

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

NEWS AND VIEWS --Joe Louis is in town for a two week vacation at the Concord, and is expected to announce support for the re-election of the President. In that same backyard Floyd McKissick is putting together a "two party" bash at the New York Hilton in mid-October. He will outline Black progress under the present administration. Present indications are that the event will attract as many Blacks as did the historic "Black Republicans Dinner" in DeeCee recently . . . Ruth Bowen, the Broadway booking wheel, has joined the subway clan. Some hood stole her new Mark IV right out of her uptown garage under the very nose of the attendant. Hildegrade Bostic, her house guest, is in the hospital recuperating from a hit and run accident which broke a beautiful leg in two places. Ruthie is up tight with gernme darmes who told her to get a lwyer when she gave them the license number of the car for arrest-action.

Thomas Whaley, Duke Ellington's veteran arranger, is having painful problems with arthritis in his legs . . . Kiah Sayles, who has been busy worrying about the ill health of Jackie Robinson, had to confront his own physician for minor surgery. . . Marion and Raymond Rogers had their posh Manhattan town house burglarized in the shank of the evening. The culprits came through the skylight and got away with oodles of jewelry while they were in the basement with their bad Weimeraner German dog . . . Lovely Ruth Inniss, of the Purley whites, is a dead wringer of Sheila Frazier, the sexy love interest in "Super Fly." Ruth and Margaret "Cissy" Nash are the New York hostesses for PUSH's Expo set for September-end in Chgo. Earl Jackson's I.G.T. is handling the traveling arrangements.

The Trio, Lu Willard, Dolores Wright, and Eleanor Haynes are setting up an introductory cocktail party for IFCO. This is the largest Black controlled foundation and is funding community organizations throughout the country, Dr. Lucius Walker is the executive director . . . The fly boys of W.W.II's 332nd fighter group, under the peacetime name of the Tuskegee Airman, had a gathering of the clan for their first annual reunion in Detroit. Prominent among the wingmen were Generals Ben Davis "Chappie" James, Lou Theus; Colonels Lee Archer and Spann Watson . . . Ticketron outlets throughout the country are selling duckets for the annual Grambling-Morgan football classic to be played at the Yankee Stadium to benefit the N'York Urban League . . . Retired Colonel Wally Price has been "shipped out" of his executive position with Seatrain. They said has was too aggressive. Wonder what that means! . . . Sammy Davis, Jr., and his lovely wife Altovise will do five days on the high seas en route to a European vacation. This is his first do-nothing stint in more than 40 years of entertaining.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, the "Country Preacher" with big city ways, has commissioned the Rev. Ed Riddick to direct PUSH against the motion picture industry. Look for him to make his first big non-political announcement next week in his new role of president of People United to Save Humanity . . . George and Shirley Rhodes, of the Sammy Davis, Jr's exec.-clan will be making the bag-and-baggage move to L.A. next month . . . The Hon. Michael Manley, Prime Minister of Jamaica, has announced a massive assault on illiteracy throughout his county. Of its 1.9 million population there are about 500,000 who neither read nor write. He also made it clear that African Studies will be introduced in to the educational curriculum Jamaica at all levels . . . Larry Bland has replaced Robert Davis as executive director of the N.B.A. . . "Red - necks" in Montgomery, Ala., are fit to be tied. The Justice Dept. is suing the city, charging that public jobs are racially segregated . . . STAY LOOSE.

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until next July.

In their-fervor to see this legislation passed, its supporters have resorted to the sam tactics which were so successfully employed to thwart lynching bills and other civil rights measures for decades. Influential southern congressmen with years of accumulated seniority are exerting every bit of power even if in so doing they violate congressional tradition.

Even those blacks who have reservations about busing recognize the forces who are supporting this legislation as their traditional enemies. Thus all blacks and those many white Americans who are morally committed to inegrated education have stake in the outcome of the drama now being played out in the House, and would do well to let their congressman or Senator know how they feel on this issue.

The passage of a busing curb will not destroy the civil rights movement. Our movement has survived more serious challenges, and lived to flourish despite more disheartening setbacks. But we cannot gain substantial progress --both in integrating society and securing basic economic dignity--if our attention is perpetually occupied by issues which are amrginal to social progress. This is why we must turn back the assault on integration, no matter what form it takes or how rhetorically cloaked, so that we

can proceed beyond symbolic issues to those which touch the essence of an equal and just society.

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