

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

MAYOR EVERS HAS HEART FOR SOUL

Mayor Charles Evers, the historic chief of Fayette, Miss., has a heart for a soul, even though it's white. The man who rocked the cradle of the heart of the confederate south is calling on his friends up Nawth to lend a hand to exploit the piano talents of one Neil Baroni. According to a letter to this scribe from the Mayor, Neil is among the few whites in Miss., who is sincere in his desire to see justice done. "You know" said the letter, "White people in this state are not free either. Those who realize it and try to help everybody get free catch it almost as much as we do. This is what has happened to the entire Baroni family, beginning in '63. They are almost totally ostracized by the white community. But they are friends of the cause and continue to support me in all my work, publicly and without compromise."

The Mayor is very high on the musical ability of this young pianist. Here's a case point: "You know 'Amazing Grace' has been one of the major hymns that has sustained us during all these years of threat, danger, and despair. Last nite the mass meeting was held as usual at H'wood Baptist Church, where the Jefferson County Movement began in 65. All the Black elected officials of Green County, Ala. were there. The church was packed. The gospel choir from Alcorn A & M College sang, and brought back the zest and strength of the 60's. Our progress was measured by an integrated audience. There were not many of them it is true, but some of our brothers and sisters joined us. It was very fitting, in that setting, to have this young white musician play his own arrangement of 'Amazing Grace' on that old piano that has played accompaniment to so much grief and aspiration. Even among us, who have the monopoly on Soul, it was a hit." Here's hoping that Mayor Charles Evers can call the same attention to this young man that Mayor Dick Hatcher had focused on the Jackson-5.

GETTING OUT O' TOWN - The soul Bro. and sis. are getting so travel minded they've become the targets of travel agencies representing all forms of moving things, to say nothing of posh hotels, motels, and guest houses in many corners of the world. In fact, it has become such a deal that TWA, thru the Fran Blackwell Elsewhere Holidays, Inc., is offering the "sights, sounds, and soul of Europe." This has been put together in a colorful brochure called "Black Europe with special artistic effects by Ernest Crichlow, one of the Black community's foremost artists. According to TWA the best of all possible worlds have been combined to turn you on. Black art, Black theatre, Black history, Black food, and Black folks. All this and the Eiffel Tower, the Arc de Triomphe, the Prado Museum, the London Tower, and the Changing of the Guard, too. Not to be out done George Jackson, American Airlines, is planning another kind of travel abraod, and home too, excitement for the lads and lassies of color to make them at last feel like desired tourists.

With all this going on, many of the Black organizations are hustling up their own thing for late summer and fall. The Vulcan Society, N'Y's org. of Black firefighters, is offering 8-days and 7-wild nites in beautiful Barbados comes Aug. Those lovely "Trio" of ladies, Lu Willard, Delores Wright, and Eleanor Haynes, have selected the sights of Paris for their traveling friends to focus on over the long Labor Day wk-end. Al Vigil, the constant Beau Arts costume winner, can give them some pointers having just returned from a solo jaunt to Paris and London. Personable Beulah Bryant, the "heavy" stage favorite, is full of "know" about what's happening abroad. She's just back from a USO tour of Greece, Germany and Turkey where our lads wear the uniform on the watch and ready lines. At this writing the lovely ladies of the Vivants are denying some and confirming other rumors about their just concluded holiday bash to Montego Bay. B'way's charming talent agent, Ruth Bowen, decided to take Elvira Davis, Junior's

ANDY WILLIAMS RETURNS TO CP

When Andy Williams appears at Caesars Palace, it's something special -- for Andy and the Las Vegas resort hotel-casino.

The internationally-famed singer was Caesars Palace's first headliner when the hotel first opened its doors in August, 1966. Since that time, Caesars Palace has been the site of Andy's greatest nightclub triumphs.

"When I play Caesars Palace, I feel like I'm returning home," says Andy. "It's something special."

Williams returns "home" to the hotel's Circus Maximus theatre-restaurant on Thursday, June 1, for a two-week engagement. Appearing with him this time will be popular comedian Guy Marks, who deals in "zingers and the truth" (the results, he contends, are frightening!), and The Sylvers, a talented young group consisting of two sisters and four brothers who deal in singing and are taking the music industry by storm.

The Nat Brandwynne orchestra will provide the musical backing for the show.

Williams deals in singing, too. The Williams voice has become an enormously popular one throughout the world and has made him, among other things, Columbia Record's all-time best selling recording artist and one of the greatest attractions in Las Vegas entertainment history.

Steve Lawrence and Eydie Gorme currently headline at Caesars Palace. Following Williams will be Diana Ross, making her Caesars Palace debut, plus Shipstads & Johnson Ice Follies '73, June 15-28.

Mama, with her to Aruba to fill in the pleasure spots of a business trip. And would you believe that the best this corner can afford is the Shuttle to DeeCee where Willie Mason and Dr. Eddie Smith are heading a group sponsoring a \$100 per plate feed-in to help fill the GOP coffers.

CONVERSATION ROWE - Sammy Davis, Jr. is serious about giving up the "running" in a few more yrs. He has bought a Theatre in the Round just outside of Frisco...Barbara Jacquet, the town's most exciting grand-mama, is more so since removing her dark glasses to better show her new kind of contact lens...Basket ball millionaire, Austin Carr, goes under the knife for some procedure surgery and may be on crutches most of the summer...Deejay Eddie O'Jay has a new 38 ft. Viking boat called "Soul at Sunrise #2"...Tony Lawrence, who mastered the Harlem Festivals, expects to return to the spotlite with a new outdoor show. He's said to have made a deal with NBC and ABC TV...Wm. S. Hart, Black Mayor of East Orange, is looking to Congress from Jersey's new 10th district. He's backed by Imamu Baraka, who put the force behind Newark's first Black Mayor, Ken Gibson...Friends of Congress-lady Shirley C. Chisholm are planning a "Day" in her honor in DeeCee. The hope is to lighten the cost of her attempt to open a "Chisholm Trail" to the White House...**STAY LOOSE.**

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ation plans. To stop busing, therefore, is to stop desegregation."

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