

# BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

AUTHENTIC BUT NOT AUTHORIZED.

The Black feeling within the White House is that Veepee Spiro Agnew isn't politically crazy, he just doesn't give a damn. Then too he's well aware that the '72 climate will not be to his liking. As a result the "Spiro and the Agony" will continue to haunt the Republican hierarchy and annoy the Black leaders. Trial balloons are beginning to shoot-up all over the place with names of Veepee replacements. One was released the other day by a member of Nelson Rockefeller's hi-command with the Gov's imprint across its face.

Currently Pres. Richard Nixon is riding the crest of a popular front in the face of several astute political moves. As of now the Dems. are hard pressed to keep their hopefuls in a commanding news position. However the "chaps" fly look for Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm and retiring Mayor Carl Stokes to play an important role on the national ticket.

Blacks have got a fite on their hands in St. Louis where the powers are trying to redistrict Congressman William Clay out of office. Clay is one of the prime movers of the Congressional Black Caucus. Bahamian Parilament member Maurice Moore was in town for a short visit to beat the bushes for money to oil the campaign machine of a group of brothers who feel they have had enough of Minister L.O. Pindling. According to Moore the 700-islands are in the worse shape they have ever been in with unemployment at 30% in Freeport, G.B.I. where the fabulous new International Hotel has been forced to close. "In fact," he said, "the government has to borrow money to operate and is currently seeking a \$3-million loan." Rumors from pockets of the Virgin Islands are that a "recall" movement is in the immediate future of Gov. Evans. Talk is that bumper stickers are beginning to appear reading, "Don't Blame Me! I Voted for King." King was the independent candidate who lost the first election for governor of the islands when the losing democrats teamed up with the appointed republican chief executive to make him the first black elected governor of the U.S.V.I.

Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker is out of the hospital after serious surgery which took him thru the valley and the shadow. The former SCLC executive, who marched thru the fire with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in the dangerous days, is expected to come out of it with just a slight limp. The Indie. Market Developers, which D. Parke Gibson helped organize, found itself \$1,400 short when time came to change the keeper of the cash... It wasn't reported in the press, but District-2 walked out of a meeting of the recent NAACP convention when the powers refused to deal with the question of age and the board of directors. Coming away from the same annual, New Rochelle's fiery Napoleon Holmes said that though his branch didn't win its attempt to have the name changed to NAABP, the vibes were good. More votes were cast this time in favor of a name change than ever before... Speaking about the Queen City on the Sound, should you ever visit stop off at the Lion's Den if you want to know what's relevant to the Black Community... Ethel Payne, prexy of the Capitol Press Club, will take over the NNPA News Service from DeeCee when Garth Reeves starts it up again comes Sept... \$310-million have been put aside to take care of the in-between job needs of some 500,000 returning vets... Publisher Ken. Drew was left a big share of the Travelers Hotel, the Black owned stop-off fronting LaGuardia Airport. The Commish is plotting a trip to Europe and an official jet to Spain.

Vincent Tubbs, in from Italy to close out his U.S. commitments, said that honeymoon is over in Europe for Blacks for racism has set in. The ex-news guy and flick publicist plans to return and live in Rome where he has discovered a Baroness to finance his book writing... It was Louis Armstrong's wish that he not be buried in New Orleans and not a decision of his bereaved wife. The will of the immortal trumpeteer will run into the millions... Is Ruth Bowen having problems getting back portions of the 40-G's she posted to get Aretha Franklin out of Rome?... Jackie Robinson has been persuaded not to resign

## Free Dropouts Courses

Persons of any age who have not yet earned a high school diploma and who have been away from school for at least one semester may enroll in degree courses in adult education free of charge this fall, thanks to a new law passed by the 1971 Legislature.

The bill provides partial support to school districts to offer such courses in an effort to allow school dropouts to complete their education. Only courses leading to a high school diploma for qualified persons are free; other courses carry a minimum charge to make the Clark County School District's adult education program self-supporting.

Free courses are available to anyone who has been away from school for at least one semester and is not now enrolled in a regular educational program. Courses required for graduation include English, American history, American government, and a choice from a wide selection of science and math offerings.

The Adult Education Department has always offered courses leading to a high school diploma, and every year several people earn their degree through the evening program. Until now, however, students have paid for each course. Persons interested in taking advantage of free courses are urged to call 384-9752 or 451-1040.

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