

The Artists' circle... Jazz festival returns to N.Y.

By EARL CALLOWAY

George Wein announced today expanded plans for the 1973 Newport Jazz Festival-New York. This year's schedule, June 29-July 8, comprises the most extensive program in the Festival's 20-year history, with almost twice as many programs as last year's overwhelming success.

Mayor John V. Lindsay welcomed the NJF-NY back for its second year. "This remarkable 10-day event gives a tremendous boost to the spirit of the City and to the business community. It brings thousands of visitors, and helps make New York's summer festival an even greater success."

In a press conference at the Rainbow Grill, former Mayor Robert Wagner, chairman of the Newport Jazz Festival-New York Committee, congratulated the Festival on its 20th Anniversary, and said that the tremendous critical acclaim the Festival received last year has greatly enhanced the cultural image of New York. "People are already talking about this year's Festival and are planning to spend their 4th of July vacation in the city so they can attend as many of the jazz events as possible."

George Wein, producer of the Festival, thanked Mayor Lindsay and former Mayor Wagner for their continuing support and then announced details of the 1973 Newport Jazz Festival-New York: "This year we've expanded the Festival to more than 50 events and we are going into many more areas of the City and its boroughs."

"As we did last year we will have numerous concerts in Carnegie Hall and Philharmonic Hall. We will also return to Radio City Music Hall for two midnight jam sessions. Our giant concerts will be at Shea Stadium, and for the first time we will be in Long Island with a major concert at the Nassau Coliseum."

"One of last year's most popular events, the Hudson River Boat Ride will be expanded to two days, with special discounted children's tickets that make it an event the entire family can attend. This year's dance will be at the world renowned Roseland Ballroom, and promises to bring back the "thirties" in all its nostalgic glory - with a fashion show, great jazz bands, and professional Lindy Hop dancers."

"With the cooperation of the Jos. Schlitz Brewing Co., we will produce a unique event in theatrical concert presentation - "The Life and Times of Ray Charles," written and narrated by the internationally acclaimed author James Baldwin and performed by Ray Charles, his orchestra and special guests."

"American Airlines will continue as a sponsor, and will salute either Benny Goodman, Count Basie, Duke Ellington or Ella Fitzgerald."

"We have asked Fran Allison, of Kukla, Fran and Ollie fame, to prepare a special children's jazz concert. The historic outdoor afternoon concerts of the early Newport Jazz Festival will be revived at the Wollman Amphitheater in Central Park, which has been made available to us through the cooperation of Ron Delsener, the Schaefer Brewing Co., and the City's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs depart."

Wein further stated that a series of five concerts will be presented at the Apollo Theatre, bringing the jazz festival directly to Harlem. A six-day concert series featuring predominantly new music will be held at Alice Tully Hall in conjunction with the New York Musicians' Organization. Contributions from foundations like the New York Foundation, and from sponsors like Schlitz, American Airlines and Atlantic Records are making these series possible. Buddah Records and Atlantic Records are presenting special evenings at this year's festival.

Wein went on to say, "The Tea Council of the United States will present a talent discovery concert in which their Tea Talent Search winners will appear performing alongside major talent, John Mayall."

It was announced that this year 50 per cent of the festival profits will be contributed back to the music community. "One of our primary aims," Wein said, "is the founding of the New York Jazz Repertory Company. The New York State Council On The Arts is now considering a proposal for funding the repertory company in conjunction with other foundations and the Festival."

Wein added that the travel industry is cooperating with the summer jazz festival by setting up package tours to New York for fans from all over America and the world during the ten-day festival. He concluded, "With the continuing cooperation of the Fifth and Sixth Avenue assoc. and the support of the people in the communities, this year's Newport Jazz Festival-New York promises to surpass the success of last year's event. We expect many other sponsors to join in this City-wide Festival."

Patrons desiring further information are invited to address inquiries to the Newport Jazz Festival-New York, P.O. Box 1169, New York, New York 10023.



Dr. Ross Miller...

Surgeon practices politics

COMPTON, California—Politics is Dr. Ross Miller's hobby and second love. He is a surgeon who spends 16 hours a day, most days, practicing medicine (his first love) and in spare hours, he practices politics.

A member of the Compton City Council, Dr. Miller began the practice of surgery in Compton, Calif. in 1960.

A native of Boston, Mass., Dr. Miller spent his early childhood in East St. Louis, Ill. At age 19, he received his B.S. Degree from Howard university and four years later, he graduated from Howard university medical school.

Combining medicine and politics comes easy for Dr. Miller. He exudes an enthusiasm for politics and has since an early age. He has traveled extensively throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, the Caribbean and other countries and has observed the political as well as the medical systems on his visits.

