

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

NEW YORK, NEW YORK — Neither rain nor sleet, nor the gloom of a foggy nite could keep the throngs away from, "To Basie with Love," within the glittering glamour of the Radio City Music Hall. It was a fitting tribute to a giant of his realm. To a man whom, in jest, Cab Calloway used to call "U.G., meaning ugly." But that was years ago before each became legends in all our minds and in their own time and the pranks of youths were dippers to bale out the gloom from too many backstages in the neglected areas of too many cities where unseen boundary lines divided people because of race, color and religion. It is good that both have survived long enough not to have just seen the light at the end of the tunnel, but the glorious outs to which their God given talents have lead them. This was a wonderful opportunity that the The Black Music Association, Inc. gave us to smell the Basie flowers when we can savour the fragrance. The Count is an exceptional human being. He brought a contagious warmth to show business which spawned no enemies. Gentleness and genuine affection were his code of friendship. His genius meticulously walks a tight rope of perfection without strangling those about him. Sunday nite onstage of the Music Hall he was as royal in his motorized scooter chair as a king on a throne.

NEWS DIGEST: The Kool Jazz Fest folks are said to have offered the blazing Commodores a hot \$100Gs to do that event this summer ... The Leonard Reeds are gearing up for a Carib cruise before he returns to produce the new show at the Tropicana. He should love that as the Trop. owns the top golf club in Vegas and Len is scratch from Tee to Green ... LeBaron Taylor, CBS Records veep, put it right when he intro'd Percy Sutton, the former Beep and now chairman of Inner City B'casting Corp; "He has style, gusto and purpose" ... It was music to the ears to hear Johnny Hartman's name in nomination during the Grammy show. Here is a fella that has been chirping good for a long time. However, full success has some-how failed to catchup.

The passing of Benny Butler, who in the long ago, it seems, published, with the late Jack Trotter, the old Tattler newspaper, went without adequate notice by the journalistic world. The Tattler was a slick newspaper with a magazine format which came upon the scene before its time. Long before Life, Look and Ebony, which followed. And the idea was fathered by Benny. In its waning years I was allowed to win my editorial spurs riding its popularity. As its club editor I was taught the write skills by two of the profession's masters, Gerrie "Lady Nicotine" Major and Clarence A. H. Abbott.

COMING ATTRACTIONS

CAESARS PALACE

April 15 - May 5/Diana Ross, Howie Mandel
May 6 - 19/Sammy Davis, Jr.

LAS VEGAS HILTON

May 25 - June 14/Bill Cosby, David Copperfield

RIVIERA HOTEL

April 22 - May 5/Bob Newhart, 5th Dimension

MGM GRAND

May 27 - June 2/Pointer Sisters, Eddie Rabbitt
June 17 - 23/Commodores, Lionel Ritchie

Las Vegas SENTINEL, April 22, 1982

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids for Bid No. 82.3550.44 for construction of: ROOFING FIRE STATIONS NO. 6 AND NO. 7, will be received by the City of Las Vegas until 3:00 P.M., Las Vegas time April 27, 1982.

ALL BIDS MUST BE FILED AT THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK, 10TH FLOOR, CITY HALL COMPLEX, PRIOR TO 3:00 P.M., ON THE DATE ESTABLISHED ABOVE.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud, immediately after the established closing time and date, in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division, 1st Floor, City Hall Complex, 400 East Stewart Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada.

All documents pertinent to this Invitation to Bid may be examined at:

Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division, 1st Floor, City Hall
Construction Notebook, 3131 Meade Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada
F. W. Dodge Company, 1100 East Sahara Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada

Bid documents may be obtained at the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division, AT NO CHARGE.

Prospective bidders are requested to direct any questions concerning this project to: Ron K. Delabarre, Contract Specialist, Purchasing and Contracts Division, at 386-6231, between the hours of 9:00 A.M., and 3:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. The Owner reserves the right to waive any informalities or to reject any or all bids.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount, form, and subject to the conditions stipulated by the Owner.

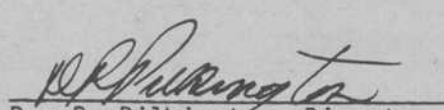
No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) calendar days after the actual date of the opening thereof.

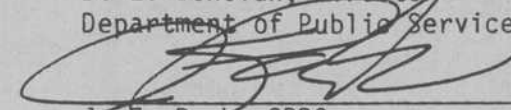
A pre-bid conference concerning this project will be held on April 21, 1982, at 9:00 A.M., in the Office of the Purchasing and Contracts Division Conference Room, 1st Floor, City Hall.

The estimated monetary range of this project is \$10,700.00 to \$16,600.00.

Dated April 8, 1982

D. E. Donovan, Director
Department of Public Services


Dan R. Pilkington, Director
Department of General Services


J. E. Park, CPPO
Chief, Purchasing and Contracts Division

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