

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

WRITE ON CASE---With the Washington B' day recess behind them, members of congress are expected to get along with the business of taking care of same. Facing them are a number of bills that are being lobbied for by the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights, chaired by Roy Wilkins. In the pile are; A Postcard Registration for Federal Elections, Federal Aid to Public Education and a restructured program for Legal Services Registration. It would be the greatest thing to happen to democracy since the 14th Amendment and add about 17-million more eligible voters to the rolls. An additional piece of legislation, Bill H.R. 2464, is being pushed by Rep. Augustus Hawkins, the mod Dem. of Calif. It would extend the life of OEO and its Community Action Programs. Its drive through Committee and the House is expected to be a rough one over bias potholes, around bigoted detours and through official roadblocks. Mutual friends have forged a peace between Stan Scott, special ass't to the pres. and Dr. Carlton Goodlett, pres. of NNPA... Lee Archer and the rest of the EDGES are spearheading a Park Ave. Salute to Deputy Mayor Pail Gibson, the bro. who got the job after it was all said and done...Rep. Charles B. Rangel, the happy lawmaker, will be honored by his N'York pals to hi'ite his selection as the '74 leader of the Congressional Black Caucus...The lads have already done their pat-on-the-back thing for retired Lieut. Calvin Boxley, the now coordinator of school safety...The word from DeeCee is that Berkeley Burrell, the prexy of the productive NBL, is on the mend from another heart attack...Former deejay Eddie O'-Jay is slotted for an important commission... Manhattan BeePee Percy Sutton is saying it with inside assurance that Mayor Abe Beame's job blueprint for minorities will make his predecessors look like bigots...Lenny DeChamps and Vic Solomon, ex-CORE'tes, are reported in line for city jobs...Reps. Shirley Chisholm and Charles Rangel, BeePee Percy Sutton, Dem. Vice Ch'man Basil Paterson, J. Bruce Llewellyn and Sen. Joe Galiber, himself a no, no, took the lead from this corner and head a committee to honor Dvae Dinkins. He ran into hard political times when he was the first named to become "Fun City's" initial Black Deputy Chief Exec. It could not happen to a nicer, or more deserving fella. The party that is.

"Attica", produced and directed by Cinda Firestone, will be issued in time to give some folks political shakes. The feature length documentary of the Sept. '71 prison rebellion is said to be a depressing record of man's inhumanity to man, his incredible callousness and insensitivity to pain and death, of others. However, it's one you should see so as not to forget.. Popular Sonny Bostic is the first casualty of the reported growing problems at Rust-Brown, the town's "in" pub. He was in charge of the kitchen...Bob Nesbitt, shipped to the coast when changes took place in the hi'echelon of the National Maritime Union, has been transferred to Fla. The former veepee is now director of the port of Miami and very happy at his chores despite the loss of his veepee tag...Car thieves are still going for the luxury cars according to Charles Buchanan, The former partnet-owner of the Savoy and retired insurance exec. had his caddie lifted... "Communication---A Key to Black Survival" is the selected theme of the National Media Women's upcoming April Workshop. Lois Alexander heads the group which will keynote the annual YM's annual "Achievers Dinner"; in New York in late March.

The Ford Foundation is reported to have shifted gears and will no longer fund two fo the 'major' Black Organizations supposedly aiding Black entrepreneurs...Calvin Lockhart, the first of the Black matinee idols, is in town dealing for a release date with his first directed flick, "Every Nigger is a Star." Filmed in his native Bahamas, produced by his own company, the cinema is touted as an "excursion from the film fare being offered the Black movie going hordes"

WILLIE HUTCH SET TO SCORE 'FOXY BROWN'

Hollywood, - Willie Hutch, who won the NAACP's Image Award for the Best Original Motion Picture Soundtrack for "The Mack," has been signed by American International Films to score "Foxy Brown."

Hutch, a Motown recording artist, will write, produce and perform an original score for the feature film which stars Pam Grier, Peter Brown, Sid Haig, Katheryn Loder and Juanita Brown.

Hutch's current release on the Motown label is "If You Ain't Got No Money..." from his hit album, "Willie Hutch: Fully Exposed."

...Marvin Gaye has been ordered by an L. A. Judge to fork-over more than 13G's to the Function, a Boulder, Colo. nitery where he was scheduled to appear for 10-days in '69 but didn't. The amount exceeds by more than 3G's what he would have made had he played the 10-days and not begged off ill as he did...Clevon Little in "Blazing Saddles" is rounding up box-office bucks all over screenland. In "Fun City" it was a big 45G's and in the city of make believe, L.A., it was 30G's. At other cinema places "Willie Dynamite" seems to have blown its fuse taking a drop from 31G's to less than nineteen... "Black Belt Jones" may also be losing its box-office chop, but is still on the hi part of the top 50-list...In Las Vegas a sellout audience gave Diana Ross a 14-days standing ovation...Also in the Dice Capital, Dionne Warwick and the Spinners are winging it at the Riviera and Bill Cosby and lovely Leslie Uggams are teamed for a sock at the Hilton.

The all Black Nuance Corp. came up with 500G's to take over radio WOIC from the all White Speidel B'casting Co. When the group picked up its FCC license it became the first Black group to own a radio outlet in South Carolina...Could Redd Foxx's "doctor diagnosed" nervous condition, brought on by overwork, have anything to do with NBC TV's turn down of his desire to do a teevee spec. from the stage of the Apollo Theatre. He's scheduled to appear there in March. Off to quieter climes, Redd will miss several "Sanford and Son" episodes which are being taped during his sojourn...Dick Gidron,

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BLACKS YOU SHOULD KNOW

While at Tuskegee Institute, George Washington Carver extracted wondrous things from the Alabama soil. His work with the peanut and sweet potato yielded unheard of products such as ink, cooking oils, peanut butter, rope and other commodities beneficial to man.



Prince Hall, a free Negro, veteran of the Revolutionary War and founder of the Negro Masonic order, spoke out for equal education in Boston in 1788. When the Government of Massachusetts offered black children only segregated classrooms, Prince Hall established a school for black children in his own home.



prexy of the Caddie Co. by the same name, is looking for a replacement for the female car jockey, Veronica Thompson, he lost to pregnancy...The entire musical world is saddened by the unexpected passing of bandleader Reuben Phillips. He dropped from life when hit by a heart attack while on a musical assignment with Sammy Davis, Jr. in San Juan, P.R.---STAY LOOSE.

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