

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

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Prez Jimmy Carter's Administration is busier than the soldiers of a Queen-Bee, nested behind a loose board of an abandoned house, in its attempt to correct certain black slights and insults. So the hurry is on to put a bigger hunk of the b'cast pie on the minority table, and restore international super star Eartha Kitt's front door White House pass. At the 10th ann'y of the reopening of the Ford Thea., the Prez cued a standing ovation for Billy Dee Williams' deliverance of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s, "I Have a Dream." Later at a White House reception he told the multi talented and linguist Eartha, he was happy to have her back at the White House. It was the first time, in 10-yrs, she had darkened those doors, and that's no pun for fun, since tongue lashing Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson because of her husband's, the Prez, posture on the war in Nam. Political devotee and civil rights activate, Sen. Julian Bond must have been inundated by black newspaper publishers who read that he had accepted \$75 a-month to become senior editor, and sometime contributor, of the Atlanta Gazette. The weekly tabloid has reportedly just been purchased by born-again Christian, Larry Flynt who used to hustle the bank with much loot profited from an eyebrow-lifting, set of appalling pornographic mags, one advisedly dubbed "The Hustler".

Tandem Productions must be expecting to make out like bandits with 136-episodes of "Sanford & Son" ready for the fall syndicated tee-vee eye lanes. The company has saturated the theatrical trade press with huge "for sale" S & S ads and is ready to make a deal. The Redd Foxx sojourn thru the NBC junkyard was the highest rated 1/2-hr series in the history of that network, but the Foxx flew the coop sans a window . . . Harlem's public relations "natives" are wondering h'cum The Harlem Interfaith Counseling Service took its P.R. job out of the community. The org's \$3-mil building fund drive praise agenting has been handed to McDavid/Sykes Associates . . . Pals of Floyd McKissick are concerned over the news that foreclosure proceedings may close the doors of Soul City's first completed bldg. However the former CORE exec. dir. isn't that uptight. He has an alleged mil-\$ to attract new and better heeled tenants . . . Hi-flying trumpeteer Jonah Jones blew into N'Orleans just in time to add his kind of musical gladness to the Mardi Gras madness of that pulsating city. Lovely and provocative Lola Falana was also on the scene at the Fairmont where she's warming up the boards for Nipsey Russell who will follow . . . Veteran Pianist-Composer Eubie Blacke reached his 95th milestone Tuesday. Billy Taylor, ASCAP Bd' member and Stanley Adams, Prexy, glad handed his achievement . . . Colorado's Lt. Gov. George Brown was happy to return to The Apple to plug the book in which he had a write hand role, with a number of educators, dealing with Citizenship and Education. Of course lovely Modeen Broughton Means was an added inducement . . . Cool and veddy much together is Yvette Mayo and Theresa Joyner's "Two-Step Down" feeding stop in Bklyn. Opening nite was a blast and they laid some tasty soul senders on the palates of the wall pressing crowd which responded to their invites. Check it out, it's the fun place to be . . . That charming Rose Morgan has fashioned what will undoubtedly be a first rate happening to officially welcome Sharnia "Tab" Buford, Freedom Bank's fourth president . . . Sarah McLawler, Minto Cato and William Warfield are among five others being honored by the Nora Douglas Holt branch of the Nat'l Assoc. of Negro Musicians Inc. at Manhattan's Essex House a few Sat'-day's hence . . . Pretty toned Irene Gains, who once said she would rather be a lamp-post in N'York than mink clad someplace else, has packed her total belongings and jetted off to live in Calif . . . However Sam "The Man" Taylor is happy to be back in the deep freeze after spending illness days in a Freeport, Grand Bahamas Hosp . . . Minton Francis, former Deputy Ass't Secy,

Defense, has left his post with the Vet's Adm., where he was transferred with the change of Adm. He has opened a shop with his former aid, Charlie Fisher, that will give folks some insides on dealing with government agencies . . . Haven't heard from Natalie Cole lately? Well don't fret, her latest, "Our Love," "Thankful" on the flip side, is makin' an upward move on the charts, so ear'up for a lot of deejay spins . . . That's tellin' 'em Dorothy Bronson, GM, WLIB/WBLS. It takes more than "buying money" money to run a radio or TeeVee station. Unless Uncle Sam is gonna spend some of those Fortune-500-companies, just a radio or teevee station buy is splitting into a gale; and we used that word 'cause this is a family newspaper . . . Black was light on the ABC-TeeVee "Silver Anniversary" scene. As far as the eyes could see, and ears could hear, it was only the exciting Lola Falana, sizzling firebrand Ben Vereen, 'onderful Leslie Uggams and two for the girls, Billy Dee Williams and Clarence Williams III . . . In Bob Johnson's case it's being two places at once; behind the Jet editors desk, Chgo and in the Sportsman Hall of Fame on Mason's Las Vegas Strip in N'Orleans . . . Included on the list of upcoming film series for PBS is one about two peanut farmers, one in Georgia, guess who, and another in Senegal . . . The controversy about James Earl Jones' "Paul Robeson" upped its box office from 41.8% of capacity to 63.3% in N'York. That's a \$\$\$-difference of more than 13Gs . . . Journey, the new cost rock quintet, seems headed for top chart and marquee position since adding lead singer Steve Perry . . . The Platters are asking a North Carolina court to award them 14Gs and restrain a group, working the Hilton Underground nitery, from infringing upon their trade name . . . Dinah Shore will image Bill Cosby among her all-star Philadelphian . . . Miami's WPBT has been handed a 75Gs grant for a docu-series on slavery of different races. Maybe now they'll realize that there have been other slaves than blacks . . . The off tempo of her accompanying musicians made Carmen McRae so mad opening note at Lainie's in L.A. she could have spit, and almost did. Her anger showed thru and thru, but did not effect her usual memorable performance. --- STAY LOOSE.

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BLACK POETRY

TWILIGHT

*In the twilight towards the
end of another day
Rehashing the things I should
have but didn't say
Now the night has fallen
upon my eyes
Then another thought I
hadn't realized
Staring at life and how it
passes me by
Always searching for the
reason why
Shame on my mind for things
I have yet to see
Evading my true self that I
have yet to be*

*In the twilight of my young
years gone past
Hoping I've caught myself at
last
These are my times before I
grow old*

*Never wanting to leave my
story untold
Once like a yearling new to
the farm
Trying to keep myself from
harm
The break of day now shines
on my face
Helping me to understand all
the time I have wasted*

*Seeing the people out there
the same as me
Always searching for what
they cannot be
Reach from your bottom,
hoping for the top
That undying feeling that
just won't let you stop
In the twilight of my
awakening mind
That now understands all
things in their time
In the twilight of my new
found peace
That now understands faith
is much more than a belief
—Arthur Clark*

*(The twilight of each day
causes us to reflect on today
and yesterday. We find
through searching our lives
and others that faith helps us
to understand all things in
their time.)*

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