

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

CONVERSATION ROWE --- Dr. Andrew F. Brimmer, the visiting professor of the Harvard Business School, will be the '74 honoree of the 100-Blackmen. The former 8 1/2 yr. member of the Federal Reserve System has just been elected as the first black member of the board of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company, Inc... The National Multiple Sclerosis Society's invitations are out for its annual "Dinner of Champions". Hank Aaron is this year's magnet and honoree. By dinner date the grandest slammer of them all should have cracked another record of the immortal Babe Ruth. To date he's less than a dozen RBIs away from topping the Sultan of Swat who knocked in 2,209 before calling it a career....Lou Brock, the St. Louis speedster, is within range of a more dubious record. He just may be "caught stealing" more times than Miller Huggins who set the National League mark back in '14 when he was with the Cardinals...Former Philly newsguy John Dias is recuperating from a mild stroke which hit him in the West Indies...Al Fann has confronted his typewriter in hopes of beating out of it a screen treatment of his anti-drug play, "King Heroin"...Those sounds to spice music with emerging from the ork pit to keep "Raisin" moving are from the chops of jazz stalwarts Ernie Royal and Joe Newman...Thelma Davenport, the O'FB area mgr, confirms that the bet-tax has driven the big bettors back to the bookies... Arthur Ashe heads the group of racket greats making up "Tennis II" that will play for the benefit of the Black Alumni of Manhattanville College...Gloria Thomas, WCBS lady public affairs, is putting her full energy and the clout of the CBS flag-station behind the "Congress of Direct Involvement". The youngsters who formed this organization are worth your time and talent, so check them out.

Melvin E. Banner, Michigan, has been named chairman of the 1.5 million member National Education Ass'n Committee of Educational Finance...Atlantic Records received an unprecedented 8 awards from the National Ass'n of TV and Radio Artists...Piano stylist Erroll Garner is earning the big buck and soothing rich ears in the Empire Room of Milwaukee's posh Mark Plaza Hotel...The Foreman-Muhammad fite promo folks are having problems stabilizing interest in Zaire '74, the gigantic festival scheduled to precede the encounter before the date was changed. Stars like Aretha Franklin, James Brown, Stevie Wonder and B.B. King are having a time trying to make the switch..."Uptown Saturday Nite" is headed for a \$5-mil. box office take and is currently number 3 on the top 50 list...Fred (the Hammer) Williamson has instructed his attorney to check out the fine print of his contract with ABC Sports. He's interested in finding out if the network can boot him off of its Monday Nite NFL telecast without enough loot to sooth his feelings. It was the biggest kick in his ego he has ever had...Lee Chamberlin and Bill Cosby will continue their role chores with "Electric Company", the award winning educational teevee series for children...Hospital medics are just as concerned about Lionel Hampton's eyes as they are about his ulcers...American film makers are pointing contracts at South African actor Simon Sabela. He's a flicker hit in Europe where an Allied Artist release, "Gold" is a cinema hit...John Lewis, the Modern Jazz Quartet and pop singer Johnny Hartman are among seven Artists in Residence who will teach courses at the City College School of Music this year.

A top black official is slated to become the first minority casualty of the Ford Adm. He was a controversial appointee of former Prez Nixon that was coolly acceptable to blacks...A just released Commerce Dept. Survey points to the up swing of franchising opportunities for minorities. Accordingly, 271 franchisors out of 909 contacted reported the involvement of minority-owned franchises. This upped the former total of 1,186 to 2,101. The Commerce Dept. also put together a set of nicely printed words to describe

the success of Emery Hopkins, Jr., who has become the first black Ford Motor Co. dealer in Eutaw, Greene County, Alabama. He's 28 and one of the youngest Ford dealers in the country...Stan Martinez, a Mexican-American and Leroy G. Tombs, a black retired Chief Petty Officer, are the SBA selection as the '74 Small Businessmen of their respective states, Arizona and Kansas ...DeeCec insiders are sure that Clif Alexander the young attorney and former White House "special" of the late LBJ, lost his bid to unseat incumbent Walter Washington because his kids were in private school and part of his campaign issues was that he would appoint a black police chief...The Garth Reeves, he's publisher of the swinging Miami Times and she sells real estate, have moved into their posh new home...Commish Eleanor Holmes Norton, chair person of N' Y's Human Rights arm has come up with a 3 yr affirmative action program with the Metropolitan Opera that's designed to improve employment opportunities for minorities across the artistic boards, before and aft of the spotlights.

A delegation from the African party for the independence of Guinea and Cape Verde, Judge William Booth and Congressman Charles Diggs, Jr., stood folks on their ears as main speakers of the first anniversary of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau...Should Prez Ford live up to the rumors N'York's Civil Court Judge Henry Branwell will be appointed a Federal Judge for the Eastern District of the Empire State. He would be the District's first black judge... The bet is that the late police chief Bull O'Connor did a tossing in his grave when two black ladies, Congresswoman Yvonne Burke and award winning actress Cicely Tyson were with Mrs. Gerald Ford and a list of legendary ladies (white) invited to and honored during St. Vincent's Hospital Gala II in Birmingham, Ala...Somebody has it in for fabulous Congresslady, Rep. Shirley Chisholm. Burglars are hitting her home boro office (day - nite) like they have keys, but somebody firebombed it the day after a fourth break-in..."Big Blue Marble" is the new worldwide teevee children series set for eye-level this month in 39 states. It will show children in other lands with all kinds of pigment act just like children. ITT is the underwriter of the series. ---STAY LOOSE.

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