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NATIONAL REPORT

Black Solons To Attack Bias In Military, Welfare

The black lobby composed of nine congressmen shortly will meet with Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird to discuss the plight of blacks in the armed services. The conference, according to chairman Charles C. Diggs Jr. (D., Mich.), will be the first joint effort by the lawmakers to seek solutions to problems of discrimination and segregation in the military. In recent months, scores of black military men have complained about discrimination and urged the lawmakers to help. Recently organized into an unofficial lobby, the lawmakers also will conduct a drive to retain the present voting law and will, for the first time, launch a campaign to improve U.S.-African relations. Other subjects the group hopes to research are the effectiveness of the anti-poverty and minority business enterprise programs. Currently, the group is studying proposals for welfare reform. The organization of the black

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lobby is the first move in an effort to coordinate the political strength of blacks in the country, according to Rep. Diggs. "We represent black people and our lawmakers intend to speak for black people," Diggs said. He pointed out that the lobby is supported by a group of more than 1,300 elected black officials in some 35 states as well as about 400 alternates and delegates to the recent Democratic National Convention. Diggs said the lobby is the outgrowth of conferences held throughout the U. S. as to the best way to effectively utilize the highest number of blacks in the House in history. Members of the Democratic lobby, besides Diggs, are Reps. Louis Stokes, Cleveland; John Conyers, Detroit; Adam Clayton Powell and Shirley Chisholm of New York City; Robert N. C. Nix, Philadelphia; William Clay, St. Louis; William L. Dawson, Chicago, and Augustus Hawkins of Los Angeles.

Asks Nixon For 'Philly Plan' For Jobs In Buffalo

A black community group asked President Richard Nixon to consider extending the Philadelphia Plan for hiring minority workers in the construction trades to Buffalo. The Labor Dept. announced that the plan, named after the city where it was first instituted, was being extended to 18 other cities. But Buffalo, where a local agreement was worked out by the industry, the unions and the state, was not included. Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller hailed the local agreement and lifted an 11-month construction ban on state projects, but Minority Coalition, Inc., criticized it. Rev. James T. Hemphill, president of the coalition, told President Nixon in a letter, "Contrary to the pattern in other communities, there was no involvement of the minority community in the development of a Buffalo and Erie County so-called affirmative action program."

Under Fire For Bias, Club's Facilities For Sale

The Detroit Boat Club, under fire for alleged racial discrimination toward blacks, offered to sell its facilities on Belle Isle to the city of Detroit, according to reports. A club official and a top-ranking city spokesman confirmed the offer, priced at between \$400,000 and \$500,000.

Stung By Staffer's Antics, SCLC Asks Bevel To Resign

Officially, top brass at the Southern Christian Leadership Conference headquarters in Atlanta claim they asked top staffer James Bevel to resign because he wasn't pulling his weight on a Martin Luther King Jr. film project SCLC is cooperating with late in March. But privately, top executives of the civil right organization concede that Bevel was "given his release" at the end of last January because he just hadn't been very productive in the last two years. At any rate, Bevel, once SCLC's strongest field organizer and an unbelievable handler of crowds, no longer is in the employ of SCLC. Bevel is reported to be in Baltimore, Md., where he is organizing a march on the United Nations building in New York City to petition for world peace generally and for U. S. withdrawal from Vietnam in particular. Bevel has withdrawn from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., where he was pursuing a theology degree. It was there that Bevel became intensely interested in nude psychotherapy which he tried to put into practice in Nashville and Atlanta during marathon workshop sessions. Worried SCLC colleagues admitted him to an Atlanta hospital, but Bevel refused to stay put and soon walked out. His colleagues consider Bevel a near genius, regard nude psychotherapy as practical in a well-controlled environment, but are worried that Bevel could not be effective any longer with SCLC.



Rev. Bevel

Replacement Housing Guaranteed By U. S.

A new government order guaranteeing replacement housing for persons whose homes are in the path of federal building projects may slow down some highway and airport construction across the country. The order, issued by Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe in Washington, D. C., says no construction will be authorized for transportation projects until the government verifies replacement housing is available and has been offered to the residents about to be displaced.

Governor To Seek Changes In 'Old Virginny' Song

Virginia Gov. Linwood Holton, who pledged in his inaugural address to make Virginia "a model of race relations," said in Richmond he will ask the legislature to change some of the wording of the state song—*Carry Me Back To Ole Virginny*. State Sen. Lawrence D. Wilder (JET, Feb. 26) told the state senate he found such words in the lyrics as "darkie" and "massa" reminiscent of Virginia slavery days. "I think it would be appropriate to change the language that might be offensive," said Gov. Holton.

'WISH THEY'D CALL ON ME MORE'

Big James (Jim) Farmer, the plucky civil rights leader who dared to lead the first Freedom Ride to abolish travel segregation in the South in the '60s, is not about to give up on President Richard M. Nixon's Administration. Now a \$34,000-a-year Assistant Secretary of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) in Washington, D. C., Farmer, in an exclusive JET interview, said, "I'm not pleased with all of the developments but there are gains being made in the fields of education, health and welfare."

Farmer said the resignation of Leon Panetta as chief of HEW's civil rights enforcement branch for the past 11 months made it "extremely difficult" for him to operate effectively. Panetta said he was dumped because the White House wanted a softer approach on school desegregation. Farmer took one word, "bad," to describe the Senate passing of the Stennis (John D., Miss.) amendment to an education bill (equalizing enforcement of school desegregation in both the North and South). Farmer explained that the amendment, as law, could take the heat off the South in complying with school desegregation laws.

Is he called in as a civil rights advisor by the White House? Farmer said that occasionally he was telephoned by Nixon aides but quickly added: "I wish they would call me more." After being billed as the Nixon Administration's top black appointee, Farmer, in the early months, became a traveling man. He spent more time on the road

Panthers On Trial Get Huey Newton's Birthday Off

Thirteen Black Panthers, facing trial on bombing conspiracy charges in New York, had Feb. 17 off, the birthday of Huey P. Newton, co-founder of the party. Justice John M. Murtagh announced that attorneys could use the session of the pre-trial hearings for legal arguments and the defendants would not have to be present. Defense attorneys asked that the Panthers be given the day off because of Newton's birthday. Newton is in jail in California, serving time for a manslaughter conviction.

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as a speaker in cities than he did in his big office. "Only once a week now," Farmer related, does he go out of town on speaking missions.

As an assistant secretary for administration, Farmer described his duties as overseeing the divisions of child development, that includes Head Start programs, and the office of new careers, a training branch to prepare para-professionals for jobs in education, health and welfare. As one of his own projects, Farmer encouraged the Negro college presidents to establish an office in Washington and has sought to increase U. S. money to the institutions.

As an example of a breakthrough, Farmer told about his effort to integrate the HEW management interne program. "Before there was only a token number—one out of 20." Farmer described the equal opportunity phase of the program to select employes for upgraded posts. "In the June class, more than 50 percent will be minority members," he pointed out.

Is it hard going for a former civil righter to be identified with the Nixon Administration? One explanation is that Farmer is not involved in the fierce politicking over the rate of school desegregation. Big Jim has his own thing to do. "In a few weeks you'll be hearing from me," the ex-CORE leader concluded. At this time, however, Farmer is enduring the endless speculation from his former militant cronies on what has happened to "Dynamic Jim."

Rights Chief Quits; Cites Congress' 'Pressures'

Leon A. Panetta, young civil rights chief in the Health, Education and Welfare (HEW) Dept., in Washington, D. C., resigned and said congressional pressure on the White House cost him his job. In a choked voice, the 31-year-old lawyer from Monterey, Calif., read a letter he wrote to his boss, HEW Secretary Robert H. Finch. "Despite the achievements of the office and your courageous support, it is my reluctant conclusion that such pressures have been brought to bear on my position . . . That my resignation is the inevitable result. The predominant pressures came

TWO YOUNG BLACK MEN SET TO

Young Men On The Go, an Atlanta club that includes some of the brightest young minds in the city, was meeting and the agenda was nearly complete. One member arose to confess his confusion over the politics of the city, noted that several possible congressional candidates were members of the club, then asked each member present to arise and candidly assert whether or not he was going to run, and, if not, who he would support. SCLC Executive Vice President Rev. Andrew Young conceded that he was definitely going to run for Congress since, he said, Georgia State Rep. Julian Bond had taken himself out of the race. He sat down to wild applause and expressions of support. Georgia State Rep. Benjamin Brown arose to say that he had resisted the pressure of hundreds who had urged him to run and that he was throwing his support to Rev. Young. Lonnie King, president of the Atlanta NAACP, a former employe of the Atlanta regional office of the Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare and a former leader of student sit-ins in Atlanta early last decade, reminded his colleagues that he had contributed substantially to the city, that he had sacrificed much for his civil rights militancy and that he intended to make the race for Congress, too, in the Democratic primary. He publicly announced his intentions two days later. Thus, only one last major possibility has yet to be heard from on the record—State Sen.

from congressional sources and were reflected in the White House," Panetta said. White House Press Secretary Ronald Ziegler said Panetta resigned "some time ago." Panetta told reporters he submitted an unsigned resignation about six months ago when he was under pressure, but did not sign it. Panetta took over enforcement of civil rights laws and regulations under HEW's jurisdiction, including administration of the highly controversial school desegregation guidelines for the South, on March 30. He had encountered criticism almost from the start that he was too liberal in the job.

GO FOR CONGRESS IN ATLANTA

Leroy Johnson. Bond confirmed to JET that indeed he is not a candidate for Congress this year. It seemed that Rev. Young had clear sailing ahead based upon his brains, his popularity in Atlanta and his commitment to the civil rights struggle. But Lonnie King is making the seas choppy. King is a political pro. He played the game so well that he became president of the Young Democrats in Washington, D. C., a tough, cut-throat political town, after being in the city only about four years. Young is smooth, cool and unflappable, but King is an up-from-the-ghetto gut fighter who seldom has tasted defeat once he set his sights on a goal. If King is serious about his bid for Congress—and he seems to be—Atlanta promises to become the main event of the battles across the nation in which blacks fight for congressional seats.



