

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

CHIT FOR CHAT

NEW YORK CITY:--Several top black cops who resigned, at different times within '77, in a huff, are talking to their lawyers about the continuing probe of the Harlem precinct in which they worked before promotion. Hobson R. Reynolds, Grand Exalted Ruler of the mighty 450,000 membered I.B.P.O. Elks of the world, said his org. would have made that award to Pres. Carter even if Vernon Jordan had not scored him about the slowness in which he's picking up his due bills to blacks . . . The latest wrinkle around fashion circles is that statuesque Audrey Smaltz has relinquished the commentary podium of the Ebony Fashion Fair. Wondah if Lionel Hampton, the vibe genius, is requiring more of her time? . . . H'cum a nice white girl like Andrea Marcovicci has been handed the role of the fabled brown queen, Nefertiti, who traversed the banks of the Nile in 1385 B.C. Why wasn't it given to a nice brown girl like Lola Falana or Pam Grier, who has come up with a contract for "Mary Fields," the Richard Pryor Production.

NOW LOOK-A-HERE:--Everybody is aware that H'wood isn't treating women, and particularly (blacks) minorities proper, but all they do is just talk about it, and once ever so often, release another outdated report about the maltreatment. The Screen Actors Guild is the latest to inform that the situation has deteriorated over the past two years. According to SAG the case is substantially worse than those made public by the U.S. Civil Rights Comm. last wk. Well here are some instant facts: of the 50-odd flicks on the July startup schedule of the majors, only two listed blacks in marquee bill able roles, Clarence Muse, the veteran actor in "The Black Stallion" and the singing prancing Commodores in "Thank God, It's Friday." On the Disney "Wonderful World," Brock Peters will be tubed in Dec. as the star of "The Million Dollar Dixie Deliverance." In another WWD young Billy Attmore will reflect in the star' lite of renowned actor Peter Ustinov. However unless Sidney Poitier expand and induce other black superstars to get into the flicker factory business, it is surely to become a movie for screen and tube drought for the black male and female thespians. These periodic announcements of research findings will not alter the plight. It's time they all shutup or put-up.

NO LAUGHIN' MATTER:--The Apple's biggest social circle guffaw is about the mid-Western numbers baron who cashed in his chips and left his lucrative biz to his daughter the doctor. Now her stepped-up house calls are not just to the bedridden, having discovered that there's more dough in the numerals than neurology . . . The Lloyd Jones, he's a veep of the Nat'l Bank of W'chester, are following the jet lanes to Spain . . . Wilt Chamberlain, Julie Harris, former Gov. Averell Harriman and Mayor Robert Wagner are among the cross-section of Big Apple Boosters who have joined the vice chr'persons rank of the Harlem Dowling's dinner salute to A. Philip Randolph and Sammy Davis, Jr . . . On the other side of the table the Harlem YM is reaching out for Sidney Poitier to introduce Army Secy Clifford Alexander, Jr. when he's hometown honored by that man building org . . . There is as much talk about Jay Springs, Winston-Salem, N.C., voicing a radio spot commercial for the KuKluxKlan, as there was about Philly's "black Perspective on the News" when it gave eye-ear interview space to the KKK and the American Nazi Party back in July. Natch, Jay being black caused the brow lifting. We've come a long pace bro., but that's stepping kinda fast.

Alive Travis', "For You Black Woman," has expanded its eye-ear sight across three new stations in Cleveland, Phoenix and the Virgin Islands and the syndicated count is now 49 . . . The advance sale for Shirley Bassey's fling at the W'chester Premier Thea. has exceeded 250Gs . . . Benny Ashburn, who mgr the hi'flying Commodores, is fit to be tied. Because of a law suit filed against the chart riding Motown combo the sheriff of Memphis snatched 77Gs of the 92Gs they earned at the Coliseum and ran like a thief. But just to police headquarters as attorneys for both sides attempted to work out an arrangement.

The suit was filed by Alpha Sound Systems, Alpha Lighting Systems and Alpha One Designs of Memphis. Since the suit seeks \$1,321,494 what Sheriff Barksdale is holding is peanuts, and not the presidential variety . . . It may not mean anything, but the Pips, without Gladys, are doing an album wax work for Casablanca and everybody knows that the Knight lady, with the Pips, is the tallow property of Buddah . . . Bet if any of them got an earful of "I Have Loved", prolific Emme Kemp's latest composition, they would run to the nearest recording studio. It's earmazing.

WRITE ON NEWS' MAKERS:--There's concern among friends of Evelyn (Eve Lynn) Reynolds about her health. The former Courier columnist, poet and 50 yr. spouse of Dr. Hobson R. Reynolds, Grand of the Elks, has been fighting illness for quite some time . . . Bill Castleberry, he headed the Zebra Adv. Agency before it went bust, is now prexy of OFESS, an office furniture supply co . . . There's critical excitement about James Brown's newest album. They wrote that it's solid rhythm and blues in keeping with today's disco. He's still rated as one of the best on the soul beat with a highly commercial styling . . . "Easy", the latest from the pipes of the Commodores, has picked up sales and a commanding slot on the pop singles chart . . . The free black African nations are talking together about establishing their own movie industry. Ossie Davis could be the first black American called in to advise.

HOW COULD THEY?--Wondah if the producer of the up-scheduled tee-veer, "Life Goes to War", an NBC special, need be reminded that blacks have fought in all of America's declared and undeclared conflicts with distinction. The same goes for ABC-TV where there is planned, "The Movies Go to War" . . . Pop-Soul stylist Minnie Riperton, I cannot get her album cover outta my mind, is one of the major reasons Cleveland's Wgar raised 43Gs via its radiothon cancer appeal . . . It was happy times for the Treniers in Chgo. They came together for the first time in 18 years on the same stage, to spark the opening of Milt Trenier's new supper club . . . Cherry Lane Music has launched a nation wide promotional campaign to call attention to the new 96 page Erroll Garner Songbook. It is the first definitive collection of the compositions of the late great pianist-composer . . . STAY LOOSE.

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