

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK....

"From Here To Eternity"

WRITE AROUND TOWNS

ST. LOUIS, MO. - The news of Howard Wood's passing generated shock waves throughout the journalistic world. However, death will not obliterate the good which marked his living; nor will it erase his memory from the hearts and minds of those with whom he walked and benefited in the throbs of life. The quality and character of Howard Woods are an ode to his living. It was characterized by an exalted style. He was a man at the top of the mountain who spent his time attempting to pull others up rather than just standing there admiring the scenery. Nor did he secede from the state of black problems. His many facted understanding of human weaknesses gave him an unusual insight into the foibles of life. He harbored a resentment for, and an annoyance of, man's inhumanity to man and his newspaper, the St. Louis Sentinel, was most effective in its fight against it. He was a skilled technician within his craft with a reportorial style that was imaginative and colorful, and perfect marriage of works and knowledge. His dedication casued him to anser demands on his time with overpowering effects on his enormous heart. So still in harness, at the recent National Urban League conference, he slipped into eternity. We have lost a friend, and the world a MAN, one who did not stand by as evil thrived because good men do nothing!

Truman Gibson, former atty for Joe Louis, and later Madison Sq Gdn, is using all his legal skills hoping to keep deejay Frankie Crocker out of jail. The popular wax spinner, who was arraigned in Newark, N.J. July-end, is out on 20G bail awaiting a Nov 1 trial. He's charged with being careless with the truth before a Grand Jury during its payola search... The NAACP and the Nat'l Urban League have joined a coalition of Roman Catholic and Protestant groups to do court battle with the FCCommission over its latest EEO ruling. The electronic regulatory body's latest equal employment rule exempts stations with 19 or fewer employees from filing EEO programs. Should this same federal body, of which Ben Hooks is the only black member, rule in Gary's (Ind.) favor, Rev. Jesse Jackson, PUSH prexy, reporter Harry Porterfield, A. Martin Katz, a former mayor of the mini steel city, and two Chgo bankers will be able to buy radio station WLTH... The Dionne Warwick-Isaac Hayes concert tour teaming is an inspiration for adjective slingers and gossip tossers... The United Church of Christ has anted up 100G's, The United Methodist Church a like amount and the Lilly Endowment another 125G's towards a 700G's budget "airmarked" by Group W. to bring to the

tubes in '77 "Six American Families," a black N'York gendarme and his urban family will be among those casting the 6 hr telecast... "Bingo Long" is batting 3rd on the top 50-flicker list and about to score a \$2 mil gross... However, the "Kool Jazz Festival" was a strike out in DeeCee and the fanning cost the promoters a cool 100G's.

Heavyweight title holder Muhammad Ali was so pleased with his reception in Manila he's expected to spend more off fite time there. He was in the Philippines capitol city to take part in the opening of a Muhammad Ali shopping and cinema mall with two theatres, Ali 1 & 2... The "Leadbelly" flick is running into hinterland box office problems and may be off the circuit again... However, the "sick society" is buying a record number of ducats to view "Drums" despite a critical drubbing. It is billed as a sequel to "Mandinto" another bit of cinematic trash. The starts of this antebellum bit of nausea, Ken Norton, Pam Grier and Yaphet Kotto should be ashamed... The daytime repeat showing of Redd Foxx's "Sanford & Son" is having problems attracting eyes to NBC teevee... Wondah if the producers of "Muhammad Messenger of God" changed the title of the film to "The Message" so as not to confuse same with "Muhammad Ali, The Greatest?"; .STAY LOOSE.

Soul Train Spotlights

The O' Jays



THE PLATTERS are still a No. 1 attraction in the music industry today, and it's obvious that their potential for a record comeback is being greatly underestimated. They fill the best night-clubs all over the county 52 weeks a year. They tour all over the world and are greeted royally in every country they play. The group opens at the Aladdin Casino Lounge August 23rd for 3 weeks.

The Big Band Sound

Returns To Las Vegas

The big band sound returns to Las Vegas like it had never left with the biggest cavalcade of top stars ever gathered together on the same stage.

The event is the Big Band Cavalcade featuring County Basie, Les Brown, Bob Crosby, Dick Haymes and Margaret Whitting all together in four spectacular performances September 1, 2, 3, and 4 in the Adladdin Theatre for the Performing Arts.

The most explosive force in jazz for decades, Count Basie and his orchestra have literally grown in importance with each added season of performance. In this day of rock and small groups and electric sounds, the age of the Basie Band has remained in the fore. In truth, it has never waned.



This weekend Soul Train will spotlight the spirited O' Jays, popular purveyers of "Message" tunes, along with Thelma Houston, featured vocalist on the soundtrack of Universal/Motown's movie, "The Bingo Long Traveling All-Stars and Motor Kings," starring Billy Dee Williams, James Earl Jones and Richard Pryor.

The O' Jays perform "A Message In My Music," "I Love Music" and "Stairway to Heaven" from the latest albums, "Survival" and "Family Reunion."

During their 17 years in show business they have achieved recognition by Billboard for "Top Soul LP" for their 1974 album, "Ship Ahoy" and were named "Best Male Vocal Group" at the Eighth Annual NAACP Image Awards Banquet in Hollywood.

Thelma Houston, a budding actress as well as an innovative song stylist, sing "The Bingo Long Song" and "Razzle Dazzle."

Since turning professional in the late sixties, she was nomonated for a Grammy in 1974 for her chart hit, "You've Been Doing Wrong For So Long." She was also featured with Smokey Robinson at Carnegie Hall.

Soul Train is produced by Don Cornelius, show host.

Join Ray Willis and Maria Donoso for a look at what minorities are doing in Southern Nevada.

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