

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

NEW ROCHELLE, NY.— Life's ultimate summons was served on Dr. Frederick Patterson on the final week of April '88. In the world of human contributions, Dr. "Pat," as he was affectionately referred to by close associates, was a giant. Between life and death he utilized his wide spectrum of strength to enrich a thousand-fold more lives than the one given to him. It was a life he matured doing for others. His vision and viability established a wide spectrum of monuments that will withstand the onslaught and erosion of time. Nor will the knowledge of his grandiloquent contributions to better the conditions of human kind across many borders be erased. The quality and

quantity of his achievements were made positive by ignoring the illusion of inclusion through a self help determination. He gave Tuskegee its institutional dignity and academic strength. His 44 year old brain child, the United Negro College Fund, gave historic Black Colleges their much needed academic health. He also served as president of the Phelps-Stokes Fund with its wide range of life improvement programs for American Indians, the status of Africans in the homeland and America, and low income housing in N'York City. He has been awarded The Presidential Medal of Freedom and later this year will posthumously receive the NAACP's Spingarn Award which was des-

igned for him before his fatal heart attack 4/26/88. He was 86 years old. In keeping with his wishes, his body was cremated. Services were held at St. Catherine A.M.E. Zion Church here. The Rev. Vernon A. Shannon officiated. Christopher Edly, pres. UNCF and Amb. Franklin H. Williams, pres., Phelps Stokes Fund offered warm tributes. A memorial service is planned a few months hence. We mourn the passing of Dr. Frederick D. Patterson as we celebrate his life. Because he lived, thousands can now enjoy the aroma of success in an environment that is a tinge more free than when "Dr. Pat" came crying, and we guess, kicking into this world 86 summers ago. To his everlasting glory he left it a better place than when he found it.

this is news;—the total old gang is pulling and praying for veteran news guy and



Popular singer Morris Day recently performed as part of the King Cobra Presents concert tour at the Paramount Theatre in Oakland. Shown with Day backstage at the concert are (left to right) Will Boyette, sales supervisor for Horizon Beverage; Lisa Walker, sales rep for Horizon Beverage; Derrick Frederickson, area manager for Anheuser-Busch, Inc.; Day; Ces Butner, co-owner, Horizon Beverage Company; Bill Jones, division projects administration, Anheuser-Busch, Inc.

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Chrysler Motors' pioneer Al Dunmore. He faces brain surgery within a couple sevens . . . It wasn't told to me, I only heard it through a coin dropper "that Mass' Gov Michael S. Dukakis told the NAACP's Benjamin Hooks the nation needs Star schools not star wars." Also that his state's spending on education and economic development is the bedfellow of low employment." Sounds like he would make a great veep for Jesse Jackson, the gold at the end of the Rainbow . . . They can ride all over the bus if they have a mind to. Pepsi will charter a luxury number to transport members of Naylro Fitzhugh's St. Catherine A.M.E. Zion Church to North Carolina to be on the "seen" when an Honorary Doctorate Degree is conferred on him by a sister North Carolina church school. TeeVee's Tony Brown is slated to make the presentation . . . Saloon conversation is that Robert Earl Jones, the patriarch of the Earl Joneses acting clan, is so into his "Gospel At Colonus" make believe, he has gotten genuine religion. In fact so much so the on stage deacon of the church is about to really be ordained, any pulpit time now, a Baptist minister of a real church . . . Cheryl Sutton, who's too young to have experienced it, is reviving "star time" at the

Apollo Theatre. Now that she is in charge the drive is in high gear for the stretch limo acts . . . The DeeCee Howard Inn is almost as nice-a-spot to bunk down as the price. It's getting a "place" lift and new development is going on all around it. That should erase the deficit. Same was \$250 G's in '86 . . . Pals of Reggie Lewis are sporting long faces these days. The nation's #1-take-over African American is said to have made up his mind to move lock-stock-and-barrel to Paris. So that is why he held tight to the French division of that billion dollar food conglomerate he headed TLC purchased . . . Several regional offices of the Dept. of Education have been caught with hands in the file cabinets. The result, some documents were replaced with changed dates on Civil Rights complaints. The alteration made it appear that they were in compliance with a Federal Court order when in fact they were not . . . Wondah if this move was for the "Gipper"?

NEWS MIX:—The International Musicians crowd is wondering, no doubt, as to how best compensate lovely songstress Carol Cass and vibraphonist Warren Chaisson. They teamed and waged a successful onslaught against "City Hall." When the legal smoke had cleared

Acting State (NY) Supreme Court Justice David B. Saxe ruled that the law establishing a three musician limit in small clubs and cabarets was unconstitutional. In his opinion the 1960 rule limited the freedom of expression . . . Educators are appalled that the announced state aid for schools is just 6.2 percent for needy students. That is the smallest increase in this decade . . . Hinterland pals of "Face" Wiggins are concerned hearing know news about the progress of his health. It isn't really true that no news is necessarily good . . . Clyde Allen, corporate director community affairs, is chest up about "Excel," the new slick magazine guide to "The GOod Life." The Joseph E. Seagram & Son, Inc. supported tome is a comprehensive review of BLack owned and managed restaurants and nite clubs across many U.S. borders . . . In a different vein both Ebony and Essence mags are well worth eye time and your immediate read attention . . . Near May's end watch for The National Council of Negro Women's new news mag, "Sisters." It's to be Dorothy Height's communication tool to keep in touch with her million plus membership . . . "Hair" it is, Motown's Ada Dyer's new album, "Meant To Be." The pictures, front

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