

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

## WRITE ON A BEEF

Bootleggers and illegal suppliers are literally stealing many pennies off a dead man's talent, the immortal pianist-composer Erroll Garner. Allegedly under investigation are recordings under the Connoisseur label out of Italy, plus those of questionable origin flooding the French and U.S. markets. Martha Glaser, she managed the total career life of the piano stylist, and is now co-executor of his estate, has hit the legal panic button over the turn of events. "These recordings were made without authorization," she declared. "They were taken from transcription made for a major American firm back in the 40's." She has pledged a vigorous search and legal destruction of bootleggers and pirates who continue the licentious use of the late Errol Garner's talent. "Even before his untimely death Jan. '77, there was a constant struggle with this element," she declared, and expressed determination to see them walk the plank . . . Some black news folks have a paragraph to blue pencil with Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, Inc. Seems this publishing house set up a press breakfast aboard Air France's Concord at Kennedy Int'l the other sunup, but allegedly denied them invites. The press rep. said it was only for certain people, meaning perhaps, no blacks.

After a sneak'ear'view of Quincy Jones' gee "Wiz" music for Diana Ross' \$24-mil. version of the long running B'way hit, three networks are looking for situations for him to score. Though this music genius has been kept busy enough to face bank teller daily, he has no scored series on the regular coast to coast telecast . . . The NAACP's Kenyon Burke is happy for his Cleveland based family that the cop's strike is over. He, however, isn't that thrilled about the town's young Mayor Dennis Kucinich, who's in a recall dog fight. The 31-yr-old chief exec. is said to give black elected officials a hard row to hoe . . . Pals of Hal Jackson are hoping that the rumors are untrue that he's about to be replaced by the young hierarchy of the Inner City B'casting Corp. as program director of N'Y's leading sound-off, WBLS-FM. Hal is considered the reason the 1-black owned kilocycle is the Apple ear leader among white and black. This radio pioneer is moving his Talented Teens Int'l to the coast this yr. You will be able to eye the winner abroad "Soul Train". Lena Horne will also be among the winner's prizes. Ain't that nice, wish us guys were eligible to compete with the teen girls between 13 & 16 . . . The NAACP is in the process of collocating a branch effort to kick off a more vigilant pursuit of equal opportunity before and aft of the electronic media scene.

TAN-TOWN TOPICS---The Nat'l Newspaper Pub.'s Ass'n is attempting to build interest in a Pulitzer Prize type award to honor the memory of the late Dr. C. B. Powell and heighten the interest of young journalists in the black press. Among many accomplishments, Dr. Powell was long time publisher of the Am'News. Clarence Jones, the astute money packaging attorney, who controlled the N'Y based weekly when C. B. sold it, is back on the active scene. He's defending deeply involved wheels in Fed. Court. He took a hiatus to help his kids get their heads together after their mother took life's toughest exit. . . . Ticket sales for Sammy Davis, Jr.'s "Stop the World" Big Apple Opening perks with every out of town adjectives. For the benefit of the Harlem Dowling Society, the kleig light premiere will be followed by a sumptuous black tie party for \$75. ducat holders . . . Contrary to reports, the White House Democrats have not abandoned Nixon republican Floyd McKissick. Its appointed HUD Secy Pat Harris, with her pretty self, has kept the purse string loose, but not as much. It appears that our man will realize his dream and wake up one bright morning in the full sun of houses and things making up a City with Soul . . . George Norford is walking tall again, without a limp. You'd never know that just recently he was trying

to tie-in a plausible answer as to how he broke both ankles.

GRITS WITH GRAVY,---Lee Wade, the N.Y. multi media consultant has been handed the ripe merchandising rights plum by the Louisiana Sports Inc., promoters of the un'scheduled Leon Spinks--Muhammad Ali N'Orleans encounter. Whatever promotional tie-in you want, you can get it thru L.W. . . Pals of Lloyd Jones, veep Nat'l Bk. Westchester, are breathing easier. His heart seizure was mild and he recuperating on medical schedule at home . . . Henry Lenior, veep YM of Greater NY, is excited about his late Sept. thru mid-Oct. pilgrimage to West Africa. The 18-days journey will mark the 125-anniversary of the founding of the black YM in the U.S. . . . A number of news folks wished they could have made it to Detroit Sat'day the 15th. The Michigan Chronicle and the Detroit Community honored veteran editor-publisher Longworth M. Quinn who held that post for 34-yr's, and I understand will not be allowed to retire . . . "My Life", the tome about that of the immortal heavyweight, Joe Louis, is a book stall sellout. With Edna and Art Rust, Jr. on his write hand corner the fact revealer got rave reviews and is about to go into its 2nd. printing . . .

A SHORT BIOGRAPHY---When John Daniels sponsored and directed the Miss Black California Pageant in '71 to draw more attention to his Maverick's Flat nitery in L.A., it was the beginning of more than just an annual event. Through that contest he discovered the girls of his dreams. Most fellas are satisfied with one, but for him it was five, and he joined them with two other gorgeous eye'ballers which he molded into one of the nation's most unique female singing group, The Love Machine. Their calling names are Kathy Bradley, Mary Hopkins, Renee Gentry, Shiela Dean, Bernice Gibbons, Sandra Suly and Paulette Gibson. The Love Machine onstage has been praised as "an exciting, well choreographed performance. Plue excellent singing with clear precise harmonies.

HOW ABOUT THESE WORDS,---According to Percy Sutton, Manhattan's last black Bro'prez, "In the black community we walk among giants whom we treat as midgets." ---CALM YOURSELF!

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