

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

## WRITE BACK TRACKING

It's been 3-yrs since I laid foot on the soil of St. Thomas, and much has happened since that last visit. No, you no longer get off the nonstop jet at Harry Truman airport, despite the fact that the ticket American Air sold me in N'York had in its destination corner, St. Thomas, and not St. Croix where we were dropped, and I mean hard. American certainly should do better by their passengers than the way it is at this airport. Laden with luggage, coats and cold weather clothes you're shuttled around, left standing, wondering what's going on. Finally you're led on what seems like an endless journey to St. Tomas on an Inter Island plane sitting out in the middle of nowhere. After 20 minutes in a sweltering cabin you're landed at the far end of the field in St. Thomas. Another long hike to the baggage claim area. It does seem that the planes could at least taxi closer to the terminals!

The airport looks much the same but there's plenty of demolition work going on around the fringes. Cabritaberg Hill is practically demolished parallel to the runway and Sarah Hill directly in front will be the next to go. In time the trip to St. Thomas will again be a pleasure but it won't be tomorrow or even the next day. On the trip from the airport with our host and hostess, Ducan and Dorothy Divins, we got a chance to see the beautiful College of the V.I. and get a glimpse of the New Reichhold Center where Grace Bumbrey was to give a concert over the weekend. Across the highway Brewer's Bay Beach has been widened and landscaped. At the far end is the Virgin Isle Beach Club and Restaurant. The V.I. Hotel has reopened after four years of being shuttered and it's good to see activity atop the hill again.

Main Street remains the same, narrow and overcrowded, particularly when four or five cruise ships are in. A concerted move is underway to make it into a pedestrian mall where residents and tourists could move without knocking elbows. There are many new small shops including those in Bakery Square a new complex on Back Street where the Lockhart Bakery used to stand. Most of the well-know names have renovated and re-arranged interiors with many enlargements. Government House has a new bright red roof, and the old main post office front is now a haven for sidewalk salespeople. Howard Johnson is the new tenant at the Grand Hotel.

Coral World Underwater Observation Tower the big attraction of Coki Point and the beach there which used to be isolated and secluded, looked like Coney Island on the fourth of July, with hardly a spot to put down a chair. Golf will make its "big time" in Dec. of 1979 with the new 18 hole Mahogany Run course in the Mandahl Rd. area. Meanwhile the players still chase the little white ball at the Herman Moore Golf Course which has been shortened from 9 to 7 holes.

PEOPLE: Evelyn and Jose Spauve celebrated his appointment as Commissioner of Property and Procurement, and houseguest Sarita Jones' birthday with a big beach party at Magen's Bay...J. Raymond Jones has come out of retirement to give his wife Ruth a hand. She's president of TV Channel 10 where Joe Potter's an executive... Laura Young retired from her stint at C.V.I. and picked up a consultant's contract with one of the African nations which gives her much travel opportunity...Elsie and Eddie Waith enjoying his retirement and are looking forward to the Sept. wedding of daughter Mary Ann and the college entrance of other daughter Linda in the States...Vicky and Dick Bourne-Vanneck have opened a health food and produce store, "House of Quality"...Louise Prothro celebrated her birthday without daughter Joanne Robinson who's dancing with a Lincoln Center group in Mexico, when in NY she designed for Knob Kery in the Village...Dorothy and Robert Walls down from Rochester, NY for a month with Dr. James and Iris Gross...N.Rochelle's Mary and "Woody" Messner left the sunshine of Pineapple Beach just in tyme for the Big Apple blizzard on the homefront...Chris and Jewel Conner and Helen and Chester Bagly made St Thomas a shopping stop after a month in San Juan...Muriel and Stanley Davis, of Greenburgh, NY were houseguests of Vera and Gordon McLean...Former N.

Yorker Conard Clarke left his Daily News spot for his annual trip to Haiti...Ariel Melchoir, Sr. and his Gertrude got away to California to celebrate the birthday which he shares with George Washington... Alfreda Robinson and her "Wally" came over from St. Croix to celebrate his natal day by dining and dancing with Betty and Bob Dawson at Frenchman's Reef...Burt and Betty Belasco, Andrea Jones and Jimmy P. Morgan and Helen Reid ducking the cold weather in NY along with "Cutie" and Willie Bowles out of Oak Bluffs, Mass.

