CELEBRITY LOOKOUT By Jason

All letters should be addressed to Jason, DAWN Magazine, 628 N. Eutaw St., Baltimore, Md. 21201. All questions are welcome, but while Jason cannot provide individual answers, questions of general interest will be used in this column.

Q.- Is Berry Gordy of Motown married? I have never read or seen a picture of any wife — only with Diana Ross. How about a family picture? I know he has one daughter. Any other children?

A. S. WHITE
Indianapolis, IN

A. A spokesman at Motown in California says that Berry Gordy Jr. is not married at this time. He had three children by his first wife Thelma Coleman. They are Barry IV, Hazel (Mrs. Jermaine Jackson) and Terry. He had Kerry by his second wife Raynoma. Kennedy Gordy is another son. The sons are shown at a party in 1978.

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Q. I recently wrote you a letter in regards to recording artist Lou Ragland and I have not received any response. I was wondering if you or anyone on your staff received the letter or was it put aside or totally ignored? We here in our company would appreciate some response even if it is no, we are not interested. It would be nice if noteworthy inquiries get read at least, even if there is no further follow-up made on the matter.

MEISHA R. DOTSON
Cleveland, OH

A. We are sorry but we can only answer inquiries in this column as we receive too many letters to answer each of them personally. We feel that as a booking agency you are using this newspaper to carry out a search that you are unable to do thru normal channels. We do not have a Lou Ragland in our files. None of our editors have ever heard of him. We checked newspapers in D.C. The Musicians Association, 1055 Taylor Ave. Local 40-543, Baltimore, Md. says they have never heard of him. The D.C. local does not have him listed. They list a Glenn Ragland, a drummer but no Lou. A local musician says that they know of a Lou Ragland who lives in Silver Spring, Md. and plays at Charlie's in Georgetown, Md., but their booker has no listing unless they know what instrument or band Lou Ragland plays for. We have gone the second mile. If any of our readers know, write Jason at Dawn Magazine.

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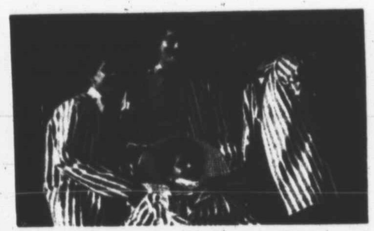
Q.- I would like to know how you go about getting plays, poems and songs copyrighted?

SEAN COLSTON
Axis, AL

A. To get a copyright, write Information and Publications Section, LM-455 Copyright Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20559. They will send you forms to fill out.



Sons of Berry Gordy, Kerry, Terry and Berry IV, standing, seated is Kennedy.

Berry Gordy

Art Farmer

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Q.-I am a reader of the Los Angeles Sentinel and would like to know whatever happened to Art Farmer the jazz trumpeter. I have not heard anything about him in years. Also his twin brother, Addison.

HOWARD BONNER
Lompac, CA

A. Art Farmer is still blowing the fluegelhorn and trumpet like crazy and appearing at various Kool Jazz Festivals and at Montreux. He appeared recently at a Smithsonian (D.C.) Jazz Concert. His twin brother Addison Gerald Farmer died in NYC Feb. 20, 1963.

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Q.- I would like to know are the Jacksons going to get back together? They sounded very good when they were together. Why did they go their own ways?

TANDRA MOORE
Kansas City, KS

A. All reports are that all The Jacksons are back in the studio recording a new album. They are slated to start a global and nationwide tour this summer. The reason for the breakup is complicated but the real reason is The Jacksons could make more money with another label. Jackie had other ideas for fame and fortune which he has obtained. Then Jermaine married Hazel Gordy, daughter of Berry Gordy, Motown's head, but his career did not take off.

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About Juanita Mahone on "As the World Turns"

Dear Jason:

I am writing in response to a letter from Faye Stokes of Kansas City who was complaining about the hairstyle of Juanita Mahone of "As the World Turns" on TV. Ms. Stokes felt that Ms. Mahone's hairstyle was not "...a true picture of blacks" and you obviously concurred. These opinions reflect on ignorance of the ethos of African people worldwide. The hairstyle which Ms. Stokes referred to as "Looking like black yarn" is commonly referred to as "dreadlocks" and is considered an expression of black beauty worldwide.

Check out tennis champion Yannick Noah, reggae superstar Bob Marley; actress Rosalind Cash to name a few who have chosen to wear their hair in this natural expression of blackness, as only African people can wear them. Jeri Curls, permanents and pressing are the hairstyles that are unnatural and not a true representation of blackness, except to those that think that the European stan-

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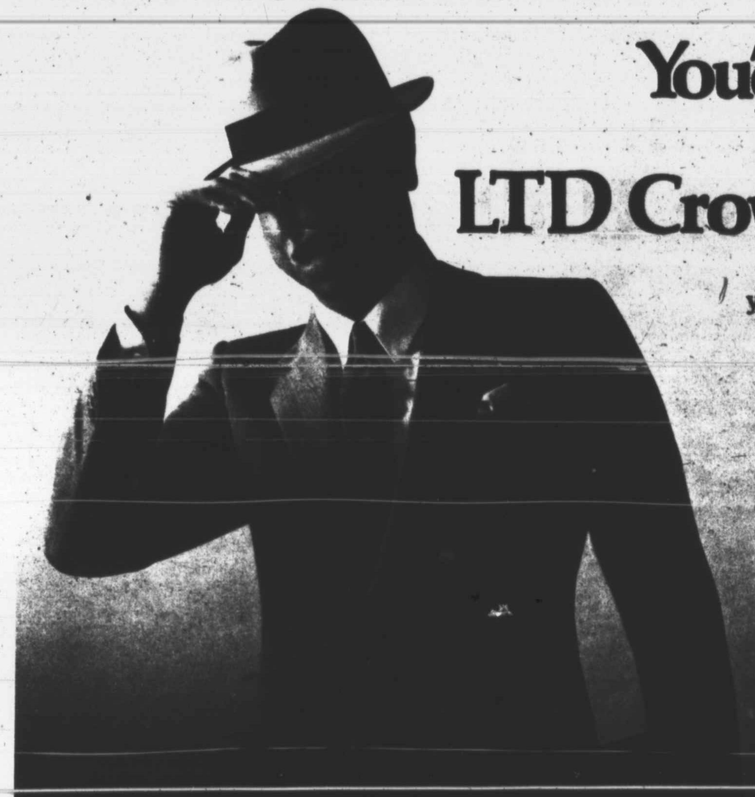

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