

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

## THE NEWS KNOWS

The manse Roy Campanella, of Baseball's Hall of Fame, left in Greenburg, is the focal point of a battle between city authorities and the neighbors Campy left for life in L.A. with the Dodgers. Those who are for and against the 6-bedroom house being turned into a home for the mentally and physically handicapped are catching it from each other. . . Johnson & Johnson, the \$2.52 Bil. surgical dressings, medical, baby and allied products corp., seems to have developed more than a passing interest in Free Africa. Its black veep, Harold Sims, is spending more time there than here. Harold was 2nd in command when the late Whitney Young headed the Nat'l Urban League as exec. dir. . . Don King, the electrical haired super promotion genius is searching for some new tricks to attract more brothers to his ringside with his sisters. . . Herman Smith, one of the earlier black consultants for major white corporations, is that close to a big deal in Africa that will add to his "First" record. On the laugh side get him to tell you about his big aft hour search for a special kind of Witch Doctor. Should he find the person you may do well to get him to share the secret he's after. . . Major Robinson's new title, "The Ham Sandwich Flight," for American Air's jet out of Memphis, has got folks switching to Braniff Inter'l. . . Charles Wright, assistant to the veep of chapters, The National Foundation March of Dimes, is back at his desk in White Plains, N.Y. after a month on sick leave.

## DIFFERENT STROKES

The charming and astute Ernesta Procope "ain't" no golfer, but she was that teed off when she was featured in a Daily News feature as a millionairess, which she "ain't". On the other side of the paragraph Ruth Clark's happiness was unlimited cause she was quoted as being near a million. Different strokes for different folks. "Vive Le Difference!" . . . How are they doing in your town? NBC-TV has cut its "Positively Black Show" down to a half/hour. No comments. . . Waymon Dun, the deputy assistant to the chairperson of Con Edison of N.Y., who was given on loan to the National NAACP office for a 365'er is spending his time trying to bolster the membership of the Little Rock chapter. Them's the stomping grounds of Daisy Bates who came out of one of the earlier school integration dugout like Joan Of Arc. . . Rumors around electronic circle are that pretty Martha "Bunny" Mitchell is trying to be talked into an excutive or newscasting chair by two networks,

chuck Stone, columnist and master of "B:LACK Perspective on the News," the PBS NETWORK SHOW WHICH EMANATES OUT OF THE "City of Brotherly Love," and New Rochell's producer Bill Branch, have lost the feeling. Chuck is looking for a new producer and Bill a new outlet for his talent. . . Mouth your toast to pigskin great Fritz Pollard who celebrates his 85-winter this month. The Brown U. immortal was the first black to smell the roses on the field of that bowl in Pasadena and like Paul Robeson was a must on Walter Camp's early All Americans.

## WRITE PERSONALITIES

The promoters of the first black super bowl football classic in New Orleans lost a bundle. However they will not give up the idea and is looking to Stevie Wonder-full to spearhead a day before jazz festival to insure an idea whose time has come. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett, with friends, picked up the tab for the run for the gold to aid sagging black medical colleges, will be retiring comes June to have more time to devote to the idea and the recoupin' of the heavy dough that was lost. His son will take over his lucrative practice in Frisco...Ex-Johnson publications book division head Doris Saunders, now head of the Journalism Dept., Jackson Miss. State College has planned a big salute to black war correspondents, those who are left, comes March... Herb Douglas, he who captured olympic attention in '48, is sitting on a million dollar announcement. See Herb; I can keep a secret. Who was it who said they Who was it who said they "wished that Cicely Tyson would emulate her screen roles in her every day living." I think it was somebody who lost a bundle in the screen version of the "River Niger." Cicely must have refused to take a cut in promotional pay...My girl Friday is teed with Virginia Slims date book being sold in stores did not list any black women among its female achievers. She's gonna sit write down and paragraph a letter of objection to them and stop smoking. Good girl. Oops, that's a chauvinistic male pig expression. Please forgive!

It will be noting but the blues when B.V.King, Jimmy Witherspoon, Albert King and Bobby Blue Bland hit Wesbury Music Fair this month. THE TALK IS ABOUT

How prettyboy Billy Dee Williams blew an opportunity to get the big build up as the black Clark Gable when he couldn't get together with Jack Haley who wanted to star him in a Gable movie, "Any Number Can Play." Understand the idea is still slive as an updated vehicle for Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Dean Martin.. Bernard Jackson is out as Gov. Carey's special assistant and is expected to join the staff of the Sec'y of Commerce, U.S. that is. The word is that Cong'man Charlie Rengal is angling his replacement...I don't know what they're critical about, Bill Cosby and Richard Pryor, who is so great when he isn't dirty, were as funny bone wanted them to be in "California Suite."..Henry Porter, my favorite black artist, has broken new ground for his brush bros. His paintings are now in Macy's and Straus. The first batch in that Bklyn store sold out in less than 2-wks...Two instant books on the Peoples Temple mass suicide in Guyana, "Suicide Cult" and "Guyana Massacre," have allegedly turned out to be "BUST SELLERS."..HANG LOOSE.

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## The Gang's All Here ...and Healthy

Reunions are always happy occasions. And the one at the intensive care nursery (ICN) of Grady Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, Ga., is no exception. The annual party honors very special guests—graduates of the ICN. These children who were born too soon, too small or too sick, are alive today because of the prompt, continuous, expert medical care they received in the ICN. Equipped with sophisticated machinery and staffed by highly trained health professionals, the ICN enables sick newborns to survive the first perilous days and weeks of life. The ICN at Grady receives funding from the March of Dimes to help carry out its vital work. Dedicated to the prevention of birth defects, the March of Dimes works to give all children the healthiest possible start in life.



**IN GOOD HANDS.** Tiewana and Tswana Smith are reunited with Janet Thigpen, R.N., one of the nurses who took care of them while they were patients in the ICN. The twins were born prematurely, with markedly low birthweight. Tiewana weighed 2 pounds, 5 ounces and Tiewana was 4 pounds, 4 ounces.



**THREE'S COMPANY.** Sportscaster Harmon Wages of WAGA-TV in Atlanta, says three is his lucky number. Dione, Dana, and Dawn Coggins agree. The triplets met Mr. Wages at the recent reunion honoring graduates of the intensive care nursery. Born two months prematurely, the girls needed immediate, round-the-clock care to survive.

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## History Torch For The Future



Director Mark Warren has been invited to be one of the guest speakers at Kentucky State University which, along with other Universities, is celebrating "Black History Week" February 12th through the 17th. Kentucky State is located Frankfurt, Kentucky which is Mr. Warren's hometown.

The theme this year is "History Torch For The Future."

Mr. Warren who has directed the successful television series "What's Happening!!" for several years will be joined by the star of the series, Ernest Lee Thomas, and his co-star, Shirley Hemphill.

In addition to speaking at Kentucky State, Mr. Warren will also guest lecture at Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn.

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