

Alan Freed, Ex-Deejay, Dead at 43



MR. FREED

Alan Freed, former Cleveland disc jockey who rode to fame, fortune and controversy on the first wave of rock - and - roll, died yesterday in Palm Springs, Calif., of uremic poisoning. He was 43.

The Big Beat was just beginning to throb when Mr. Freed, billing himself as the Moondog, attracted a large following of teen-age fans for his record-spinning show on WJW-Radio.

From here he moved to New York where his Moondog Ball dances attracted the same kind of overflow crowds as attended the affairs here at the Arena and elsewhere. He later became embroiled in payola accusations and last year was indicted in New York on income tax evasion charges.

Mr. Freed held an engineering degree from Ohio State University. He began his broadcasting career in Akron in 1945 and came to Cleveland in 1951.

His home recently had been in Palm Springs. He had been in ill health in recent weeks and died in a hospital in the California city.

His survivors include his wife, Inge; four children; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freed of Salem, O., and two brothers, David Freed, who is law director of Eastlake, and Charles Jr.

Funeral arrangements have not been completed. Services and burial will be out of town.