

# Entertainment

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'YORK CITY — The Afro American Guild of Performing Artists is ready to roll. Its corporate papers from the state of N'York are in hand and its books are now opened to receive members from every craft of the marquee profession. A non-profit organization, it was formed to fill a void created by the demise of the once functioning Negro Actors Guild. This all new umbrella artist organization's birth was spearheaded by an impregnable drive of many dedicated people. Foremost among them were Tony Award winning B'way show

star Honi Coles, veteran show producer and artist mgr. Dick Campbell, provocative song stylist/actor "Sir" James Randolph, the ingenious Rosetta LeNoire and the indefatigable Fred O'Neal who has been elected to his third term to top guide the powerful and prestigious Associated Actors and Artists of America. Ben Vereen, Sammy Davis Jr., Theresa Merritt, Gregory Hines, Ruby Dee, Sam Art Williams, Olivia Ward, Loftin Mitchell, Ophelia Devore Mitchell and Elvera Davis are among the screen, stage and TV

luminaries who supported the formative stages of the organization. The new Afro-American Guild is a non-profit association analogous to the good and welfare of its members. It will strive to aid in the continued elevation of the profession and the elimination of all barriers which separates races.

THE NEWS BEAT — Colonel (Ret.) John Silvera, still working those important idea angles in supposed retirement in Fla., has a goodie on the front burner for '86. His "General Chapple James, Jr. chapter" will host the 15th ann'y confab of the Tuskegee Airmen to mark the 45 ann'y of acceptance of Afro-Americans in the hostile skies. To add spice to the event a resolution was also

passed at the just concluded TAI's confab in Dayton "that special recognition be given to the Black Press, The NAACP, The Nat'l Urban League and other civil rights advocates for their continued and sustained motivation, thus ensuring fulfillment of the promise of democracy."

"The Year of the Dragon" sounds like a Chinese "Way Down South." Asian-Americans are calling the MGM/UA flick "The most blatantly anti-Asian film released in yrs." Sensitive ears are already saying that the Quincy Jones soundtrack for "Color Purple" has the sound of "Oscar" about it. The Steven Spielberg flick, star casting Whoopie Goldberg, is eyeattracting the curious on location in North Carolina and shrinking that state's unemployment list. Some of its \$12 million budget will fill the pockets of

about 200 residents. Adolphe Caesar, who almost exited with an "Oscar" for his precise portrayal in the film version of "A Soldier's Story," gets another chance in this Whoopi screen'case

... While daughter Gloria challenges par from tee to the greens of the Atlantic City Country Club, mama Lillie Tootie is packing enough clothes to visit Hong Kong and Japan and several going and coming stops inbetween ... Posted warnings made it tough for freeloaders at Jack The Rapper's annual "Family Affair" in Atlanta. The mighty one promised to come down hard on "cheapsapes" who came booted but not looted.

WRITE NOTS — Julie Strandberg, she heads Brown U's dance dept., has quite a story for her students' take-5-period. She has just returned from escorting her 15-yr. old

Laura and a dozen yr. old Marie on a 5-month tour around the world. Laura, who speaks fluent French, left her imprint on Paree. In fact both young ladies are conversant in many major tongues, which is so unusual for Americans. Understand Julie is loaded with pictures of the real thing, dance and otherwise since she and her ladies spent their time with the people from China to Mali and not in those posh tourist traps designed for U.S. travelers. I can't wait for an eye-view. Oh yeah! Julie is one of Julius Adams' talented daughters. The ex-news guy sounded great shilling dropping this info and natch proud of his offspring and grands ... All slim and trim, Molly Moon looks reborn, radiant and purposeful after an illness and a sadness which came

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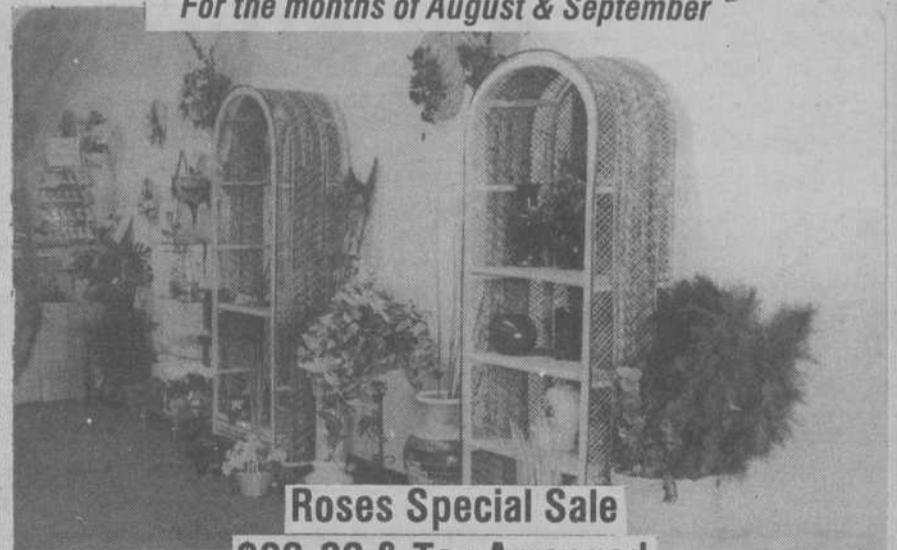
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