

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

WRITE AROUND:--It could be the Boston Tea Party in reverse, depending on the side of the ocean you're swimming from. It's all about a contract that isn't a contract between Soul Queen Aretha Franklin and British promoter Jeffrey Kruger. If what he says is gospel the American "Queen" failed to honor her commitment to him and has become the first 'no-show' in the 100-yr history of the London Palladium. "It isn't so," said her dad and mgr., the Rev. Cecil Franklin, who said the dude is talking through his teacup since the contract with his artist was never finalized by either party. . . . On the homside of the big water, song stylist and linguist Eartha Kitt is among 7-superstars the American Guild of Variety Artist has asked to be suspended from all other theatrical unions, and there are four or five such you need to belong to if you're a super trouper, for failure to pay their dues to the variety artists' union . . . It appeared here first that the NAACP's nat'l office was gonna effect a partnership with the H'wood Branch in presenting its annual Image Awards. It did, so the event will become national. The head hunch of the nation's no-1 Civil Rights organization is seeking yet another approach to the "theatrical family," in hopes of getting more out of those who already do, and something out of those who don't do anything to help the body advance the black cause. There is a "hear" and there rumor that Roy Wilkins, who for so long was the NAACP, has been spending time in the hospital.

According to the pawty line some 900G's were discovered in a safe deposit box of the late Dr. C.B. Powell and the IRS has gone through it like a playboy on his last fling. Mind you now, this is an unchecked rumor . . . Inner resentment is expected to grow into open rebellion against the continued advertising and sale of the South African Krugerrand gold piece in America . . . CBS-TV may soon bring "Down Home" into your living rooms. The in-the-wings series is furnished with a slew of tremendous thespians like Robert Hooks, and son Kevin, Madge Sinclair, Beah Richards, Beverly Hope Atkinson, Eddie Binns and Anne Seymour . . . The 40-yr old Negro Actor's Guild is gaspin for breadth so watch for Honi Coles, its current prexy, to mount a drive to bring it back to the meaningful existence it enjoyed when Fredi Washington and the late Noble Sissle were at the helm . . . The fact that black democratic leaders of the New Rochelle allowed Mayor Vincent Rippa to rip off the Human Rights Commish without saying a word is considered one of the main reasons Larry Byrd, the lone black in a 4-person race for City Council, blew along with the Dems. The 2-Republicans won to gain control of that city governing body.

Steve Lockett, EEO Adm., Seagram & Son is so thrilled with "George Washington Carver," an ofay script musical, he's nudging all his rich friends to lead the way to B'way. He's telling them that the Horace Henderson score will march thru the ears into the heart . . . O.J. Simpson is expected to spend his time away from the gridiron running from film lot to TV studio, but the only thing he will have to tackle will be contracts and bales of green stuff . . . Lee Elder will wind up the tee year 37th, on the top 50-golfers' list with \$75,253 on the winning ledger. Jim Dent was the only other bro to make the top 100-list and he's slotted 65th having pocketed \$43,273 . . . Those rumors are on the ears again about Gladys Knight and her Pips are about to phfft. The goodie album the Pips, Bubba Knight, William Guest and Ed Patten, her 3-guys just popped out with, won't make the denial believable. Now on the other, 4-and-one, fingers and thumb, how can any one go for the seasonal rumor that Motown's founder and prexy, Berry Gordy Jr. and his super-superstar, Diana Ross are about to merge hearts. Gordy has been the Svengali of Diana'mite's tremendous career and has been romantically link with her from away back before the Supremes.

It might please the incoming Mayor to know that Steve Wonder is hi-on-The Big Apple

and is just about to give Los Angeles back to Mayor Bradley and re'establish his home-base in good old NYC. If anybody in the Apple is looking for a home in the city of make believe, Stevie's for sale . . . The Don Kings were among the dignitaries breaking bread with the Shah at that White House reception by President Carter. The electrical haired promoter did not as the Monarch for fight rights in Iran. "The Godfather" did not dig into the nielsen high record set by "Roots." In fact it didn't come near blowing away the one set by "Gone With The Wind." Would you say that Natalie Cole's latest is being released at an appropriate season? It's dubbed "Thankful," and with such a talent she just should be . . . Oscar Peterson has filed a \$5,000,000 suit against a slew of coast folks for marketing his sounds without authorization. The suit also asks for an unspecified amount for general damages.

Uganda and the State Dept. are exchanging letters about the filming of the Henry Kyemba book, "A State of Blood." It's the alleged inside story of that nation's president, Idi Amin. For five years the author was a cabinet minister of "Big Daddy" and supposedly knew his way about his character . . . The B'way critics have seemingly finally discovered the unusual talent of Johnny Hartman. We have been on the write side of his marvelous style for years and is happy he's being dug by others at Michael's Pub on east 55th . . . All of a sudden N.Y. is coming up with a number of "Black Film Festivals," but mostly by folks who know very little about the origin of such flicks . . . The FCCommission has plans to update its job forms to better tell what's happening in racial and ethnic categories. Natch the changes were brought about by femme orgs. They argued that the old forms gave an innacurate view of minority and female employment . . . Attorney Tyrone Brown, just approved by the Senate to fill the 2-yrs remaining on Ben Hooks term, and sworn in by Justice Thurgood Marshall, will find that body swamped with petitions. Among a barrage of challenges are 68 from Calif. asking the denial of radio and TV licenses. However he may be happy that the SBA has finally put into effect a suggestion of the departed Hooks and will make \$500,000 available for minority purchase and construction of b'cast stations and cable systems . . . STAY LOOSE.

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No. 781-77

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which must conform to specifications to be secured at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, at the above address, prior to the date set for the bid opening.

Bid proposals must be submitted on the form provided by Clark County and accompanied by a proposal guaranty in the form of cash, or a certified check, cashier's check, money order or a bid bond in favor of Clark County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price.

All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked, "Bid No. 781-77, Standby Generator", with the name and address of the bidder in the upper left hand corner and accompanied by complete specifications for the items offered.

By order of the Board of Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada.

LORETTA BOWMAN, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Commission, Clark County, Nevada.

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FURNISH AND INSTALL SUSPENDED PROPELLER GAS FIRED HEATERS

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By order of the Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada.

LORETTA BOWMAN, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Clark County Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada.

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COMPLETE PAGING SYSTEM WITH EIGHT (8) PAGER RECEIVING UNITS

which must conform to specifications to be secured at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, at the above address, prior to the date set for the bid opening.

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All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope plainly marked, "Bid No. 783-77, Ceiling Tile, Light Fixtures and Other Material," with the name and address of the bidder in the upper left hand corner and accompanied by complete specifications for the items offered.

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LORETTA BOWMAN, County Clerk and ex-Officio Clerk of the Board of Clark County Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada.

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SEMI-ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS FOR OFFICE SUPPLIES

which must conform to specifications to be secured at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, at the above address, prior to the date set for the bid opening.

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By order of the Board of Commissioners, Clark County, Nevada.

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CEILING TILE, LIGHT FIXTURES, AND OTHER MATERIAL REQUIRED FOR LOWERING CEILING IN COURTHOUSE ANNEX

which must conform to specifications to be secured at the Office of the Purchasing Agent, at the above address, prior to the date set for the bid opening.

Bid proposals must be submitted on the form provided by Clark County and accompanied by a proposal guaranty in the form of cash, or a certified check, cashier's check, money order or a bid bond in favor of Clark County in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid price.

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