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Cagney, who at 82 and the star of "Ragtime," a film which added new plaudits to his name recently, attended the dinner on Monday, February 1, 1982, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City, sponsored by the Association for the Help of Retarded Children. Dean R. O'Hare, Chairman of Chubb LifeAmerica, is dinner chairman.

Jimmy, who will be honored with a "Thurman," distinctive award emblematic of the work which the Retarded Children carries on, received an invitation at his farm near Poughkeepsie, New York, was to be transported by limo to the dinner. "Hell, no," Cagney said, "I've got a car, I'll be driven down myself."

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course. I threw out the first ball at the Series last year."

The "Thurman" was handed to Cagney by Cliff Robertson, another film notable who was picked out for this award last year.

Others in varied fields of sport honored were Dorothy Hamill (who was attended by her new husband Dean Paul Martin) Rocky Bleier, Willie Stargell, Earl Monroe, Denis Potvin, Ruth Rothfarb, an 80 year old woman marathoner, Sonny Werblin and Tommy John. Awards will be presented by Billy Martin and Lou Saban.

A painting of Thurman Munson was presented to Mrs. Diane Munson by Bobby Murcer, onetime teammate of Munson. The painting is the work of Len Rosoloio.

Jim Jensen, Channel 2 newscaster, was master of Ceremonies. Mel Allen introduced dais guests.

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