"So many people say they don't have time for political activities," Dr. Miller said, "but I believe we must make time. Blacks have a stake in the future of our country and we must be willing to invest our time and dispense our energies to see that government works for all of us."

Miller further said, "black people must learn the value and importance of their involvement in the political process. Some of us become lethargic and apathetic. Those who would yell the loudest and complain the loudest would do the least. More people ought to do more in politics."

The world of California politics opened up for Dr. Miller in 1962 when he was elected vice-president of the Compton Council on Human Relations.

The following year he was appointed to the Compton Parks and Recreational



DR. MILLER

Commission and served four years.

In 1964, Miller was elected to the Board of Directors of the Compton Chamber of Commerce and served three years. Dr. Miller became the first black member of the Compton School Board when in 1965 he was elected a member and later became president.

Ross Miller, M.D., made national headlines in 1968 when he was one of the first physicians to aid Senator Robert Kennedy when he was felled by an assassin's bullet.

He treasures a famed artistic work that hangs on his wall and reads, "Black Hands that once picked cotton now pick elected officials"...He knows that the reason there are thousands of Black elected officials around the country today is attributed to the fact that more and more Blacks have gotten out and worked hard to make it possible.

One of Miller's colleagues said, "he is so sincere and so interested in politics, and government and so unselfish about it that all of us abuse him. You call on him and he very unselfishly and sacrificially responds."

It is somewhat more conventional for lawyers to engage in politics than doctors but Miller is as tireless a

practitioner of politics as anyone around.

After his office hours and after he has attended a medical or a political meeting then he makes his nightly hospital rounds.

Dr. Miller's impressive professional career makes him highly respected by his colleagues and his effective political years have influenced the lives of many.

His credentials include, among other things: Diplomate of the American Board of Surgery, Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, Fellow of the International College of Surgeons, assistant professor of Surgery at UCLA.

Dr. Miller, now serving his second term on the City Council, was elected president of the Charles Drew Medical Society for 1973.

Philly councilman tells of concepts

CHICAGO, Ill.—"Urban Homesteading may seem unusual and revolutionary, to some; but we live in unusual and revolutionary times which demand unusual and revolutionary solutions to our apparent insoluble problems," said Philadelphia Councilman Joseph E. Coleman as he spoke of his Urban Homesteading plan at a housing conference sponsored by the Urban Training Center for Christian Mission.

Coleman was introduced by UTC director Dr. Carroll M. Felton Jr., who heads the two-week session attended by over 30 clergy and church workers from 10 states. "Housing continues to be a pressing problem and need for millions of people especially in ghetto communities," Felton said.

"The purpose of this conference is to identify factors which have contributed to the present critical housing situation and suggest strategies for dealing effectively and creatively with the situation in addition to preaching about it on Sunday morning," Felton stated as he praised the inventiveness of Councilman Coleman's Urban Homesteading Plan which is now under consideration by the Philadelphia City Council.

Coleman who is city councilman from the Eighth District of Philadelphia is a practicing attorney, former member of the Philadelphia City Planning Commission and former city director of the Philadelphia Housing Development Corporation. He is the author of a book on black history entitled "Another Chosen People-American Negroes."

Councilman Coleman quoted census figures that there are four million abandoned buildings beyond rehabilitation and five million vacant but rehabilitable structures within city boundaries in our nation.

"These scattered parcels of land where these structures are situated add up to sizeable acreage and constitute a high percentage of total land area in our cities. Not only are the areas surrounding these deteriorated structures blighted, but they are sparsely inhabited and economically unproductive. In a very real sense these areas in our cities represent our nation's 'New Frontiers'." If we fail to develop these ever enlarging New Frontiers, causing our cities to die, the death of our nation will surely follow," Coleman said.

Protest cash put to work

CHICAGO—More than \$350 in federal telephone excise taxes withheld by a group of antiwar tax resisters will provide a set of eye-surgery instruments and two portable oxygen life-support systems for a Hanoi hospital demolished in last December's bombing.

The much-needed equipment will be sent by a new organization called Medical Aid for Indochina, which received the donation from War Tax Resistance.

Ironically, in a completely independent action, MAI also received a \$50 donation from a dozen employees of Illinois Bell telephone to send another portable oxygen system to Bach Mai hospital.

Mark Sherman, coordinator of War Tax Resistance, said his group will focus on utilizing the withheld federal telephone tax for supplying medical aid to North Vietnam.