Young



Bond



Brown



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Brickmason Seeks S. C. Gov.'s Seat; Gets Threats



Jackson

Declaring he plans no appeal along racial lines, David Jackson, a 38-year-old Columbia, S. C., brickmason, announced his candidacy for governor in the June primaries. He is the first black candidate for the post in modern times. Jackson, who said he chose to run for governor rather than the legislature because the office has more prestige, announced he favors unionism, relief from "heavy burden" of taxation for the average citizen and open bars in South Carolina. He said, "South Carolina is entitled to better government and more equal representation for all South Carolinians than the past record shows" they have received. Jackson said he is depending on contributions to finance his campaign. The father of two, he said he received "threats" when he first entered the race, but acknowledged, "Everything's all right now."

Iowa House OKs 'No Fault' Divorce Bill

Taking what some legislators called "a step into the 20th century," the Iowa House in Des Moines overwhelmingly approved a "no fault" divorce bill. On a vote of 87-23, the House approved the measure, which eliminates the many grounds for divorce now found in Iowa statutes and replaces them with only one ground—demonstration that the marriage relationship is irreparably destroyed. Another section of the bill would keep divorce proceedings private until a decree is granted.

Harlem Rent Strike Leader's Son Arrested For Dope

Jesse Gray Jr., 20, the son of Harlem rent strike leader Jesse Gray, was arrested by New York police and charged with the possession of more than a pound of cocaine. Police said they stopped young Gray during a spot check of automobiles and found a paper bag with 17 ounces of cocaine. Young Gray and a passenger in the car, Willie Reed, 22, were charged with felonious possession of dangerous drugs. The elder Gray ran unsuccessfully for a New York City council seat last fall.

Won't Speak To All-Black Group; No 'Separatist'

Fayette (Miss.) Mayor Charles Evers, who once fired his white city attorney and a black city policeman because they announced an intention to marry and live in the city, made a 180-degree turn when he announced that he refused an invitation to address an all-black gathering. Mayor Evers vows he will never again address any audience from which members of other races are excluded. "I'm not going to be part of any group that believes in separatism," he says, failing to reveal who had issued the spurned invitation, "and I hope my black brothers will understand me."



Evers

Yesterday In Afro-American History.

March 1, 1841—Blanche Kelso Bruce, the first black man to serve a full term in the U. S. Senate, was born in Prince Edward County, Va. Bruce escaped during the Civil War and started a school for black people in Hannibal, Mo. Later he continued his own education at Oberlin (Ohio) College. After the end of the Civil War he moved to Mississippi, became a member of the Mississippi Levee Board, sheriff and tax collector of Bolivar County (1872-1875). In 1874, he was elected as a Republican to the United States Senate and served from March 4, 1875, to March 3, 1881. On May 19, 1881, President James Garfield appointed him register of the U. S. Treasury, and from 1891 to 1893 he was recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia. In 1897, he was again register of the Treasury, a job which he retained until his death in 1898.



B. K. Bruce



★ ★ ★ TICKER

Confidential: The first black woman to serve as a presidential secretary—**Gerri Whittington**—is critically ill in Freedmen's Hospital in the nation's capital. A news headliner during the administrations of the late **President John F. Kennedy** and former **President Lyndon B. Johnson**, Miss Whittington pioneered in the secretarial role . . . The next black artist to be featured at a night at the White House will be gospel singer **Mahalia Jackson**. Supporters are urging that the Chicago singer be given the key role next fall . . . **Ambassador C. Clarence Ferguson** was cleared for a stint in Uganda. The announcement probably will be made during the current tour to Africa of Secretary of State **William Rogers** . . . In the diversification of the GOP national staff, **Ed Sexton** was named the key political strategist while **Jack Crawford** was put in the organizational brain trust. Sexton is credited with working in New Jersey to win black voters for the governor.

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Black History: One of the few congressmen who printed remarks in the Congressional Record on Negro History Week (Feb. 8-14) was **Rep. Glenn M. Anderson** of California. A rundown on history included the late **Pfc. James Anderson Jr.** of Compton, Calif., a black Marine who won the Congressional Medal of Honor.

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Whittington

Dee Cee Headliners: A March get together of black elected GOPers is expected to kick off **President Richard Nixon's** effort to win support. A meet-

TAPE U.S.A.

ing in the nation's capital will include Cleveland (Ohio) Councilman **John Kellogg** and Highland Park (Mich.) Mayor **Robert Blackwell** . . . The man caught in the middle of the resignation of Democratic Chairman **Fred Harris** is **John Dean**. A replacement for Chicago editor **Louis Martin**, Dean, during the past few months, was organizing party members throughout the country. He's been given a free hand. With the party \$8.5 million in debt, the emphasis now swings to fund raising. Dean may be asked to curtail his activities, an action that could force him to resign . . . Rumor mill: No truth to persistent reports that White Houser **Robert Brown** and HUD Assistant Secretary **Samuel Jackson** intend to resign shortly.

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MLK Project: On March 24, more than 1,000 theatres in 300 cities will show the film, *King—Montgomery To Memphis*. An estimated audience of more than a million people will contribute \$5 million to carry out the work of the late **Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.** Producer **Ely Landau**, in this one endeavor, may put the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in a position to do a job.

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From The Notebook: Named information consultant for the Family Service Assn. was **St. Clair Clement**, a former Urban Leaguer . . . Insiders predict National Labor Relations Board (NLRB) member **Howard Jenkins** will be upgraded to the chairmanship, becoming the first black.

—SIMEON BOOKER



Dr. King

OPPRESSED BATTLE WITH BIBLE

By **JOHN H. BRITTON**, JET Managing Editor

In a great many houses where black folks live in terror in Cairo, Ill., a Bible is liable to be exhibited in a place so prominent that the eyes can't miss it. Typically, it shows telltale signs of having been opened, leafed through repeatedly and closed shut many times. And resting atop that Bible is liable to be a .38 calibre pistol which, typically, also shows signs of wear and of regular use.

At first sight it is not clear which of the two is used more often in these houses. What is plain to see and feel is that on any given night, or day, in black Cairo, one or the other of these instruments of salvation—often both of them—are employed to bargain for a few days more sanity, or life itself—or both.

Rev. Charles Koen, executive director of the United Front of Cairo, a black organization spearheading the fight against economic, political and social oppression of blacks in Cairo, perceives little contradiction in the two symbols. While he neither brags of it nor denies it, Rev.



With a boycott nearly 100 percent effective and store sales down 55 percent, pickets work on stores still remaining open.

IN ONE HAND, GUN IN THE OTHER

Koen, when questioned about the Bible-gun phenomena, likes to recall the scripture where Nehemiah builds the wall carrying a tool in one hand and a weapon in the other. Insists the handsome, young, gifted and black clergyman: "We are alive and succeeding today because we have the Bible in one hand and the gun in the other. This way 'The Man' cannot destroy us."

"The Man," as Rev. Koen and his followers refer to white folks in this South-Africa-style southern Illinois town, has spent substantial numbers of years shoving modern slavery down the throats of blacks too stubborn to accept it. So aggressive have been white attempts to enslave blacks that Rev. Koen frequently parallels "Little Egypt" (the Delta area between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers in which Cairo is situated) and ancient Egypt. The power and prosperity of both, reminds Rev. Koen, were built and retained "through the enslavement of God's children."

"God's children" have fought in an organized way since



State police, who have assumed control of the city, hang with black demonstrators and residents like unwanted shadow.

Flying Black Medics Dramatize Cairo's Poor Health Care

1963 when black citizens began their attempts to integrate public accommodations. Each black step toward equal opportunity in Cairo was met by violent white reactions. And law and order in Cairo has not yet seen fit to punish or even arrest a single white suspect for the violence that has been visited upon the black community.

The frightening racial polarization in Cairo began last March when a car in which Rev. Koen was thought to be riding was hit by several rifle bullets fired by white ambushers. Later the same evening, Pyramid Courts, an all-black public housing project in which over 800 men, women and children live, was fired into by white night riders.

Since that opening shot was fired last March on through the middle of this February, the combat-weary residents of that black community have been fired upon at least 88 times—roughly one sniper attack every four nights.

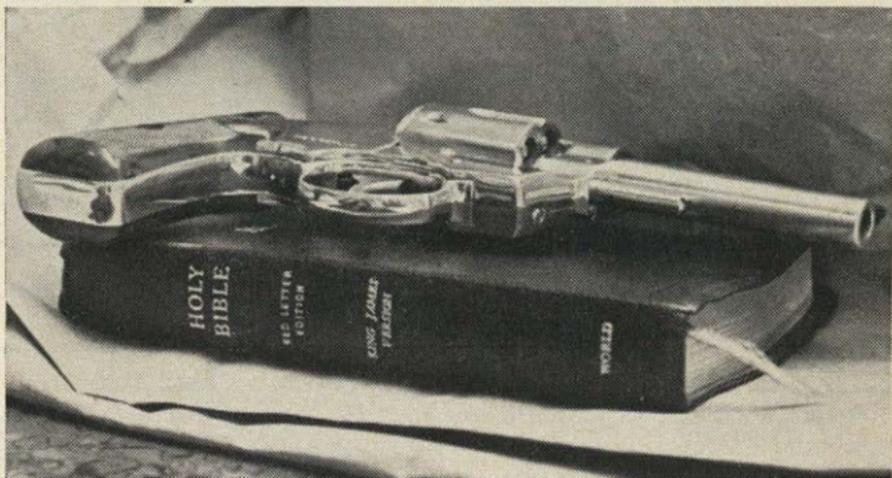
But, bragged Leon Page, coordinator of the United Front, "Instead of retreating and going deeper under the foot of the oppressor, the blacks of Cairo and Alexander County have responded to these atrocities with the formation of the United Front and the beginning, last April, of an economic boycott of downtown Cairo stores."

That latter activity more than anything else has white Cairo uptight. Whites are angry over the nearly 100 percent effectiveness of the boycott, which succeeds despite the 30 miles or more that blacks in Cairo travel to shop in nearby cities in the adjoining states of Missouri and Kentucky. The Front estimates that there has been a 55 percent drop in the revenue of stores that remain open and that at least a dozen or more merchants have been forced to close their doors.

