

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Write on Happenings

Washington, D.C. - Big events captured the attention of the "go-about-jet-set" from morn till dawn as one season moved into another along the eastern seaboard. In the Big Apple, giants from all walks of life congregated at the posh N'York Hilton to tribute Roy Wilkins, turned 75. It was a heart and soul happening, marred only by the inner feelings that all was not right with Roy and the hieracracry of the org. he lifted from the pinnacle it had been risen to by the late Walter White, and deposited it on a higher plateau as he changed the way of life of his entire race while teaching all Americans how to live as such with respect and understanding of their fellow persons. The entertainment was lusty and arrogant in an atmosphere of comradship, because most in attendance was more concerned with the job Roy has done rather than the politics of who should succeed him. Someone suggested that he whould be placed in the "Hall of Fame" of Executive Secretaries and the position retired. Ossie Davis, Ruby Dee, Bobby Short, Mable Mercer, Sidney Poitier, Leontyne Price, Lionel Hampton, and Linda Hopkins super-starred the event. The perennial "Mr. Civil Rights," A Phillip Randolph even made one of his rare appearances as did Clifford Alexander, Sr. As the immortal Joe Louis used to say after victory, "Mom, it was another lucky night."

In the nation's capitol Berkely Burrell called together the members and chapters of his National Business League for its 77th annual convention, and it was something. In fact, the town was budding over with people and events. The annual Congressional Black Caucus weekend, and the Black Media Women were all doing their thing. But, it was the NBL which magnetized the attention. This is the oldest service org. in the nation, even outdating the Chamber of Commerce. In the case of Berkely Burrell, seldom has a man fitted a job so well. As president of the NBL, he has kept the black business persons moving in the proper directions. His programs has generated millions for black businesses throughtout the country, as quiety he has kept government fairly honest in its promises and

deals with minority persons. The deal he recently effected with the Dept. of Transportation, after a running battle with its historic secy, William T. Coleman, is a landmark decision and will mean millions to minority business persons. More on this and our media ladies next write-around.

NEWS IN THE KNOW - Minister Louis Farrikan, whom the Muslim reportedly moved out of N'York because of his growing power, is rumored about to move out of his Chgo. assignment and hit the stage. He plans to turn to calypso singing. The Nat'l Progressive Baptist Publishing House has released a soft back edition of "The Black Church Looks at the Bicentennial," a minority report by Revs. Harold Catter and Wyatt Tee Walker, who fought the fite with the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and William A. Jones, Jr., who headed the eastern div. of the defuct Operation Breadbasket from his powerful Bklyn church...Count Basie is going to make it, and should be in good shape, to kick off the beat for the Nov. celebration of the Nat'l Fellowship at the W'chester Premiere Theatre. Ella Fitzgerald, Oscar Peterson and Joe Pass will share the bill put together to mark the 30th anny of this org...It looks like Ken Drew will be the only NNPA pub. accepting a S. African Gov's invite to visit that racially torn nation...The Urban League's Whitney Young Memorial Football encounter '76 is looking good, bigger than any previous yr. Though they have secured two great teams, belief is that the new Yankee Stadium is the strong draw. The pregame parade along Adam Clayton Powell Blvd will again be a feature of the day and this scribe has been asked to emcee.

"Raisin," the award capturing musical which established a box office record road-touring in Frisco, is set for a benefit return fling with Dr. Carlton Goodlett, NNPA prexy, sitting in the local exec producer's chair...The Hon Shirley Chisholm has sold her Bklyn manse and is just about ready to take the vows with that affluent upstate gent...The rumors go on to say her di-

vored hubby will move into the house they bought in the V.I., and despite the lady's boss primary will, she's losing her thirst for politics... Detroit Mayor Coleman A. Young nixed a 10G's pay hike last year hoping that city employees would give up theirs to prevent layoffs. It dind't so the Mayor made the front pages of his local papers when he accepted all but \$2,005 of a \$10,324 pay hike making his pay \$49,382. He's entitled to more than 50G's. Only four other city chiefs get more than he; Mayor Tom Bradley

of Los Angeles is one of them...Pals are wondering if the recent high-level personnel shack-up of the Haitian Gov. will have anything to do with the deal praise-agent, Ruben Patton announced recently...Post "Box Tops For Fun 'N Fitness" program has dispersed a number of super athletes throughtout the land. Willis Reed, Rafer Johnson, Wyomia Tyus, Kyle Rote, Jr., Jim Ryun and Anne Henning are making the charge in 50-cities...Dr. Gloria Tooté and Prexy Gerry Ford are on "Write Terms" again... FCCommish Ben Hooks is being quesstimated as the next exec. dir. of the NAACP. That is, of course, if Carter doesn't make the Pale House, and loveable Ben isn't made FCC chair-person...Cab Calloway is making the autograph trail to push his new book, "Minnie the Moocher and Me." We thank him for mentioning our Note Book in same...Publishers may demonstrate in front of teevee stations if the League of Women Voters refuse to include a reporter from the black press on the panel of interrogators during the presidential debates...STAY LOOSE.

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