

BILLY ROWE'S

notebook

WASHINGTON, D.C.--It's no sweat not being invited to a nude press conference to interview and photograph a naked white woman. However, it does grab you to discover that white women press agents, for all Black things, don't know who you are. Cleveon Little, the flick star, was tall in the saddle when he complained that White press agents are hampered in doing an adequate job because they don't know where the Black audience is. The truth of that statement came trotting down the pike in the case of the group hired to beat the drums for "The Wiz." At opening time this 'original' black take-over of the "The Wonderful World of Oz" was greeted with a flack of derogatory adjectives from many of the white aisle sitters. For a time it appeared as if this negativism would close the opus in the face of its efflorescence and effectual cast. To stave off the darkness the Black community and its press rallied to the cause with an unmatched printed and word-of-mouth effort to elevate the opus to its present sell-out status. Ruth Inniss and the Bon Bons, Mrs. Bill Brown, church and other social org's matched herculean drives to keep "The Wiz" from fissing. The praise agents on payroll had nothing to do with this and made no contacts with the total Black Press. However, now that the wonderful musical is selling out, they feel no compulsion in telling a Black columnist, "We don't know who you are."

DON'T JUST STAND THERE::DO SOMETHING!
 ...Author-journalist Wm. Bradford Huie was write-up tight in a TV-Guide feature about the FCC's 4-2 decision to lift the license of Alabama Educational TV chain. The action, based on alleged practiced racism, seems to serve notice that the FCC is serious about equal opportunity in hiring and programming. In his written howl, Mr. Huie who is considered one of the saner and stronger voices for racial change in the South charged that the FCC's refusal to grant the license renewal was

primarily because of FCComish Benjamin L. Hokks, the first Black member of this body. This incident dramatically illustrates the power of one Black person in a position of power to influence change. Let this happening be a reminder to intensify the fight to put more such persons in positions of power. Collectively this power could help usher in a new era in which all people enjoy the fruits of democracy...Mayor Walter Washington of D.C. will serve as the general conference head for a forthcoming workshop planned by the Minority Public Administrators (COMPA). Congressman Wm. Clay and C. Delores Tucker, Pennsy's secy of State and other political dignitaries will participate in the two & half days do...Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey has again referred to the Committee on Rules and Adm. a Concurrent Resolutions calling for the placement in the Capitol of likenesses of individuals from minority groups. It's picking up support in the halls of the lawmakers, but could use a push from your write hand.

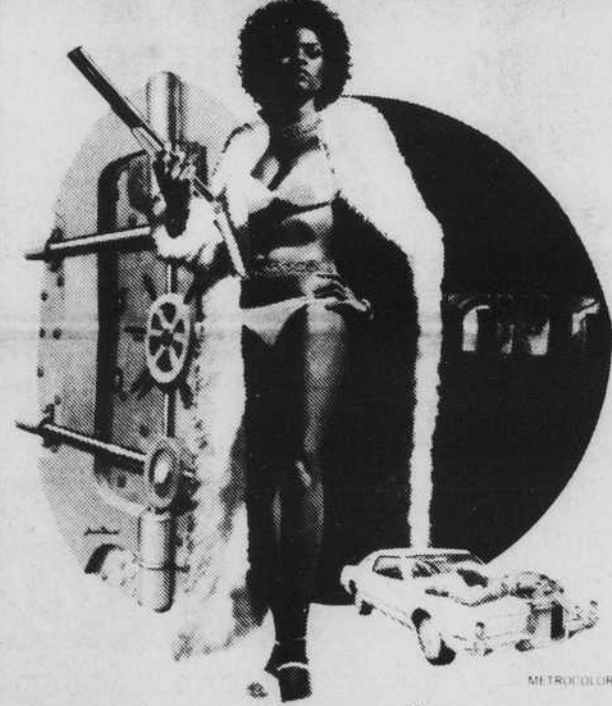
WRITE ON PEOPLE---A major question in Dee Cee is will Prez Gerald Ford break cabinet tradition and name Judge Sam Pierce Treasury Secy? ...The Hon and Mrs. Tom Bradley have joined forces with Sammy Davis, Jr. to solicit cash help for L.A.'s Golden Day School. In the mean time

Golden Boy of marquee'ville has added comic-actor Johnny Brown as a fixed member of his nationally syndicated "Talk Show" that's due for nationwide release in May...The "live recording" of the entertainment for the Sept. gone annual feed of the Black Congressional Caucus brought the org. 50G's advance from Chess/Janus Records. The collectors piece of wax is exciting with the sounds of War, Curtis Mayfield, Kool and the Gang, Gladys Knight and the Pips and Jimmy Witherspoon. The check changed hands at a posh reception in the Rayburn House Bldg with the proper touches by lovely party giver Modeen Broughton...The Nat'l Repub. Committee has added the astute John Wilks to its advisory chair on minority desires...Tony Brown, the master of "Black Journal," is planning to mastermind the formation of a new production co., "Tony Brown Presents on B'Way." The idea is to open some of the better known theatres throughout the country and present 3-days-of-superstar events...Al Dunsmore was the top beige co. representative at the auto-industry spring thing in Chgo. He was happiest because Chrysler's lead had caused a number of Black models to be hired by dealers peddling other models...It was no speeches, no fund raising and no jive when the 100-Black Men, Inc. honored Gov. Andrew Brimmer in N'York last wk...A group of substantial guys are spearheading the formation of a New Rochelle Black Men org. Joe Clem, Judge Baltimore, Larry Byrd, Jim Hebert, Nap Holmes, Lloyd Jones and Dr. James Gaddy, Ph.D. are among those making the move....STAY LOOSE.

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