Meanwhile, the Front's paid and volunteer staff works simultaneously in the areas of education, legal defense, recreation, economic development, politics, religion, and community service. It has sponsored "Operation Need," which has fed and clothed over 1,500 poverty-level families; it sponsored Black Thanksgiving and Soul Christmas; it is developing a not-for-profit housing corporation

which is set to build scores of homes to replace some of the 50 percent of housing in Cairo which is substandard; and it is developing a cooperative shopping plaza.

The Front's weekly Saturday morning rallies are the high point of activity for the incredibly organized black community. The rallies are both town meetings and religious services where Rev. Koen shows he can rap with the best of them as well as rally the people behind him. The Front's choir lifts the services to an emotional peak with its rollicking, moving versions of gospel songs. The rallies are open forums where votes are often taken so the estimated 400 persons in attendance each week can have a



The two ways of life blacks must accept in Cairo are symbolized by the gun and Bible that appear in most black homes.

say in the direction the Front is heading. Rev. Koen caps the services with a rousing message designed to reaffirm the unity of the community and to challenge the people to "keep the faith, baby." As they do in Chicago at Operation Breadbasket meetings, visitors from across the nation look in on the United Front Saturday rallies and leave impressed.

Perhaps Rev. Koen's most dramatic innovation to date is the concept of Flying Black Medics who come from Chicago out of a sense of outrage over the poor-to-rotten health care available for black people in Cairo. Led by

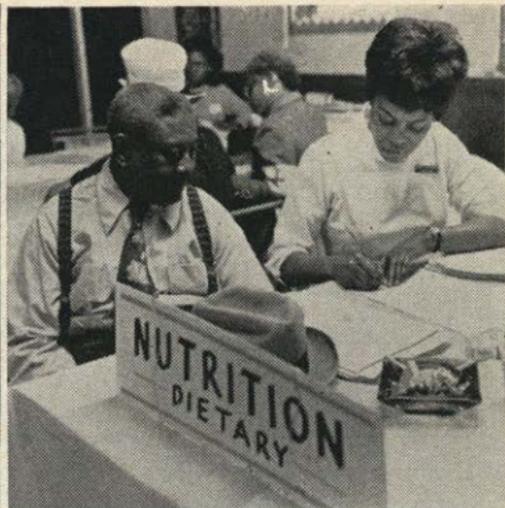


Arriving by plane at nearby Paducah, Ky., are (l-r) Rev. Koen, Rev. M. T. Harrell, Dr. Berry, Rev. Cooper and Leon Page.

Some Blacks Near Death, But Had Never Been Treated

Chicago's Dr. Leonidas Berry, recent past president of the National Medical Assn., the physicians charter planes, load it with medical supplies, nurses, social workers, technicians, dietitians and para-medical aides, fly to Cairo at their own expense, set up a free health clinic, roll up their sleeves and go to work on black people, many of whom appear to the doctors to be only days away from death should proper medical care be denied much longer.

On the first foray into Cairo of the Flying Black Medics, 32 physicians and their aides worked more than eight hours on a Sunday afternoon to deal with the black and poor sick. No one thought to count the number of persons who passed through the doctor's offices for help, but Dr. Audley F. Connor of the Chicago Board of Health reported that of the first 15 adults he examined, 12 of them had "serious medical problems which needed immediate medical treatment." Five of them, he said, had congenital heart conditions which had never been diagnosed or treated



Mrs. Emma F. Berry (seated) and nurses register patients; nutritionist Dorothy Thomas interviews man on dietary needs.



Dr. Maurice Rabb checks man for glaucoma (l); gynecologist Jasper Williams headed women's diseases unit (r).

Residents Say Cairo Hospitals Still Are Segregated



At busy baby clinic, Dr. Gameliel Parsons, Chicago pediatrician, examines baby, with assistance of Dr. Howard Lee (long coat).



Using facilities of Chicago's Williams Clinic, Dr. Delores Guinart (r) treats Mrs. Linda Wade and children, Sheryl and Chris.

and that at least two of these five probably would have died within a few days if they continued as they were.

Medical care for blacks in Cairo had not only been poor, but also segregated. Hospital waiting rooms, residents say, are still designated "white" and "colored," and even after they suffer that indignity they do more waiting for attention than they do explaining their problems to doctors (there are only two black physicians in Cairo, and United Front followers don't regard them as friends of the movement).

"It was an unforgettable day," exulted Rev. Koen after the Flying Black Medics departed. "The clinics will continue; we hope with the cooperation of local people, but they will continue regardless. Those in our city who have said that local medical facilities and personnel are keeping up with the medical needs of our poor will have to do some rethinking and re-evaluating . . . The poor in Cairo and this area have been sadly neglected in this important area of their life."

Such victories have not come easily to Rev. Koen or to



Medics (r-l) Frank Perry and Berry, Connor hold symposium on a better delivery system of health care services.

88 Snipings In Black Area, But No Whites Arrested



Part of medical team enplanes at Chicago's Midway Airport. It landed in Paducah, Ky., because Cairo airport was iced over.



After working without a break for a solid nine hours, exhausted medics and aides are bused to plane for return trip to Chicago.

the Front. Harassment has been the rule, not the exception. Rev. Koen himself faces a narcotic charge. State police have virtually assumed control of the inefficient Cairo Police Dept., but state officers, residents say, are no less oppressive of the people and no more protective of the black community than hostile local policemen. Indeed, state police, conspicuously exhibiting riot guns, virtually occupy Pyramid Courts, much to the black residents' chagrin. But nobody seems able to find the snipers who regularly fire bullets into the project from a nearby levee. Leon Page has been arrested on traffic charges. Visitors from out of the city often have been arrested arbitrarily.

Yet spirits in the black community are still high. Nowhere else in Illinois—Chicago included—is there the solidarity in the black community exhibited in Cairo. Seldom is there a discouraging word heard. “On the contrary,” preaches Rev. Koen, “we are on the battlefield in Cairo. We have something to show this country. We have something to show the world. We have maintained our unity because we have trusted God and we have defended ourselves . . . ‘Mighty Egypt’ is falling. Her greatness is no more. Slavery is dead. Freedom is at hand. Black people have left ‘Little Egypt’ and now are living in God’s promised land of milk and honey. They now live in Soul Valley.”

Arrest 2 In Theft Of 30 U. S. Rifles

The FBI arrested two men in Boston, Mass., one the minister of defense of the Republic of New Africa (RNA), a militant black organization, in connection with the theft of 30 M14 rifles from Fort Devens. A FBI spokesman said the weapons were recovered in a Cambridge, Mass., warehouse. Arrested were Arthur L. Sutton Jr., 27, and Robert E. Addison, 28. Sutton was identified as the minister of defense of the RNA. The pair was to be arraigned later.

Detroit May Get 2nd Black Housing Commissioner

In Detroit, according to reliable sources, Mayor Roman S. Gribbs is considering naming another black director of the Detroit Housing Commission when Conrad Mallett resigns in March, 1970. The sources said 34-year-old Harold Varner will be named to the \$24,581-a-year post.

Boston College To Use \$500,000 For Minorities

The administration of Boston (Mass.) College met with striking members of the black student body to discuss their demands, including 40 percent of all federal aid programs at the Jesuit-operated school be directed to minority students. Earlier, the school announced it would appropriate \$500,000 for the recruitment of economically disadvantaged minority students. A spokesman said the appropriation would be an increase of \$400,000 over an earlier commitment to minority recruitment. The black students also are asking that aptitude tests be eliminated as a major factor in determining admission eligibility for minority students and that such students be given at least three years to adjust to the university environment.

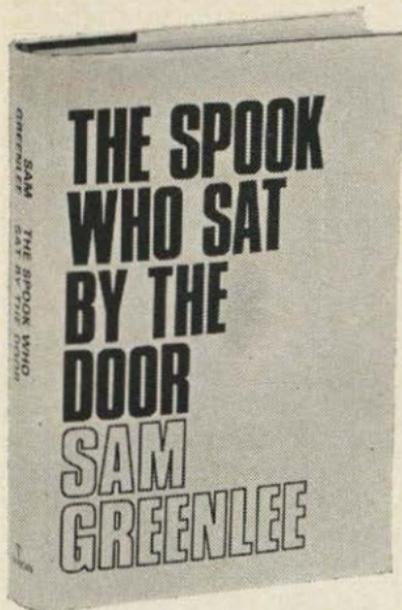
✎ **Gets Check:** Accepting a \$1,000 check in Beaumont, Tex., for scholarships to black Texas colleges from optometrist-director of Texas State Optical, Dr. N. Jay Rogers (2nd, l), is Melvin B. Shaw of the Texas Assn. of Developing Colleges. Looking on are volunteer worker Mrs. Lynette Bond, widow of baseball star Walter Bond, and Rev. G. W. Daniels.



Gets Degree: As the honored guest, JET Publisher John H. Johnson accepts honorary Doctor of Journalism degree from Benedict College President Dr. Benjamin F. Payton (l) at a Centennial Celebration in Chicago's Sheraton-Blackstone Hotel. Looking on is master of ceremonies Erwin A. France. Below, guests (l-r) actress Ethel Waters and singer Mahalia Jackson chat with Mrs. Juliette B. Buford, national chairman of observance sponsored by Chicago-Evanston Alumni chapter of the 100-year-old Columbia, S. C., college.



