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Nov. 15, 1971

My Sweetheart:

Please forgive me for not writing in such a long time. It has not impaired my love for you one iota, Miss Jezebel. How are you these days? And I imagine you are as busy as ever. Are you doing any films these days? Mark of the Movie work has moved from Hollywood to your coast. I do sincerely hope it will mean more work for you.

My work goes well as usual and my health is perfect; for which I am grateful to God. Two weeks ago I was in Eugene, Ore. rain and 1200 kids in the choir for 2 days. The following week I was in Waterford, S. D. 20 above zero and 1100 kids. This past weekend I was in Stillwater, Okla. 85° and 4,700 kids in the choir, plus 65 in the orchestra.

It may interest you to know also, that on next Jan. 12, I shall be in Columbia, S. C. where I'll conduct a choir of 300 integrated high school kids in a concert; for the opening of the "S. C. State Legislature!" Would you

read dat las' sentence again and absovt what
I said, please?

Received a letter from the president of the
University of Mass. in which he said that
school will confer upon me (at their next
June Commencement exercises) the honor-
ary degree of D.S. of Fine Arts. Made me
feel mighty good. That's where I spent
my first two years of College; Amherst,
Mass.

Went out to Warner Bros. Studio last
week and read for a bit part in a T.V. film.
Beat out some younger "old men" than I and
will do it next week. God bless you with
good health and love. I love you.

Fairfaxton