

# BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

A POETIC LETTER OF LOVE -- A friend of mine dropped a letter into my heart the other day. It's so beautiful, I must share it with whoever eyes this space. It was from her brother, who is doing time having not been properly heard. A kid who took a "Plea," on the advice of his attorney, only to have it backfire into too many years in jail. -- "Peace Miss Queen," as the sun shines through your window, may your life be as tranquil as the radiant rapture that you bestow upon ever depressed soul of your social life. Your irresistible presence is as pure as your nature dicatetes, and is truly a blessing. The gift you sent me, arrived three days after its departure with the fulfillment of joy to quench my thirst like welfare cheese and beans to the starving recipient.

The knowledge of such a beautiful family is fuel to my endurance. For it is desired that I become a plugged-in nigga, a copped out black man in the white man's machine forced to dream a nightmare. But my determination is stubbornness, enabling me to ride a darkened horse on the road of Hell, displaying flames of hatred like volcanoes that quiver and grumble while dormant, but burst and thunder while awake. Although some encounters are adversities, I understand that stagnation is deadness while struggle is love made visible. This love, reactivated by the inspiration granted me by the illuminating souls of you, y'all, my family. Thus my passion, my torrent advance is leaping steps, jostling every obstacle firm in hard combat as the dauntless warriors of victories.

"Peace 'Black Light'! Again I recognize you with high esteem. When my hunger deepens for nature's gifts, within the bounds of hard core derelicts, with lips of stone and eyes of ice, and constant assault upon my personality, and emotional feelings, while in pursuit of many lost seasons, past the spring of innocence, 'Black Light' you open up the way. Your response is quick, sure and neat. Who beats the drum that moves your feet, blows the horn that smooths the melody of your movements, and relaxes your thoughts? How wonderful it is to know that it was my father who made you this special way, little, but also strong, a tigress and a kitten too, whose smile is silent music, and whose eyes are soft and kind, as far away starlight unruined by the cold claws of this refrigerated age, and who is receptive and yielding in her valley of sweetness. In our times of desperation, you were there with understanding and compassion, relieving the darkness of additional stress. I long to blow my horn and beat my drum for you, as gratitude with pride and pleasure. Truly I manifest enthusiasm and receive glory in calling you "Miss Blackness," Delicate Beauty, 'Proud Queen' - My Sister."

The U.S. Controller of the Currency has given the board permission to proceed in expediting the final stages of establishing the first minority owned nat'l bank in the state of Alabama. The financial institution, United Memorial Nat'l Bank, will be headed by Tyrone P. Gray as prez and bd chairman. . . Howard Roberts, musical conductor of "Raisin," has two children's shows, "Let the Big Drum Roll" and "Our Music: A Black Odyssey," touring the public schools... Al Duckett, former news-guy and our once write-hand, has a book of poems in the stalls. Inspired by the contemporary black experience, "Raps" was published by Nelson-Hall. . . Jamaica, W.I., a country with a tough gun law, has a new firearms bill pending which would direct owners of sporting weapons to surrender them for storage when the hunting season ends... Film producer St. Clair Bourne informs that Norbet Lopez, a graduate of NET's film school, has completed a flick for ABC-TV, titled "Don Pedro". . . At the same time Kris Keiser is back from the coast with a finished film portrait dealing with drugs and its effects. His plans are to distribute the opus thru his own (See Rowe page 10)

## Diana Ross To Premiere Universal Amphitheatre

LOS ANGELES -- Diana Ross has been set as the premiere attraction for the Universal Amphitheatre's summer season, July 16-22, marking her first Los Angeles appearance in more than three years. The Amphitheatre engagement will be Miss Ross' only personal appearance prior to pre-production work on her starring role in "Mahogany," a major motion picture to be released by Paramount.

In addition to Miss Ross, other Motown artists will dominate the Southern California--Nevada summer entertainment.

On June 14, Puzzle, whose "Everybody Wants to Be Somebody" single is receiving good exposure on the airwaves, will make a special one-night 'happening' at Magic Mountain.

The mighty Jackson Five, riding high on a two million plus selling single, "Dancing Machine," will appear in concert at the Los Angeles Forum on June 22. The Forum concert will be their only Southern California live appearance prior to returning to MGM's Grand Hotel in Las Vegas for a two week engagement beginning August 21.

For their return to the Grand Hotel, where they broke every existing house attendance record including Dean Martin's during their premiere engagement, the Jackson Five will be joined by their sisters, LaToya and Janet.

The Temptations take over the stage at the Amphitheatre beginning July 25 through July 28.

On July 30 through August 4, The Supremes, following a tour of Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Hong Kong, will take over the stage at Magic Mountain where they hold the attendance record for acts appearing during the summer months.

On September 3 through September 16, the Temptations will return to Las Vegas with a new act, where they will be headlining in the main showroom of the Las Vegas Hilton Hotel.

## Judy Garland Tribute

June 22, '74, marks the 5th anniversary of the passing of superstar Judy Garland. On Sunday, June 23, 1974, "Superstar Show," KLAS-TV, 4-4:30 p.m., with host Sig Sakowicz will host "Sig and Friends Remember Judy." To be heard are audio cuts with Edgar Bergen, Merwyn Leroy, George Sidney, Ray Bolger, David Rose, Jackie Vernon, Sig Front, Earl Wilson, Liza and exclusive excerpts with Judy.

A radio tribute will be paid her on June 24, KLAV, 1105 - noon.

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