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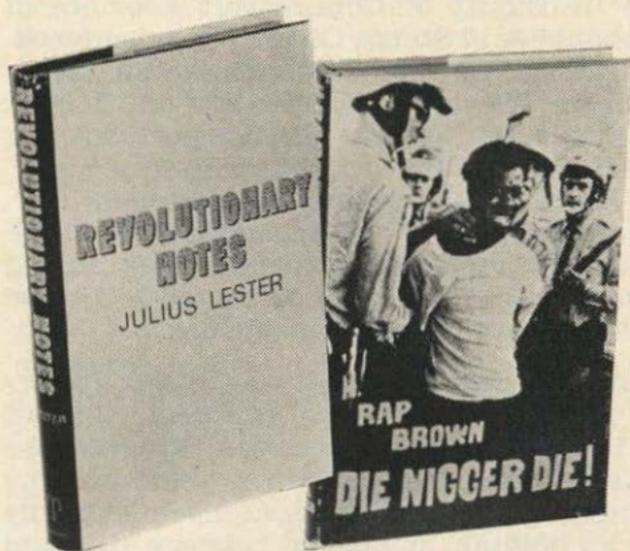
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Stop Talking Militant, Start Thinking, Prof. Urges



Hamilton

Dr. Charles V. Hamilton, a Columbia University professor, says his fellow Negroes should stop talking militancy and start seriously studying problems. "We must stop trying to be militant to the entertainment of others," Dr. Hamilton told a University of Connecticut audience of about 800 in Storrs, Conn. "We must recognize that our oppressors thrive on our division. We are all black and must stick together," he said. Dr. Hamilton was the first lecturer in a series of speakers at the campus for "Black History Week" in February. Dr. Hamilton, co-author with Stokely Carmichael of *Black Power*, said, "We've had enough mind-blowing discussions on black-white relations. We should become serious students on this issue or forget it. I come not to blow your mind but to set it in motion."

Indiana Univ. Library Gets \$45,000 For Black Books

The Indiana University library was awarded a \$45,000 grant from the U. S. Office of Education to purchase additional Afro-American materials. Three years ago the library began compiling a black bibliography but it only covered the library's holdings published between 1948 and 1968. Referring to the fact that less than 20 college and university libraries in the nation received such grants, Wilmer Baatz, assistant director for administration of the library, said, "For once we got the jump on the times." Using the money from the grant, the library will add to the collection new books, periodicals, documents and other related printed and published materials, including microfilms. Also, part of the grant will be used to purchase reprints of books by black authors that are now out of print. Black children's literature is also being purchased, as well as back issues on microfilm of such black newspapers as Norfolk Virginian: from 1901 to date; the New York Amsterdam News from 1863 to date, the Baltimore Afro-American from 1893 to date and the Chicago Daily Defender from 1921 to date.

Prominent Detroit Medic, Dr. Burton, Dies

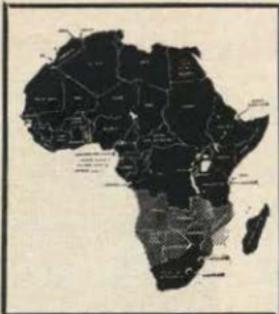
Dr. Dewitt T. Burton, 77, a leading figure in medical, civic and social circles in Detroit, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage in his fashionable Arden Park home and died, according to Dr. A. B. Henderson, a friend, who was in attendance. Also present were Dr. Melvin Fowler and John Greene. Administrator of the Wayne Diagnostic Hospital, Dr. Burton was a former Wayne County coroner, and a surgeon on the staffs of Grace and Parkside hospitals. His 96-bed hospital, staffed by 200 employees, was originally named Burton Mercy but was soon changed to Wayne Diagnostic Hospital. In addition to his wife, the former Alice Boyd, the deceased is survived by three daughters: Mrs. Arlyn Burton Heron, and Mrs. Sharon Dudley, both of Detroit, and Dr. Gail Allen, who is in medical practice in New York.



Dr. Burton

Died:

Felix Leon Walker, 62, brother of William O. Walker, publisher of the Cleveland Call and Post newspaper, and a staff member of the Call and Post for 30 years as a full-time advertising salesman; after an extended illness; in Cleveland . . . **Allen E. Cole**, veteran photographer owner of the Allen E. Cole Photography shop and past exalted ruler of King Tut Lodge of the Elks in Cleveland; after an extended illness; in Cleveland . . . **Antoine Marcel Trudeau**, co-founder of the Safety Industrial Life Insurance and Sick Benefit Assn., Inc., co-founder of the (Republican) Seventh Ward Civil League and the Federation of Civil Leagues and founder of the New Orleans (La.) NAACP and Urban League; after a long illness; at Touro Infirmary; in New Orleans.



AFRICAN ROUNDUP: Secretary of State **William P. Rogers** ended the first week of his 16-day, fact-finding, mission through ten African nations with a half-hour, closed-door meeting with Kenyan President **Jomo Kenyatta**. At the African leader's countryside villa 25 miles from Nairobi, Secretary Rogers and his 78-year-old host reportedly discussed Africa-American relations and Kenya's agriculture. Later, President Kenyatta escorted Rogers around the Gatundu estate, where they watched hundreds of children sing and dance . . . Ethiopia:

Upon arriving in Addis Ababa, Secretary Rogers told reporters that "the United States opposes the continuation in Africa of systems based on racial discrimination." Many newsmen viewed the statement as a political maneuver aimed at placating feelings of Zambian government officials who plan to ask the Secretary of State to shut down the American consulate in racist Rhodesia . . . **Ethel Payne**, one of three black correspondents accompanying Secretary Rogers through Africa, attended a luncheon in Addis Ababa given by **Mrs. William O. Hall**, wife of the U. S. Ambassador to Ethiopia . . . More than a half-dozen Negroes stationed here showed up at a buffet dinner in honor of the journalists traveling with Secretary Rogers in Addis Ababa. Among them were **Dr. William E. Reed**, former dean of North Carolina A and T College and currently AID deputy director here; **John L. Withers**, AID program officer; **David A. Talbot**, adviser in the Ministry of Information, and **William E. Jones**, cultural attache. Also, **Lt. Col. John F. Malloy** from Baltimore who is adviser to **Emperor Haile Selassie's** bodyguard, and **Gloria Matthews**, 23, one of two black secretaries working for the State Dept. here . . . Zambia: President **Kenneth Kaunda** of Zambia told visiting newsmen he understands black militancy in the U. S., and predicts that until blacks are recognized "as part and parcel" of American society, it will continue.

—**Milton E. Sloane**, touring with Secretary Rogers

Heads Black NBC-TV News Bureau In Los Angeles

Paul G. Gardner was named chief of KNBC-TV's South Los Angeles News Bureau, a black-staffed news bureau in the black community. Gardner, 43, is concerned with finding the unusual feature stories in the community that are constantly missed by the broadcasting media. In a month's time he has done stories on Watts' first black symphony orchestra, five young black men who spent seven months researching to produce a daily documentation of blacks' contributions to the nation in calendar form and Watts' broadcasting training project where youngsters get to work on the air.



Gardner

Sarnoff Calls For World Communications Market

In Paris, Robert W. Sarnoff, chairman and president of RCA, called for the creation by the nations of the world of a global Common Market of Communications that would transcend national interests. He said the crisis in communications will not occur as a single crushing event, but rather as an almost imperceptible series of omissions, inactions and duplications. He said the alternative to a true Common Market of Communications is a Universe of Babel, "a confusion of tongues and technologies that will increase the dangers facing a world divided by conflicting ideologies and national ambitions, and by the widening gulf between rich and poor."

Advertisers Design Emblem For Afro-Police

A group of blacks in advertising designed a symbol which incorporates the police badge and the black power fist as a part of their effort to build a better public image for the Chicago Afro-American Patrolman's League. The Black Advertising Group (BAG), whose membership consists of blacks in the advertising business in Chicago, was organized to help struggling black individuals and groups. Emblem designer is artist Emmett McBain.

'Not Spies' For Whites In Black Areas: Journalists

Declaring, "We are not the white world's spies in the black community, we are not undercover agents for local, state or federal law enforcement agencies," a group of about 70 black reporters employed by the nation's major news media vowed in New York to resist all efforts by the government to make them disclose unpublished or un-broadcast material. The journalists, who include employes of Life, Look and Newsweek magazines, the American Broadcasting Co. (ABC), Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS), and National Broadcasting Co. (NBC), the Associated Press (AP), the New York Times and the New York Daily News, issued a statement saying, "We will protect our confidential sources by using every means at our disposal." The NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. (LDF) and a group of black journalists vowed support for a black reporter who was ordered to appear before a U. S. grand jury in San Francisco with his unpublished notes and tape recordings. The LDF said it furnished legal representation to the reporter, Earl Caldwell of the New York Times, who was ordered last Feb. 2 to bring the material he had accumulated during a 13-month period before a grand jury investigating the Black Panther Party. A full-page ad in the Amsterdam News and the New York Courier came as a result of the U. S. action. Among the signers of the ad were Charlayne Hunter of the Times, Ernest Dunbar of Look and Ted Poston of the New York Post.



Dunbar



Hunter



Caldwell



Poston



By ART SIMMONS



A meeting on the Black Panther Party was held at the Sorbonne, culminating a week of information on the Panthers and their program, organized by American teachers at various universities here. Briefings for professors were held by **Jean Pierre N'Diaye**, Senegalese sociologist, and **Prof. Harold D. Weaver Jr.**, who was also the host at a soul-food dinner at **Leroy Haynes'** restaurant for the official Panther representative **Connie Matthews** (who spoke at the public meeting), her security guard and **Louise Solomon**. The American teachers involved decided to organize the week in order to raise support in Paris for the party and opposition to police oppression of the party . . . Organist **Lou Bennett**, after working at the relatively new ski station in the Deux Alps, is now appearing at **Chez Pol's** in Brussels for two weeks . . . **Carl Anthony**, a graduate of the Columbia University School of Architecture who also worked with ARCH in Harlem, passed here on his way to West Africa to study African indigenous architecture on a travel fellowship . . . **D.** and **Mrs. Herbert B. Henderson** (**Claire** and **Herbie** to friends) made an unplanned trip to Europe, making up their itinerary on the go. Henderson is the West Coast doctor for a host of celebrities, including **Duke Ellington** . . . Organist **Jimmy McGriff** closed at the Apollo after a sensational two-week stay. Appearing with him were: **Leo Johnson**, tenor; **Larry Frazier**, guitar; and **Jessie Kilpatrick**, drums. The band returned to the States . . . Visiting Paris recently were: **Vernon** and **Naomi Williams Jr.** He's community relations manager with Illinois Bell; she's a librarian at the Chicago's Chatham branch. Also, **Henry** and **Cathryn Fort**, Chicago real estaters visited Paris.

