

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Miami, Fla. --- At the Mid-Winter Workshop of the Newspaper Publisher's Association, where we are up to our ears greeting guests and delegates, attending talks, symposiums and the like, we have also found time to catch up with some of our Christmas cards. One of the most poignant came from the Handys, Charles and Ruth. Charles is the brother of the late and reverend W.C., "Father of the Blues." The Handys added a note: "A lot has happened . . . (last) October the University of Michigan invited us to the Michigan-Wisconsin football game in honor of our brother, W.C. The field announcer at half-time suddenly announced to 104,000 fans that we were in the press box. We never before heard such cheers, even when brother lived! And then the marching band played the St. Louis Blues, Our eyes are still moist. We have been visited by reporters from Jet and Ebony and soon they'll resurrect our brother, we're sure. What a fitting tribute to that great soul . . ." The card unwittingly read: "The Sweetest Music Flows From The Feelings Of The Heart." That, of course, must have been an allusion to the great W.C. Handy, though the card manufacturers couldn't have been aware that the purchaser was W.C.'s brother. What a happen stance!

A SECOND BILLIE HOLIDAY? They're saying that about a nine-year old Jazz singer. Her name is Tisha Campbell, a student at the Heywood Avenue School in Orange, N.J. ITT, the huge conglomerate, invited the young lady to make a tape for their "Big Blue Marble" company for a showing next month . . . We'll be watching if indeed this little girl is being raised in the image of the great Billie . . . They've just finished a four-day showing of featured films for the Black American Film Festival at New York's U.A. East Theatre and guess what flicks they showed? Yep, "Across 110th St.," followed by "Colley High," then "Burn" and finally "Let's Do It Again." Those were well chosen works for the festival, we'd say . . . The Lena Horne revival of "Pal Joey", opening in LA in March, is being updated so that it represents the present clime and not that of the 1930's as in the original.

The 80th birthday of the late Paul Robeson will be commemorated in Detroit where Mayor Coleman A. Young will be major domo of a full week of educational programs and entertainment beginning April 9 . . . Did an agreement call for a pay cut and a reduced role for two brothers in newscasting-producer roles at WHYY-TV, Philadelphia? Reginald Bryant and Acel Moore, a Pulitzer Prize-winner for his work on "Black Perspective on The News" say "NO!" they charge in a suit that they have been underpaid since last Sept. 1, that the station had told them last May they were entitled to pay raises, not pay cuts. The station changed signals later, they said, by threatening to fire them unless they accepted cuts and minor roles . . . From Exec-assistant to Assistant Secretary and Manager of the New York Bank for Savings (135th St. office in New York) and finally a promotion in the new year to Assistant Vice President -- that's the success story of Albert A. Richardson. He was one of 30 employees to scale the ladder.

"Roots One Year Later" is a must-see Jan. 23 on ABC-TV. It will feature award-winning Louis Gossett, Jr. . . . Feb. 1 is a diary-must for you to watch "Tony Brown's Journal, a first with NBC. The inaugural show, one of a series, features "Ain't Ain't Right", a discussion about the new language as is palavered today. Both sides of the lingo, the pure and the impure, will be argued by commentator Edwin Newman and Professor Benjamin Cooke, Howard University linguist. Cooke claims the new lingo reflects lingo contributions by Blacks and other groups . . . New York's OIC 2nd annual benefit tennis party set for Saturday, Feb. 4 at the Tiger Racquet Club, Seacaucus, N.J. Comedian George Kirby will learn Jan. 30, in Las Vegas what his future portends. He faces sentence on a conviction that he distributed heroin to an undercover agent last April 29 . . . Wanna know where Gloria Camp-

bell is? She was Harlem's top barmaid known as "The Black Beauty" in days of yore. Well, well, well . . . she's an assistant to a college professor in Atlanta, GA, and she ain't alone as we nostalgicate. There was "Fuzzy" who operated a tavern of that name on Long Island here. But now she's also in Atlanta, running a travel agency with time out to see the world herself.

A man for all seasons and languages is Earl Hyman, the worthy Moorsman actor. He's playing in "Othello" revival in English through Feb. 19 at the Roundabout Theatre, N.Y. But he had to learn Norwegian when he played the part in Oslo as well as in languages in Sweden; Denmark and Finland . . . Ears that hear dig that Bill Haywood, Gerry Hoff and Harry Losk are doing splendidly since they were upscaled to Vice Presidencies at Phonogram-Mercury in three divisions -- rhythm & blues, artist repertoire west and national sales.

