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BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

"THE CRUEL JOKE OF A MAD MAN!"

N'YORK CITY: What a way to write into a New Year, a head-full of cold stuff from those hot-heads in DeeCee. Dr. George Graham, pediatrician member of Prez Reagan's task force on hunger, has saddled us with a bunch of phoney theories to continue the mental turmoil as the '84 count down begins. In his turgid attempt to show our society through rose colored glasses, the professor of international health and pediatrics at John Hopkins U., Baltimore, said that there is no major hunger problems in the United States. Also that black children may be the best-nourished group in the nation. Pointing out the large number of black athletic stars, he further said, "Don't tell me you're going to correct complex social problems by throwing food at them. Low birth weight and premature birth is overwhelmingly a black problem that might be addressed by a series of cultural changes, including avoiding sex during pregnancy." Based on his quoted feelings, these things are needed more than food. The jinx, 13 member, Task Force on Food Assistance has been widely criticized by hunger and nutrition experts who reacted in anger to Dr. Graham's announcement. Gretchen Buchenholz,

ch'person of the Hunger Comm. of the Coalition for the Homeless, called the statement: "The Cruel Joke of a Mad Man."

UNQUOTE: The storm and thunder created by the utterance of this pompous medic "soapbox" media orator is the kind of stumbling block which prevents this nation from attaining the philosophical glory of democracy at the apex of its power. The intricacy of the need has no single solution and cannot be found, nor solved from a leather-Judge's chair behind a well polished mahogany desk. One must walk with it. Talk with it in neglected neighborhoods where crime and death are neighbors and accepted bedfellows. Where desolate and raceless people exist by their wits, but live only by divine will, abandoned by the society of which they are a part, and a government which is sworn to be of the people, for the people and by the people. That report, "No major hunger problems in the United States" is another ploy to further deny some Americans this inalienable right.

TAN TOWN TALES: For shame! It looks like Larry Holmes is going to let money be his master and will fight South African Gerry Coetzee. According to the pre-words it will be either in a place like Sun City, apartheid controlled, but racially mixed for such events, or in Las Vegas. The bad part is that all that money will remain in that race hating country and the aging Holmes just might get knocked out or robbed of his title making a South African the undisputed heavyweight champion of the world. Joe Louis would probably turn over in his resting plot in the hallowed acres of Arlington

... Fred O'Neal, prexy of the AAAA, the quadruple theatre unions, Dick Campbell, exec.-dir. NYC Sickle Cell Foundation, singer-composer Jimmy "Sir" Randolph and Tony Award winner Honi Coles, of the hit B'way show, "My One and Only," are putting their thoughts together to reorganize the Negro Actors Guild. This time it will offer a broader umbrella under which any ethnic performer can find shelter from the storm of discrimination

... There are bright predictions for Howard Rollins, Jr. for '84. Based on the eyes on the rushes of "A Soldier's Story," his role in that one should get him an Academy Award Oscar nomination. He's that good . . .

WRITE HAND POINTING: Martha "All Heart" Louis, third wife and widow of the immortal heavyweight Joe Louis, invited Rose Morgan, his second spouse, to Las Vegas, as her guest. It was her way of saying thanks for Rose making the Apple smell like one during one of Martha's trips here . . . **STAY LOOSE.** (Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.)

Lewis F. Cottress Consistory Winners Announced Recently

The Fund Raising Committee, Lewis F. Cottrell Consistory #339 (PHA), recently announced the winners of the Education Fund Drive. The \$100 winner was Al Moore; \$50 winner was Genette McClellon while the \$25 winner was S.W. Daniels. The drawing was held on Mar. 11 at the Consistory location: 2700 Colton St.

The Consistory's Commander is Charles Searcy while the drive was headed by members T.C. Freeman and W.B. Brangian.

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