

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

WRITE IN THE NEWS

N'YORK CITY - In answer to a reader's query: As far as can be ascertained, former core leader Floyd B. McKissick is still in the Soul City building process in North Carolina. The switch from Republican to Democrat rule in DeeCee isn't expected to blow his building plan down... Lou Rawls and Nancy Wilson are the weekend voice team at the posh Westchester Premier Theatre. Gladys Knight and the Pips, teamed with "Good Times" Jimmy Walker, for a May fling, have been set back a booking or so to allow the presentation of Frank Sinatra and Dean Martin. That's a heavy session and tickets are 40-bucks per eyeing... The overly Modeen Broughton Means didn't call on the divorce rumors, therefore, they are either true or too ludicrous to be dignified with a denial. Just before he departed for a swing at golf in Puerto Rico, publisher Ken Drew dropped a dime to deny rumors that he was her party-go-round escort.

POLITICAL PRO ET CON - As lotsa folks wonda who will be appointed by the Pres to chair EEOC, there's a rumor a'wind that the old structure may be merged into one Contract Compliance Agency to handle all E/O complaints to the federal government. Lee Archer, E/O director for General Foods, is the choice of some with Prez Carter's ears, to head the heretofore maladroitness agency. Feeling is that the former Air Force Colonel could get it to snap-to-forthwith... Hominy grits has replaced ham or bacon with the morning eggs in DeeCee just in case a Georgian is looking over ones shoulders... Praise agent Ofield Dukes was the fella by the side of the road during the Inaugural and saved many-a-face of self thought big shots, now who said there was an "I" in that word, who didn't have the proper invite to get him or her where they felt they should be seen.

Emile Jones is spearheading Boston Mayor Kevin White's drive to establish a Jazz Hall of Fame and center on hallowed territory in the nation's Capitol. Ken Sherwood and Earl Jackson, IGTravel, were among a distinguished group the Mayor invited to lunch to kick-off the program... Peg Leg Bates is working better after surgery to insert a plastic hip. I understand that astute Commish Betty Granger is hurting much less after a similar date with the surgeon... Lloyd Davis and Tom Jenkins are rumored among the soon to be named replacement of former HUD Assistant Secretary for Fair Housing and E/O James Blair who held the spot only a short hitch after replacing the astute Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote. On the Department of Defense side, there is a push on to up grade Deputy Assistant Secretary Minton Francis to Assistant Secretary to give his headed E/O sector more clout.

THEATRICAL TELL TALES - You would never believe it by looking at her, but Mrs. Charles Huggins, Melba Moore to the trade, is expecting an itty-bitsy. It's most incredible when you realize that May is the due-date... Beulah Bryant is that teed-off about the way she's suddenly being shunned by the USO which she has served for so long, and so well in near and far military places... "Guys and Dolls" have passed their 225th performance on Broadway and are now offering discount tickets. It's a good buy,

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Dear Editor:

The present usage of the word 'Minorities' is to defeat the purposes of the Civil Rights Marches, and other affirmative actions, taken during the 1960's. That resulted in some legislation regarding those whom desired their liberty strong enough to demonstrate and even die in many instances, for such. It was the intent to directly benefit those whom had toiled many years and families ago, to be considered equal and be treated (in all instances) as such. It is hard for one to imagine that the actions were taken for Pollacks in Ohio. Or Jews in Georgia. But, for the many oppressed peoples, whom have struggled so long to make this country great.

Now comes the Mexican, who has contributed nothing to any of the circumstances that were desired or fought for. And he is now amongst us, taking the emoluments, under the guise of the usage of the word, ethnic minorities. And thusly taking the jobs by maligning some who pass the sphere of influence that he has gained through such tactics. They are even singing our song in Spanish. "We Shall Overcome". But, at the same time, the Mexican that has gotten himself in such places as the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, do all that they can to cause the Black populace to be discriminated against, in order for them to receive licenses that are not five year licenses but for one year. Thereby casting doubt on the ability of the Black man to be a driver, commercially. It is incorrect for these people to be in areas of influence that affect the livelihood of the Black persons.

Others have also used this ploy, to avoid hiring the Black populace. Such as the California Club & Motel, The Four Queens and various other Casinos. There predominates in some Clubs, Vietnamese, Koreans, and peoples from the Orient, so profusely that it would be absolutely to find a waiter in any of the places that serve food. As long as we have unemployed Black people, it is vulgar to speak of 'Ethnic Minorities'.

