

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

New York City -- Notwithstanding the great reception given "Roots" here and around the country, the issue of slavery is a thing of the past and racism is grudgingly following. That is not to say that "Roots" was not pre-eminently fair as history of misery and privation ranking with the accounts of Ghengis Kahn and his avenging hordes during the Dark Ages. Alex Haley has perhaps written the final chapter concerning that hated period. Tony Brown, executive producer of "Black Journal", the country's longest sustained Black public affairs program over Public Television, is offering a new theme for the 9th season. It's called "The Black Presence" whose theme is the legitimacy of blacksnes s in the last quarter of the century.

"Slavery has gone by the wayside, and while the affects of racism are still with us", Tony says, "we will fight the remaining injustices by bringing into focus issues and personalities not traditionally permitted on TV".

"Legitimacy", he adds, "means that the black presence must be represented much like the white presence is . . . that Blacks are just like whites -- most of us are average, some geniuses and (there are) a liberal sprinkling of fools". The new show, to be viewed in your area even before the ink is dry here, will feature excerpts from some of the 1977 shows. It will also update some of the programs: "The New Power: The Black Vote", the major role played by black citizens in electing President Carter . . . "The Search for Roots", an examination of the "Roots" phenomenon and how it affected relationships between whites and blacks . . . "War in Africa" -- how race relations would be stirred in the USA if a race war-erupted on the Dark Continent . . . "Colored Girls or Black Women"? -- how should they be called? . . . "Benign Neglect" -- The officious memo the now Sen. Daniel Moynihan dispatched to President Nixon and the effect it had on that administration's entire social and urban policy.

And so it goes. "We're a team of people of various backgrounds", Tony says. "And we know that the Black presence is a legitmate one". Amen -- there are no illegitmate people. All have a father. And a mother. And "Roots".

A LANDMARK DECISION -- The U.S. Court of Appeals knuckle-rapped a lower court by reversing a decision which contended that former Navy physicist Thomas E. Kinsey was not refused a position as a security salesman because of his race. Kinsey had passed all exams and had outstanding qualifications, so howcum Legg, Mason & Co. refused him a job? That's what the high court ruled by negating the lower court for low-bridging Kinsey. Now that's a Kinsey Report for you . . . M. Carl Holman, president of the National Urban Coalition, said this mouthful at the Harvard Law Forum: ". . . After more than 350 years and during all that period as Blacks passed from legally enforced bondage to the legalized status of free citizens and workers . . . none of the laws, executive orders, court decrees and governmental agencies created during that time have yet managed to close the economic gap between blacks and whites".

When and if Percy Sutton, the Manhattan Borough Prez wins the November election to become New York's first Black Mayor, City Clerk David N. Dinkins hopes to get Percy's old job. Dinkins is working like the dickens to help Sutton. He'll have UN Ambassador Andy Young host a June 2, \$100-ticket fund-raising reception for Sutton's campaign at the Time-Life Building here . . . That pretty actress, Michelle Nichols, executive vice president of Woman in Motion Production Co., Los Angeles, is available to help familiarize groups, colleges and individuals with requirements for qualifying as Space Shuttle Astronauts, the latest rage in recruitment. La Nichols' company has been awarded a \$49,900 contract to acquaint potential minority applicants with oportunities available in the space program.

To the age old sign, "Beware of the dog!" posted at gates around homes everywhere, can be added: "Beware of sound-activated dog collars". This new device is being sold to restrain dogs from barking. The gadget has been deemed by the Food and Drug Administration as unfit for dogs because through the collar worn by pooch can emit excessive voltage, can burn the dog's neck, can shock him severely and can produce a painful

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