

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

WRITE ON MARQUEE LANE---Sammy Davis, Jr. has entered into a stratophenic agreement with Caesar Palace on Las Vegas fabulous strip. The "Total Talented One" will receive \$175,000 per-wk making him the highest paid superstar in the history of America's dice capitol. This is not supposed to effect his deal with the Tropicana Hotel-Casino where he is part owner, holding 8-points, and is a veepee. There are other aspects in the Caesar Palace deal which added up to an offer he could not refuse. Joe Louis, the immortal heavyweight, is a long time member of the Caesar Palace exec. family. If you think that's a big salary for the giant entertainer, Sammy was paid almost as much for 7-performances at the Grosvenor House, London where he attracted some 10,500 patrons. They paid \$30-\$40 a head count for a total house gross in excess of \$350,000...A marathon entertainment gala is being planned as part of a 3-day celebration to mark the clout conflation of George Foreman and Muhammad Ali in the Republic of Zaire. Designed to set off a "Black Cultural explosion it's dubbed "Zaire '74" with Stevie Wonder and Diana Ross topping the list of wanted stars. The South African musician-singer Hugh Masekala and Stewart Levine are in charge of the proceedings.

Within 7-days Dick Young, sports-ed-columnist, N' York daily news, did a "write" turnabout hammerin' Hank Aaron. On July 25th he headlined; "A stupid remark alienated Henry Aaron." In this epistle he was all for Hank and his cause of a black major league mgr. However in his tome of July 31st, he was like a man changing ideas in the middle of a thought. Under the title, "The One Man Strawberry Festival," he left it unclear that Henry had thrown some berries into a news 'guy's puss, but was very concise that the home-run record wrecker was "Being used by politically motivated black people, mainly Rev. Jesse Jackson, to carry the political torch, the black crusade, into the baseball battleground. It isn't fair for Jesse Jackson to ask Henry Aaron to do this job," is how he lamented his second write around. Dick is very naive and he and the others should stop looking for outs as they shake their puny fingers into the face of the inescapable for some day soon some team owner, with the courage of a Branch Rickey, will contract a black baseball mgr. for the majors...The American Committee on Africa has an all out drive going to enlist the aid of major sportstars, church and community leaders in its attempt to bar the participation of South African Policeman in the upcoming "Police Olympics" in San Fran. Judge William H. Booth, former chr'man of the N' York City Human Rights Commish, is prez of ACA.

Problems for "The Cotton Club '75," the teevee spec set for the nets in Nov., started on the shooting turf. Cab Calloway, who was cast scheduled, came, read the script and "walked." He discovered that is was so pregnant with fiction it aborted the facts; therefore any resemblance therein to the once posh cabaret was purely coincidental. He was replaced by Billy Daniels who like the other cast members, director and producers, the Nicholas Bros. excluded, never played, or was around when the Cotton Club was carving its niche in nite-life-history. So, it would appear that the up'scheduled Nov. teevee spec. will be nothing more than a regurgitation from the bellies of the wrong memories...The critics raved, but the distributors are not renting "As Time Goes By." This emotional film documentary is an eye-ear-level point of view about the pangs of racial integration in suburbia. It was sneaked-view in Chgo and caused a lot of lashes to rise...Dr. Carlton Goodlett, prez of the powerful NNPA has called on all his members publishers to take a strong editorial stand against any changes in the b'casting license renewal legislation by the Senate Communications Subcommittee.

The joy of the jet set has been grounded by the news out of the Bahamas that Terry McNeely is a heart attack victim. The long time friend of Sidney Poitier had given up most of his N' York biz ties to world travel with the award winning

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film star...Veteran newguy Rollo Vest is doing poorly in Detroit. His number-one daughter, Shirley Rhodes, pulled the necessary strings to change the handling of his estates and will move him to her H'wood hills manse...Mary Lou Williams has merged tallow and talent to span a new LP called "Zoning." She is offering this bit of hi-potency soul that can be heard thru the ears of your heart for fund raising purposes...If your system didn't work don't feel bad. The 'lady luck' chasers who made the Las Vegas scene dropped \$165,700,000 during the first qtr of the race in '74...AGVA, the theatrical union is deeply indebt and on the verge. Fred O'Neal, prez of the 4-A's, the conglomerate spotlite union, has made it clear that his group will not come to the rescue. The internal disorder will have to be settled by the courts or the Labor Department...The Jackson 5 attracted wall to wall people for a top \$130,000 gross at Madison Square Garden.

Edna Thomas, whose talent kept her glowing with theatrical fervour for a quater of a century, died the other wk in St. Vincent's Hosp. of respiratory complications. The lady, who made her B'way debut in David Belasco's "Lulu Belle in '26, had reached her 88 b'day ...Song stylist Sandra Phillips and her two youngsters have been assigned roles in the upscheduled Bette Davis musical, "Miss Moffatt." The kids are Lacy Darryl, 11 and Marishka 8...Evelyn Holt, joining the staff of Planned Parenthood in St. Thomas, V.I. vows to get the ladies "On the ball and off the bed."...The Dr. Matthew Branch of N'-Rochelle were hit by burglars while vacationing at Oak Bluffs. However the hoods didn't wait for politico Vivian Hall to leave for Canada before ransacking her Washington Hgts apt... "Blazing Saddles" starring Cleon Little, has lassoed \$9-million as it box-office bucks for ten.. The star full "Uptown Sar'nite" is standing on the near \$2-million corner. However the "Education of Sonny Carson" isn't getting as much in box-office cash degrees as expected...The Ann Arbor City Council has said "No Way" to the planners of the annual Blues & Jazz Festival in the college town...Murphy Bennett, the Sammy Davis road mgr. is back with it after quitting the scene for some medical tests which proved negative. George Rhodes, musical director for the same superstar, is lifting his arm higher after a bout with bursitis...STAY LOOSE

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