

BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

N'YORK CITY: Dr. Gloria E.A. Toote, a Prez. Reagan supporter for a lease on the pale house long before others figured he had a ghost of a chance, is now being strongly supported for a major role in his 4-more yrs administration. The by-partisan group behind the astute 'Big Apple' barrister has grown nationally, and assures the prez, and his party, of some added brownie points among Blacks if her unwearied loyalty is finally properly rewarded. The tooters of Gloria's horn are not asking that she replaces HUD Sec'y Sam Pierce, the lone Black in the present Cabinet. Actually, the inside is that Sam isn't about to leave despite earlier quotes to the contrary... Don't up the odds, but the fact that N.Y. Gov. Cuomo continues to appoint Am'News ch'man Wilbert Tatum to major committees is a safe wager that bigger things are in the foreseeable future... You can let those rumors out the other ear that The United Mutual Life Insurance Co. has run afoul of the State Commission. United's Prexy Jim Howard and his board have pulled plans together that will establish new horizons for the only Black-owned life insurance co. in this sector... Edna Mae Holly, Sugar Ray's ex., has an APB out for all of the glamor girl survivors of the Cotton Club. The producer of the flick version has plans to wine and dine them all before giving them a preview. The fete is designed to start at Gracie Mansion, the abode of His Honor.

WRITE STORIES: The Justice Dept. has sounded a legal alarm against the San Francisco Fire Dept. Its civil suit alleges that it denies job opportunities to Blacks, Hispanics and Asians... You don't have to wonder what Ina Archer wrote Santa about her son, Lee Archer 3rd. Unannounced, he brought his newborn daughter home from Paris. Arriving at his parents' N'Rochelle manse from the jetport, he warmly wrapped her in a pink blanket, tucked her expertly

into a woven wicker basket, which he placed on the front doorstep. He then rang the bell and vanished into the backyard foliage. Ina opened the door. Her mouth also opened, but no words came out. However, before she was able to summons them, or the gendarmerie, her prankish son reappeared and introduced her to Gabriel, her latest gran' daughter... "A Soldier's Story" is continuing its victory at the box office. In 21 cities, it's holding its fourth spot on the charts with \$7,294,545 big ones banked... N.Y.C. Mayor Ed Koch has sicked his legal beagles on the film studios and unions to sniff out alleged charges of discrimination. He has also announced a fund that's to be used to train the underprivileged for jobs in the film craft... Bill Cosby's Gil Noble ABC-TV, "Tell It Like It Is" session was shot full of holes by the Black Airline Pilots. The very funny man of his own NBC-TV hit show left his tail open when he said, "There were no Black airline pilots..."

NEWS BEAT: It's biz, but not as usual for super hoop star Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. Now in the 15th yr. of his brilliant basketball career with the L.A. Lakers, he whom Evelyn Cunningham first introduced to me, and predicted greatness, as Lew Alcindor, is accepting Madison Ave. deals that will add many points to his bank account. For the initial 15 yrs. of

Kareem's stardom, Madison Ave. considered him an enigma and steered clear...

... Herb Wright's (listed as the builder of the new Ennis Francis Houses on part of a parcel of property once owned by Sugar Ray Robinson, who lost it when the late Joe Glaser foreclosed him out) phone has been disconnected. Maybe he, Herb, has made a lot of promises he cannot keep or too many friends want apts.

CONVERSATION ROWE: Lionel Hampton's acceptance speech, when he received the Nat'l. Urban League's Achievement Award, was quite unusual. It was a cross between a subdued Eddie Murphy and Red Foxx. John Jacob, League's head, made a strong, short to-the-subject, "will the forces of meanness be allowed to run rampant thru the world," closing speech. He proved that he has reached the necessary maturity to fulfill his job... The Kennedy Center honors were heaped upon, and deservingly so, Lena Horne, Danny Kaye, Gian Carlo Menotti, Arthur Miller and Isaac Stern last Sunday... Just in case the Tony Award folks pass it over, this corner write hand award goes to "Ma Rainey's Black Bottom," presented on B'way by August Wilson and directed by Lloyd Richards. This is a marvelous hard-hitting drama which opens a door to a past which in reality has never been closed — racism. It's a tribute to the strength and struggle of how a not-too-distant Black

generation did somehow overcome and open doors of opportunities. Theresa Merritt is marvelous in the lead role and her part is greatly enhanced by some of the finest actors on

B'way. . . . Chester Himes, the prolific author of many books dealing with racial problems, died in Moraira, Spain. He was 75 and you probably best

remember his "Cotton Comes To Harlem" and "If He Hollers Let Him Go," among his list of Harlem detective stories... **STAY LOOSE**... Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.



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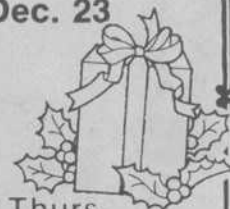
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