

Entertainment



BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

EDDIE MURPHY'S SEARCH FOR HIS ROOTS.

N'YORK CITY: - Words from the tinsel city are that Eddie Murphy has opted to take a vacation from Hollywood's make believe lots to polish up his solid gold box office magnetism which is believed to have been dulled by too many "48 Hours" and one "Harlem Nights." According to this corner's info, plans are that he will take up where fame found him to re-establish his drawing power as a premiere stand-up comic in posh hotel rooms and the hi-roller environments of the Las Vegas



Eddie Murphy

Strip and the Ocean front gambling dens of Atlantic City. This new mental turn of one of the City of make believe's major box office attractions has put on hold two pictures due Paramount and his planned production based on the defuncted Black Vaudeville circuit...Happiness accompanied Richard Goodwin's announcement that ABC-TeeVee has bought his tube movie, "Dorie Miller." In case your memory has mislaid who Dorie Miller was, he was a cook on the Battleship West Virginia when the Japanese hit Pearl Harbor with a sucker punch to escalate W.W.II. He grabbed a machine gun and shot down two Japanese Migs. The incident was kept under raps by the then segregated U.S. Armed Forces. That is, until the Pittsburgh Courier, the leading Afro-American newspaper, uncovered his heroic action. The paper started an editorial campaign which won the late sailor a deserved Congressional

Medal of Honor. The only African-American to be so honored for action in World War II for sacrifice beyond the call of duty. Miller was killed in action in 1943. However, his symbolic act aided the Courier's unrelenting print crusade to dislodge the barbarians blocking the gates of democracy. Edger Scherick will produce. Its showing is targeted to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Were he still with us, Al Dunmore would be overjoyed that Chrysler Motors will sponsor. Richard Goodwin who was regarded as a confidant of the late Senator Robert Kennedy was also a speech writer for his brother, the late President John F. Kennedy.

SEE HERE: -- The print media, ofay of course, is beginning to take cheap shots at Arsenio Hall. Wondah if his magnetic attraction for the younger generation across racial and religious lines has anything to do with its heightened dander? They

say the star's starting to feel his oats. With his take home pay, even after withholding, why would he have to digest horse food?...Michael Jackson has signed on another lawyer, Bert Fields, so the guess is that John Branca is history. However, the gloved one's mgr. slot is still vacant. Who it will eventually be is anybody's guess. How about an African-American this time around?...Looks like Ashley Boone, who was H'Wood's highest African-American executive dating way back, appears to be on the upward move again.

"WRITE" FOLKS: -- Observers close to the 'Liberian situation report that of the two main rebel groups only one is fit to run the country. They also say that American Jim Cuffee's stores are empty but not seriously damaged. Since they are located on Army bases it is very unlikely that too much harm will come to them. We quote: "After this is over these stores are going to be

needed and it would be like taking the food out of their children's mouths, if they destroyed Jim Cuffee's holdings." When asked to comment on this remark, the Cuffees reinstated that they are non political and only want what is best for Liberia...Chuck Alston, who runs Cuffee's Liberian operation, is living and working within the U.S. Embassy compound. According to the State Dept., those living within the compound have food, water and gas and fear no evil...Gregory Tyrone Cuffee, of NYC and Atlantic City, NJ, son of Jim and Renya, and Lisa Ann Drinks of Pleasantville, NJ, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. James Drinks, are planning to tie the knot A.S.A.P. if the prospective groom has his way. Greg attended Northwestern Univ. and is currently working with his dad. He was formerly the VIP coordinator at Trump's Plaza in Atlantic City. Lisa, a recent Psychology grad from

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