WORDS OF THE WEEK

William Kuntsler, chief defense attorney for the seven persons who were tried for crossing state lines and conspiring to incite a riot during the 1968 Democratic Convention in Chicago, on attempts to solve the problem in the wrong way: *"You can crucify Jesus, poison a Socrates, hang a John Brown or a Nathan Hale, jail a Eugene Debs or a Bobby Seale, kill Che Guevara, assassinate a John F. Kennedy or a Martin Luther King—but the problems remain."*

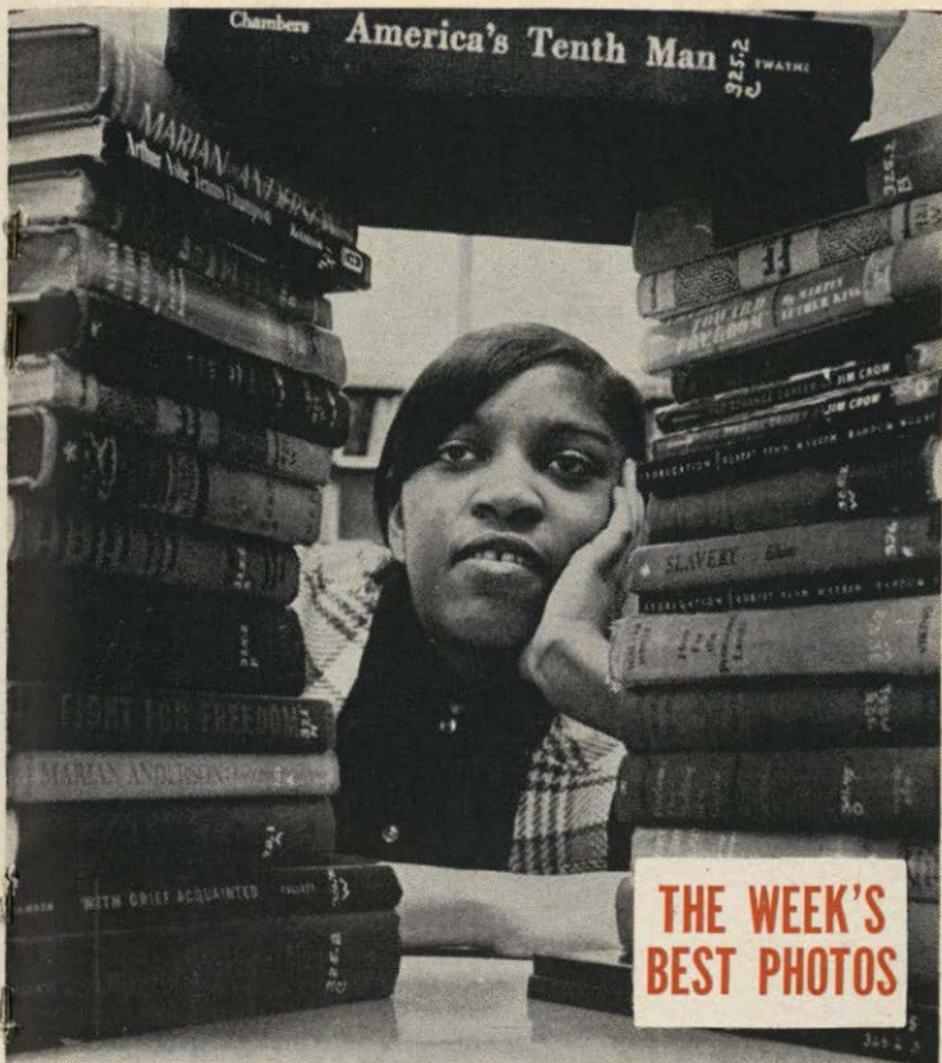
Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D. Mich.), on black students demands: *"If their (black students) just demands are not met, our nation's traditional white education will continue what it has always done, turning black students into whitened sepulchers to assure the stability of the status quo and deny black Americans the opportunity even to exercise power over their own lives."*

Carl B. Stokes, mayor of Cleveland, Ohio, ribbing ex-Ohio State Rep. Anthony O. Calabrese Jr., a member of the party Stokes led in a private audience with Pope Paul VI: *"Tony, I take you to see the Pope and you can't take me to Murray Hill (a wicked Italian ghetto in Cleveland through which blacks are afraid to pass, walking or riding, day or night)."*

Dr. Nathan Hare, former chairman of San Francisco State College's Black Studies Dept. and currently publisher of *The Black Scholar*, on the movement of blacks in the U. S.: *"Black persons in droves are moving into the major cities, on the way to predominance in the central cities where, in the event of a nuclear war, they increasingly will constitute black bulls-eyes surrounded by white satellite suburban rings."*



Dr. Hare



Chicago Sun-Times

► **Take Your Choice:** Concentrating on what book to start reading, Chicago Dunbar Vocational High School student Mona Baldrige gazes at mound of books. She participated in school's contest to stimulate extra curricular study of black history.



Courtesy, American Airlines

Jet And Met: Using New York Mets' slugger Tommy Agee as support, New York Jets' wide receiver Don Maynard shows member of baseball's 1969 world champions expensive boots he uses instead of golf shoes during American Airlines' Astrojet Golf Classic in Phoenix, Ariz.



Norman L. Hunter

■ **Getting Experience:** Swinging with as well as in front of a JET camera, shapely (36-23-37) Toni Herron is getting experience as a hard-working captain of a Chicago precinct. The five-four, Windy City miss is also preparing to attend Loop Junior College. Major? Political science.



UPI

▶ **Boxing Talk:** During President and Mrs. Richard M. Nixon's recent trip to Indianapolis, Ind., Mrs. Nixon visited the Christamore House, a community center in a racially mixed neighborhood, where she gets involved in animated discussion with two junior-sized boxers.



Irv Antler

▮ **Laugh-In:** Staging their own sing-in momentarily, NBC-TV's Laugh-In regular Teresa Graves and guest star Ringo Starr of The Beatles get to know each other while on the set in Hollywood, Calif. Starr and Miss Graves filmed several cameos which will be telecast in March.

S O C I E T Y

COCKTAIL CHIT CHAT: It will be a summer merger for **Quentella Wilson**, daughter of the **Haygood Wilsons**, and **James W. Charles**, son of the **John Charles'**. Miss Wilson is a student at Springfield (Mass.) Community College and young Charles is employed by the Springfield newspaper . . . And Paris shoe designer **Donald Hubbard** spent two weeks in the States showcasing his '70 line—always a trend-setter for footwear . . . Johnson Publishing Co. stringer **Josephine Edmonds** of Springfield, Mass., will exhibit in a six-man art show at Brooklyn's (N. Y.) Freedom National Bank, April 25-26, for the benefit of the **Willa Hardgrow** Mental Health Clinic. The opening will be a black-tie, champagne affair with **Cong. Shirley Chisholm** an honorary chairman.



■ **Married:** Cutting their wedding cake at reception, the former **Constance Lacey Pye** was married to **Walter Bruce Keller** in a double-ring ceremony at the Friendship House at Mount Zion Congregational Church in Cleveland, Ohio. Both bride and groom are in a management training program in Dayton, Ohio.

W O R L D

FOR THE RECORD: Funk, Inc., of FAMU (Florida A and M University), Tallahassee, was one of 87 collegiate acts selected to compete for regional championship in the 1970 national finals of the Budweiser-sponsored Intercollegiate Music Festival . . . Syracuse (N. Y.) University's **Vera Johnson**, a senior education student, received the **Edward Dietz Memorial Scholarship**. The award was made during a NAACP luncheon . . . New York divorcée **Shirley J. Williams**, whose parents, the **Charles Tears**, migrated from St. Kitts, West Indies, is receiving kudos for her superior job as manager of the Harlem unit of Office Temporaries, Inc., (OTI), which placed more than 1,000 persons in temporary jobs in the community since its opening June, 1968 . . . An ad hoc committee of New Rochelle, N. Y., citizens, representing a broad spectrum of the city's varied groupings, organized an informal reception to honor New Rochelle High School Principal **James R. Gaddy**. He joined the staff at the school in the fall of 1968 as director of secondary education. In September, 1969, he became acting principal, and in November he was appointed principal. He is the first Negro to occupy the position of high school principal in Westchester County . . . *Mahalia In The Park*, the film of the stirring gospel show offered in Harlem's Mount Morris Park last summer, was made available by General Foods Corp. for free exhibit to schools, churches and organizations. Interested parties may contact the regional film centers of Associated Films, Inc. The locations are: 600 Grand Ave., Ridgefield, N. J.; 324 Delaware Ave., Oakmont, Pa.; 512 Burlington Ave., La Grange, Ill.; 8615 Directors Row, Dallas, Tex.; 25358 Cypress Ave., Hayward, Calif.; 2221 So. Olive St., Los Angeles, Calif.; 483 King St., Littleton, Mass., and 2227 Faulkner Road, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

Urban League Guild's Ball Attracts 1,000

As always, it was gay, and top notch but not so crowded at the 30th annual Beaux Arts Ball sponsored by Molly (Mrs. Henry Lee) Moon and her National Urban League Guild. As always, the ball was set in the Grand Ballroom of New York City's Waldorf-Astoria, but for the first time the theme was "It's Carnival Time." British West Indies Airways International failed as advertised to fly up its King and Queen of the famous Trinidad-Tobago Carnival. But that didn't phase the Guild of New Yorkers, as the USA's own Trans World Airlines (TWA) gave four free round-trip passages to Madrid, Spain, for the dual first prize winners of the ball's carnival parade—Mrs. Helen Stewart, a silver waterfall, and Bill Palermo, a gas mask, a reminder that wherever a person may go one may need a mask to combat air pollution. Other winners were Mrs. Oneida Queveda, a flaming flamenco dancer, who received a set of luggage, and Al Fann, director of the pageant, and Cynthia Jones as a Roman and his lady. They received a transistor radio.



Top prizes go to Mrs. Stewart, Palermo (r) from TWA sales representative Bob Smith, Urban League's Whitney Young (l).

