Note Book

WRITE ON PEOPLE-PLACES

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Most new appointees are settled in here, but rumors haven't settled down. The ones being eared around most corridors have to do with the astute Atty. Gloria Toote, currently in the No. II spot over at ACTION. It is said that she is headed for a boss position of her own. And comes July, Pres. Nixon will establish a new Products Safety Commission to handle some of the legitimate beefs of the consumers. Heading same will be five commissioners, one Black. The belief is that the job will go to charming Connie Newman who was formerly head of VISTA over at ACTION. She is the spouse of Judge Ted Newman who sets time and bail for those on the wrong side of the law in the District. Also there's strong indication that Major Gen. Daniel James, Jr. who has a slew of friends calling him "Chappie," is broadening his shoulders for another star. So the plans are for him to move up from Deputy Asst Secy of Defense to Assistant Secy of that department. It may or may not happen by the time he is honored by the N'York Urban League during its Annual Frederick Douglass Awards Dinner. This is an affair you shouldn't miss

They blew, and me too, the historic facts about the stay of Sammy Davis, Jr. and spouse at the White House. It was recorded that they were the second Blacks to take bed and board there. Well that wasn't so, they were the only Blacks to spend a nocturnal on that turf. It was first thought that Booker T. Washington took a nod there, but he didn't. After his historic meeting with Pres. Lincoln, Booker T. hopped on a waiting train refusing to stay around the place for fear soneone might do him in... Those who attended, and those who have been told about it, are still talking about the business confab the Nat'l Business League sponsored here recently. League's Prexy, Berkeley Burrell, spiced the event with five Cabinet officials who rapped on domestic issues... Stan Scott, spec asst to the Pres, first major effort in his new position is an attempt to promote domestic tranquility. Through the mail he is asking a nation full of folks to focus on those problems

which most demand government attention and relay their foliality ideas to him.

Talk is that the White House was given advance notice about the Queen's D. A.'s look into the affairs of Dr. Thomas Matthews, the founder of N.E.G.R.O. and several Black self-help enterprises in the N'York City area. It's alleged that the word went out to all departments to steer away to ward off executive involvement which would embarrass the Pres. The widely known neurosurgeon has called the charges a bad rap, one instigated to give some creditability headlines to a D.A.'s office which has had its share of minuses...The N'York State NAACP has commissioned Tiffany & Co. to create a special award for Redd Foxx. The presentation will be made during Redd's 'laugh swing' thru the East at the Westbury Music Fair...Shep O'Neil, WBS-TV Atlanta, is the first Black weatherman to hit these eyes..Lee Archer has been added to the General Foods Management Council. He's the first Black to sit with that policy-making body.

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The 102 yr old Alcorn A&M College, Lorman, Miss, has just received \$2.3 million and change in Federal Funds to further its academic year. The happiest man on the campus is its Pres. Dr. Walter Washington. Six gov't depts. ante-up the \$2,346,061.34...A lot of folks from Atlanta are expected in DeeCee when friends of Sam Jackson honor him Arpil 26. His last gesture as Asst Secy HUD, was to personally deliver a \$2.5 million grant to the Martin Luther King, Jr Center there...Speaking about tribute, folks all over the place are massing the bucks they saved, by passing the beef counters, to purchase tickets to honor some right guys and worthy causes. Among them are the Morrisania Benefit at Lincoln Center, The "Standup" for Percy

CHANNEL 10 SPECIAL

The black mayor of Newark, N.J. who is attempting to govern a predominantly black city of 400,000 suffering from the dismaying cycle of soaring taxes, a massive black unemployment rate, insuffucient municipal services and a high crime rate—still remains optimistic about the quality of life in Newark and says: "I don't think the solutions to the city's problems will come dramatically. I think they'll come gradually."

That's one observation made by Newark Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson on the Black Journal program entitled "Black Newark, Tuesday, April 17, at 9:30 p.m. on TV-10.

A second report on Newark will be presented a week later on Black Journal. That program, "Nowhere To Live" will examine the critical housing problems in Newark and will feature interviews with Immamu Amiri Baraka and his supporters who have been waging a six-month effort to have the stalemated Kawaida Towers Project erected but have encountered heavy opposition from Assemblyman Anthony Imperiale and his followers.

In its continuing profiles of American cities that have majority black populations, Black Journal examines Newark, a city that previous to Gibson Administration, was fraught with embezzlement and fraud. Newark is now partially revitalized through government aid and private investments in the core area. Mayor Gibson has established a national reputation for his role of attempting to stabilize the city.

Appearing on the program will be Dennis Westbrooks, Sharee James, and Earl Harris, Newark's three black councilmen. The program will also report on the controversy at the Vailsburg High School—a current source of racial tension—and feature an interview with Newark School Board Member Adhimu Chunga (Lawrence Hamm), the 18-year-old black appointed to the Board by Mayor Gibson.

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Sutton, "An Evening With a Dream." In this case it's Bill Cosby and his show for the committee to save Harlem Prep, at the Felt Forum. April's end the Americana Hotel will host those out to honor Assemblyman Samuel Wright. However, the 369th Vets' Press Party to officially announce that Comm. Simeon Golar is the yr's Grand Marshal of the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Parade, is free.

A study is in progress by Michael Wubnig, the Sociology Dept, Brooklyn College, in cooperation with the Guardians, of the attitudes, opinions, and problems of the Black members of the N'York Police Dept...Sidnet Poitier and Lon Satton have their heads together, in the Bahamas, about a new series of Black flicker features...Josephine Baker is rumored enroute here to view Bricktop's N'York performance and talk to some folks who would like to tie her life into a musical-drama motion picture... Jehova's Witnesses are expressing world wide indignation over the alleged persecution of Christians in Malawi...STAY LOOSE.





DEBATE WINNERS - Gilbert Martin and Andras Babero of Valley High School are Clark County's high school debate champions. They won their title last week in the annual Clark County Speech and Drama Festival, defeating the second place team of Cindy Deacon and Darcy Gorgert, also of Valley, in the final round.



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