

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

(By JESSE H. WALKER, substituting for Billy Rowe)

Blacks, more noticeable than ever before at the recent Democratic National Convention, but what's more important, they played important parts, not just token appearances. Standouts certainly have to be Mrs. Patricia Harris of the Credentials Committee, Yvonne Burk, vice-chairman of the Convention and Newark Mayor Kenneth Gibson's low key performance with the Platform Committee. Plus latter's nomination of Missouri Senator Thomas F. Eagleton for his Vice Presidential candidacy.

This is not to take away the parts played by such as Washington's Walter Fauntroy, Brooklyn's Shirley Chisholm and her "bad self" with her presence something to be remembered and reckoned with, Manhattan Beep Percy Sutton and Chicago's Jesse "Country Preacher" Jackson and his group's audacious and successful challenge of the Mayor Daley-backed contingent. Oh, Brother, the Brother was there in Miami Beach. Now that he's gotten his recognition and some commitments from Presidential nominee Senator George McGovern, it's up to the Brothers and Sisters to deliver some new voters and to be sure they vote come November. That's where it really counts.

It's certain the Republicans will not be playing any kind of "Can You Top This" game at their August convention with regards to Black participation, but you can bet your bottom dollar the Brother will be highly visible as President Nixon hopes to increase the number of Blacks voting for him this second time around.

When the Newport Jazz Festival returns to NYC next year, it would be good if they would reconsider before using such sites as Yankee Stadium for any concerts. Acoustics are a no no. Producer George Wein has indicated he'll use more experimental jazz next time around, and also recognize some of the local Blacks who organized their own counter festival this year in protest...Meanwhile, the jazz scene continues in the city as Count Basie and his gang are in the St. Regis Roof through July 26 and Lionel Hampton is roaring at the Rainbow Grill through July 29. What's more Hamp will be followed on July 31 by Duke Ellington and his boys...And if in Harlem you can catch organist Jack McDuff at the Club Baron, along with Gloria Coleman and at the midtown Cellar there's pianist Duke Jordan backed by bassist Major Holly.

Singer Beulah Bryant was a dias guest at recent USO dinner...The Curtis Mayfield score for the new film, "Super Fly" is out of sight. And speaking of that film, directed by Gordon Parks, Jr., some of those now seeing the screens swears that Gordon Sr's "Shaft" series will have to take a back seat. Gordon Jr., doesn't care. He's got a piece of both...Singer Freda Payne she of the fabulous frame, down in Dallas where she has role of femme lead in "Book of Numbers" directed by Raymond St. Jacques who's also starring in it...Wilberforce University Alumni Convention in NYC at Statler Hilton, Oct. 20 - 23...Second Annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Memorial Football Classic, between Grambling College and Morgan State College, to be played at Yankee Stadium on Saturday, Sept. 9.

NOW IT CAN BE TOLD - Publicist Moss Kendrick is cooking up a law suit against the posh Sheraton 4-Ambassadors, Miami. Seems a "cracker" guest got physical with him during the NNPA's recent convention...Hugo Warren, pub-editor of the Washington Observer is ailing and friends are concerned. The same is buggin' the pals of Wendell Smith who had so much to do with Jackie Robinson gaining access to the major league. He's now a columnist-teevee personality in Chi...Prexy Nixon is responsible for Lloyd Peterson's federal position as secretarial rep., region two, U. S. Dept. of Transportation. The "Man" told Secy. of Trans. John A. Volpe that it was time for a Black man to be put in that spot. Volpe called Gov. Rockefeller and the "Rock" turned in Pete's name...Murphy Bennet, road mgr. for Sammy Davis, Jr., is

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candidates for the all-expense paid training program.

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writing home about his lovely daughter Deborah Jean who won the Western State Ladies Golf Championship, in fact she won everything including low medalist and the putting trophy... Miriam Walker's (one of the nation's best dressers) mother's life was saved by the quick action of Benny Ashburn when she suffered a heart attack in the middle of the nite...Chief Arthur Hill, N'York's highest ranking Black gendarme, is being talked about to head DeeCee's Park Police...STAY LOOSE.

CAPSULE COMMENTS

One of the most dramatic closing numbers ever witnessed by your writer in more years than he admits to, was given by Wayne Newton, currently appearing at the Frontier Hotel. Don't miss seeing this super star and judge for yourself.

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Merv Griffin will again originate his highly successful show tapings from Caesars Palace Monday, July 31, through Friday, August 4, continuing a long-term arrangement with the Las Vegas resort hotel-casino for several appearances each year.

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"I Don't Want To Be Right" (if loving you is wrong). This Luther Ingram hit sold a million copies in just 20 days after it was released. Ingram also wrote - "Respect Yourself", "My Honey & Me", "Ain't That Loving You For More Reasons Than One", "Respect For The Other Man" and "Be Good To Me Baby". It appears that Luther has finally made it big.

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