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Rare Reggae Footage

24 Posted at 05:00 PM

2010 **Posted By: David Lührssen**

In Section: I Hate Hollywood

The colors in *Jamdown* have faded like an old home movie, which is essentially what the documentary comes down to being. French filmmaker Emmanuel Bonn shot this rarely seen movie in 1980 with much apparently random footage of Jamaica, including the verdant hilly countryside and the crowded streets of Kingston and seemingly catch-as-catch-can interviews with people encountered along the way. Of interest are the soulful performances by Toots & the Maytals and the Congos as they performed in the recording studio and other settings. The pretentious intertitles—Soweto, Angola, Watts—ineffectually linked the movie's images with the worldwide struggle for black freedom. The words spoken and sung by the Jamaicans on camera were much more to the point. *Jamdown* has been released on DVD.

Time for Jamdown

Aug. 7 - Aug. 13

Toots and The Maytals w/ The

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TODAY IN MILWAUKEE



Ke\$ha

There's an interesting dichotomy playing out in radio pop right now. On one end of the spectrum, there's Lady Gaga, a theatrically minded provocateur who makes each song a statement on art, fashion and politics. On the other there's Ke\$ha...

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Sherryce: I feel like I've heard them before, or heard many ...

Ross Worzalla: It's hardly worth wasting my breath here since the Sheep ...

mary: hi hannah montana i love you ,you are my big ...

OCMEX: THEEEEE ONLY!!!! Place to get a combo Italian Beef and ...

Marshall Lentini: Nero is cognate with Greek aner, "man"; it does not ...

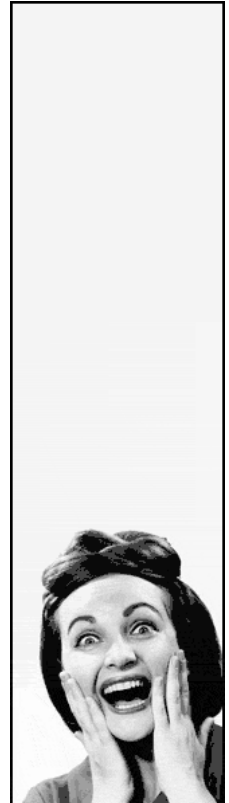
shee: I heard of Bembenek's case when I read 'WOMAN ON ...

henry C: were not from Mequon, were from Tosa

CorrinaFan: Corrina - I didn't know Timothy McVeigh was a muslim! ...

AI: Maybe we could start solving the overflow problem by making ...

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