St. Croix had it's share of stateside visitors including Judge and Mrs. Robert Mangum, retired judge Constance Baker Motley and hubby Joel, Gloria Branker Philly's Julie Cooper Dr. and Mrs. James "Buddy" Cowan, Muriel Tyler, George and Vivian Smith, Alice and Donald Smith, Halley and Donald Brown, Jean Henningburg, Maxwell "Moxie" Baker, Charles Legou and Jewell Moolenaar Marsh who attended her uncle's funeral on St. John. Both Evelyn Holt and Izzy enjoyed the trip and plan to "STAY LOOSE"

## OUR GIANTS SPEAK

W.E.B. DuBOIS AND  
BOOKER T. WASHINGTON  
REVISITED

*We continue a most important and in-depth look at Dr. W.E.B. DuBois and Dr. Booker T. Washington. Older persons and thoughtful college and university (or high school honor) students will want to examine the bibliographies of these men. A period of 2 to 4 years of leisurely focus upon their lives will bring the kind of rich insight needed to re-interpret their lives today. Shorter periods of formal study, of of work on your own, will also be rewarding. In this part of the series, you may enjoy listing fresh insights and intuitions which you have gained.*

### Part I of II Paris

W.E.B. DuBOIS AND THE  
NEED FOR AGITATION

Some good friends of the cause we represent fear agitation. They say: "Do not agitate—do not make a noise; work." They add, "Agitation is destructive or at best negative—what is wanted is positive constructive work."

Such honest critics mistake the function of agitation. A toothache is agitation. Is a toothache a good thing? No. Is it therefore useless? No. It is supremely useful, for it tells the body of decay, dyspepsia and death. Without it

the body would suffer unknowingly. It would think all is well, when lo! danger lurks.

The same is true of the social body. Agitation is a necessary evil to tell of the ills of the suffering. Without it, many a nation has been lulled to false security and preened itself with virtues it did not possess.

The function of this association is to tell this nation the crying evil of race prejudice. It is a hard duty but a necessary one—a divine one. It is Pain; Pain is not good but Pain is necessary. Pain does not aggravate disease—Disease causes pain. Agitation does not mean Aggravation—Aggravation calls for Agitation in order that Remedy may be found.

### Key Questions:

1. What are three main issues raised in this article?
2. What does this article suggest about our life situation today?
3. How many words did you look up in the dictionary? (If we do not use a dictionary daily, and for every word whose full meanings we may not know, we cannot grow individually and assure the best use of our resources for group freedom and a better America.)

## Clothing Care ALERT!

Protect Your Woolens During The Summer Months

When you take your warm woools out of the closet next fall to get ready for the chill winds of winter... make certain that they'll be wearable by protecting them now against those wool-eaters—moths!

Contrary to popular belief, the flying moth does not eat wool fabrics. It is the larvae of the clothes moth that actually cause the damage by feeding on wool, wool blends, fur and other protein material, including spots and stains on any fabric. So before you put your woools away for the summer, check them over to be certain they are clean and free of any soil that might provide an appetizer for the clothes moth.

With clothing costs soaring, it pays to treat your clothes with care. The International Fabricare Institute (IFI), the association of drycleaners and launderers, has seen many moth-damaged garments coming through its Textile Analysis Laboratories that could have been saved for many more years of wear with the proper care.

The experts at IFI offer these hints to prolong the life of your wool clothing:

- To retain their natural shape and prevent sagging, hang your woools on shaped hangers. Fold your knitted

woools and store in drawers.

- Air your wool garments before hanging them in the closet to freshen them after wearing.



- Clean your woools before they become too soiled. A perspiration buildup in the underarm area can change the color of the garment and break down the fibers. Rips and tears can then occur in the weakened area.

- Clean your clothes before storing them for the warm months.

- Take special care of your luxury woools such as mohair, angora, cashmere and camel hair by having them cleaned by a professional drycleaner who knows how to handle them properly.

All wool garments look their best when they are cleaned by a professional drycleaner. These people have the training, equipment and techniques to handle wool fabrics using the best possible and most up-to-date methods.

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