The 10 per cent excise tax, which was to expire in 1969, was extended specifically to pay the rising costs of the Vietnam war and has been for several years the target of groups seeking to use

economic power to end the war.

Supporters of WTR say nonpayment incurs virtually no risk of prosecution by the Internal Revenue Service and little effort is made to collect the withheld amount.

Sherman urged the general public to withhold the next three months telephone taxes for the campaign to rebuild Bach Mai. Funds can be sent to Telephone Tax Relief Fund, Hyde Park Federal Savings, 5250 S. Lake Park, Chicago, or to Medical Aid for Indochina, 109 N. Dearborn, Chicago.

MAI was established in Chicago earlier this month by a group of civic, religious and political leaders including U.S. Rep. Ralph Metcalfe, State Rep. Robert E. Mann, former Congressman Abner J. Mikva, Ald. Dick Simpson, former Illinois Lieut. Gov. Paul Simon and several state and county health officials.

It is part of a nationwide effort to rebuild Bach Mai hospital and provide a wide range of medical supplies and equipment to North Vietnam and liberation forces in South Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Unit 'links' Malcolm X, Calif. medical school

NEW YORK—What does Malcolm X college, Chicago, have in common with the Louis B. Mayer Medical Teaching Center at the University of Southern California Medical School in Los Angeles?

They are the latest customers of the newest in a growingly successful succession of young companies born of specialized research and development groups formerly in the General Electric Co.

The two learning institutions have just begun using an advanced electronic classroom system designed and installed by Instructional Industries,

inc. an independent affiliate of General Electric with corporate headquarters in Ballston Lake, N.Y.

These systems are results of more than seven years of research and development. They increase and reinforce participation and feedback between instructors and students in large classrooms.

The \$85,000 U.S.C. system is believed by Instructional Industries to be the largest single initial installation of its kind.

Students have push-button response panels at their desks. An instructor's console lets him ask questions and gives him immediate feedback on

how the class is doing. He can also direct the system to collect student answers and print out an instant detailed analysis by individual student and total class.

Germany is rookie All-Star

BALTIMORE, Md.—Willie Germany, a former Morgan State College All-America football player, has been named to Football Digest's 1972 Rookie All-Star football team.



CAMDEN, N.J.—Three members of Laborer's International Union Local 222 were participants at the recent opening of a new dental care center in Camden. They are (top, background) from left, Clint Iliggs, field representative, Laborer's International Union Local 222; John Duckett, business manager, Local 222. Pictured with them are Caroline Washkill, Nardi (seated, center) and Joseph R. Cusumano, Dental Plans, Inc. NADP designs pre-paid, prev as labor organizations, associations and corporations of America, King of Prussia, Pa.

VSC offers travel-study seminars

PETERSBURG - A travel-study seminar course will be offered at Virginia State College during the first summer session of 1973.

Three options may be used to participate in the program. They are: it may be taken as a single three semester hour course, it may be taken in

combination with music and art to provide six semester hours credit, or it may be taken as a travel tour experience for no credit.

The new course, listed as General Education 100 in the college catalogue, will start May 17 and end June 2. The college feels that it is a most

unusual opportunity for students, faculty and staff members to advance their education and see historical parts of the world at the same time.

Participating students will travel to Geneva, Switzerland, Madrid, Spain, Paris, France and Rome, Italy.

VEP survey...

Dixie's elected blacks at 1,144

ATLANTA—The number of black elected officials in the south reached a record high 1,144 this year with Alabama and Mississippi, once strongholds of segregation, leading nine other states in the region, the Voter Education project (VEP) announced.

The total was more than 10 times that of 1965 when the Voting Rights Act was passed and included a net gain of 271 in the 1972 elections, the largest jump in any single year since reconstruction.

Harry Hoge, president of Atlanta-based VEP, called the increase "phenomenal" and

said it indicated "the momentum for change generated by the civil rights movement of the 1960s continues to shape the political, social and economic climate of our region."

Mississippi led all other states with 145 black elected officials while Alabama had 144. Alabama increased its total by 61 during 1972, however, to lead all other states in numbers added during the year.

Arkansas gained 49 to 140 and Georgia went up 38 to 104. The total number of elected blacks for the other states in

the region included Florida, 51; Louisiana, 127; North Carolina, 108; South Carolina, 98; Tennessee, 69; Texas, 98, and Virginia, 60.

The breakdown by office in the region included two members of congress, six state senators, 55 state representatives, 126 county officials, 38 mayors, 14 vice mayors, 441 other municipal officials, 198 law enforcement officials, among them nine judges, and 268 education officials.

Four of that group hold two positions each, making 1,148 offices in the south occupied by blacks.

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