

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

NEW YORK CITY — Anant Singh, an independent film producer-distributor in So. Africa, has said a resounding yes to the "Sullivan Code" of multiracial hiring. This is the Code followed by most American companies doing business in So. Africa. Singh's Video Vision Enterprises claims to be the first So. African company to adopt the Code. The Sullivan Code is the brainchild of Philly. minister Leon Sullivan, who also heads Opportunities Industrial Centers (OIC). Because Singh is the only non-white (he's Indian) in the South African film industry, he says that he has been the victim of prejudice while making deals in the land of "Aparthate."

On the flip side of the same coin, video dealers, already hit by a recession, now must contend with extra pressure from the Censor Board. The Board intends to clamp down on adult and violent themes in publications, films or videos they deem undesirable for no more than 96 hours. The material will then be turned over to the Censor Board for judgement. Distributors are already required to furnish a certificate saying that the film or video has been approved by the Board and that all age restrictions, if any, are being followed.

BUSY, BUSY, BUSY — Right after dancer/actor Gregory Hines completes "White Nights" in Europe, he's off to Key West, Fla. and Chicago to star with comedian Billy Crystal in "Running Scared." This yarm is about two undercover cops working in Chi'town, who like to do things their own way . . . Bubba Smith, former gridiron great and current TV regular, wants to lose inches his way with "Bubba, Until it Hurts," his new exercise tape . . . Aretha Franklin canceled the Apple date at Carnegie Hall because of the new release date for her LP "Who's Zoomin' Who" and not due to her fear of flying. It is true that the lady doesn't sit too well on planes, but when a gig is involved she will hop a bird in a minute . . . Andre DeShields' "The Adventures of Rhubarb, the

Rock and Roll Rabbitt" is on the Boards at La Mama E.T.C. . . . There are plans to release a wax work and video of the Apollo Theatre concert featuring Hall & Oates with guests former Temptation member Eddie

Kendricks and David Ruffin . . . For jazz lovers the Creative Arts Ensemble led by Bob Crowley, Jr., (Kaeff Ruzadun) is impressing the Small's Paradise crowd.

legal briefs — New Edition, the '80s answer to the Jackson 5, is already to go back to court in order to regain total use of the group's name. It seems that

the man who discovered and first recorded the five talented ones, Maurice Starr, won the second court duel. This court ruling prevents the group from using the name only when recording. The decision overturned an earlier ruling in favor of the group . . . "Grind's" Ben Vereen is doing double duty in the personal appearance department, one on stage and the other in court. Vereen is being sued by "Hair" producer Michael Butler. According to Butler, in '81 Vereen agreed to research, create, direct, choreograph and star in "Jahluv," a reggae musical. Both sides dispute whether

or not a memo signed by one of Vereen's reps. constitutes an agreement. Butler is seeking \$1,575,000 plus court fees

OPPORTUNITY IS KNOCKING — CBS Entertainment plans to establish a new daytime serial writers development program. They want to bring new head writers into daytime TV. So all you playwrights, novelists, journalists, screenwriters and magazine feature writers, here's your chance. The cross country search is headed by Linda Line and Milton Slander . . . Cleavon Little is working with boards at the American Place

Theatre in "I'm Not Rappaport." . . . Sammy Davis met with New Jersey Gov. Thoms Kean and other officials to discuss the National Liver Institute which he is forming . . . Singer Billie Holiday will be honored posthumously with a star on Hollywood's Walk of Fame. Among the living, other singers include Diahann Carroll, Sarah Vaughan, Julio Iglesias and Bete Midler. Several other TV, movie and legit personalities are also being honored. By the way, there are 1,805 dedicated stars with only 700 remaining . . . **STAY LOOSE** . . . Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.



Unforgettable - A warm and touching tribute to Nat King Cole, hosted by Johnny Mathis and Natalie Cole, featuring the great songs Nat Cole made famous, with rare stories and anecdotes about this legendary artist from guests including Quincy Jones, Al Jarreau, Dick Clark, Buddy Rich, Nancy Wilson, Vic Damone, Kay Starr, and many others. The program is a musical history reliving unforgettable moments from the life and work of a true superstar whose existing popularity attracts audiences of all ages.

The exciting six hour special will be broadcast on KORK Radio (920 AM) on Thursday and Friday, July 4 and 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Portions of these broadcasts will be sponsored by the New Moulin Rouge, 900 W. Bonanza Rd.

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