

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'YORK CITY---Gladys Knight has filed a pip, and that's no pun, of a law suit against Buddah and Arista Records. The alleged breach of contract action is for \$23-million and is backed by a number of other charges, including the double bouncing of check for \$100Gs. Art Kass, prez of Buddah and Clive Davis, his peer officer at Arista, have been named in the legal language lodged in the N'Y Supreme Court . . . The controversies which continues to rage around the stricken Jackie Wilson is the alleged reason his just appointed new gardian, estranged spouse, Harlean Wilson, has been asked by management to find him another nursing home. The former super rock'n'roll star has been a Medford, N.J. patient for about a yr. His condition is said to be good, and he's conscious, but not alert . . . C. Delores Tucker, the East Coast prettiest politician and the bias bounced former Penna. Secy of State, got a 10Gs backing from a group of N'Y guys to aid her bid for the Lt. Gov's slot on the Pennsylvania ballot. Would you believe there were only "10-cats" at the party? They were just heavy looted and their host was a fella with clout.

Audrey Smaltz, doing her own thing since stepping off the Ebony Fair podium, has opened offices in N'York and Paris. The latter will give her an opportunity to blend business and pleasure since she has jet'ed off to join vibe king Lionel Hampton who's closing out a highly successful tour of the old country . . . Which is a reminder that there's a White House date on Count Basie's agenda so look for Catherine to bring her charming self in from the Bahamas . . . Dr. Frank Bannister should have known better than to invite Don King and Bob Arum to sit on the dias at the same, First Annual Omni Awards, Dinner. The bash was held in DeeCee on Joe Louis' b'day and was a special salute to him. Attorney Martha Louis, sitting in for her mending spouse, told all interested parties that Joe was in a wheel chair, but that he is not paralyzed . . . Charissa Craig and Billie Blair, world's current top black model, added charm and grace to Revillon's fur fashion party at the Pierre to mark its centennial in the U.S. . . Atty Richard P. Jones, long time consultant for Guyana, is winding down his chores there.

CBS-TV has linedup the special of specials, "Cinderella at the Palace" starring this unbelievable super cast; Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr., Tom Jones, Ann-Margret and Andy Williams. The same person told me that who told me that ABC-TV had talked Ben Vereen into changing his mind about the "Chicken George" part in the continuing saga of "Roots." So it's egg on my kisser!! Now Avon Long is going to do the part since Ben has found another way to "payoff ABC-TV for his over looted special." . . . Mecca Artist, formerly Queens Booking, has upped Ruth "Pearly White" Innis and Jim Opmer to veeps . . . The Cotton Club has wisely re'engaged the lovely and exciting Carol Cass . . . Johnny Mathis and Deniece Williams, "Too Much too Little Too Late" is a chart pushing second, at home and abroad, to the Bee Gees long top riding "Night Fever." . . . Benny Benjamin's tune, "Don't Let Me Be Misunderstood," has set the foreign charts afire and has hit the 2-million sales mark. His tune was first intro'ed in Paris which is a strange twist for an American composer.

THE REVIEWING STAND---My thoughts ran ragged trying to catch every memory that was brought back to me with the opening of the Apollo Theatre. It was like filling my eyes with the glories of the past and my emotion with the hilarities of my youth. By the sight and sound of it all it was "now" and not yesterday that this proud edifice was reaching out to and they were there a clappin' and a prancin' as the Apollo moved to embrace its third generation . . . "Ain't Misbehavin'" has caused the critics to behave well with their adjectives and have adjudged the musical tribute to the late great Fats Waller the latest B'way hit. That's good for Armetia McQueen, Nell Carter and Charlene Woodard

to say nothing of Luther Henderson on the 88's . . . It's being eared abput that ABC-teevee' "Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry" will put Claudia McNeil on the acting plateau she has been denied since her magnificent performance in "Raisin." Lark Ruffin, Robert Christian and Janet MacLachean are also well cast . . . The musicianship of Dorothy Donegan is having spectacular effects at Jimmy West-on's. It's one of the town's more posh pubs. Bunny and Virginia Brooker's little girl, Jennifer, snuffed their plans for a big wedding by eloping with her fella, Howard Wynn, over the wk'end.

The Paul Robeson controversy had some fuel added to the burning during an open forum at Hunter College. James Baldwin and Julian Bond headed the quest speaker's list. Paul Robeson, Jr., Clayton Riley and Dr. Jewell Handy Gresham formed a panel that was moderated by Gil Noble. The Coalition of Concerned Black Americans sponsored the event. The same group scheduled the marvelous Mya Angelou for an evening at Columbia U . . . Jay James, bro-in-law of Sammy Davis, Jr., is job hunting since the total talented one sold his teevee studio on the coast . . . Blacks are talking about Philly's WCAU-FM that's making out like "a bandit" with its new "Salt & Pepper" radio format. Though it's a take-off on Soul Music and ghetto language, its personnel is all salt and no pepper. Understand 200Gs was spent to ballyhoo the new format, but like the teevee side, which is said all belong to CBS, "equal opportunity employer" 'tis just a phrase. These alleged charges are on the agenda of more than one civil rights group in the City of Brotherly Love . . . The "Divine Sarah (Vaughan) has gone longhair. She will guest solo it with four major Symphony Orchestras during July, August and December in San Diego, Phila, Mansfield, O. and Canada. If this is too hi'toned for ya she will also do four concerts with the cats backing her tones in N.Y. State and Ohio . . . Larry Payton is just about ready to ahve his jaw unwired. It was broken a few wks ago when the touring bus of the 4-Tops got the worst of it colliding with a truck in Athens, Ga. Through there were several other injuries, when the bus slid down an embankment, none of the troupe was hospitalized. --- STAY LOOSE.



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### UNEMPLOYMENT

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2 COLUMN 3 have been fruitless. "I wish I had a paper route again," he jokes bitterly.

Cecil Smith, 23, is black, an ex-drug addict who underwent rehabilitation at Daytop Village. He lives with his mother and doesn't want a low-paying steady job because he knows he can make more money "on the street."

Shelia Humphries, 18, one of five children from a New Jersey family, is black and has chosen to join the Army as an alternative to unemployment.

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: A QUESTION OF SURVIVAL examines the problems faced by unemployed young people - education, economics and racial discrimination - and current and proposed government programs to find jobs for youth, including CETA.

Among those interviewed are Boston University economist Dr. Paul Osterman, who discusses the economic factors behind youth unemployment and the differences between white and black youth unemployment, and Assistant Secretary of Labor for Employment and Training Earnest Green.