

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Young Captain Daniel "Chappie" James III is not expected to follow in the jet stream of his illustrious father, The late General "Chappie" James. Informed sources say he will soon turn in his Airforce bars for Airline's braids . . . The Public Relations Society of America's March luncheon set a quick sellout record. Ben Hooks the dynamic oratorical exec. dir. of the NAACP was billed as guest speaker-outer on "The changing perceptions affecting the nation" . . . The west to east talk is that personable Lt. Gov. George Brown, Colorado, one of two blacks holding that office in the nation, is running into political problems. It isn't because of his public hand-holding with lovely Modeen Broughton Means, but because of his yr'old divorce. Seems that Richard D. Lumm, Gov. of the state, is reluctant to be ticketed with a handsome divorcee. Former Veep Nelson Rockefeller suffered no ballot' lash when he told it to a judge, during his re-election yr for N. Y. Gov., and traded in his 30 yr. old spouse for a new and 'happier' one . . . N'Orleans is a fish frying town, but paying one's legal obligations with sacks of oysters is a mite deep. Even for young mouthpiece Anderson Council whose clients are not that cash-heavy.

Paul L. Klein, NBC's exec. veep for programs, should have had somebody's foot in his mouth for an interview he spouted for the Washington Post. He tried to explain the poor eye-magnetism of "king," the Abby Mann's feeble and fumbling attempt to reel a portion of the immortal emancipator's life and struggle for human decency. His opening interview statement, "The American people really don't want black people around," are words to produce turmoil, heighten racism and polarization. In this free-for-all age, vulnerable to any manner of antagonism to keep Americans locked in symbolic conflict, Klein should be ashamed of himself. His puny, racist remarks created shock waves which spread fast and far. No wonder NBC shuns worthwhile black involvement. A person with that kind of feeling should not head so major a department of so important a network selling goods and services to the American public. The FCC will be asked to get on Klein's case.

WRITE ON --- Despite a dominant negative press, Eartha Kitt's magnetism tilted the till of "Timbuktu" with a take in excess of 150G's from the hot little hands of over 10,000 theatregoers and that was almost 80% of capacity. This Luther Davis presentation also stars Melba Moore and Gilbert Price. It's staged, choreographed and costumed by Geoffrey Holder . . . The Playboy Club in Lake Geneva discovered that one way to thaw things out was to bring in the breath taking Freda Payne . . . In N'York City superstar Diana Ross will be on mike for the annual awards dinner of the International Radio & Television Society . . . Out there in St. Louis, Jane Woods, Sentinel publisher, broke an arm slipping on ice . . . Could that be one of the reasons Billy Taylor found reasons to nix the snow of the "Apple" for the rain of L. A. Course, for him musical chores in the film and teevee studios will keep his powder dry . . . Richard Roundtree has jet' away to Greece for a flick chore with a bunch of fave stars in "Escape to Athena." Top liners are David Niven, Roger Moore and Telly Savalas . . . It's write on for "Baby I'm Back," the surprise hit CBS sitcom., starring Demond Wilson and beautiful Denise Nicholas, has been asked by the network to add six more episodes to the twelve originally contracted for.

BROTHERLY WHO? --- Calling Moe Sep-tee an "Exploiter of black artist," Oscar Brown Jr. has filed an NLRB complaint against the city of brotherly love's most active legit mgr. It all has to do with the opening and closing of Oscar's "In De Begin-nin." His claim is that "Unfair labor practices" by Moe deprived the cast of full financial benefits and precluded "a first class production." . . . According to this calculator the judge gave George Kirby 20-yrs in the joint, two concurrent 10-yrs. It seems a bit stiff for a guy who has been clean many years after his turn around that long time ago . . . There's no snow or ice, and many N'Yorkers, in Puerto Rico, which gave Miriam

Walker and touring companion Sonny Bostic a reason to party for the vacationing Applites. On tap, beer and other wise, were Ada and Dr. Rumps Jones, Barbara Cujet, Eddie Moore, Mai and Elihue Morrison, the Grangers, the Sheltons, the Everhards and Ethel Perry and her family. By the time you read this they will be leaving St. Thomas for St. Croix and ready for home where the cold stuff will be on eye level, maybe till May . . . Gladys Knights and her Pips will cosy up the Aladdin in Vegas come April . . . The Spinners and the Harlem Globetrotters hit pay dirt for Goldie Hawn's CBS-TV biggie last viewing.

