

Entertainment



BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

CALLING THE SHOTS AS THEY ARE FIRED.

N'YORK CITY: A few paragraphs ago one of our home town dailies headlined the story that "TV Is Still a Man's World." Before the ink had dried on my summer whites, it dawned on this scribe that the word "white" should not have been deleted before "A Man's World." As that's really what it is. "Behind the cameras women are second class citizens. Black males have had to digest this cooked-up treatment for all the generations this electronic phenomenon has been in existence.

Welcome to the club, ladies. How about joining forces with qualified others to erase this travesty on equal opportunity employment. African-American males and other dubbed ethnic Americans are the shut out and forgotten talent in all categories of the industry with less than perhaps 1% working in off camera skill positions. The greatest proof is award time. If they are not in acting or musical category, they never make the nomination call sheets on Tony or Oscar nights. The ladies do have a

beef. However, their voices would be made louder and more compact should they join forces with the other "leftouts."

ANOTHER VIEW: —Just recently Eddie Williams, prexy, The Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, found fault with the media for failing to report adequately on the persistence of discrimination in American life. Further he cited the media's inattention to the book-length report issued in '89 by the National Academy of Sciences, "A Common Destiny: Blacks and American Society," and prodded the media to better coverage. He further was at odds with the strategy of emphasizing only the negatives pursued by civil rights advocates. He urged the media to present the whole complex picture of race relations, the good and bad. Among his solutions, greater involvement in both political parties and the expansion of relationships of the coalitions with Jews,

Latinos and Asian Americans and the transformation of the quest to embrace issues of economic empowerment.

NOTED NEWS:—The American Society of Newspaper Editors has named Cornelius F. Foote, Jr., to direct its minority affairs. A B'klyn native, he formerly reported for the Washington Post...Pulitzer Prize-Drama Desk winning August Wilson's "Two Trains Running" has been inked in as the season's opening in Boston comes October...The glamorous Edna Mae Holly Robinson, the late Sugar Ray's first spouse, continues to nix offers of publishers offering big bucks for her to add sludge paragraphs to her book about her years with the late ring gladiator...The posh invite alone is interesting enough to make sure one's RSVP is in the affirmative to make Mr. & Mrs. Calvin Copeland's annual honor dinner bash. Mother Hale and Bill Richardson are destined for the award spotlight.

MARQUEE NOTES:—Million dollar land baron Jim Cuffee is a most concerned American about the government vs rebel happenings in Liberia. He has some serious dough invested in that African nation...Ocean Mile Development Group must be Black-owned or a solid equal opportunity employer. That's the company Michael and Janet Jackson have signed a letter of intent to build their 140,000 sq. ft. pavillion in Asbury Park, N.J....It was a band of another kind for Dizzy Gillespie, Sonny Rollins and Herbie Hancock making with the sound of music in Boston. There's time for you to get an earful of the Third Rhythm at the Apollo Theatre. Check out the time...You missed a treat if you muffed Jo Thompson's debut, presented by Lionel Hampton at Carnegie Hall to benefit the Albert Dunmore Journalism Scholarship to be administered nationally by the NAACP...Berry Gordy and Quincy Jones are hosting



Quincy Jones

a Super Salute to Jack the Rapper Gibson. The bash is scheduled for the Willard Inter-Continental Hotel in DeeCee. If you go, a platinum table will cost you \$5G's, gold \$3G's and bronze is

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