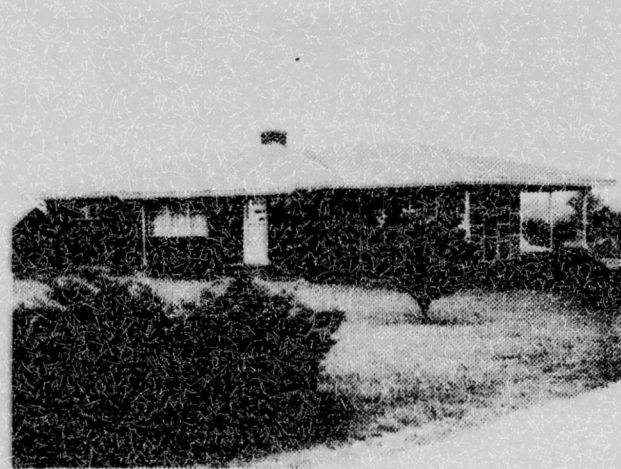
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