■ **Host Party:** Serving Leon Bates (l), who was guest pianist of the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra, are Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Braddock, who hosted a post concert party for him, and jazz artist Julian (Cannonball) Adderley. Below, orchestra consultant Leonard Herring Jr. chats with (l-r) Mrs. Walter Friedenbergl, wife of Cincinnati Post Times-Star editor; Mrs. J. Ralph Corbett, wife of Corbett Foundation president, and orchestra resident conductor Erich Kunzel, with Adderley in background.



* PEOPLE ARE

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- * Actor Lloyd Haynes (of ABC-TV's popular Room 222) and how those two teachers from a nearby Los Angeles high school spotted him eating in a restaurant and convinced him to return to their classrooms in a surprise visit. Of course, the class they visited first was Room 222. Strolling in, Haynes murmured, "Excuse me, I'm looking for my home room." For a moment there was stunned silence, then as the kids recognized the TV star, bedlam broke loose.
 - * Former SNCC chairman and black power militant Stokely Carmichael and how he visibly shook up that black African interviewer on Lagos, Nigeria, television by pointing his finger and declaring: "The only difference between you and (me) is that the slave ship missed you and got me . . . We could be from the same tribe."
 - * Veteran actress Ethel Waters and how she reveals the generation gap. In Chicago for a six-week performance in the play, *The Member Of The Wedding* (a role she made famous years ago), Miss Waters, now aging and suffering a heart condition and diabetes, has left distinct orders: newsmen are not to use the racially descriptive term "black" in her presence. "She hates it," an aide said, "and prefers the designation, 'colored.'"
 - * Shapely singer-dancer-actress Lola Falana, who seems to have everything—looks, talent and, some friends insist, more than \$300,000 cash in the bank.
 - * That jive sister from the Far Northwest U.S.A. and how she claimed to be a marketing expert but exploited the congenial brethren in Paris then left continental hotels in an uproar over her unpaid bills.

TALKING ABOUT

- * Fine white Canadian actor Donald Sutherland (*The Dirty Dozen*, *The Split*, *Die! Die! My Darling!* and *Joanna*) and how in real life he in no way resembles the effete, gentle and dying millionaire (his most memorable role) in *Joanna*. Sutherland has strong anti-war views, a deep social conscience and is married to the former Shirley Jean Douglas, whose father is the leader of Canada's leftist New Democratic Party. She was arrested in California and charged with contributing funds towards the purchase of hand grenades for the Black Panthers.
- * Floyd G. Kitchen, leader of the Greater St. Louis White Citizens Council and a field worker for that organization, and what he told an audience in Chicago. Said he: "We (conservatives) are always fighting among ourselves. I realize our goals are the same. But we have to be realistic. We can't just go out and shoot Negroes. It's not practical. We do that and we only hurt our cause." He added that 90 percent of white Americans hated black people whether they knew it or not.
- * Superb actor Al Freeman Jr. (*Dutchman*, *My Sweet Charlie*, *The Lost Man*) and how hard he's at work rehearsing for the Broadway musical (a remake of Sidney Poitier's starrer, *Lilies Of The Field*) *Look To The Lilies*. The hip and ironic Freeman, who says the preview will be March 3, tells chums: "Though I wouldn't dare make an evaluation as to how it's going, it's fun but a lot of hard work playing Mr. Sidney Poitier."
- * Expatriate bluesman Memphis Slim and how he's making it in Gay Paree. After observing that his wife's new mink coat did not match his car, Slim bought a new Silver Cloud No. 3 Rolls Royce with a sun roof, to match her coat!

—CHESTER HIGGINS

Prudential Loans \$215,000 For Ghetto Franchises

Seeking to expand its efforts into the black ghetto of the city and throughout the nation, Chicago-based Henry's Beef-N-Burger fast food franchise was granted a \$215,000 loan by Prudential Insurance Co. The announcement was made jointly in Chicago by Lyle Feller, general manager, real estate investment, of the Prudential, and Anthony DeRosa, president of Henry's Franchise Division. In attendance were: American Football League Buffalo Bills' all-star defenseman Butch Byrd, who owns a Henry's Franchise in Buffalo and is also working nationally with the firm, and Julius C. Thomas, national coordinator of the program to provide black ownership of Henry's franchises. Prudential's loan will remodel and refurbish two Chicago pilot units. DeRosa said negotiations were also under way for seven similar units in Rochester, N. Y.; Kansas City, Mo., and Davenport, Iowa. Owners and operators of the first two Henry's units in Chicago are Frank Davis, Samuel Etheridge Jr.; Thomas Moore, Julius C. Thomas Jr. and Raymond Sanders, a former member of the Harlem Globetrotters.



Looking over black ownership program are (l-r): DeRosa, Thomas, Sanders, Byrd, Feller. More owners are sought.

TWA Promotes 14-Year Veteran To Manager

Arish Rountree, a 14-year Trans World Airlines (TWA) veteran and a senior sales representative of the firm's passenger sales department, was promoted to manager, group sales, in Chicago, Worth A. Johnson, TWA general manager, announced. Rountree, who joined TWA in 1956 as a fleet service helper at Chicago's Midway Airport, specializes in group tours.



Rountree

Stans Promises 89 New Black Businesses In D. C.

In a new move to get the Nixon Administration's minority enterprise moving, Commerce Secretary Maurice Stans promised 89 new business franchises for blacks in the nation's capital as well as staff help to assist plans for a Negro-owned hotel near Howard University. Secretary Stans also announced the granting of \$50,000 to the National Business League to provide management and technical assistance to minority-owned businesses in the country, the placing of Post Office Dept. funds in the Community National Bank, the establishing of four private investment pools—jointly funded by the federal government and professional communities for loans and other services—and the opening of store-front headquarters in the ghetto areas of the minority enterprise office.

Wants Ban On Pay Toilets; Can't Walk Away

Massachusetts State Rep. Charles T. Tagman, claiming the subject seems insignificant until one is left without a coin, urged the joint commerce and labor committee in Boston to take favorable action on his bill to ban pay toilets. The legislation was opposed by a spokesman for the Nik-O-Lok Co., makers of toilet coin locks, who said the locks were necessary to keep deviates out of toilets and prevent assaults in rest rooms. Rep. Tagman countered: "It's not like a vending machine where if you don't have a coin, you just walk away."

Mays Accepted In Exclusive Calif. Golf Club

Baseball great Willie Mays, the San Francisco Giants center fielder whose favorite pastime is golf, now registers in tournaments as a member of the exclusive Sharon Heights Golf and Country Club in Menlo Park, Calif. The Sharon Heights Board of Directors unanimously approved Mays' application for membership without any fanfare, according to a spokesman for the former all-white, Bay Area club. Mays, a 13-handicap player, recently teamed with San Francisco 49'er quarterback John Brodie to take the third team prize in the American Airlines annual golf classic in Phoenix, Ariz.

Calif. State Senate Honors Willie McCovey

San Francisco Giants slugger Willie McCovey, voted the National League's "Most Valuable Player" in 1969, received another high honor when he was lauded from the floor of the California Senate. Sen. George Deukmejian of Long Beach presented a congratulatory resolution and plaque to McCovey, the Giants' first baseman who hit 45 home runs and drove in 126 runs last season. McCovey, recently signed to a two-year contract at \$100,000 a season, joked about the lucrative pact when he accepted the state senate honors. Said McCovey: "I was tempted to retire and live on my laurels until I saw my 1970 contract."

Hint White Co-ed Figured In Athlete's Suspension

A code governing the rights of athletes was approved by the University of Toledo (Ohio) trustees after a 12-month study. The study stemmed from the suspension last year of Bob Miller, basketball star, in midseason. His coach, Bob Nicholas, said the player was suspended because he refused to attend a political science class. But there was speculation that there were other reasons, among them being the rivalry between Miller and a publicized white teammate for the hand of a white co-ed. The study concluded that a coach has no right to suspend an athlete for any academic breach.

Ali Covers Fight For \$8,000; Insists He's Retired

With a glint lighting his eye—a glint perhaps from memory of bygone ring wars, or perhaps from a tingling feeling he could whip the champ if he could secure a license to fight—deposed heavyweight boxing champ Muhammad Ali watched the championship bout between Joe Frazier and Ali's ex-sparring mate Jimmy Ellis on closed-circuit TV in Philadelphia. Ali said he was "covering" the fight for Esquire Magazine which, he revealed, was paying him \$8,000 for his comments. "I need the money," he explained. Queried as to whether he would challenge the winner and new heavyweight boxing champion of the world Joe Frazier, Ali said: "I'm retired. I offered to give the winner my championship (\$10,000) belt but they turned me down." Frazier won the bout on a TKO.

Champ's Watch Has 110 Diamonds Spelling Name

In Mexico, welterweight boxing champ José (Mantecilla) Napoles, not to be outdone by Mexican boxer Ruben Olivares (who had a special gold slave bracelet exclusively produced for him, with this weighing more than 3¼ lbs. and with 17 diamond chips) had a gold wristwatch and band made, with 110 diamond chips spelling out his name.

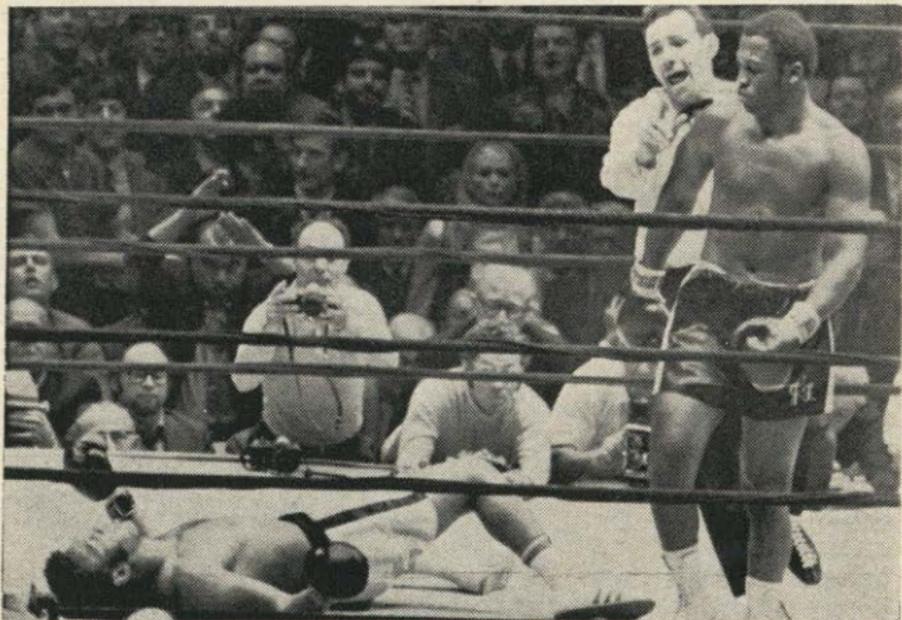
■ Crying Time: Holding handkerchiefs to their faces, brothers of former lightweight boxing champion Carlos (Teo) Cruz mourn his death in Santo Domingo after Cruz was killed in a Dominican Airlines jet crash. Dominican boxer Chino Jimenez (l) looks on.



