

Entertainment

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

Ladies Armed To Flex Political Muscles

Hi Boss!!! Too bad you cannot remain in N'Orleans through mid-August. A memorandum just arrived from the Hon. Shirley Chisholm, former Congressperson and historic African-American lady once in search of the Presidency of these United (?) States, inviting you to the Crescent City for the "1989 Bi-Ennial Conference" of the National Political Congress of Black Women. August 10th thru 13th. are the dates. Many of the nation's best known and productive ladies with purpose and form are headed to this major event of the year. The invited list of speakers are top listed among the who's who of the nation. The expected dais par-

ticipants are the Rev. Dr. Barbara King, Hillside Inter-Truth Center, Atlanta, Ga., Mary Hartwood Futrell, she heads the National Education Association, Susan Taylor, editor-in-chief Essence Magazine, Hon Lottie Shackelford, mayor Little Rock, Ark., Hon. Diane Watson, state senator Los Angeles and Bernice King, student Emory U. and member of the Immortal peace maker's family. Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote and the Hon. C. Delores Tucker, who are high on your list of top politicos are vice chairpersons of the N.P.C.B.W.

"Trail-Blazers-For the 20th. Century" is the inspiration and theme of the scheduled event. Forums

and workshops have been designed to educate, stimulate and enhance the skills and strategy necessary to capture and share political empowerment...Hey! A second eye review of the invite, you are summoned as a syndicated columnist and the executive editor of the National Photo News Service. Your Isadorable and this fill-in "writer" hitter are invited as participants. Perhaps the Fairmount Hotel, where the conference is to be held, will remove those "Pickaninny-babies grinning" at guests from its gift shop window. To be sure they will be offensive to many of the ladies set to attend this historic event.

TOUR OF DUTY:--Ed Castleberry is celebrating his 40th. year in the radio industry. Always affiliated with African-American outlets, this brother along with dozens of others helped to open up the airwaves for

today's bigtime DJ's and entertainment executives. If all continues smoothly he expects to celebrate his golden anniversary with the National Black Network...Congratulations to Inspector General for the Metropolitan Transportation Authority John S. Pritchard, III. He's just been elected Regional Vice President for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE). He will serve a one yr. term...Calvin O. Pressley, exec. director of the New York City Mission Society, would like other supporters of this helping organization to do like Harriet Righter who remembered the Society in her last will and testament...A BMW 320i and lavish vacation package top the list of prizes for this year's UNCF Tommie Agee Celebrity Golf Classic July 10...Advocates of public education report that there are schools in Harlem with musical instruments, but no teachers...The EDGES Group Inc., is taking no chances that their 20th ann'y. Symposia and Evening Benefit Gala will not be a success. Their reminders are already being distributed to members and supporters...It's not quite a Royal Flush, but when Ella Fitzgerald, Sarah Vaughn, Nancy Wilson, Joe Williams and Mel Torme present their prospective shows during the annual JVC Jazz Fest., the ears will enjoy a royal treat.

SHAME ON THEM:--The Commandors have signed a lucrative contract to perform in Sun City, South Africa. The late Bennie Ashburn, the man who managed them to fame, must be turning over in his grave. This decision is strange coming from a group that wrote songs about hunger and homelessness...The National Action Council for Minorities in Engineering programs has increased by 2.7 percent since 1987. The number of African-Americans increased by 15 percent to 7,075, Latino by 11 percent to 4,246 and women by 5.6 percent to 15,837. However, the cloud to this silverlining is that the increase correlates with the modest rise in the number of birth 18 years ago, said officials. Thereafter, birthrates dropped. Officials predict a decline in engineering students within the next few years... Heads of advertising agency's who



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have eyes-syped Tim and Daphne Maxwell Reid's "Snoops" feel that is should do reasonably well and eventually build a loyal TV following...Lady luck did an about face when Ken Dew was "calling" rather than "passing" at the poker session during the NNPA's annual... Pepsi Cola's Sam Hall let his pen do the talking in a letter to the Editor of the 'wChester County Press. His wrote to support W'Chester County Legislator Ernest Davis' request that the word "minority" be discontinued when describing non-whites. To quote: "The Term 'minority' implies 'inferiority,' 'not-as-good,' 'less than'--among other degrading things. The bigger truth of the matter is, however, that the term, seemingly, is ment to describe African-Americans more often than any othe ethnic group. Other ethnic groups don't accept--nor use the term 'minority' in describing themselves and their mission. By the year 2000, when, according to census experts, non-whites will be the dominant racial groups in many major U.S. cities, do you believe that tht white population will be led quietly down the road and accept the 'minority' label?" WRITE ON SAM.

student activism will be an even stronger force on college campuses throughout the 1990s says a report by the Atlanta-based Center for Democratic Renewal during the National Conference of Racial and Ethnic Relations in American Higher Education. According to research director Leonard Zeskin, "Don't ignore the self-organization of Black students and other students of color on your campus." In reference to demands by students for professors who reflect their own ethnicity and more ethnic studies, he said "I urge you to aid these organizations. These kids are searching for a way to stay on your campus." However, he warned that white supremacist groups will also be attempting to be a force on college and univ. campuses...Bill Cosby and The Carsey-Werner Co., the producers of "The Cosby Show" and "A Different World", are readying "Grand, Pa" for the tube... There are less than 48 days to go before "Jack The Rapper" will host his 13th. annual "Family Affair," in Atlanta. He won't tell who, but some sure 'nough superstars will definitely put in an appearance... Aretha Franklin will pay the Kennedy Center in DeeCee

THAT'S THAT:--African

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