

Alan Freed Dies at 44; Rock and Roll Jockey

Palm Springs, Calif., Jan. 20 (Special)—Alan Freed, 44 onetime king of rock and roll on two New York radio stations, died today of internal bleeding in a Palm Springs hospital. He had been ill a week.

Freed, who lived here, was working as a disk jockey on a Los Angeles station.

Once one of the nation's best known disk jockeys, Freed was fired by New York radio station WINS after a show in Boston touched off a riot in which several persons were injured.

Fired From WABC Too

He joined WABC, the American Broadcasting Company's New York radio outlet, but was fired in November, 1959, when he refused to sign an affidavit swearing he had not taken payola to promote records.

He was indicted in New York in 1960 for commercial bribery in connection with alleged payola totaling \$30,650. He pleaded guilty to two of 26 counts in 1962 and got off with a \$300 fine and a suspended jail term. Last year



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Lost job in payola probe

the federal government returned a three-count indictment against him for allegedly evading \$37,820 in income taxes for 1957-59.