

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

**N'YORK CITY:**—The future may yet belong to the have nots if the words of Harold L. Hodgkinson are gospel. His paragraphs on "birth," a report in the magazine of The Institute for Educational Leadership, Inc., point out this fact. "Births: one of the major tools of demography is differential fertility -- some groups have a lot more children than others, and thus are over-represented in the next generations. For example, it is clear that Cubans (1.3 children per female) and Whites (1.7 children per female) will be less numerous in our future. A group needs about 2.1 just to stay even, which is the case for Puerto Ricans. However, Blacks (2.4), and Mexican Americans (2.9) will be a larger part of our population in the future. All these young people have to do is grow older and we have

the future. In explaining the difference in birth rates by region one needs to keep in mind that these differences are mostly ethnic. There's increased birth rates in the "Sun Belt" due to a large degree by minority births, while the "Frost Belt" declines are caused by the white population. "Going deeper into his "Major Demographic Trends," Hodgkinson spotlighted the '80 Census disclosure that the average white American age is 31 while the average Black is 25 and the average Hispanic is 22. It should be easy to see that age produces population momentum for minorities. Half of the states have public school populations that are more than 25% nonwhite, while all of the largest city school systems have "minority majorities."  
"FAMILY STATUS: Major changes have taken place in

the ways we live together. In '55, 60% of the households in the U.S. consisted of a working father, housewife mother and two or more school age children. In '80, that family unit was only 11% and in '85 it was 7% of our homes, an astonishing change. Out of every 100 children born today: 12 will be out of wedlock; 40 parents will be divorced before the child is 18; 5 will be born to parents who separate; 2 parents will die before they reach 18 and 41 are expected to reach 18 normally. The U.S. is confronted with an epidemic increase in the number of children born outside of marriage -- and 50% of such children are born to teenage mothers." He pointed out that the situation is most striking with very young females 13-14 and that every day in America 40 teen girls give birth to their third child. "To be the third child of a child is to be very much at risk in terms of one's future."  
NEWS FRONT:—TeeVee



**EMMANUEL "WEBSTER" LEWIS** stands beside "The People's Choice Award" he was presented with last year. He's once again among the top three favorites in the Young Television Performer category. A special and extensive Gallup Poll determines whom Americans consider their favorites in the entertainment world. On March 11, the ultimate favorites in 19 categories in movies, television and music will be announced on "The 12th Annual People's Choice Awards" telecast live from 9-11 p.m. (ET) on CBS-TV. "Manny" Lewis, along with Gary Coleman and Ricky Schroeder, are the three young TV personalities America loves best. Pierre Cossette is Executive Producer; Bob Precht is Producer and Walter C. Miller is Director of this very special special where America actually selects the stars of their choice. John Denver is host.

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autocrats should be wondering h'cum David Hartman's paycheck is \$800,000 more than that of Bryant Gumbel's. The Hartman hosted ABC's "Good Morning America" show is a far back second to the Gumbel/Pauley number-

one NBC "Today" show which has established itself in that position. In fact, it has even snapped the morning record of 7.1 pair of eyes, set back in '72 when the then Prez Nixon took a fast trip to China, with 7.5 viewers. Hartman's annual

before taxes stipend is reportedly \$1,900,000 to Gumbel's \$1,100,000. All that money talk is a reminder that the NY Press photographers Ass'n, Inc. will be awarding \$150,000 to sponsors at its annual "Big Buck Bonanza" Award Dinner in mid April. 2,000 sponsors tickets are on sale at 100 bucks each. First prize is \$50,000 and 5th prize 'ain't bad, it's 10Gs...Billye Oliver, Cye's former, must be back from her tanning in Makapuu Beach, Hawaii. Her lovely card arrived with the big snow in our section...My Isadorable, who's on earembacable terms with WNEW Radio, reminds me that none of the key winners for that dream house try in Florida's W. Palm Beach sector seem to have names associated with "us." ...STAY LOOSE... Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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