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FOLLOWING FROM DANNY KAYE QUOTE

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THE WHITE HOUSE IS A FITTING SPONSOR FOR A DISCUSSION
ON some occasion
OF CHILDREN. ALMOST ALWAYS, CHILDREN OR ~~GRANDCHILDREN~~ HAVE BEEN
THERE. THESE WHITE HOUSE CHILDREN AREN'T REALLY DIFFERENT FROM
OTHER YOUNGSTERS IN KARACHI OR WAIKIKI.

IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE CHILDREN WHO COULD BE MOST
IMPORTANT ARE THE ONES WHO RARELY GET THE NICE STORIES IN THE
NEWSPAPERS. THEY NEVER GET TO ROLL EGGS ON THE WHITE HOUSE LAWN. 25-
THEY JUST EXIST. THEY DON'T EVEN HAVE CONFERENCES HELD ABOUT THEM,
EXCEPT ONCE OR TWICE A YEAR WHEN NATIONS GET TOGETHER AND DECIDE WHAT
LITTLE BIT CAN BE DONE FOR THEM.

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BUT THAT LITTLE BIT IS ALMOST LIKE AN ICEBERG; YOU SEE
ONLY ONE EIGHTH OF IT, THE OTHER SEVEN EIGHTHS IS HIDDEN AND IS
WHAT REALLY MATTERS. ONE OF THE LARGE PARTS THAT YOU DON'T SEE IS
THE UNITED STATES CONTRIBUTION TO THE GREAT HUMANITARIAN WORK OF
UNICEF, THE UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN'S FUND. THE UNITED STATES PUTS
UP ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS OF UNICEF'S TOTAL INCOME OF TWENTY-FOUR
MILLION. THIS MODEST CONTRIBUTION IN OUR FOREIGN AID PROGRAM IS
MADE QUIETLY WITHOUT THE FANFARE THAT ONE WOULD EXPECT FOR AID TO
THE HEALTH AND WELFARE OF FIFTY-FIVE MILLION CHILDREN IN THE
UNDERDEVELOPED WORLD.

THE GRANT WHICH THE UNITED STATES MAKES TO HELP THESE
CHILDREN'S LIVES HAS BEEN DESCRIBED AS AID. BUT I LIKE TO THINK
ABOUT IT SOMEWHAT DIFFERENTLY. I LIKE TO THINK OF THIS WORK IN
BEHALF OF THE WORLD'S SICK AND HUNGRY CHILDREN AS ENGINEERING A KIND
OF DEFENSE AGAINST IGNORANCE, MISUNDERSTANDING AND BIGOTRY THAT WE
CAN IN NO OTHER WAY ACHIEVE.

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4/ IN TALKING ABOUT ELEVEN MILLION DOLLARS, TWENTY-FOUR
MILLION DOLLARS, FIFTY-FIVE MILLION CHILDREN, WE SHOULD RECOGNIZE
THAT THESE ARE STATISTICS. WHAT WE SHOULD BE TALKING ABOUT ARE
CHILDREN, LIVING ^{3 67}BREATHING CHILDREN. AND REMEMBER THAT THOUGH
THEY MAY BE GEOGRAPHICALLY REMOTE FROM THE CHILDREN AND
GRANDCHILDREN OF THE WHITE HOUSE, THEY ARE JUST AS REAL. AND THEY
HAVE AS MUCH RIGHT NOT ONLY TO GOOD HEALTH BUT TO DREAMS, HOPES
AND AMBITION AS THE CHILDREN PLAYING ON ANY LAWN IN AMERICA.
TOGETHER, THESE CHILDREN OF UNICEF AND OUR CHILDREN OF AMERICA
WILL BE ADULTS TOMORROW, RUNNING ~~THE WORLD~~

TOMORROW'S WORLD.

IF WE, THE ADULTS OF THE WORLD, ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THE HEALTH AND THE WELFARE OF THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD AND
TRY TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD'S CHILDREN,
THE WORLD MAY BE WELL ON ITS WAY TO UNDERSTANDING ITSELF, END QUOTE.

LITTLE BITTER.



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