More nostalgia: We were part of the crowd that used to sip and sup at "Frank's", a West 125th Street bistro. The place is long since gone, but former patrons are urging its operator, Lloyd Von Blaine, to look-see into a deal that would re-open Howard Saunders' "Cleo Cafe" in posh Lincoln Center to draw in the young 'uns of the old foxy fellows and dolls . . . Mark Feb. 19-20 on your calendar. That's when New York State Black and Puerto Rican Legislative Caucus and the State Conference of Branches (NAACP) will sponsor 7th annual dinner in Albany. Chairman Albert Vann is making yeoman preparations from (516) 921-5386 . . . Only one Black, George Donal Covington, former prexy of the Harlem Lawyers Ass'n, was named to judgeships among 13 chosen by N.Y. outgoing Mayor Abe Beame -- and he was clearly a favorite selection of the City Bar Ass'n which recommended the picks . . . STAY LOOSE.

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Notice of Apprenticeship Opportunity

The Carpenters Joint Apprenticeship & Training Program will accept applications for apprenticeship starting February 6, 1978 at 4150 East Bonanza.

Brief Description of the Work of the Trade: Concrete Forms, Rough framing, Heavy Timber Construction, Exterior Finish, Interior Finish, Hardware Installation, Layout, Miscellaneous as Welding, Level Transit, Blueprint Reading.

Minimum qualifications.

Age: 17
Residence: U.S.A.
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Record of Previous Work Experience.
Character References.

Forest for Dr. King, Jr.

The first Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Forest in Israel has been completed with the planting of 10,000 trees in time to mark the 1978 observance of Dr. King's birthday.

The forest, a green and living memorial to the slain civil rights leader, is located in the beautiful hill country of the Galilee.

The first trees were planted one year ago in a ceremony in which 16 members of a Washington, D.C. interfaith and interracial group -- the Metropolitan Ecumenical Training Center -- participated. The observance included the singing of the civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome," led by Rev. Robert Pruitt, pastor of the A.M.E. Metropolitan Church in Washington, who recalled Dr. King's strong ties with the Jewish people and Israel.

A letter of greetings from the American Consul-General in Jerusalem, Michael H. Newlin, was read by Leonore Siegelman of the American Jewish Congress, vice-chairman of the Committee.

"The forest was donated primarily by American Jews wishing to honor Dr. King," Mrs. Siegelman said. "There is great commitment among Jews to the human rights principles Dr. King represented."

The Memorial Forest is sponsored by all the Black and Jewish members of Congress, as well as U.N. Ambassador Andrew Young.

A second forest is to be planted in Dr. King's honor in the near future, Mrs. Siegelman said.

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The Equal Rights Commission has appointed William H. Stewart to the newly created position of Conciliator.

The major responsibility of the conciliator is to negotiate a workable agreement between the complainant and respondent in commission cases where probable cause is found. An agreement can be effected at any point after a complaint is lodged; However, it is most common before any investigation has been conducted and after a full investigation has been conducted.

The agreement made before investigation is called a "no fault" settlement, and if the negotiations are successful, the charge is dismissed. Previous to the conciliator, the Equal Opportunity Representative (Field Representative) had to make the agreements, whether before or after investigation. This, however, lengthened the time it took to close cases because the investigator was tied up with conciliation and negotiation. The conciliator contributes to the increased productivity of the commission because the investigators are now able to concentrate on their major responsibility -- which is, after all, the investigation of charges of discrimination. To further heighten the productivity and efficiency of the commission, the commission is a party. This function was previously carried out by field investigators.

It is important to note that the commission has grown considerably since its inception in 1961. The previous description of equal opportunity representative (field representative) was an all encompassing one which included conciliation and compliance as well as the investigative functions. Noting increases in case loads, it was readily apparent that it was no longer feasible to include so many major functions in one job area. Acquisition of the conciliator has allowed the commission to develop experts in a number of areas -- investigation, conciliation, and compliance -- who will be able to more efficiently carry out the duties of the Nevada Equal Rights Commission.

Other new members of the staff are three equal opportunity representatives: Frederick Jackson, Adriana Sanchez, and Barbara Sanders. In the clerical section, Irma G. Tarpley was recently hired as an Administrative Aide II.