

# Motown baby, Zulu name spoke in Swedish

HOLLYWOOD — WHEN Motown's Junius Griffin visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Humphrey, "back in the hills and mountains of Virginia," he took with him his 15-month-old daughter, Zenzi ("a Zulu name from Miriam Makeba"). On plane stops in Dallas and Nashville women, including stewardesses, happily changed diapers for the flustered father. But the ladies became equally flustered when asking Junius what phrases his little daughter was speaking and go from him: "She's speaking Swedish." The baby's mother, Ragni, was once a scribe for Ebony. On Griffin's desk at Motown now reposes a souvenir from his dad, a coal miner's head lamp, symbol of the work made "in those mountains down there."

DUKE Ellington now on a five-week Russian tour . . . Royal Dutchman Records say they'll donate all royalties from sales of their Angela Davis album, "Soul and Soledad," to the National United Committee to free Angela Davis . . . Bob Radditz and Martin Ritt say they were so delighted with the work of young Kevin Hooks, son of Robert Hooks, in their "Sounder" pic they signed up his six-year-old brother, Eric, to play Kevin's brother.

Diana Sands back from Stockholm, where she finished her role in the Eartha Kitt film, "Georgia On My Mind." And Redd Fox must have hit Keno in Vegas, for he bought an old gold mine in the Nevada desert . . . And Actor Bill Walker quit his Screen Actors' Guild board of directors post after 18 years, now that he's going to have to put in a lot of time on the travel road. Seems like a long time since Bill clobbered his Ninth Hole club on Brush and Mack in Detroit, came West and got a job in "The Killers," with a new actor named Burt Lancaster.

B. B. King's going to jail — to sing to the cops, and will play a dozen next "joints" beginning Jan. 1. Bobby Stevens and the Checkmates, when they leave their current stand at the Vegas Hilton, will begin a tour of Army bases in the West . . . James McEachin headed to British Columbia to film his role in "Plastic Man" . . . Barbara McNair flew to Nashville to do a country souler TV spectacular with Boots Randolph . . . They grabbed Jan Alexander of the "The Great White Hope" to play opposite George C. Scott in "The New Centurians," filmer of the book by L.A. policeman Joe Wambaugh.

Said Melba Moore, here to tape a Flip Wilson show, "I always like to come to Hollywood. Despite the smog it's so refreshing to be away from New York." She's been in Las Vegas with David Frost.



Redd Fox he buys gold mine in Nevada

Japan is sparking up its film industry, and already having it said that Japan's film industry is "30 years ahead of Hollywood." And Sammy Davis used Howard Hughes' private jet to do a benefit with Connie Stevens in Houston . . . Lee Magid, Della Reese's longtime manager is now managing Fran Jeffries.

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In recent years they were with Moms a few days ago, the famed comedienne said she was heart-broken over the death of Louis Armstrong, because they had been close friends for over thirty years.

In recent years they were booked by the late Joe Glaser, president of Associated Booking Corporation of New York. They were baseball fans and enjoyed the same private box at Yankee Stadium for many years. Moms Mabley said she would use "That's Pops" in her regular night club act and for all television appearances. She is slated to appear at The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles in September.

The recording was produced by Barry Oslander and is Mom's first "single" since her best seller "Abraham, Martin and John."

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