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POSTIVELY WRITE--Col. Hubert Julian, "The Black Eagle," is inviting a group of VIP's to Ethiopia via transcontinental telephone. The new govt of that African nation authorized his action after making him a 4-star general. The fictional soldier of fortune once headed the 1-plane airforce of the late Emperor Haile Selassie which he reportedly cracked almost at his feet. Col. John Silvera, who had hopes of changing his eagle to a star before "Rocky" left Albany, has been offered one with his invite from Julian to visit the fatherland. The 'pinning' of Gen. Daniel "Chappie" James has been reported to this scribe by Col. Lee Archer (Airforce RT.) as the most exciting event of the decade. His notes will be translated here the next write around. Some are under the impression that the historic happening was too emotional for the internationally known Billy Simpson. His heart, which he shared with kings and commoners, stopped in the Colorado Springs airport with the last drum roll. His death added to the pall of Sept's end at just about the same time the grim reaper stretched out its tentacles and embraced Dr. Rudy Porter, who was gunned down in his Detroit home, and Bill Cohen whose stout heart lost its rhythm on the street where he lived. It was ironic to his many friends as it happened within the same month death claimed his beloved wife, Edna, 3-yrs ago. Each of their passing adds credence to the growing belief that the world is getting so bad, the good people are leaving it.

John Roxborough will make one of his rare public appearances to attend the Black Congressional Caucus dinner which will honor Joe Louis and Paul Robeson. He and Julian Black co-mgr'ed the immortal heavyweight, a chore that was a first for Blacks. . . Cost for two to eye-ear Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald and Count Basie at the Uris Thea. on B'way was 40-bucks per 'catbird seat' and 35-green-ones in the peanut gallery. Catherine Basie came to town to count heads at the Uris and spend some of her piano genius hubby's earnings on posh Vth Ave., which is just a silver dollar toss from where he was making his hi-prices sounds. Buzz Willis is first cabin again as veepee and director of operations for CIT Records. However he would exchange all that for a quick recovery of his mother who's in the St. Clair Hosp. with a broken hip caused by a nasty fall. . . "Bubbling Brown Sugar" is just the vehicle to add renewed impact to the long overdue talents of Thelma Carpenter. The opus is sweenening the legit show scene of the hinterland as it heads for B'way where it's expected to lift the fall season. Veteran Avon Long, who was a Cotton Club feature when Lucille Armstrong was nicknamed "Brown Sugar," is also starred with Vivian Reed and Joe Attles. The show is a major breakthrough, in another aspect of show biz, for Rosetta LeNoir upon whose concept the show is based. It's doing SRO biz in DeeCee after some of the same in Philly. . . Alyce Webb has taken leave of "Raisin," the long running musical, for a concert tour of Europe. Her role is being kept up to applause by Ruth Brisbane which may be among the reasons the 74-Tony Award'er is selling ducats thru Jan. '76.

After all the rumors, denials and press clippings, Stan Scott is leaving his post as Special Ass't to Prez Ford, but will remain with the Fed Govt. The now question is not who will

replace him, but will the spot be kept on the White House job roll. Should it remain it would be politically smart to selete the word "Special." There's more dignity to, and votes in the phrase. "Assistant to the President." . . A hush hush romance, which may be too hot not to cool down, has lovely Barbara Sweeting, sec'y to the late Joe Glaser, on one side and an autograph targeted teevee personality on the other. His gifts are Tiffany labeled and he plans to make the affair public after the divorce. . . A Bklyn policy baron, who took a Mexican-powder 2-yrs ago when the heat made his green non-negotiable, is a State back sneaker. The 75G's he won in a big crap game the other evening will buy a lot of Tequila back over the border. . . Hal Jackson was greeted with open hearts in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where he jetted to arrange a "Miss Talented Teen" contest for '76, the Bicen. yr. He has the full support of the govt and expects nat'l teevee coverage. . . Freda and John Simms have both found jobs, and a house to their liking, complete with swim'pool, in St. Croix of that same U.S. foreign land. . . Bob Howard, the piano stylist and veteran of many-a-spotlite and has seen more than 70-summer, is musically exciting as ever barside at the Crabtree Plaza in Tuchiaoe, N.Y. . . More judges than contestants have applied for the "Ms All Bare America '75." The girls will appear before them 3-times, twice in clothes and once in their b'day suits.

The United Negro College Fund would like the N'York Bank for Saving to save some of Roy Campanella's time for a lecture tour of its member colleges. The baseball Hall of Fame receiver represents that monied institution on a lecture tour of Metropolitan schools. . . The subject of govt deposits, and its effect on small banks, will be very much a part of the National Bankers Ass'n's Oct meet in Seattle. Anthony Maxwell, former prez of Pan American Bank of East Los Angeles, has been named executive dir. of this ass'n of minority controlled banks which has grown from 20 members in '68 to 55 currently. . . The Ass'n od Minority CPA Firms is forging awards for those who have been helpful to the org. and will present same at their upcoming confab in DeeCee Sept. 24-27. . . Adam Clayton Powell III has had his title changed by WINS of the Westinghouse chain from News Editor to News Director. For a spell the son of the immortal congressman tried his hand at publishing his own newspaper, the old N'York Age, and lost a bundle. . . Larry Harmon, who's reportedly set to do a feature film on the life of Duke Ellington, can expect problems if he muddies the memory of this giant of a musical genius with tales of his romance and marriages. The Duke, who was born and died before his time, was perhaps the most beloved personality to ever meet the spotlight with talent. To do anything to discolor his greatness would be like spitting on the cross. The world is not ready for this. . . STAY LOOSE.



RICHARD THOMAS turns fight manager to help Cleavon Little during a dramatic boxing match on "The Fighter" segment of the "The Waltons," Thursday evening, Sept. 25, CBS-TV.

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