

ENTERTAINMENT

BILLY ROWE'S Note Book

WRITE UNBELIEVABLE---The prognostic promises of the politicians have met the test of the electorate. For some the run has ended in victory. Now only hope remains that as time ticks its course, good fortune will touch those that have been elected to govern for fate has fabricated a deception which can only be facilitated by the strong. How sweet it would be if the selected ones could forget partisan politics and cloak themselves in the dedication of the statesman and perform those deeds best suited to the needs of the nation and the people. This civilization is at the brink and there is an encroaching drought which must be stemmed or it will dry up its human and natural resources. In too many elections throughout the country Americans voted for the politicians instead of casting ballots for the people. Therefore they have put into office those who think they know how to rule, but have no knowledge how to govern. The present state of affairs proves that there is a difference.

The open bickering which plagued the Dems in the race for Sacramento, Calif's Capitol, spilled over on the black side just a few days before poll-time. So don't invite Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett and Gov. elect Edmund G. Brown, Jr. to the same victory party. The yarn would be funny were it not such an affront to human dignity. It seems that following through on a request Dr. Goodlett matched a half-a-dozen black medics who loaned the Brown for Governor camp 100G's with a 4-month pay back clause. Being first the publisher, the NNPA prez asked the political plotters to spend 10G's of the loan in the adv. columns of the black papers on the coast. When he got a flat "No dice," he got as up-tight as an over blown balloon and stopped the check before the ink was dried. And that was fast because the signer used a ballpoint pen. In other areas of the land the closing days of the run for the ruling mantle things happened that were as dramatic as Muhammed Ali's defeat of George Foreman. In N' York Lucille "Satchmo" Armstrong and Commish Ken Sherwood pooled their efforts for a pre-election fling for Gov. Malcom Wilson, Sen. Jacob Javits, Attorney Gen. Louis Lefkowitz, Judge Harold A. Stevens and their ladies. It was invitational only and scheduled out-doors on the green, now winter gold, expanse of the house Louie and Lucille fashioned in Queens. In DeeCee Al Lockhart and some of the more astute workers for Mayor Washington, spent their last minutes trying to avoid a sparse turn-out for the first "Home Rule" vote in 104 yrs. A no ballot surge by the District's overwhelming black population could be accepted by the power structure as a mandate against extending full Home Rule rights. This could effect the full measure of that freedom and retard the participation of minorities in governing the Capitol City.

Cong'man Charles Rangel, who was up for re-election in N' York and an early backer of Cong'man Hugh Carey for Gov., was so sure of victory on both counts, he spent his last minute time stumping for Cong'man Ron Dellum on the coast. The change of the political pic in N' York may find Andy Hatcher doing his press thing again on a state level. He opened the door for blacks in that dept. with JFK...Ray Charles, the blind superstar, had eyes poppin' the other mid' day when he walked into the shuttle to D.C. line, but stepped out to make a phone call, dialing the number himself. Two lovelies are exacting critical raves on the B'way scene; Lena Horne with Tony Bennett at the Minskoff Thea. and Freda Payne star-topping the posh St. Regis' Maisonette Rm...Henry Fambrough was also floored in Zaire where he contacted malaria and the Spinners are just now ready to pickup on some cancelled dates. ..Danny Thomas will have Leslie Uggams' beauty and talent on that eye-view show he has con-

cocted for Timex for the TVS TV Net... "Cleopatra Jones Meets the Dragon Lady" is meeting more trouble in Hong Kong than the camera can record. First it was director trouble, then the weather and now she's out of it for a spell with a mild attack of gunpowder fumes...All manner of biggies are expected in town for the Nov 11th tribute to Dr. John W. Davis who was dubbed by Harvard U in '53 as "The dean of American College Presidents". The event will benefit the NAA CP Legal Defense Fund...Concert pianist James Pettis is seeking the write notes for a book on the musical life of Harlem...The "Black Magic Co. of the Sammy Dyer School of the Theatre, Inc., conceived and directed by Shirley Hall Bass, has been invited by the Pope to perform in Rome during the celebration of "Holy Year."...The Supreme Court has okayed the FCCCommish to give greater weight to racial minority ownership when granting a b'cast license...A group of DeeCee hacker, political and social wheels will dinner tribute Lee Elder Dec. one...Hal Jackson's friends are setting something for him in the spring of '75. He planted the seed from which grew the national "Miss Black Teenage" contests. Sherrin, the Al Fann acting protege has already spent that \$1400 she won on a recently taped NBC "Winning Streak" and the show will not be aired until later this month...L.A.'s Mayor Tom Bradley is sending out some nice words about the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. He sounds like their number one drum beater...United Artists has Yaphet Kotto in important roles in two of its up scheduled major films, "Report to the Commissioner" and "The Treasure" in which he is co-starred with Cornel Wilde. In the "Wilby Conspiracy" Sidney Poitier co-stars with Michael Caine... The Fed. Dist. Court out in Minneapolis called in an Ass't U.S. Attorney Gen to answer a contempt citation because of treatment given to N' York actor Arthur Banks. --STAY LOOSE.

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