

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

WHAT'S UP BARBARA?

WASHINGTON D.C. --- Stunned and mystified friends, acquaintance, admirers and foes of Rep. Barbara Jordan (D., Tex.) are still searching for underlying reasons behind her block-buster announcement in early December that she will "not seek elective office in 1978," after only three full terms on the Hill. Rumors on the issue, like confetti, fly: 1) Possessed of a monumental ego, Ms. Jordan is still teed off at and publicly embarrassed by President Carter's summary rejection of her modest designs on the office of U.S. Atty. General and wants our of public limelight; 2) suffering a serious illness (cancer, muscular distrophe) she feels unable to carry on; 3) Out of step with her Black peers on the Hill (some say she'd rather huddle with the Texas delegation than the Black Caucus) she is lonely and rejected, desperately needs social affection and it's not forthcoming; or, 4) a combination of the above.

Some insiders say Ms. Jordan, "who is highly ambitious," entertains notions of becoming the first Black woman U.S. Senator from her state of Texas despite the "political realities" that seem to mitigate that effort.

One very knowledgeable source who is nameless by request, believes "She is probably more ill than the press has given folks to believe. Anyone who has worked up here and seen her day to day," this source continues, "is struck by the fact of her disabilities. She walks with a cane and has lost so much weight that folks who haven't seen her in a while are shocked by her appearance. She has difficulty getting around and one congressional employee saw her walk into a wall in a lighted room. Barbara is young (in her early 40's) but from her knees down she is old, a mess. (This source believes her illness is a painful variety of the gout). Another thing, she is way down there in seniority in respect to a committee assign-

ments and suffering physically" the way she is, she has probably decided to quit and make herself some real money in the private sector while she can. Remember she is not quitting Congress now. She has just announced, a year in advance, that she is not running again. That leaves her open for some time to all kinds of private lucrative offers."

The lady stressed in her announcement she was not quitting to practice law or to take a lucrative job in the private sector; and since she would be better off staying in Congress if she still covets a federal judicial appointment, her decision to call it quits on Capital Hill, is all the more mystifying. From the Capital Press Club; Newsletter Chester Higgins, Editor . . . The National Urban Coalition like the NAACP is searching for a Public Relations Director . . . The astute Ruth King is mending a broken hip as a result of an in home fall. She who spent forty years with the Urban League, is the write arm of EDGES . . . There's soon to be a TV special on talented Melba Moore's future . . . Will Sammy Davis Jr.'s opening night of "Stop The World", a Broadway return, benefit the NAACP, the United Negro College Fund and the Harlem Dowling Children's Services? . . . The northern storm kept Muhammed Ali from making his training on schedule. The Publishers Association was the most disappointed because, he had invited them as his guest . . . Howcum the Dailys were so quiet about the Cotton Club opening? . . . Timbuktu has hired a new director and is still expecting to light-up the hit parade on Broadway. However it isn't raising any 'ell in the interlands! It sure is chock-full-o'-stars . . . Dina and Cliff Robertson have got it set to benefit the New York City Mission Society when it hits New York, Feb. 10th. That is the organization which has kept the Minisink kids in glory all these years. Get loose with the buck and buy a ticket . . . STAY LOOSE.

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UNLV

Commissioner Rex Lundberg of the Nevada Consumer Affairs Division will present an open lecture at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Feb. 23.

Sponsored by Alpha Kappa Psi, a professional business society at UNLV, this first in a series of lectures will be held at 1 p.m. in Room 201 of the Moyer Student Union on campus. There is no admission charge.

Lundberg received a Bachelor of Science from UNLV in 1970, having graduated in the upper five percent of his class. He then completed requirements for a Master of Business Administration from UNLV the following year.

A former president of Alpha Kappa Psi and member of Phi Kappa Phi national honor society, Lundberg also has served as manager of two Las Vegas businesses and was a private investigator.

In 1971 he accepted the position of Las Vegas field representative for the Consumer Affairs Division and was appointed commissioner in 1973.

Grants Project

The grants development project of the Nevada State Council on the Arts will hold a two-day workshop in grantsmanship and grantwriting in Las Vegas on March 10th and 11th, from 9 A.M. until 4 P.M. at the Reed Whipple Cultural Arts Center. Christine Lanphere, Grants consultant to NSCA, will conduct the workshop.

Where workshops are scheduled for two days, the second day will be a separate session, not a repetition of the first day's material. Participants are requested to bring a grant on which to work (Require), something on which to write (Clipboard, notebook, etc.), and writing materials. Grant applications and instructions from the Nevada State Council on the Arts will be available at the workshops.

If you plan to attend the Las Vegas workshop contact Allied Arts, 384-1208.

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OIC

Five members of Congress have introduced a Bill H.R. 10680 to provide a special program of financial assistance to Opportunities Industrialization Centers (OIC) to motivate and train welfare recipients for jobs in business and industry.

The National Urban League and SER-Jobs for Progress and other national community-based organizations with a training track record will also participate in the training program as proposed in the Bill which has been referred to the House Committee on Education and Labor.

The five sponsors of the Bill are: Michael O. Myers, (D) Pa.; Augustus F. Hawkins, (D) Calif.; Raymond F. Lederer (D) Pa.; Robert N. C. Nix, (D) Pa.; and Carl D. Perkins (D) Ky.

The Bill further states that special consideration will be given to training persons on welfare for jobs which provide sufficient prospects for advancement or suitable continued employment as well as ensure that the training be in skills for which there is an anticipated high demand.

Vietnam and Korean veterans on welfare who served after August 5, 1964 will receive special consideration in the training program. And recently unemployed welfare recipients will have priority over jobless workers. Except for those employed as classroom teachers, not more than 15 percent of the participants will be hired in professional capacities.

OIC's share in the training program, which will be administered by the Department of Labor once it becomes law, is a result of Dr. Leon H. Sullivan's testimony in November before the Subcommittee on Welfare Reform. He is chairman of the board of OICs numbering nearly 200 in 50 states.

Dr. Sullivan estimates that during its 14-year history, OIC has trained and placed over 100,000 welfare recipients.