

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

NEW YORK CITY - Sammy Davis, Jr.'s revised flicker and teevee schedule has caused him to take another look at doing a musical version of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn" on B'way Jim Brown, the former football great who has since developed into a super-film-star, has been asked to make some open

field runs for "The Re-Election of the President" . . . Secret file's peepin' toms in the Dee-Cee area have it that Judge Sam Pierce, Jr. is so well thought of as Treasury General Counsel he's on the list for a federal judgeship. He's allegedly being pushed by Governor Nelson Rockefeller who twice named him to the New York bench only to see him defeated by a Democrat each election time . . . Jimmy Holt, the former "Fun City" police sgt., has taken over the new house he brought in the Vigrin Islands. The fact that Eldridge Waithe, who once outranked any Black Policeman in America, has quit as commissioner of the V.I. force, will have no ill-effects on Jim's position. Anyway his New Rochelle home is for sale and his spouse, Evelyn, has put her papers in at Svdendam Hospital.

John A. Williams, "The King God Didn't Save" and Robert G. Hoyt's "Martin Luther King, Jr.", are the dual "Book of the Month" selection of the African American Book Club . . . Opal Brown and Sandy Jackson, her exciting daughter, did the route 66 run all the way from L.A. for the Pamela Mosley-Owen Jackson splicing. Owen and his lovely bride's gift from his parents were substantial checks, one for banking, the other for honeymoon spending. After all, his pop does own a cattle ranch and much Texas oil . . . Bobby Short, whose voice and piano style continues to give life to any Cole Porter tune, topped a list of ofay stars who paid tribute to that immortal composer. Bobby, the Black darling of the white jet set, is a superstar known by few Blacks on the cocktail scene Dorothy Watson, an NAACP devotee, has joined Floyd McKissick in his drive for a 2-party system and the reelection of the President General Foods is that excited about the results of Jackie "Moms" Mabley's teevee commerical for Kool Aid. Look for her to teevee drum beat for more of the food giant's products . . . Sarah Vaughan, whose voice talent is for above her current star status, is planning to open a chain of voice schools Lena Horne, lovelist and sexiest grandma in the entire, has a new wax work out that's exciting to the ears and stimulating to the imagination.

A RUN WITH BIAS - All the efforts Mal Whitfield put into pre-Olympic training at the regional African athletics camp in Mogadishu, Somalia, may go for naught. Several countries or the Black continent are planning to nix the meet in Munich, Germany because Rhodesia is allowed to participate. Mal has been in Africa for about 20 yrs., but nobody has forgotten how he won the 800 meter championships for the U.S. in the '48 and '52 Olympics. The fact that Avery Brundage, prexy of the International Olympic Committee, has refused to ask that the athletes from the racist and illegal regime in Rhodesia be barred is a reminder of Hilter's treatment of the great Jesse Owens after his tremendous performance in Berlin in '36 when he won 4 gold medals. Three individual events, the running broad jump, the 100 and 200 meters dash, and the other as a member of the winning 400 meter relay team. Congressman Ralph Metcalfe was also a member of that team. The fact that there are 7 Black athletes and one Black trainer on Rhodesia's 44 man squad does not change the pages in Rhodesia's book of apartheid.

THE MEASURE OF A MAN - The caliber of a man cannot be measured by his birth, but surely by his death. This was sadly brought home to the many friends who turned out in the ayem of the day to pay last respects to Walter "Bricktop" Wright. Though "Brick" passed after a too long illness, to friends, all obituaries are untimely. Filling the church for this final farewell were men and maids from the Harlem that used-to-be. Those whose

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flow and glow had made it a legend. Those whose quiet revolution was natured by more method than madness in a time when there were more faithfuls than faddists. There were friends who had not set eyes on each other for years. So there were such big hellos and the realization that time brings more of us together at funerals than weddings.

WRITE HAND WRAP - THE Chrysler Motor Car Division, which several years ago started a concentrated drive to take Blacks out of Cadillacs with meaningful ads in Black newspapers and magazines, is making another move in that direction. Starting this Fall the Detroit based firm will sponsor star reporter Carl Rowan and basketball great Elgin Baylor on two different kinds of "Black radio" shows. Each show will be syndicated with Rowman doing 5-minutes of "Black Perspective," three days weekly. Baylor will do 5-minutes of sports twice weekly each being aired in the 4 - 7 p.m. slots On the teevee eye-level Bill Cosby has contracted seventeen writers to insure fresh comedy for his upcoming "New bill Cosby Show" on CBS-TV Owens Hazell, once L.A.'s favorite barber, now doing his clippin' in "Fun City's" Harlem, said it isn't true that the Afro-hairdo is bad for the brother's locks Sonny Til, who made a name for himself with the Orioles, has just returned from New Zealand. He plans to try it as a single and has been inked by Clown Records Jimmy Booker has announced that Sig Shore production is so happy about the box office success of "Super Fly," a sequel is almost assured Statuesque Annette Morton has taken over as director of community affairs of the Bronx Municipal Hosp. Center. . . . STAY LOOSE.

LOU RAWLS AT SAHARA

Recording star Lou Rawls, whose million-seller "A Natural man" earned him his second Grammy Award, will appear with Frank Gorshin at Hotel Sahara in Las Vegas for two weeks beginning Saturday September 2.

Rawls earned his first Grammy for his recording hit "Dead End Street," in 1967. Rawls will be seen this fall on a number of television shows, including some dramatic spots on Mission Impossible, The Mod Squad and Mannix.

He is scheduled to appear on the Tonight Show August 28 and will co-host the Mike Douglas Show in October for a week.

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