EXPECT \$300,000 APIECE AFTER

Putting an end to all contention, Joe Frazier, the 26-year-old Philadelphian and Olympic Gold Medal winner, established himself as the new heavyweight boxing champion of the world when he bombed Jimmy Ellis so hard in the fourth round, the 29-year-old Kentuckian did not come out for the fifth round of their scheduled 15-round Madison Square Garden bout in New York City. It was scored as a five-round TKO (technical knockout). At least Frazier is the champion of all active fighters, as the heavyweights were without a bonafide champion since Muhammad Ali had the title taken from him when he refused to be inducted in the Army 32 months ago.

A crowd of 18,000 paying \$600,000 saw Ellis, the World Boxing Assn. (WBA) champion, make a fine start. But Frazier, representing New York and five other states as champion, caught up with Ellis in the third round and dropped him twice in the fourth. Scoring his 25th straight



Surveying his fallen foe who was knocked down by a near lethal blow, Frazier retreats to corner to hear count.

FRAZIER BECOMES ONLY CHAMP

victory as a pro and his 22nd knockout, Frazier caught Ellis with a savage left hook to the chin and Ellis crumpled in a face-down knockdown. Ellis was up at nine and vainly tried to fight his way out until late in the round when Frazier reached him again with a hook. Ellis' left leg crumpled under him and he went down flat on his back with his leg buckled underneath. Ellis took a count of nine before he made it to his corner.

As the bell rang for the fifth round, Ellis' manager, Angelo Dundee, who trained Muhammad Ali to the championship, gestured to referee Tony Perez that his fighter wasn't coming out. Incomplete figures on the closed circuit and ancillary rights indicate that the two fighters could wind up with \$300,000 apiece on their 30 percent. In the preliminaries, heavyweight George Foreman, 23, the 1968 Olympic champion, won a unanimous decision over veteran Argentina boxer Gregorio Peralta, 35. The bout marked Foreman's 16th pro fight, all wins.



A smiling supporter has hug for winning Frazier as Mrs. Mary Ellis, not really in sad mood, wipes husband's brow.

Cage Team Almost Wiped Out In Car Mishap

In one of the worst auto mishaps in sports history, five members of a six-man Harlem Stars professional basketball team were killed when the car in which they were riding crashed into the rear of a truck parked on Interstate Highway 30, near Greenville, Tex. The only survivor, Pratt Lyons, 23, of Dallas, Tex., was listed in critical condition in Presbyterian Hospital in Dallas. The dead were listed as Curtis Williams, 27; Lyndale Conaway, 27; Marvin Reece, 20; O. D. Gary, 35, and Thomas Bennett, 22. Police said the driver of the team's car apparently dozed while traveling at high speed and the car drifted off the highway into the rear of the truck, loaded with chickens, parked legally on the shoulder of the divided highway. The truck driver was not hurt. The black professional cage team had played an exhibition game in Hooks, Tex., and was en route to Dallas when the accident occurred.

Wills Signs Dodger 1970 Pact For \$95,000

Shortstop Maury Wills, baseball's greatest base stealer, used the occasion of a baseball game to make it known publicly that he signed his 1970 Los Angeles Dodgers contract for a reported \$95,000—the highest on the team. Before the University of Southern California (USC) Trojans beat the Dodgers 4-0, as 20,000 fans watched the practice game in Los Angeles' Dodger Stadium, Wills took paper and pen from Dodgers player personnel director Al Campanis and affixed his name to the lucrative pact.

Champ Napoles Stops Indian Red; Collects \$100,000

Welterweight champion Jose Napoles floored leading contender Erwin (Indian Red) Lopez three times before the referee stopped the title bout before 17,091 fans in Los Angeles. Indian Red went down under Napoles' furious attack in the first, ninth and 15th rounds. With 22 seconds left in the 15-round match, referee Larry Rozadilla stepped between the fighters and declared Napoles the winner. Napoles, popular puncher from Mexico City, collected \$100,000 for the successful defense of his crown. What he wants next, he said, is a shot at the middleweight title now held by Italy's Nino Benvenuti.

Comic Allen Drew Succumbs To Pneumonia

Comedian Allen Drew, 64, died of pneumonia after a long illness at Harlem Hospital. Drew entered the hospital last Nov. 25, and underwent several operations. He was reportedly on the way to recovery when pneumonia set in. A native of Oklahoma, Allen launched his theatrical career in Harlem. He opened Elks Rendezvous and was a favorite in several Harlem clubs, including the Baby Grand and Club Baron, and for many years he made the Apollo his second home. Several years ago he worked as a special policeman in New York.



Drew

Blacks Move To Buy 2 Omaha Radio Stations

In Omaha, Neb., a newly formed, black-controlled corporation, Reconciliation, Inc., was set to take over two Omaha radio stations, KOZN, an AM station, and a sister FM station, KOWH, following signing of contracts. The stations are expected to serve an audience of some 70,000 to 80,000 blacks in Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri. Twenty-one black and four white investors have put \$120,000 into Reconciliation, Inc., and the whites are to sell their shares when black purchasers can be found. Among the black investors are St. Louis Cardinals pitching star Bob Gibson, and Seattle Sonics' cage star Bob Boozer. KOZN was purchased for \$375,000 and the FM station is to be leased to the black corporation with an option to buy, according to Rodney S. Wead, spokesman for the Reconciliation, Inc., which is negotiating with white Star Broadcasting group, present owners of the station. The black-controlled organization also has received a \$250,000 loan from a branch of the United Methodist Church and a \$50,000 loan from an Omaha bank to acquire the stations, Wead said. The radio operation, he emphasized, would be managed by blacks. Program emphasis will be on "soul music" and news and editorials that "affect us directly," he added.

STUDIO WANTS TO CHANGE TITLE TO

By JAMES GOODRICH

"One of the most comical performances" ever seen on the wide screen is how Hollywood insiders describe actor-comedian Godfrey Cambridge's role as a white man who turns black and then finds himself in all kinds of zany situations in Columbia Pictures' *The Night The Sun Came Out*.

No other film had a more bizarre casting than the Bennett-Mirell-Van Peebles production in which a black plays a white who becomes a black for some unknown reason. The picture has another distinction too: a Negro—Melvin Peebles, whose France-made film, *The Story Of A Three-Day Pass*, won wide critical acclaim—directed it.

Cambridge, making his debut as a feature film star, plays Jeff Gerber, a hustling, middle-class, big-city insurance salesman with some glaring idiosyncrasies. When he turns into a black man overnight, the hilarity begins to flow in what the studio calls a "colorful film with a 'way-



Posing as he appeared in President's Analyst, Cambridge later sits sullenly in white face in role of white bigot.

'WATERMELON MAN'; STAR SAYS NO



Observing the transformation of skin color from black to white, Cambridge portrays bigoted insurance salesman.

Black Is Beautiful; But So Is White: Cambridge

out' story line." One reviewer claims the comedy-farce by Herman Raucher "is sprinkled with some of the funniest lines of dialogue ever to be heard on, or off, the screen." Columbia is billing the production as a "laugh-a-minute picture that should appeal to everyone with a sense of humor."

But the erstwhile portly Cambridge has his own ideas about what people the picture is styled to please. "This picture will appeal particularly to those persons who find no difference in a man's race, creed or color," said the funnyman, adding jokingly: "That is, of course, unless they is 'color-blind.'" Cambridge also has his own ideas about what the picture ought to be titled (he wants to retain *The Night The Sun Came Out*, the studio reportedly plans to change it to *The Watermelon Man*, its original title). It is Cambridge's contention that *The Watermelon Man* would be "degrading and offensive" to blacks; and he has warned the studio he will not make any promotional in-person ap-



Cambridge relaxes as makeup men Hank Edds and Ben Lane (center) and Virginia D'Arcy apply white.



Playing with a toy ship while soaking in tub full of milk, Cambridge, as Jeff Gerber, hopes skin will become white again.

pearances to plug the picture if the title is switched. One thing Columbia has promised: the content of the film will remain the same as when Cambridge filmed it.

His role in *The Night The Sun Came Out* casts him as a fun-loving guy who thinks he's very popular. Actually, he is not too well liked except by his liberal-thinking wife (Estelle Parsons) and two children (Scott Garrett and Erin Moran). In his day-to-day grind, Jeff Gerber does not concern himself with the racial turmoil around him. Then, one morning he awakes to find that he has turned into a black man—and he runs head-on into the darkest days of his life. After his wife leaves him and takes the children with her, he begins to see himself in a new light. He eventually finds the true meaning of being black but he has to live some screwball experiences before he can adjust to his new status.

When Cambridge completed filming on *The Night The Sun Came Out*, he summed up the message he got from the picture. "Black is beautiful; but so is white."

Rhode Island Teens Organize Soul Sisters Top 20

In South Providence, R. I., 14-year-old Darlene Hunt and friends write: "Down here we have a little group going called Soul Sisters Top 20, Inc., and it's been going on since the first of the year . . . Every week (almost) we have a meeting to collect money, records, JETs, and our opinion of the latest records and recording stars. There are exactly 18 girls and 22 boys who are included in its activities . . . We have included a list of the most important ones in our organization: Darlene Hunt, Kenny Pine, Jeannette (Sister) Peoples, Jimmy Gaul Jr., Evelyn Cintron, Ronnie Silva, Mirian Cintron, John Chisman, Brenda Russell, Ray Jackson, Jackie Russell, Tony Cintron, Patti Person, Kenny Turner, Joan Tyree, Charles and Carl Tyree."

