

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

THE WRITE TO BEEF OUT LOUD

N^YORK CITY -- Many things happen on a local, national and international level which often raise the blood in my veins. After it gets to a point, I figure I had better say something, else pop goes the vessel. This is one of those times. For example, from this eye point of view the United States Commission on Civil Rights, the one which Pres. Reagan has been accused of emasculating, in its June '83 Update report, missed an opportunity to hit one for democracy with the turn of a phrase. In releasing the findings of A Washington Post - ABC-News Opinion Poll, it states that "Prejudice is a major factor in presidential vote." Yet, the report starts out with the fact that only 29% of the total voting population would refuse to vote for a woman. 18% would refuse to vote for a black for the the white house while just 16% would deny their votes to a Jewish candidate. In the write minds of the Commish., that was the big news. **WRONG!** --The big news, which would have made more heartening headlines were these facts: "79% of those sampled said they would vote for a Jew; 71% would suport a black and 68% would vote for a woman. A winning margin of 56% said that any of the three would get their vote.

When this piece of information landed on the runway of my eyes it was a pride striking blow that the Civil Rights body played up the prejudice factor rather than the startling facts that democracy just might be found alive and working at the polls. What really threw me for a loop was the manner in which the media, print and electronic, including the black press, headlined the negative aspects of the findings rather than the positives. It read as though they wanted to continue the myth that hate is based on color, religion, sex and the origin of birth, rather than taught. It is a

sickness which is more than skin deep adn transcends race, religion or place of birth. It was the further interest that the report brought out that people 61 and plus were more reluctant about supporting a Black or Jewish candidate while those 45 and beyond were set against supporting a woman for the top office. 85% of those 18-30 said they would have no problems supporting a Black or Jewish person in a bid for the Oval Office. 78% of that group would support a femme. It also revealed that Westerners were more tolerant than folks from other sections. Suburbanites, moreso than big city dwellers, small town folks and rural residents. Wealthy people were found to be more tolerant than those with low incomes. While those with some college learning were less biased than those with a hi'school diploma. Those with less than a 12th grade education and folks 61 or older were among the least tolerant.



WRONG MOVE FOR A KING -Because of my long association with Joe Louis, the immortal heavyweight, I developed a great admiration for Don King, the superstar boxing promoter. The flare and flavor he injected into the sport was the promotional prerequisite which has prolonged its life. In retrospect, his dash and daring seemed retroactive to the glory days of Tex Richards and Mike Jacobs. Therefore, for more reasons than one, his being behind the announced fight between Micheal Dokes, the WBA

heavyweight champ, and Jerry Coetzee, of South Africa, on Nov. 18th., is definitely the wrong move for a King. I get teed off everytime one of those characters from the land of apartheid are allowed to compete in the sports arena of the Free World.



Max Robinson

We don't have the power to stop them, but we certainly don't have to promote them or go up against them one on one. Come on Don, give apartheid the Finger signal--from the nose.

NEWS TIDBITS:--Max Robinson, Chicago anchor for ABC's "World News Tonight," has not been heard or seen since he and his lawyer held a daylong confab with the wheels of that network last wk. in the Big Apple. He was dropped from the co-anchor spot he was assigned in '81. His new assignment had not been announced at press time. Get those letters, telegrams and post cards off to Roone Arledge, ABC news prez.-- Max is too good to be axed....Say why not stop asking questions and whispering about Ofield Dukes. If he needs help, let's all pitch in and do something about it...The credit for getting the Apollo Theatre delcared "A Historic Landmark" belongs to Henry T. Matthews, III. He started the drive back in '81. He set himself up with a VI People Comm., with such names as Percy Sutton, Earl Graves, Rex Reed, Kathy Connors, Dorothy Height, Ralph Cooper, Ken Drew, LaBaron Taylor, Aubrey Lewis and Dr. Aaron Wells, Sammy Davis, jr., was honorary chair. and this scribe co-chaired the distinguished group. The daily press failed to make note of the efforts of Henry T. when it paragraphed the successful outcome of this drive...We're all happy that the general media

has at long last discovered that Honi Coles is "A Honey of a Hooper", even if it took 72 yrs. At long last the "Tony" Award winner is riding the crest of the popular wave in the B'way hit, "My One and Only"...Now that he's allegedly fighting the bid "C", the deejays are spinning the wax works of Johnny Hartmann, one of the finest singers of his time who just never seemed to have made it as big as he should. They have fashioned a tribute to him in the Apple next Sunday...Alfreda Jones, an '81 graduate of William & Mary, Williamburg, Va., is now in charge of recruiting minorities to attend her prestigious alma marter. It seems that students don't want to go there because they feel the school just wants them because they are minorities. I say that she is talking to the wrong group of students. There are plenty of young people who have the right grades and would jump at the opportunity to attend. However, Alfreda is the type of woman who will find these students and introduce them to William & Mary...**STAY LOOSE.** (Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.)

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Catholic Community Services Seeks Vista Volunteers

The Catholic Community Services of Nevada is seeking applicants for volunteers to serve in their VISTA Project, "Outreach To The Homeless". The project is designed to locate, document and provide information and referral services to the homeless and needy, encourage inter-agency cooperation and coordination, give visibility to the plight of the homeless and developo leads for acquiring additional resources that could aid in expanding the capacity of private organizations that provide emergency shelter and assistance in the City of Las Vegas.

Volunteers will assist by surveying the depth of the problem, performing outreach, developing linkages between service providers, stimulate cooperation and coordination, give visibility to the plight of the homeless and explore

other resources that could be brought to bear on the problems experienced by both the victims and community organizations.

Volunteer applicants must possess the following qualifications and skills:

- Interested in the ability to relate to the homeless and needy.
- Excel in public speaking and writing.
- Sell and promote ideas and program concepts.
- Leadership and group organization.
- High school diploma or G.E.D.
- Nevada driver's license.

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA) is a United States Government program under the ACTION agency.

Volunteers will receive a \$400.00 per month stipend, \$75.00 per month savings, Blue Shield/Blue Cross medical coverage and be expected to serve for a minimum of one year.

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