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**BILLY ROWE'S**  
**NOTEBOOK**  
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DEMOCRACY'S MOST DANGEROUS GAME

These are dangerous and precarious times. The need is for men of individual courage and moral leadership with the desire and know-how to build a better relationship within family of man. Notwithstanding, during the just past election campaign too many politicians played a dangerous game with democracy in their quest for ruling power. Backing some were forces which are hostile to the rights of a free society. In seeking the power to abolish this right these forces sought to separate human needs from national purposes. Their cistic repartee was heard in every section of our land as boldly they outlined their desire to stem the tide of the full commitment of democracy. It was a coarse impertinent rhetoric against any and all who are in the vanguard for change as they seek a better ideology by which to shape the political and social needs of this nation.

Despite the crafty and cunning encroachment upon the body politics the majority of Americans ignored the "Agnew and the Agony" as they voted men into office the nation may be able to rely upon as its people attempt to lift themselves out of this era of "inhuman relations." The battle is far from won, but the task is clear from herein to '72. From now until then we must buck the Buckleys and not spare the Spiro Agnews in a drive to nix the Nixons.

No election so dramatized the human needs of this country as did the one just passed. No sharp mandate for liberalism or conservatism came out of it. Nor was there a noticeable drift to the right or to the left. However, I did get the impression that Pres. Richard Nixon and his hatchet man were out of tune with the needs and desires of the "Silent Majority."

Out of the voting more black men were elected to serve cities, states and nation since Reconstruction. A survey by the Joint Center for Political Studies, sponsored by Howard U., pointed out that more than 600- black candidates were in races for elective office in 38-states and the U. S. Virgin Islands. 105 have been elected in Alabama to make that state second only to Michigan where 110 hold office. In Atlanta Rev. Andrew Young muffed his bid for Congress because the brothers failed to fully do their thing at the polls. However, that wasn't so out in Berkeley, Calif. which is sending young dynamic Roger Dellums to Congress in spite of the impudent objections of DeeDee's #2-man. In fact the 92nd. Congress will have a record 12 blacks doing their thing on a wide variety of fronts along with the one in the Senate. So despite the "Spiro and the Agony," democracy held on for dear life and may still be

Lt. Gen. Benjamin O. Davis, USAF-Ret., has told the Defense Dept. that it will have to extend the use of the 800-man force he has on hand for the new sky marshal program. Seems the Treasury Dept. is having problems recruiting personnel...The Women Lib. movement is asking the State Dept. questions nobody within seems to want to answer. Like h'cum women constitute less than 5 per cent of all foreign service officers and only 7 per cent of all new ones accepted in the service. The ladies' hope to bust the male-controlled environment...Song stylist Jimmy Randolph is back from Africa telling friends about his biggest thrill. Liberia's prexy made him an "Honorary King"...Louis Armstrong will be just that when he's honored by the swinging Rinkeydinks at their annual "Pot Pourri" at the Waldorf Nov's 4th.-Sunday. The ball is just about sold out...In the honor circle Sammy Davis, Jr., has been selected for the American-Israel Friendship Award of the American Friends of the Hebrew University...Because of alleged misconduct in the affairs of the JAMBE Corp. Tony Lawrence, the major stockholder, has voted Jerold Kuchnick out. The founder and producer of the Harlem-Cultural Festival now plans to take his beef to the D.A.

The Navy has completed its arrangements to

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**Urges Overhaul Of The Blood Bank Program**  
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An AFL-CIO spokesman today called for a "rational, national blood banking program" to curb the high cost of blood and cut the risk of diseases from transfused blood.

Leo Perlis, director of the AFL-CIO Department of Community Services, said that blood banking in the United States is now "a number of uncoordinated, and in some ways uncooperative" programs. He cited the rising trend toward "commercial blood banks" as a major obstacle in developing the kind of program it will take to "meet the needs of the American people."

Blood banking has become a "lucrative business," he declared, and often has the support of local "organized medical societies and proprietary hospitals." Pointing out that commercial blood banks are often located in "skid-row areas," he said that blood purchased for \$15 a unit is eventually sold for as much as \$50 or \$60 -- "sometimes far beyond that, in the case of rare types." Perlis appeared on the network radio interview, LABOR NEWS CONFERENCE, broadcast at 9:35 p.m. (EST), Tuesday on the Mutual Broadcasting System, and at 9:35 p.m. and 11:05 p.m. (EST), on WAVA-FM in Washington, D. C.

Perlis declared that besides being costly, blood from commercial banks carries a high risk of disease, mainly hepatitis. "About 90 percent of all hepatitis cases resulting from transfusions are due to blood obtained from commercial blood banks that buy their blood from prisoners" and other "down-and-out people." He said that the annual death toll of "blood-transfused hepatitis" ranges between 1500 and 3000.

He urged the American Red Cross to take the lead in a drive for a national "blood assurance program" based on public service voluntary donors. He said that while the Red Cross now has the biggest non-profit blood banking program, it has not had an "aggressive and dynamic" program to recruit voluntary donors since World War II. He said that some two million patients need blood each year and that it takes some seven million units to meet that

fly military dependents to the Mediterranean and the Far East for the holiday season... Teenager Pamela Green's track and field exploits in Germany, Romania and Russia has put her in the running for the '72 Olympics. Her mom is Mrs. Bernice Greene, a military personnel technician at the Air Reserve Center in Denver...Leslie Uggams has been recruited by the Federation of Protestant Welfare Agencies to help in the drive to place some 3,000 homeless kids...Hospital costs for the elderly under Medicare will rise in Jan...In its last meeting the board of trustees voted that a \$1000,000 of the Medgar Evers Fund, Inc., would be provided towards the construction of a multi-purpose community center in Fayette, Miss...The powers that be of the General Foods Corp., are that pleased with the job being done by Colonel Lee Archer, USAF-Ret., who just joined the executive team as head of its Equal Opportunity dept...Flick star Calvin Lockhart gave the N'York femme front just a bit of heart tumbling passing thru enroute to Haiti for a business chat with Papa Doc...Sammy Davis, Jr.'s next film will be co-produced by Joe Grant who started with him a few years ago as a bodyguard---STAY LOOSE!

demand.

He predicted that if the spotlight of public opinion is put on the present state of blood banking in the United States and an effective donor recruitment drive is mounted, "120 million (donors) could be encouraged to give blood," and meet the demand on a voluntary non-profit basis. The AFL-CIO would "not only help, but cooperate vigorously" in that kind of effort, Perlis asserted.


Reporters questioning him were Jerome Brazda, editor of Washington Report on Medicine and Health, and Harry Conn, editor of Press Associates, Incorporates.

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