

BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

WRITE WITH THE NEWS: --- Cinema producer Steve Jaffe, who announced the acquisition of the film rights to comedian - activist Dick Gregory's bio, "Nigger," repeated it again to close out '78. This time he said it's for true and the tome is being screen scripted for a before the camera date this yr. He can read it here first that unless he changes the title he's in for much vocal trouble.. The same can be said to the producers of "Sweet Singer," a musical about the late Al Jolson, now being cast for a B'way run, unless they bring it in sans "Blackface," the internationally recognized trade mark of the singing - comedian ... An international law suit is allegedly being prepared against Chuck Berry, whom it is said added insult to injury during a co-appearance date with Bo Diddley in Auckland. According to a report to this reporter, Chuck winged in late from Australia for his two shows, but still would not hit the spotlight until he had been advanced paid for both shows by the New Zealand promoter. However after completing the first show, Berry allegedly returned to the airport and flew the coop. The second show without him was spiced by upwards to 1000 fit to be tied customers, who had paid \$18 for the privilege, demanding their bucks back. ..On this side of the Pacific five tried and true pals of Jackie Wilson have formed a medical trust to stop the cash rip off which may have deterred his recovery. Wilson, the soul song master, was felled by a hear attack while performing at the Latin Casino in N'Jersey in '75 and has been totally incapacitated since. Superstar Ben Vereen is the only entertainer on the new trust.

SOME GOOD: --- The National and, local based Urban Leagues in DeeCee, got a fistful of dollars last week from the Law Enforcement Adm. to establish two new programs.. '78 was a bankable yr. for 44-yr old super-golfer Lee Elder who walked away from the green acres a multiple winner for the first time. Winner of the Milwaukee Open and the rich W'Virginia for the Ryder Cup matches. He's also three-quarters of the way towards reaching the \$1 mil. mark in career winnings from tee to green. .. With pictures of all that snow which fell on Chgo reaching their vision, Publisher Charlie Armstrong, Doctors Jake Jennings, Gene Mason, Hilbert Stewart and Attorney Charles May are trying to add extra days, and less strokes, trying to add extra days, and less strokes, to their current Jamaica Golf Jamboree. .. Dave Bondu's invented tee to insure greater fairway distance should make the Masters this yr. It has been improved and has gained PGA approval. .. You could never tell by looking but Billy Bowen, ex-Ink Spots and Ruthie's fella, just celebrated his 70th b'day. ..He was poppin' his corks about the time Evelyn and Jimmy Holt summoned their pals, and in all that rain they had to be, to their New Rochelle digs to celebrate their 25-anny of bliss. However they are light years behind Charles and Ruth Handy who are still saying "I Love You" after 58-yr's a Mr. and Mrs. team. He's the bro. of the immortal "Father of the Blues." Charles recently presented a portion of the personal papers, music and citations of hill late illustrious brother to the Fisk U. Library and 2Gs to start a scholarship fund in his name.

ET CETERA, --- A number of folks who know them well were shock to learn, at the 55 annual Xmas formal of the Comas, that Ernest and Glory Johnson are now coasts apart. She has taken up living in San Diego and he's still in the Apple. The oldest club in Bklyn, if not all New York, the Comas is membered by the guys who traverse the gantlet of every profession. Our gilt edge was from Osceola Fletcher whose other guests were M/M Roscoe Blount, George Harvey, Cliff Jenkins, Dem. leader Gerri Daniels, M/M Terry Street, George Jones, Judge Claudius Matthews and Lloyd Dickens. Then there were a lot of old friends on the much crowded scene like M/M John Procope, Rev. Eugene Callender, Dr. Vernal Cave, The Joe Bostics the Henry Moons, artist Lewis Delsarte whose exhibit at the Met. "Getting to be Somebody," pleased a slew of eyes, also a number of Judges and their ladies like Frank Morton, newly elected Charlie Lawrence, J.B. Williams, Family Court Chief and Judge George M. Fleary who is still trying to beat me on the links. Then there was William Hudgins, with his lady,

who invited me to share his condo and country club in Fla., Chase veep Hughlyn Fierce, the kind of friend I would need should the invitation be accepted and Human Rights Commish. Isiah Robinson should he turn me down .. Don Adderton, Jet's man in the Apple, couldn't hold out and longer. He's gonna lose his bachelorhood to pretty Latin lady Matilda Santiago ... Judge Scovil Richardson lost both his stepmother and father within 3-days of each other during the post holidays out in Wyoming, O. . . Roosevelt Zanders, whose Cadillac and Rolls fleet cater to superstars is about to be honored by the AAA. Steve Lubell, head honcho of 54 has told Dean Sayles to invite all the guests of the 2nd. annual A. Philip Randolph Awards dinner to the Studio as his guests. Natch that includes Liz Taylor Warner who is expected to grace the dias.

