

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

OF MICE AND MEN

Politics is no cat and mouse game, but it can be just as deadly to the "mouse." With Congresslady Shirley Chisholm making the political rounds throughout the country seeking presidential favor, the mice are playing in her home Boro of B'klyn. It is mostly a male maneuver in an attempt to manipulate the electorate so that this high flying lady will have no base from which to return to the congressional halls of DeeCee. The desired coupe would be to get the astute State Senator Walaba Stewart to reverse his field and run for the U.S. Congress. However, sources close to the fiery State Senator are sure that he will have no part of the deal. Those who know Dr. Rev. William Jones, head of New York's Region Operation Breadbasket, are just as sure that his criticism of this modern day Harriet Tubman is not motivated by his desire to run for elective office. Nonetheless, anti-Chisholm forces are massing in the arena of her constituency.

You can blow your mind trying to piece all the political rumors together. While some are trying to get State Senator Stewart to run against Congresslady Chisholm, he would much rather track for Mayor. With N'York as barren as it is of political leadership the feeling is the Democrats would be wise to designate Manhattan Boro. Pres. Percy Sutton for Mayor. There's no telling how the Puerto Picans will react, but you can be sure that Congressman Herman Badillio will be calling the shots. The feeling is that he owes Percy who backed him in his bid for City Hall last primary time. On the other hand, the Congressman is kind of acting like he is thinking of a political change. He is making quite a few social rounds, and shook a number of hands at the Trio's initial affair on that grounded American Airliner 747. This organization's bow was an elegant event as it was welcomed to the fund raising field by the more than a trio of beautiful N'Yorkers. Lovelies all Eleanor Haynes, Delores Wright, and Lu Willard were unanimous in their feeling that the most viable club of women in the world is one where there is only a chance for three opinions.

SHORT TO THE PERIOD--Sammy Davis, Jr. almost had to appear at the Robert Brown Tribute bash in dungarees. Both he and his wife's clothes were on the last TWA hijacked plane which luckily didn't get any further than JFK. The sky marshalls got his luggage soon after the hijacker was captured, and personally returned Sammy's duds to Washington so that his clothes would match his talent...Another unpublished aside; "A thief walked into Bob Brown's suite full of people and walked out with all the scotch." Everyone thought he was a delivery-man making

an exchange and said nary a word...Elvira Davis, Sammy's mom, and Mayor Frank Garito of New Rochelle were the biggest party hits--And there were parties for days, with Dr. Eddie Smith, Leroy Jeffries, and Paul Jones, who heads the Black drive for the re-election, of President Nixon, winning an "E" for entertainment.

Pretty young Jan Hudgins has selected June to make the vows with Nat Nichols. She's the daughter of Bill and Myrtle Hudgins and his father is Bishop Nichols of Pittsburgh, Pa...Sam Sparks, who has almost as many friends as the "Rock" has bucks, is running unopposed for a State Senate seat in Arkansas. He's a Little Rock businessman with the prettiest wife in town... The DeeCee "hot line" is buzzin' that Mayor Walter Washington is in line for an Ambassadorship. The fear is that a white Mayor might be appointed to succeed him...The Count Bassies are having "house for sale" trouble with their Long Island manse. The asking price of a grand and a quarter is a mite rich for folks from the ghetto...Percy Sutton and Tom Fortune, the assemblyman who heads N'York's organization of Black Elected Officials, are talking up a final meet of Black politicians in Puerto Rico comes June. The move is to mass maxium Black strength for the Fall run for the residence of the President.

Operations PUSH, the new organization founded by Rev. Jesse Jackson, the "country preacher" with city ways, will kick off its eastern division March 26th. A "Soul Picnic" will highlight the event at the Harlem Armory, and bring into this town the greatest collection of Black heroes ever seen in one place.

Public Affairs Research Council. This is an org. of major executives of major corporations... Erroll Garner will mark March with a guest also appearance with the Orlando Symphony Ork. and a benefit concert in Miami Beach for the Fla. Drug Abuse Council. Comes April he will be off on a concert tour of Europe and perhaps lay his sounds on Australia and the Far East before returning home...Church groups are eager to hear what Rev. Lucius Walker has to report about his tour of Africa. He's exec. dir. of the Interreligious Foundation for Community Organizations. This is the largest controlled Black foundation in the nation. One which you will be hearing about 'cause bro it's doing a job!...Blues King, B.B. King and criminal lawyer F. Lee Bailey have joined forces to spearhead a new panel reform foundation. The lawyer calls the nation's prison system a "colossal failure." STAY LOOSE.

OPEN LETTER

OPEN LETTER TO THE DEMOCRATIC DELEGATES OF THE 1972 COUNTY CONVENTION:

Dear Delegates:

We would like to take the opportunity and have chosen this method to openly thank all the wonderful Democrats who gave support to the resolution requesting a special session be called by the Governor in an effort to relieve the Welfare Crisis.

You have once again proven that the principals and ideals of the Democratic Party are alive and working for ALL THE PEOPLE. The Democratic Party has always been the party which serves as a true refuge for the poor. It stands alone as their only hope and by your concern and compassion, they have had that hope renewed. May your hearts be warmed tonight with the knowledge that you have made a positive effort toward easing the suffering of Nevada's hungry children.

Gratefully,

Mrs. Ruby Duncan
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