

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

BLACK IS BLACK WHERE-EVER

HONOLULU, HAWAII--Never mind the shade of blackness because black is black whatever the hue or where ever it's found. In this Aloha State, where the eyes are awed by palm-fringed beaches and towering snow-capped volcanos, the shade is not deep black and there are only a few "Afro-tops." In fact it's rather light brown topped by, what the establishment has come to call, "good hair." A beautiful mixture of Oriental and Polynesian strains, the Hawaiian is the main "man" in this land of year-round sunshine, fragrant blossoms and multi-racial people. Though it's his native land, he does not control it, as the power is split three-ways between the Japanese, Chinese and the "man" from the states. Therefore a show of racism is never a surprise though it's not the accepted thing.

A trip to Hawaii is a dramatic adventure, especially when you're making the sunny scene with Sammy Davis, Jr. For him they pull out all the stops and you get the rare opportunity to view the Pearl Harbor Memorials from the posh deck of the Admiral of the U.S. Pacific Fleet's yacht. You're shown films of the actual Japanese attack on the harbor that awful morning of Dec. 7th, '41. This in your memory you visit the most plush nite spots on the island where you can enjoy everything from a gentle Hawaiian waltz to a Samoan fire dance or a "fearsome" Maori warrior doing his stick-out-your-tongue number. You play golf on the fairways kept green for the likes of Arnold Palmer, Lee Elder and Gary Player. The best accommodations, ocean-side, are yours at the Kakala Hilton. At the fab, Benihana of Tokyo eatry your meals are dramatically prepared and cooked at your table. If this doesn't lift your lid you can snap your cap preparing your own morsel in the Tiki Broil Your Own. This is an indoor cookout spot, where you can broil your lunch or dinner, in the casual fun atmosphere of the international Market Place in mid-Waikiki. A fitting climax was getting an eye and ear full of Trummy Young doing his musical thing in the Hanohano Rm. of Sheraton-Waikiki. Reminiscing with him was like having never left home.

The holiday season can be celebrated in Hawaii as you like it; with the bubbly to wash down a big dinner in Waikiki; sitting on a beach with the sound of the lapping waves in your ears and the impressive sun sinking into the sparkling sea in your sights or by lighting candles in a small native church. On this trip we just missed the Willie Mays, Juan Marachal and Willie McCovey who were taking a short winter break. Also The John Holidays of L.A., where he manages the Ray Robinson Youth Foundation, and The Bobby Bonds. He's the Giant outfielder who's here for a series of baseball clinics for SERVO Pacific, Inc. The lush beauty of this place struck us all like a hard rubber ball and left its mark and for this moment all the folks were filled with fun and favor. So when the visit took us into Iolani Palace, the only such royal place in the USA, we envisioned how the monaechy must have lived when Hawaii was first dubbed a Paradise.

MEANWHILE BACK IN THE STATES--Sammy Davis' posh manse is just about filled with all the trimmings of superstar living and is about as warm and lovely as good taste can make it... The charming Vivian Strange, listed as among L.A.'s 10-women of the yr., is looking for a home in Frisco since being elevated to State Supervisor, Community Services of the U.S. Dept of Justice. Martha Louis talked her and the excitingly rich Jessie McDaniel, she's in real estate, into a N'Yr's hollow-in Las Vegas. Which meant they missed Low Rawls soul-sing-in Disneyland to highlight the New Year. However they can still read the interview which former football great, turn actor, Woody Strode gave the daily press at the turn of the year. Soon to be seen with Wm Holden in "The Revengers," Woody has spent the last 2-yrs in Italy making what is commonly called "spaghetti Westerns." In his interview he unglved his words with this socking beginning, and I quote; "I'm probably

MARRAGE ISN'T EASY

BY George E. Vandeman



MESSAGE MAGAZINE

It was quite a setback. A young man had asked a physician for the hand of his daughter in marriage. And the doctor had refused. But the young suitor, determined, gathered courage to ask, "Why can I not marry your daughter? I love her."

The doctor replied, "I think you do."

a bigot myself. Most of my people have been trying to get me to sign up with the various Black groups, including militants. Not me. I'm sick of talking about race in this country. I don't want anybody calling me 'brother' either. I live my own life. I go my own way and nobody tries to stop." He also said that he was no "Uncle Tom" and failed to understand those militants who are living with white girls and damning all the white race. Right on brother, oh, excuse me.

Friends of Robert Brown, the special ass't to Pres. Nixon, are responding from all over the country to DeeCee where he will be honored Jan. 30. Under the guidance of Wm Mason, the affair will star Sammy Davis, Jr. and naturally has been sold out even now. However since you cannot get a ticket, send some money because the proceeds have been earmarked for several very needed charities. Lionel Hampton was also scheduled, but had to beg off in view of another demand fling... Yaphet Kotto, who rocked B'way to it's heels when he took over the top role in "Great White Hope," is making a greater impact in H'wood. "Speed Limit 65," which he produced, wrote the original story, directed and is starred in, is being ready for national eye'in... Fay Treadwell has packed her best eye-catchers for a jet-off to Europe with the Drifters. They will do some nite club work and entertain the military... STAY LOOSE.

"I can support her."
"I suppose you can."
"Then why can't I marry her?"
To this doctor answered, "My daughter has a miserable disposition. Nobody could live with her and be happy."
The young man gallantly replied, "But there is always the grace of God."
The doctor smiled understandingly. "When you are as old as I am, young man, you will realize that the grace of God can live with some people that you can't live with!"
The trouble with marriage is not with the institution. It's with the personnel. The trouble is with people. Unhappy couples don't dislike marriage, just each other.

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