ALL THIS JAZZ. --- The holiday time has ended, but the memories linger. Well we danced on every set and the tune played at Dr. Phil and Edna Beach by the Couples, was a fitting way indeed to eat and drink out the old into the New Year. The is an org. of glamerous, well fixed folks whose mirrages have survived, and a few singles who have been there and nixed it for one reason or many. It was a dressup event with the traditional soul food of realm, though the Beaches live in posh suburbia, meaning pig's feet, tails, collard greens, black-eyed peas, corn bread and you name the dish. Spice the palate with champagne, White Label, Canadian Club, Blue Nun, Beefeater, Vodka to your brand and whatever your imbibing taste, and it was there. As were Maesdames et Monsieurs Burd Holland, Stan Scott, Ossie Davis & Ruby Dee, Grant Reynolds, Juanita & Moneta Sleet, Chuck & Brenda Williams, Marion and Raymond Rogers, Bob & Elizabeth Peacock, Jackie & Harvey Russell, Chris & Zaida Edley, Jean & Ted Chambers, Fred Wilkinson and Skipper & Emmett Desmuke. The singles were Pat Rainford & daughter with that fella nobody can ever spell his last name, Commish. Earsa Poston, escorted by Howard law prof. Robert Decanter, Jewel Cobb, Gladys Cater from CA Evelvn Davis, Miriam Walker, Eddie Freeman, Sonny Bostic and Richard P. Jones who was as happy as his Eleanor that he's back from Guyana and nobody was tasteless enough to ask him "What Happened at Jonestown?" .. The guest who came to Gwen Douglas disco, chitterlings and champagne party was bad, snow & rain, weather and kept us away. SORRY ABOUT THAT!

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Gray Panthers

On January 31st at 12:30 the Gray Panthers of Southern Nevada will have Maggie Kuhn Day hosted by Las Vegas Senior Citizens Center at the First Presbyterian Church, 1515 West Charleston Blvd. Blacks should attend this affair and participate so as to become aware of senior programs. I'll see you there!

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Ram (music director, originator of the Platters and composer of many of their greatest hits) and Jean Bennett (manager of the Platters for 25 years).

Jean described the Griffin Inn, an ancient and beautiful building in which they stayed in Caerphilly Wales. Built in 1280, with a second section added in 1780 and a third in the early 1900's, the inn has been passed down from generation through generation. This was where THE PLATTERS, Jean and Buck spent Thanksgiving. The innkeeper and the local population searched throughout the town for a live turkey. (Frozen wouldn't do.) The party had to settle for a giant prime rib and a local specialty, carrot soup. Not in the American tradition, but very delicious anyway.

Tribute To Martin Luther King Jr.

The head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference recently met with an aspiring young recording artist who for the past 20 years has been attempting to make a break into the tough recording industry.

Billy Young, a native of Texas now residing in Macon, Ga., has written and produced an inspirational tune dedicated to the founding president of SCLC, the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., entitled, "Keep His Dream Alive."

Recently, Young and SCLC national president, Dr. Joseph E. Lowery met in Macon, where Young played the recording and expressed interest in releasing the cut publicly and donating all proceeds from its sale to SCLC.

"We are pleased that this young artist is so supportive of our work that he would commit all proceeds from the sale of his record to SCLC," said Dr. Lowery.

National field director, Tyrone Brooks feels that Young's recording is the type of tune which could become an international hit with the proper exposure.

"We plan for it to be aired as a commercial record. We want it in the market, said Brooks. "It can be played as a pop, rock or religious tune.

Young's release date for the record has been scheduled for January to coincide with the 50th birthday anniversary of the slain Nobel Peace Prize winner and civil rights leader. It is intended for the pop, rock or religious market.

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