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Robert L. Hawkins

go dig it. You'll love guys like Robert Guillaume, Jimmy Randolph, Babe Wallace and Clark Morgan. Plus dolls like Norma Donaldson, Ernestine Jackson and Edye Byrd... Soul Queen, Aretha Franklin dispatched the biggest and prettiest "Happy Valentine" card to the white folks to announce her latest heart hitting single, "Look Into Your Heart"... Ben Vereen was swamped right after saying on the Sammy Davis, Jr. tuber that he wanted to do Broadway again, and soon. You guessed it, he has been bonbarded since he made "Chicken George" a living legend in "Roots". Black would-be legit producers are after him to star in either "Bonjangles" or "The Soul Mikado". The latter would co-star Melba Moore, and the book chores have been handed to William Branch.

Manny Barfield, he was the major union executive before it became fashionable for Blacks, passed after a lingering illness. His funeral brought a number of the old-timers together like Windy Wallace, Teddy Butler, Baldwin Sharp, William Fletcher, Sparrow Cowings, Willie Clause, Lloyd Mitchell, Bob Turner, Jimmy Beard, Johnny Brantley, Finley Hoskins, Joe Steele, Al Martin, Buddy Young, Joe Overton, and Bob Douglas. Of course, there were lovelies: Evelyn Cunningham, Miriam Walker, Evelyn Holt, Skippy Dismuke, Elaine Calloway, Carol Brantley, Izzie Rowe, and of course you don't talk about the ladies as no old-timer. You simply say, even at a funeral, that they were looking lovely. However, you can tell where you've come from when you start meeting more friends at funerals than weddings. Manny was a good guy and his passing left a wake of sadness... STAY LOOSE.

Ruby Says



Well, it looks like the Equal Rights amendment went down to defeat for this session of the legislature. Giving credit where credit is due, there were some assemblymen who voted in favor of it, for which votes we thank them. We will have another chance for the ERA during the next session in 1979. We must all work toward replacing those Clark County Senators and Assemblymen who are so frightened of giving women their full equality in this day and age. "None of us will be free until ALL of us are free." The discrimination within the Mormon Church against Blacks and women must not be extended to society in general. If they wish to live with and practice their brand of discrimination, however misguided, that is their problem. But I AM NOT A Mormon, nor do I wish to become one and I resent the foisting of their beliefs on me through their legislators. I get furious every time I think about having to beg those fine white men for my rights as a woman. It seems that I read somewhere about a separation between Church and State. What happened, I'd like to know???

Why must Nevada be the Johnny Reb State of the Union? Do our legislators wish Nevada would secede from the United States? What do they think that the pledge of allegiance means when it says "liberty and justice for ALL"? Just all men? All white men? If our legislators had their way, there would never be an uniformity of laws among the states. States' Rights, indeed! Will one puny little state keep our nation in the dark ages in their childish vendetta against ANYTHING that has to do with the Feds? Must we always have to fight for our rights?

I publicly warn all you senators and assemblymen who voted against ERA -- you think you've put a lid on "Pandora's Box" and stopped ERA -- well, I'm here to tell you that you just took the lid off. You can shiver in the knowledge that "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." Come next election time, believe me, you will be in for the fight of your lives!!!!

I want to publicly commend our very own beautiful Senator Joe Neal. Had it not been for him, Rule 30 forcing the Senators to vote yea or nay would not have been used in the Senate and ERA would have been defeated right then and there. In fact we want to thank and bless all those right-thinking and brave senators and assemblymen who eloquently spoke for and steadfastly stood by us in our fight for equality.

The benefit show for Operation Life at the New Town Tavern this past weekend was a great success. Thanks to all of you who came out and supported this project. We plan some more in the future - and a very special one when our building is finally completed and we can hold it right here.

Just a reminder -- don't forget to bring your children in for their early screening at the Jackson Street Clinic.

Call us at Operation Life to see if you're eligible for the WIC program -- the high protein supplemental foods for Women, Infants, & Children under the age of 5. The number is 648-0012.

ATTENTION ALL WOMEN, Interested in Hand-Gun Instruction:

North Las Vegas Police Department will again sponsor a 40 hour course in Hand-Gun safety to women. Over 1,000 women have successfully completed the course dedicated to familiarization of revolver and automatic weapons.

The course will open March 5, 1977 at 9:00 A.M. at the North Las Vegas City Hall Council Chambers. Interested women should simply call 649-9111 and ask for further information. There is no charge for this course.

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