

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

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**NEW YORK CITY.** --- Joe Louis, the immortal heavyweight, is down, but not for the count. Contrary to the initial report he was not hit by a massive heart attack. It was more like a vascular blockage of some kind. Doctors are expected to be able to correct the situation through surgery. With the first announcement, Marshall Miles, the champ's last mgr., shuffled off from Buffalo to Vegas to join the hosp. vigil. Countless telephone calls jammed the Nevada circuit and Max Schmeling was on the international line from Germany. Though resting "easy," the Brown Bomber is still on the "canvass" as a world full of people hope that he will be saved by the bell . . . J. Bruce Llewellyn, prexy of the 100-Blackmen, announced after involvement in the political, civic and economic life of Harlem. Membership is now up to 400 and growing. A tie-in between the 100-B.M and EDGES would be a fantastic coalition. Both these orgs are membered by the affluent of the black community. Imagine what would happen if they got on the case of Esther Rolle against J.J. Walker. Perhaps the lady would lay off the young comedian in white public print. Her latest blast in the news was strictly uncalled for. Here's how one of this corner's readers griped about it:

**SOUR GRIPES:** -- "I see that Ester Rolle is still yappin' about 'Good Times' and making public excuses for leaving. According to her latest beef she was disgusted with the antics of her tube cast son J.J. Walker. It's strange that both she and John Amos, who departed the show for similar reasons, were totally unknowns before 'G.T.' spotlighted their talents and made J.J. a star. The show might well have flopped without lod dy-no-mite. Her jibes against him now are totally unfounded with little foundation. After all comedy is nothing but fantasy, not a talk show where social problems are discussed and solutions for problems are put on eye-level as guidelines for the future. Let not Ms Rolle forget that her off-B'way, West Indian version of 'Macbeth' didn't win her any raves, but J.J. did. Get off the kid's back!" Minor Roberts . . . Record company exec's are wondering what charity benefited from the fifty bucks per that mid-western deejay charged celebrants of his b'day? . . . Inmates of N'York City's House of Detention, Rikers Island, got the sweet taste of B'way last wk when "Bubbling Brown Sugar" effervesced all over the place. The Lloyd Grant, Dick Bell, Robert Cooper production has racked up more than 700 performances on The Apple's Longest street.

**TAN TOWN TOPICS:** -- Eye arresting Jean Wms Booker is the nucleus of a small cadre of friends driving to get Man'Beep Percy Sutton out of political debt. Cong'man Charles B. Rangel and Deputy Mayor Lucille Rose are among them. They say the debt is awesome . . . The crime pattern in Jamaica has dressed some of the biggest boosters of the West Indies in fear. Long time resident Eustace Dench has leased his fab estate to the Korean Embassy, with an option to buy, and shipped out to Miami . . . Wall to bar people filled Human Rights commish's Marion Logan's westside manse the other nite for the party she and former Attorney General Ramsey Clark threw for funds to aid Arthur Eve to become the first black mayor of Buffalo . . . Bob Kitchen, J., the long time member of the U.S. U.N. Mission, expects to step into the office of the late great Ralph Bunche after an up coming yr long U.N. mission in Africa . . . The NAACP is P.R. hunting and Jimmy Hicks may be it . . . Tony Brown plans are altogether to ankle the PBS-TV and go commercial, via syndication, comes Jan. Pepsi is said to be behind the move with a quarter of a million clams . . . That was as much of a secret to me as John Twitty's vows with Mary Higginbotham. He is a former Ebony staffer and current USIA exec while she is an aide to Rep. Augustus Hawkins . . . The Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Social Change is looking for a director . . . Andy Hatcher, who recently stopped beating the drums for South Africa, has taken up

the thumping sticks for what is termed the world's richest track meet. It's a Leonard (tuesday) Evans and Arabian Guld Prod. deal . . . The Biz's wise Helen Douglas plans to ankle the Apple and take up resident in Maryland. Hope she stays in town long enough to vote for Mary Johnson Lowe who has been acting Justice Supreme Court long enough to get the job.

**TURN OFF THE FAWCETT:** -- If only somebody could it would make Redd Foxx and ABC-TV most happy fella and thing. The mom and pop of the much sought after and copied Farrah Fawcett-Majors is said to have filed a \$7-mil suit against the network, Redd and all other concerned. It's all over a recent Redd Foxx show, for laughs, which turned the Fawcetts on, but they did not think was funny . . . Here's a line to give you an updated version of "My how things have changed:--"The Sidney Poitier produced, directed, written and starred in flick," "A Piece of the Action," did a jamup opening biz in Miami for a gross of \$32,533. Nationally the flick, at press time, had box'officed closer to \$2-mil than one and was number-3 on the top-50 grossing chart. San Francisco's PBS-KQED has been awarded a grant in excess o \$2-mil by the U.S. Office of Education to develop and produce a series of 26 shows that would be 'wite on' with young black viewers. Targeted for a Dec. startup, a ready pilot is invisioned for spring of '78 with plans so together view time will be fall of '79 . . . If you think things are the same, dig this: The Mills Brothers and Myron Cohen had to shave 4-days off their joint engagement at the Latin Casino, Camden, N.J. for lack of enough patrons . . . Calvin Howard Jr., and his spouse are legally seeking \$75Gs for alleged hiring discrimination by the Union Plaza Hotel and Local 369, American Federation of Musicians, all of Las Vegas. It wasn't that long ago that such practise was par for the course in the dice capitol. The Hon. Eleanor Holmes Norton, ch'lady of the U.S. EEOC, has put her powerful agency in Howard and Patricia's corner. Which is a reminder that a lot of wonderful folks are behind the development of the Jackie Robinson Foundation. On Dec. 14 Amb. Andrew Young will guest speaker hi' lte a major dinner in N.Y. to put a national spotlight on this drive. --- SEND MONEY and STAY LOOSE.

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