

# Alan Freed Is Dead; Former Disc Jockey

## Figure In Payola Scandals Of 1950s Succumbs At 43 In California

Palm Springs, Calif. (UPI)—Former disc jockey Alan Freed, one-time Mr. Rock 'N' Roll, and a principal figure in the payola scandals, died yesterday at Desert Hospital. He was 43.

Freed had been ill for about two weeks, a friend said.

A spokesman said Freed had been treated for uremic poisoning.

Freed, credited with coining the phrase rock 'n' roll to describe the beat that swept the nation in the 1950s, was indicted last year on charges of evading payment of taxes on \$37,920 in so-called payola.

During the 1950s, Freed was a popular disc jockey on three New York radio stations.

In 1960, Freed was charged with 25 counts of commercial bribery for accepting payola. In December, 1962, he pleaded guilty and was given a 6-month suspended sentence and fined \$300.



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