

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

The Lovely Miss Cathrine Blackwell, The National Association of Fashion and Accessory Designers, is constantly on the go between Philadelphia and N'York making the final preparations for the 24th annual N.A.F.A.D. convention to be held in Fun City at the Waldorf-Astoria July 2-7. From the sneak preview we had of fashions and designs, this may well prove to be the most outstanding workshops and fashion show in the history of N.A.F.A.D. Understand that many of 7th Ave' major fashion houses are lining up for tix to see what our folks are putting out in new styles...The man with the soulful tenor sax, Sil Austin is once again packing his chop sticks in preparation towards making another tour of the Far East... Lady Soul - Aretha Franklin has done it again with her new hit Atlantic album: "Hey Now Hey (The Other Side of "The Sky")". She can do more with words and music, than a monkey can with a peanut...Rutgers University's Livingston College Departments of Arts and Music Professor Lloyd McNeil, is considered the school roving ambassador of international goodwill. He is currently on tour demonstrating The IYA-ILU, or "talking drum" of the Yoruba people in Dahomey, Africa. Its four tones, with inflections, can transmit messages in words by constructing or relaxing the drumheads...DeeCee accountant Charles Bostic just purchased another "HI-YO-SILVER", he sez if the gasoline shortage keeps up, "alotta dudes will be buying horses. It may be the only way to get around". What do you say to that Richard Nader? ...Lotta Folks went to DeeCee for the swearing in of Gloria Toote as Assistant Secretary for Equal Opportunity of HUD... "Chops" Lawrence of the L.A. Sheriff Dep't looking for DeeCee law job... Attorney Gen Elliot L. Richardson said the Dep't of Justice filed a civil suit against Metro Development Corporation and it's president, Victor D. Maslia, which owns or manages nine apartment complexes containing over 1,800 units. The Atlanta, Ga., firm is accused of discriminating against Black Folks in the rental of apt's...Ed Green of Third World Cinema Group, and his charming wife Susan, celebrated their 14th wed'g ann'y at Fun City's Apollo Theater, digging Curtis Mayfield...A new show biz hurricane from St Augustine, Fla., swept north and is pouring some good sounds on the entertainment world. Her name is Tina Brown, and she wears a size 3 dress on a 92lb. frame. But she packs a BIG voice...American Airlines sez you can now enjoy an entire week in romantic Mexico at a cost so low its almost unbelievable. With their quiet smooth and comfortable jets, you will find yourself in an exotic, unique atmosphere within a few hours of departure. And if you don't believe it then ask the Vulcan Society (NY Black Firemen) at Vulcan Hall, 739 Eastern Parkway Brooklyn, NY. They plan to take this trip in August...Its astonishing how Blacks are now taking to getting their private pilots license, and own their private aircraft. Also on the incline are the Black Flying Clubs. Fly On!...Juanita Johnson and a bevy of the Harlem Nurses Class of '73 just returned from an exciting trip to Jamaica, BWI. They treated themselves and friends to the trip as their graduation present. However all was not fun in the sun, for they made a busman's holiday out of it and visited some of the hospitals in the Islands. Some said they would like to return to the Islands to continue their nursing careers...Rev Ben Chavis of the United Church of Christ, trial is underway

Diahann Carroll Harry Belafonte At Ceasars Palace

Ceasars Palace is presenting two top sepa stars on the same bill. It is rare even for Las Vegas to be able to see and hear 2 main headliners from the same stage on the same evening. Both Belafonte and Diahann have always headlined all of their own appearances.

in New Hanover County Superior Court in Wilmington, North C'lina. The Rev. Chavis along with Mrs Molly Hicks and her 20 year old daughter are charged with "accessory after the fact of murder." The charges stem from the killing of a Black Youth, Clifton Wright in Wilmington in March of 1971. Two other Black youths have confessed the accidental death of the Wright youth, and are now witnesses for the state against the accused trio...One of the hardest working guys in the show biz industry is ex-DJ Ed Wright. His firm Edward Windsor Wright Corporation (EWE) is handling the press information for many of our outstanding recording stars...A re-review of the hit B'way play "The River Niger", found it to still be forceful, dynamic and down right good. Ditto for Micki Grant's "Don't Bother Me I Can't Cope"...A speedy recovery to Olga Moto, Director of Minority Affairs of The United Presbyterian Church of American...Norval Cox of 7UP International back home in St.Louis after a cross country business trip that took him to L.A., Fla., N.Y., and N.J., just to mention a few stops. Norval sez his company will have some new and innovative programs in the very near future...Retirement to Mal Goode formally of The American Broadcast Company-ABC means more time for him to go about the country speaking to Black Folks, and encouraging them in the area of self-development...The new James Bond flic "Live and Let Die", with Roger Moore as double naught seven, is now out. For all of the secret agent's fans it is packed full of the Bond type slam-bang action. One character that sort of steals a tiny portion of the picture is Jolly Brown, who portrays the part of "Whispers". Jolly is rather on the heavy side in weights and the part he plays. Throughout the pix he pops up. Yapeth Kono is not to be overlooked as the "bad guy". He did a heckva job...The recent Press Reception given by The Permanent Representative of Nigeria to the United Nations, His Excellency, Dr. and Mrs. E. Ogbu, was highlighted by the fact that a better understanding, and working relationship is needed between Blacks in Nigeria and Blacks in America...Hal Jackson's Miss Black Teen Age America is in the final stages before the big nite on July 27th. Fun City's Broadway Theater, in the heart of the Times Square District, will be the location for the selection of the winners. Contestants from 40 states will participate and compete for honors on this Nationally TV'd program. For the first time contestants will come from such far away places as Hawaii and Alaska ...Folks are not telling the truth about Sammy Davis, Jr., not making that Boys Harbor Dedication. George Archer, Juan "Chi Chi" Rodriguez and Bob Murphy are among the latest top golfing pros to accept invites to play in the 22nd Sammy Davis, Jr., - Greater Hartford Open title...While Billy Rowe is in Houston, Texas, attending The National Newspaper Publisher's Association (NNPA), Convention; This is Billy's Designated Type Hitter Chuck Moore saying - Have a safe and happy July 4th holiday. Remember, TIME SAVED SPEEDING MAY BE WASTED AT AN ACCIDENT...STAY LOOSE.



Bill Withers

Bill Withers, Sussex Records star, was the only singer invited to be guest of honor at a benefit honoring actor John Carradine, proceeds going to the Oakhill School Reiss-Davis Child Study Center in Los Angeles.

BILLY DANIELS has been signed by producer Zev Bufman to star in the all-black version of "Norman, Is That You," which heads for Broadway after playing Washington, opening July 3 followed by Detroit and Philadelphia. Danny Simon directs.

Curtis Mayfield is now recording his "Back to the World" album at his Curtoria Studios in Chicago, theme pertaining to returning POW's and veterans of the Vietnam conflict.

One of the songs - all Mayfield originals - is "Forgive Me, Not Amnesty"

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