

# Entertainment

## BILLIE ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

### A DAUGHTER'S REQUIEM FOR A HEAVYWEIGHT MOTHER

HARLEM, N.Y.—The words Dr. Gloria E.A. Tooté nudged into my hearing were recorded by my heart and will remain on recall as long as memory lasts. Her requiem for her "heavyweight champion mother" was a fitting tribute to the divine sex, the fertile soil in which the seed of life is sown. Her Saturday ago memorial services celebrated the contributions to living of Mrs. Lillie Tooké Tooté. It was a moment in time which allowed friends and admirers to resuscitate the joy and warmth of her intense, abiding and caring friendship. She was a lady who loved life, but had no reasons to fear death because she stayed on the right side of the master. However let me quote, in parts, from the joy and sorrow of her distinguished

daughter, Dr. Gloria E.A. Tooté. She said to the large gathering within St. Philip's Church that, "In that long journey we call life, we come to know suffering and pain almost intimately. Many times we walk down countless corridors holding hands with sorrow. We learn, we almost accept, we understand, yet nothing ever prepares us for that one moment, that ultimate finality, when God calls on us to say goodbye to that most precious part of us we have spent our whole life loving.

"I have already wept many goodbyes to my mother. As I stand here today, I still stare in hurt disbelief at the eternal handwriting on the wall of life that tells me she has passed on. And I know I must do something, that on the face of it seems impossible — stand before all of you who loved my mother, in your own special way, and

try to put into the puniest of mere words the grandure of her gentle spirit. We were always close, but over the years we grew closer. Perhaps the unspoken knowledge that passes between mother and daughter, reminded us both that life does not confer immortality. It only lends us a temporary pass. I am educated, but my mother had education and wisdom. I understand people. But my mother loved them. I try to help society. She tried to heal it. When I faltered, she would pick me up and hold my errors close to her heart. From her tenderness I drew renewed strength. There are many things I remember about my loving mother whose smile could light up the heavens and make the sun blush in shame. I re-

relatives, and friends. Her guidance, her companionship, but most of all I still feel her love. We had many good times together, sometimes traveling, other times watching TV and the loveliest

time of all, just chatting casually in search for common grounds which she always found first and waited patiently for me to catch up. God will understand why I still haven't come to terms with a loss so painful it sears my heart like a hot poker. And then I remember my mother's faith. After giving so much to so many for so many years, it is well with her soul: —Gloria."

**NEWS NOTES:** — Four president, and one should-be president, Richard Nixon, Gerald R. Ford, Ronald Reagan, Jesse Jackson and our Man'boro Prez David Dinkins, all dispatched warm condolences to the Tooté mourners. The Madam C.J. Walker Group's bid was too late and too little so it lost out on its campaign to buy the famed entrepreneur's 34-room mansion whose shadow plays across the Hudson with the shifting of the noon day sun which also rides the ripples of its own swimming pool. But all is not lost for the 80-yr old persistent John Harmon. The state has finally issued his org. a charter as a recognized group with a license to beat the fund bushes to establish a W'chester Black History Museum . . . Lee A. Archer III is Paris' latest full time teacher. His assignment,

teach American biz execs on the Paris scene how to speak the language. However, the tone of his notes stateside is happiest when describing his daughter, Gabrielle's initial adventure in school . . . Emma Kemp is thrilled with her new gig at La Cour St. Germain and so are the diners . . . With such a good memory for sports trivia, its's strange columnist/radio personality Art Rust forgets those he owes money to!

**EYES WRITE:** The sweetness of life is oozing back into award winning tapmaster Honi Coles. In fact he has been transferred to a rehab facility so that returning home isn't as long as it has been. He's thankful to the Almighty that his speech was not impaired by his recent heart attack and the prognosis is he will be copasetic and soon . . . Speaking about the Copasetics, it's the luck of the fall that saved "Cotton Club girl" survivor Hyacinth Curtis from breaking her famous hips. It was after the ball that she came tumblin' and she wasn't even tipsy . . . The Nat'l Institute Against Prejudice and Violence reported being deluged for copies, after the report here, about its in-depth report, "Ethnoviolence on Campus." I am happy about the response from our

readers, but sad that we failed to record that there's a \$5.00 (five) charge to cover postage and handling of the revealing study . . . Herb Alpert and Quincy Jones are proof that the Los Angeles Nat'l Academy has good taste and a knowledge of talent. they both were honored by the group this month . . . To some the band Status Quo is dead. Would you believe that this group, which opened the "Live Aid Show," played the forbidden Sun City last month? That's South Africa's puppet state where the apartheiders go to let their hair, and what other down . . . Now that it's cheaper to A-T and T it, a coin depositor informed this corner that "The Great White Hope" is on a swing in London. However he failed to say who's playing Jack Johnson. Should you make the B'way scene, don't leave without lending eyes and ears to Stephen Sondheim and George Lapine's "Into The Woods." Bernadette Peters alone is worth the cost of admission . . . STAY LOOSE . . . Billy Rowe is a syndicated columnist.

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Do not forget to call and make plans for this Thanksgiving. We are sure you will enjoy yourself, and we will be very happy that you let us serve you on this special day.



CHICAGO — To help make college education more affordable for Black youth, RJR Nabisco presented a \$250,000 donation to the United Negro College Fund during the Ebony Fashion Fair on November 8. Danny Glover (center), well-known for his starring roles on screen, appeared on stage at the Arie Crown Theater to preside over the ceremony. Marshall B. Bass (left), senior vice president of RJR Nabisco, presented the check to Virgil E. Ecton, executive vice president of UNCF. Glover urged the audience to support the 42 UNCF colleges that build self-esteem among Black youth, produce national civic leaders, and analyze issues facing the Black community.