NO KIDDIN' --- Producer Edward Snow, that's a dirty word, has bought the 'writes' to "Burnt Toast," which is what they dubbed the late Josephine Baker when she was laying them in the Parisian aisles in days beyond recall. He's expected to have it done up a la H'wood with one of the 3-D's, Diana Ross, Diahann Carroll, or Robert D'Niro's lovely beige spouse, Diane Abbott in the lead role . . . OMBE has got all the major "help minority vendors" in a state of limbo. A number of them, ICBO and the like, will have to go into open bidding for dough to feed their cause . . . They had a biggie out in Kansas City to revive the name and reiterate the musical deeds of jazz pianist Jay McShann. I remember him best as the cat who brought Charlie Parker to N'York Dolly Christian of the pretty gams and Jeri Warrick of the creole touch have been joined by EDGES to co-chair its annual salute luncheon. The astute Fed. EEOC Chair-perons, Eleanor Holmes Norton will be the late April honoree . . . Poet-Evangelist, Lou LuTour added 'spiritual spice and everything nice' to the annual women's communion breakfast at St. John's Episcopal Church. The former news'gal's soul-stirring talk got her a 10-minute standing ovation. STAY LOOSE.

Job Placements

A wide variety of jobs are available for Senior Citizens 55 years of age or older.

Also available is a free job placement service for employers in the Clark County Area.

The Federal Government has recognized that there are many qualified Senior Citizens, with a wide variety of skills, who not only want to work but, during these times of ever increasing costs, need to work, in order to supplement meager incomes.

Available through the U. S. Department of Labor are Federal funds administered, in part, under contract to the National Retired Teachers Association (NRTA) and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP).

Low income Senior Citizens, 55 years of age and older, are placed in jobs with public service and non-profit organizations. This results in immediate supplemental income plus an opportunity to revitalize previous skills and to become familiar with the current methods of "doing things". After brief, supervised, retraining periods of 90 to 180 days, these Senior Citizens are encouraged to seek self-supporting employment in the private sector of the economy. To assist them, other Senior Citizens, enrolled in the Program, function as job developers to work with those who might need assistance in getting back into the main stream.

The Program has been quite successful and proves that our Senior Citizens are not looking for "hand outs" but want to be self-supporting. Employers, on the other hand, have welcomed the abilities and skills of our older citizens. They have found these Senior Citizens are often more reliable and steady workers who are proud and possess a work ethic that is a fundamental part of their basic character.

Interested Senior Citizens and employees who want additional and more detailed information concerning this program should contact the Senior Community Service Employment Program, 330 West Washington Ave., Las Vegas, Nevada 89106, or call 648-3356.



Louis Whitley, longtime resident of the Las Vegas area, and twenty year member of Culinary Local #226, has filed his candidacy for the post of President of the Culinary Union Local #226. Louis and his beautiful wife, June, were interviewed in their home at 2508 Chambers, North Las Vegas, Nevada, surrounded by momentos reflecting a strong family life with their three children.

Commenting on his twenty years of employment at the Testsite, Louis stated that his original reason for seeking the presidency of the Culinary Union lies in the fact that over 50% of the membership is Black. However, Blacks have no policy-making authority. They have no representation at all at the policy-making level.

"It is the old story of the beginning of the end of the Culinary Union as we know it today. Taxation (in the form of membership dues), without representation is an abomination."

Asked about other points in his platform to gain member support, Louis continues, "Without stronger management, this union will not exist as a local labor power another five years. The Pension Plan is antiquated and requires a complete revision so that the needs of our growing membership can be met more adequately. The present plan requires years of continuous employment in the craft. Now, this is a ridiculous requirement, in that the nature of this employment often requires that employment cannot be continuous. It requires that one bow to the pressure of 'seasonal' and sometimes convention oriented work which is often sporadic -- not continuous in nature. I am sure that members are more than interested in the types of revisions which I would propose in the Pension Plan -- revisions which would be more realistic in relating to real life circumstances of pre-retired culinary workers."

"Revisions are way past due," says Whitley, "when we analyze the Health Plan. Members learn too late of the inadequacy of our plan once they really have to use it. Simple revisions in the plan could increase the benefit to a reasonable level of adequacy for our hundreds of members who have no choice but to use this as their only coverage when health problems strike in their family."

"Last of all, and perhaps one of the most serious shortage, is the complete lack of a Credit Union for our members. If our union can lend hotels millions of dollars for projects which are fundable through other sources, and don't directly help our members -- surely we can lend the money and expertise needed to set up a plan whereby our union members can receive the benefits which are unique to credit union membership."

"I know," continues Whitley, "that I represent the sentiments and that I am speaking directly to the needs of the majority of the membership. They know that I am the only candidate in this election who will honestly and honorably represent the members of Culinary Local #226. Members will vote for LOUIS WHITLEY."