

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

The two party conventions have become the yesterdays of this '72 political year. Now its down to the business of re-electing or electing a President of these United States. The Republicans have a tremendous edge at this point so don't be setting your sights on Sammy Davis, Jr. who has cast his lot for the man who already has the lease on the "Pale Mansion." It's real dumb for the corner dudes to want everyone to think the way he thinks. Their heads ain't that much together that the dissenting opinion should be tarred and feathered, and ridden out of town with an Uncle Tom label. I for one certainly would hate to see the Republicans make it without any visible support from Black voters. If we haven't learned how to play both sides of the track by now, later for us. Sammy Davis, Jr. needs no defense, but his right to change parties does. Consider it done. Perhaps the total talented one is a bit tired of fighting for a position on the bus having developed a desire to buy it. I'm also tired of cats talking about Floyd McKissick who switched because of a \$14 million loan guarantee. Man if ever there was a time to switch, that's the amount that will do it.

Chief Hill, N'York's resigning top Black cop, has got folks wondering why he put in his papers. Some are wondering if its racism, or radicalism. Actually, the soon-to-be ex-two-star policeman said he decided to put his papers in because he wasn't moving as fast as he thought he should. . . . A letter from Dr. Roland Wolseley, Prof. Emeritus Syracuse U., informed us that Dr. Robert Bontrager is writing a special paper on the Kansas (Mo.) City called for a possible book about the Call, and to write a book on the Black press as we reported. In another paragraph of his letter, he stated that the research being done by Henry La Brie at the U. of Iowa is as a dissertation for his Ph.D. His study relates to the veteran Black journalists of this country, and will not be a book on that Black press. Well, we hope we finally got that straight. Dr. Wolseley said, "The hope is that NNPA will provide a grant so that at long last Black journalist can do a book on this most important media." The first book in nearly fifty years was authored and published in '68 by Dr. Wolseley, who admits that he lacks the Black experience.

The Olympic Committee stands tall in the eye sight of freedom today having booted the racial and illegal government of Rhodesia out of the games in Germany. No one is more happier about it than Mal Whitfield, who won two gold medals for the U.S. back in '48 and '52. Mal who has been in Africa for some 20 yrs. now, had established a special olympic training session for African athletes. "Man, if one or two of these cats gets a medal at Munich we've proven our point, and they can do it," Whitfield wrote us. He further stated that it would be 50 yrs. before Africa takes its full place in sports. "If patience means cool, you gotta be chilly in Africa." . . . Hugh Wyatt, Harlem's favorite reporter on the Daily News, is ailing . . . Carmen Denise Stevenson is her tag and singing is her bag. The twelve-year-old has been placed on the publicity launching pad in hopes of blasting her way into the orbit of fame and fortune . . . Charming Jean Bonner, she's related to the Governor, is out of exec. spot with the Virgin Islands tourists office in the "Big Apple."


Al Williams, "Four Step Bros." fame, is back from Monte Carlo raving about the hit the original and the little "Step Bros." made in the casino in Monaco - not gambling. They did a teevee show in London and came home in time to do one with Pearl Bailey . . . The real foreign intrigue is how come Ruth Givens got stuck in Haiti. Her mother has put out a missing persons on her, calling the F.B.I., State Dept., you name it. The kids she took down for a summer "camping" experience have been back a fortnight . . . Delores Martin, adv. dir., Houston Forward Times, was in N'York on business long enough to excite a few guys en route to a vacation in Canada. Her theme was, your eyes may shine your teeth may grit, etc . . . Carrie Thomas, who has trod the political trail longer than any lady would like to admit, is in the hospital . . . Leola Edwards, the B'way wardrobe mistress,

is trying to get together in Freeport, G.B.I. She said she was drained after her daughter's 3-day wedding event. She is the guest of Catherine Basie who enjoys her new home, but not the antics of the government down there. They refused to let her import a nurse to care for her invalid daughter . . . Earl Garner has jumped on the astrology bandwagon with a new album called "Gemini." He's added a harpsichord sound to make it different. Other members of that clan are Dizzy Gillespie with "Soul Zodiac," and Jerry Butler who had "Saggitarius" . . . The local Urban League clan is setting up some special fun festivals for out of towners coming in for the 2nd Annual Whitney M. Young Memorial Football Classic. Grambling and Morgan will push each other around on the baseball tracks of the Yankee Stadium.

Adam Clayton Powell, III, who left his berth at WRVR radio station in N'York under questionable circumstances, is now trying to help 3rd World Media News out of its financial slump according to Chuck Moore . . . Sammy Davis Jr. has just signed that Vegas deal with the Tropicana. Ruth Bowen, who books the superstars, is working on a deal for him with Radio City Music Hall. She also told the people at the Copa they will have to prove that "Mr. New Republican" owes the management some 30-G's . . . Art Rusk, the NBC teevee sportscaster, will be opening a Manhattan supper club mid-Sept. His partner is Russ Brown . . . Simeon Golar, N'York's housing commissioner, will be honored by the N'York State NAACP in Oct . . . Retiring Amb. Dr. Jerome "Bud" Holland who has already been named to two major corporate boards will be added to a third before the Fall . . . The Urban League would like to get the Knicks and the Globetrotters on the same court for its annual benefit performance . . . STAY LOOSE.

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