

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

MOTOWN LAWMAKERS SHOCKED BY TV'S "SHAKA ZULU"

DETROIT, MI:—Boss, there are a number of folks who share your voiced opinion about the TeeVee version of "Shaka Zulu." The mini-series which ran into international controversy even before the cameras began to roll, has rocked relations between lawmakers and WKBD-TV here. In defiance of the City Council's demand that the 10-hour series be yanked, the boob-tube hi'ups remained adamant. In hopes of appeasing its political adversaries, the station came up with a live add on, "Shaka Zulu — Then and Now," a locally contrived "disclaimer" will offer interviews with Henry "Shaka" Cele and director William Faure. TransAfrica, The United Nations Center Against Aparthate and the Detroit NAACP

are among a number of organizations opposing the "Shaka Zulu" mini-series which is nothing more than "South Africa's apartheid government propaganda." . . . "Where is the \$4 million, is the question raised by South African Bishop Siggiba Dwane, of the Grahama-town's Order of Ethiopia Church, to the sponsors of "The Standard Bank Festival of Arts." It seems that though 70,000 Blacks live in squalor, the organizers and townspeople were the only beneficiaries. According to a spokesperson for the bank, the matter is being checked to insure a more equitable disbursement of the spoils.

ON THE CASE: — Emma Bowen, prexy, "Black Citizens For A Fair Media," summoned a group of N-

York's heavyweights to join her in a meeting with ABC-TV's ivory tower brass for some answers as to why that net's cameras fluffed focusing on 'African bro. Ibrahim Hussain capturing N'York's Marathon. Last word was that the group is waiting to see how the network deals with their suggestions. Your Isadorable's accident kept you away and another last minute biz confab curved Percy Sutton away. However, Dr. Roscoe Brown, 100-Black Men and prexy, Bx Community College and Shelia Green representing State Senator David Paterson added their voices to the talk-in. At press time came the announcement that the Network will now go mum since being sued by a B'klyn activist mouthpiece for camera ignoring the '87 marathon champ . . . Helen Clark, former Savoy Ballroom hostess, '32/'43, celebrated her 76th b'day and the main topics were the "good old days" at the "Home of Happy Feet" and the alte

Charles Buchanan. Which is a reminder that the still vivacious Tondaleyo Levy, who worked the Cotton Club, and the Lafayette, the Harlem Opera House and the Apollo Theatres, is now in the receptionist spotlight of Rose Morgan's Beauty Salon.

NOSEY NOTES:—Delilah Jackson, AAGPA's devout historian, is disappointed that the media coverage of Revella Hughes' passing added more paragraphs about her million dollars inheritance from chewing gum heiress Evelyn Adams, but failed to fill any with her artistic endeavors. An accomplished organist, Revella was the first female choral director for "Shuffle Along." She also starred with Ralph Cooper in "Running Wild." And to heighten our respect for the late lady, Ms D informs that most of the money was used to help the less fortunate. Proof of her largesse is Effie Gear who is currently a high school principal in West Huntington, Va. Keisha Knight Pulliam's (Rudy Hubble) real life brother James Pulliam, Jr., was all giggles when he met his sister's "Cosby Show" grandma, Clarice Taylor, along with Grenoldo Frazier and Carol Dennis, the star and cast of "Moms," the off B'Way show about the life and adventures of the late comedienne Jackie "Moms" Mabley . . . Spelman Col-

lege's "Sister"-President, Dr. Johnette Cole, said that the Education Dept.'s 20% student default rate is off-base. She estimates that the college's rate is about 14%. Furthermore, she challenged the Dept. and the nation to devise ways to eliminate some of the debt facing college graduates. Cole was in the Apple to accept an award from the Center For Cuban Studies, of which she is a board member. She also hopes that graduates of years ending with a three or an eight, '08-thru-'83, will contact Alumnae Affairs Director Pearlina Davis at 404-681-3642, ext. 235, about attending their up-scheduled reunion.

IF YOU'RE SLOW YOU BLOW:—Those who arrived late at the Vegas Hilton the other night thinking that they'd only missed the opener, Tony Orlando, must have gotten the surprise of a lifetime on discovering that headliner Bill Cosby had opened the gig . . . Actor, union activist and 4A's Pres. Fred O'Neal entered the hospital recently, but not before he was honored at the 51st Ann'y dinner of the Workers' Defense League. He dedicated his honor to the late A. Philip Randolph and his optimistic outlook, "Because there is a tendency among some, not just the ultra conservative, but also some of our liberal friends, including

some within the Labor Movement, who have succumbed to defeatism and moved away from progressive constructive priorities, replacing them with those less important based strictly on budgetary considerations as well as, in many cases, personal opportunism." . . . Sly and the Family Stones' leader, Sylvester Stewart, has been jailed on drug charges and non-payment of child support. The 43 year old singer was busted in the lobby of H'Wood's Las Palas Theatre on the child support warrant; the drug charge came later

. . . If all goes well, comes Sept. '88 Temple Univ. will begin enrolling students for Masters and Ph.Ds in African-American Studies, making it the nation's first institute of higher learning to offer same . . . Information about Federal Financial Aid Programs is just a FREE telephone call away, 1-800-INFO. Lines are open Mon.-Fri., 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., E.S.T. . . . So happy that -his "Isadorable" is on the mend after her auto accident. This would be one sad office if she wasn't expected home before the holidays set in.

Hope you had a filling Thanksgiving . . . It's been the Hite of this Nancy's fancy pinch writin' for Syndicated columnist Billy (Stay Loose) Rowe.

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"Legends in Concert" is presented twice each evening (except Sundays) at 8 p.m. & 11 p.m. Call 794-3261 for reservations.