
BILLY ROWE'S
NOTEBOOK

There are only a few of them left, but Sammy Davis, Jr. makes up for a great many of those who have departed the spotlighted boards for one reason or another. His opening at the Copacabana last mid-week added that old luster to this city where things have become funny rather than fun. This posh cellar saloon is one of the few nite spots which has been able to survive the danger without and the apathy of New York's aging nite life habitués. The place has been sold out for his two-wk's filing and the total talented one heads a show which is spiced by George Rhodes, conducting, the soul sounds of Blinky Williams and a group of dancing girls who are led by his lovely, statueque bride, Altovise Gore Davis...The critics pulled out all the adjectives to word paint the screed version of the proze winning B'way hit, "The Great White Hope." Based on what was written, there isn't any doubt that James Earl Jones, the star, will be nominated for an Academy Award. And as Stefan Kanfer of Time Mag. wrote, he just might well win the coveted golden Oscar.

ABC-TV is looking for a show to ax to properly present a mid-season series starring Pearl Bailey...The Flip Wilson show laughed into Oct. in the number - 4 spot of the top - 20 on the TeeVee Hit Parade. However his share of eyes was two-points higher than "Gunsmoke" which continues to lead the list after all these yrs. Was happy to see Mod Squad in 20th, position...On the wax charts Stevie Wonder tops the singles of the wk. with his voicing of "Heaven Help Us All." "I'll Be There," by the Jackson 5 has moved into the number-1 position on the best seller's single's chart...James Brown, whose powerful voice wallop in style on "Sex Machine" has it headed for the charts, is fit to be tied after having to cancel an engagement in Providence because the City Fathers demanded that the promoters purchase a \$300,000 bond to protect the city...The reaction of the religious community should be interesting when Decca Records premiere its latest rock opera, "Jesus Christ-Superstat." ...Forgot to mention that Freda Payne's voice version of "Band of Gold" is the best selling disk in London.

FROM SIGHTS AND SOUNDS

A number of black Americans have approached James Baldwin about investing in the new film company the famed author has formed in Paris. Most of his initial screed fare will be versions of some of the many books he has authored... Pub owner Rose Yuen has been hospitalized for several weeks. Her sister, Hilda Shepperson, went to visit the other day and the medics insisted she stay. Biz tycoon Tommy Green is in traction in the same pill and injection factory...Congressman Adam Clayton Powell made the Copa opening with a beaut of a black-eye and a lovely brown young eye-catcher with a 7 1/2 karat diamond on the "I'm spoken for finger." Was told that the shiner was not a product of "I'd rather fite than switch" degree, but by a virus of some origin. So don't believe him when he tells you the lady did it...Newsguy Chuch Stone's just out book reads like it's about a law-maker not really out of Chgo...Bernard "Man Friday" Wilson was that upset when he returned to fun city and found his "wife" with another enjoying his color teevee set...The fun-fund party Ken Drew threw for Congress headed Charlie Rangel at his rich friends manse on East 66 St. the other eve. brought the politico a bunch of bucks ... Calvin Walton, who heads the N'York based Greater Horizons, is plotting a national recruiting drive for Indie black truckers. Jobs and better times are in the offering...The Lovely Jenitt Scott is creating some excitement on a promotional tour for Este Lauder. So good in fact she may soon not be the only black beauty on staff...Molly Moon who made the Urban League Guild famous, is looking in to the travel agency business.

The Harry Belefontes have a fight on their hands in the U.S. Tax Court where they are

out to prove that they do not owe Uncle \$340,000 in additional taxes for '65 - '67...B.B. King, Muddy Waters and Richie Havens have been inked to make the first black promoted 3-day blues festival happen in Dee Cee. Howard U's Cramton Aud. will be the scene of the happening...Philly's Golf and Country Club, located in Sickerville, N. J. would like to have some government aid in its expansion plans. It's the only black owned golf course in the country...More than 50-representatives from all over the world are concluding a meeting in Puerto Rico out of which it is hoped will come a better educational exchange program... Al Wilde's movie plans for his long time star, the lovely Leslie Uggams, are expected to pan out comes '71 Leslie's neat nite club act is gathering standing ovations wherever... The University of Nebraska got William Marshall to narrate its 60-min., teevee "The Black Frontier"... "Purlie," the award winning B'way musical hit, penned by Ossie Davis, is moving to a smaller theater. It was a hit harder by the Jewish high holy holiday than any other play on the street...STAY LOOSE!



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