

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK....

Write Around The Country

NEW YORK, N.Y. - According to an exclusive insider, the Nat'l Assn of Tele & Radio Announcers confab in Antiqua was all static. The Spinners blew 48 hrs when they flew down to do an outside show in the midst of the rainy season. Natch, at stage time, it rained cats and dogs and the gig was washed because the NATRA officials had failed to secure a dry place in case. Cong'-man Andy Young, the keynote speaker, got his bread wet when dinner was served. The confab attracted just 12 deejays, but 600 guests. So the convention was more like a big picnic for personnel of the record firms. Atlantic Records Co. veep Noreen Woods and Marsha Green flew down on the company's exec-jet and used the opportunity to show off their new string bathing togs, in the same category were Carol Eldridge and Pat Metz who also attracted the hot eyes.

Leaders of the Georgia Black Republican Council unanimously endorsed Dr. Robert Wright, vice ch'mn of the Ga group for pres of the Nat'l Assembly of Black Repubs. Dr. Henry Lucas, dentist of San Francisco, the present head of the Assembly and by virtue of this position he holds a place in the Nat'l Repb Comm. The group is a leading supporter of Ronald Reagan and is not expected to seek re-election. Others who are seeking election to head the Assembly are former Mich. Mayor James Sivins and Ind GOP leader James Cummings... Sidney Poitier has taken up permanent living in H'wood and has bought a 600G manse in the hills of Beverly Hills. Lovely June Eckstine was the broker. The former spouse of "Mr. B" also assumed that role in the sale of talented pretty Diahann Carroll, who took the 400G's selling price of the domicile and moved to the bay area to be within embracing distance of her hubby who is a working consultant with a black firm in the shadow of San Francisco... Wondah what standby statement Andy Hatcher has developed to explain the South Africans killing of that apartheid devastated land's original natives. He should resign.

The Variety Club of N'York's tribute to the late Josephine Baker has been locked in for Nov. 7th, at the Met. Princess Grace of Monaco and Mrs. Aristotle O'Nassis are honorary ch' persons. Parter asking price for boxes is 5G's, as the honorary comm. list is like out of the Who's Who of What is What... You've still got time to ear Sarah McLawles at Vincents...

Commish Roosevelt Dunning, Gov's Asst Bernie, narc prosecutor and William T. Johnson, exec dir, Civilian Review Bd, will be the honorees of the ann's retired cop's Dec. bash. Chief Eddie Waith is major domo of the council and is chairing the event... A special affair was cast to award Aretha Franklin an RIAA gold plaque for her latest album - Sparkle. Curtis Mayfield is the composer and the Atlantic recording is from the flick of the same title. The Queen of Soul has reportedly returned to Ruth Bowen's QBC, after a 6 mo. hiatus with a white agency. Irene Cara, who was Sparkle on the silver, has been cast in an upcoming Kojak episode The Hair Trigger Way as a teenage junkie.

After checking the bottom line, N'York City's hotel owners are crying in their suites as the biz take expected at the Demo-Convention fell way short of the profit mark. Now only the Repubs think that they are the last of the bigtime spenders... The violent times in which we live claimed the life of another youngster in the springtime of his existence. The son of Hilda and the late Joe Shepperson was cut down in gangland style and the feeling is that it was a brutal case of mistaken identity.

Lou Rawl's "You'll Never Find Another Love Like Mine" has jumped to the no. 4 slot on the 50-Best Selling Pop Singles chart, but he got not nomination for any of the slots in the second annual "Rock Music Awards." However, neither did enough feeme stars to satisfy the Women Lib groups. By the time you read this Bob Marley, personality of the yr, Aretha Franklin, best female vocalist, Marvin Gaye, best R & B al-

bum, Staple Singers, best R & B single, Natalie Cole, who was also nominated in this slot and as best new female vocalist, along with Maxine Nightingale, will know if their nomination was good enough for an inauguration... Charlie Pride, of county and western fame, did eight SRO dates in the Far East and has taped a Dinah Shore show to tell all about it... It looks like the "Tony Awards" folks have done it again. If there are any black members on the '76-'77 nominating committee they were not released to this scribe. This is the group which selects the best of this or that from the various B'way shows. "Raisin" and a number of its performers won awards in '75 and "The Wiz" and members of its cast took the musical honors for '76... Sources close to the black caddie dealer Dick Gidron have put the word out that GM's only such luxury car'man in this section has hired Jack Sable, former white chr-person of the State Human Rights Commish as his press agent... Talk is that the NNPA, (The Black Press of America), and the ANPA, (The White Press of America), with some black member newspapers, may join hands in a drive to forge that "national community" Texas Rep. Barbara Jordan waxed so eloquently about during her keynoting of the Demo Conv... STAY LOOSE.

Jazz Trumpeter Freddie Hubbard on PBS

Freddie Hubbard, acknowledged by the jazz world as its master trumpet player, performs in concert Thursday, Aug. 26 at 10 p.m. on Channel 10.

For "Club Date: Freddie Hubbard," recorded before a live audience, Hubbard and his band play "Put It in the Pocket," "Midnight at the Oasis," "Liquid Love," and "Lost Dreams."

Hubbard is a strong, bold trumpet player. As a technician, he is formidable; as an improviser, he is a living example of spontaneous creation at its best.

One of the most widely-imitated jazz musicians alive today, Hubbard has won first place in the Downbeat critics poll, a Grammy Award, the first place for trumpet in the Playboy musicians' poll.

Appearing with Hubbard are George Cables on piano, Carl Randall, Jr. on saxophone and flute, Henry Franklin on bass and Carl Burnett on drums.



THE TYMES

Hitmaker Johnnie Taylor opens Soul Train's new television season in the company of The Tymes, a quintet with an international reputation.

Singing "Disco Lady," which remained at the top of the charts week after week, and "Somebody's Gettin' It," fast working its way to the top, Taylor follows up with "Runnin' Out of Lies," to demonstrate his award-winning style.

A former gospel singer who replaced the late Sam Cooke with the Soul Stirrers, Taylor is regarded in the industry as a singer's singer.

From their latest LP, "Tymes Up," The Tymes sing their Top Ten single, "It's Cool" and "Only Your Love."

Formed in the late 50's the Philadelphia group has completed three successful European tours and won the coveted silver record in the United Kingdom, the British equivalent of the American gold record.

Three men - George Williams, Donald Banks and Norman Burnett - and two women - Terri Gonzalez and Melanie Moore - comprise the Tymes.

Ella Fitzgerald Awards Dinner

Renowned jazz singer Ella Fitzgerald will be honored at an awards dinner of the National Association for Sickle Cell Disease, Inc., (NASCD) on Sunday, Sept. 12, 1976, at the Beverly Wilshire Hotel, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Ms. Fitzgerald will receive NASCD'S Second Annual Award of Distinction. She is being honored for "her tremendous contributions to the field of music and her exemplary humanitarian efforts which have been accomplished without fanfare or publicity," according to Ms. Dorothy H. Boswell, NASCD Executive Director.

Ray Charles, NASCD's 1975 honoree, will serve as Honorary Chairman of the tribute to Ms. Fitzgerald.

Save With Cupons

Join Ray Willis and Maria Donoso for a look at what minorities are doing in Southern Nevada. Along with special local and nationally known guests, they make this an interesting and informative half-hour

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