In order to learn your thinking, JET asks its readers to participate each week in a music record poll to select your favorite records, artists, and record labels. Here's what we want you to do: Write in numerical order the 20 records which are your favorites. List with each record the name of the record artist and the record label. Then name: 1) record Hit of the Week, 2) Album of the Week and 3) Artist of the Week. Rush your selection by Postcard or letter to: JET, 1820 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill. 60616. Fill out and return coupon below with your selections.

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Howlin' Wolf Felled By Heart Attack At Toronto Club

The blues singers' blues singer, Howlin' Wolf (nee: Chester Arthur Burnett), was confined to his Chicago home by worried physicians after the blues king was hit by a second heart attack while playing a gig at a downtown Toronto, Canada, club. Wolf, as he is affectionately known to his friends, suffered his first heart seizure three weeks before he went to Canada. But he struggled to keep the four-week Toronto date because he had signed the contract months earlier and wanted to honor his commitment. Wolf, who will be 60 in June, is one of the hardest working performers on stage. When he gets wrapped up in his funky soul blues, he writhes, cries, falls to the stage, milking every possible emotion from his limp audiences. All the while, perspiration pops like rivers from his skin and his veins protrude from the strain as though they will burst. Doctors have ordered Wolf, who has just begun to earn decent money after "paying his dues" for years, to stay away from concerts for two or three months at least. But Wolf told JET he will keep in shape by cutting records while recuperating until physicians give him a clean bill of health. The blues great, records on the Chess label and expects to complete a new album before hitting the road again.



To ease strain on his brain and shake mean blues from his heart, Wolf ends up flat on his belly screaming his sorrows.

All Black Variety Show Hosted By Curtis Mayfield

Promising to establish a position for itself as a serious rival to regularly scheduled network productions, Soul, a weekly, all-black variety-talk show hosted its first week by Curtis Mayfield, popular lead singer-songwriter-guitarist of The Impressions, premiered on the Educational Broadcasting Corp. television station WNDT, Channel 13, in New York. Produced by Ellis Haizlip, Soul is a meeting place for black ideas and black talent with undertones of New York's Apollo Theatre. The hour-long program in color featured host Curtis Mayfield and the other two Impressions, Sam Gooden and Fred Cash; Clifton Davis, actor; the show's musical director, King Curtis, and his Kingpins; The Three Degrees, Ben E. King, and gospel singer Marion Williams. Appearing as a special guest, playwright Lonne Elder III (*Ceremonies In Dark Old Men*) was asked to comment on the relevancy of folk rock musicals such as *Hair*. "Most of them are bastardizations of what we have been doing all the time," he said. "There's no such thing as new music." Soul is made possible through a partial grant from the Corp. of Public Broadcasting and the Ford Foundation.



Displaying their talents are Soul performers (l-r) Curtis Mayfield, music director King Curtis and Eddie Floyd.



Rumors notwithstanding, White (r), Rossi continue team.

White, Rossi May Sue Ed Sullivan For \$250,000

Comedian Slappy White told JER he and his white partner Steve Rossi may bring a \$250,000 libel suit against columnist-TV emcee Ed Sullivan for printing a "false statement" that the interracial comedy team has broken up. "Unless Sullivan retracts the untrue report, we'll sue," declared White, who denied there is any rift in the White-Rossi act. According to White, when Sullivan was informed he printed a fictitious item in his syndicated column, he claimed he got the tip from a New York source.

Isaac Hayes Uses Police Escort To Escape Fans

In Detroit, Stax recording star Isaac (*Hot Buttered Soul*) Hayes performed to a wildly enthusiastic audience of more than 19,000 at the Olympic Theatre. So exuberant were fans in seeking Hayes' autograph after the show that for the first time in his brief but explosive career, the "Memphis Sound" artist was forced to use a police escort to escape the scene.

Name Diahann Carroll 'Outstanding' Radio-TV Star

Hailing Diahann Carroll (NBC-TV's *Julia*) as the "most outstanding actress in radio and television," the American Women in Radio and TV organization will present this year's Genii Award to the black actress in Los Angeles.



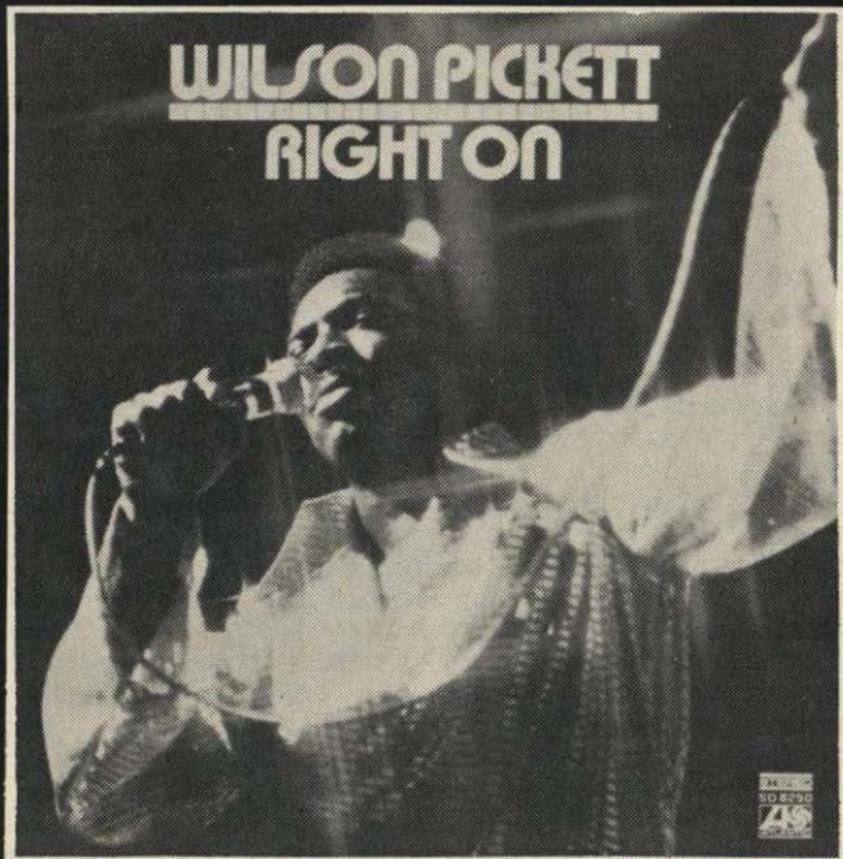
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Paul Robeson, world famous singer-actor-athlete and scholar who is ailing in a nursing home after suffering a stroke several years ago, was awarded the 1970 Ira Aldridge Award from the Assn. for the Study of Negro Life and History. His son, **Paul Jr.**, a New York electrical engineer, accepted the award at the association's 33rd annual Observance Dinner at the Waldorf-Astoria. Other awardees included Washington lawyer **Clifford Alexander Jr.**, who received the Frederick Douglass Award; **Angie Brooks**, UN president, was honored with the Harriet Tubman Award; and **Gertrude P. McBrown** received the Carter G. Woodson Award, named in honor of the association's founder . . . Saxist **Ornette Coleman** invited a host of friends and neighbors to his East Village residential loft to sit in and provide a live background for a disc he's producing and recording with tenor saxist **Dewey Redmond**, bassist **Charley Hayden** and drummer **Edward Blackwell**. The album naturally will be called *Friends And Neighbors*. Also sitting in were trumpeter **Don Cherry** and arranger **Gil Evans** . . . **Sly and The Family Stone** slipped into town to be their groovy selves at a one nighter before a packed house at Madison Square Garden. The audience, evenly divided between blacks and whites, called Sly and The Family Stone back twice. Black fans, with some mean body rhythms of their own, later took charge of an after-concert get together that Epic Records threw at the Statler-Hilton for selected fans, press and industry people . . . In the Far East Village, Slugs continues to dish out the best in jazz with successive appearances of **Pharaoh Sanders**, **The Lee Morgan Quintet**, **Freddie Hubbard** and **McCoy Tyner** and their quintets. Speaking of Pharaoh Sanders, he's drawing a younger crowd of students.

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- ⑤ **THE THRILL IS GONE** B. B. King (Bluesway)
- ⑥ **IT'S A NEW DAY** James Brown (King)
- ⑦ **PSYCHEDELIC SHACK** The Temptations (Motown)
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- ⑩ **HEY THERE LONELY GIRL** Eddie Holman (ABC)
- ⑪ **TO BE YOUNG, GIFTED AND BLACK** Nina Simone (RCA)
- ⑫ **LET A MAN COME IN (Part 2)** James Brown (King)
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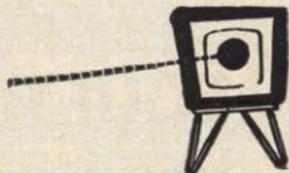


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George Kirby On 'Julia,' 'American Sportsman'



G. Kirby

Comedian George Kirby makes a guest appearance as a gambler on *Julia* (Tuesday, March 3, at 8:30 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV and also goes on a deep sea fishing trip on *The American Sportsman* (Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m., EST) on ABC-TV. Others scheduled to appear on TV this week include:

Hari Rhodes on *Name of the Game* (Friday, Feb. 27, at 8:30 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV.

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Brock Peters in *P.J.* (Saturday, Feb. 28, at 9 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV.

Redd Foxx on *The American Sportsman* (Sunday, March 1, at 4 p.m., EST) on ABC-TV.

Cicely Tyson on *Bill Cosby Show* (Sunday, March 1, at 8:30 p.m., EST) on NBC-TV.

Earl Holliman in *Sunday Night Movies* (Sunday, March 1, at 9 p.m., EST) on ABC-TV.

Ella Fitzgerald on *The Glen Campbell Show* (Sunday, March 1, at 9:00 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV.

Godfrey Cambridge on *The Red Skelton Show* (Tuesday, March 3, at 8:30 p.m., EST) on CBS-TV.

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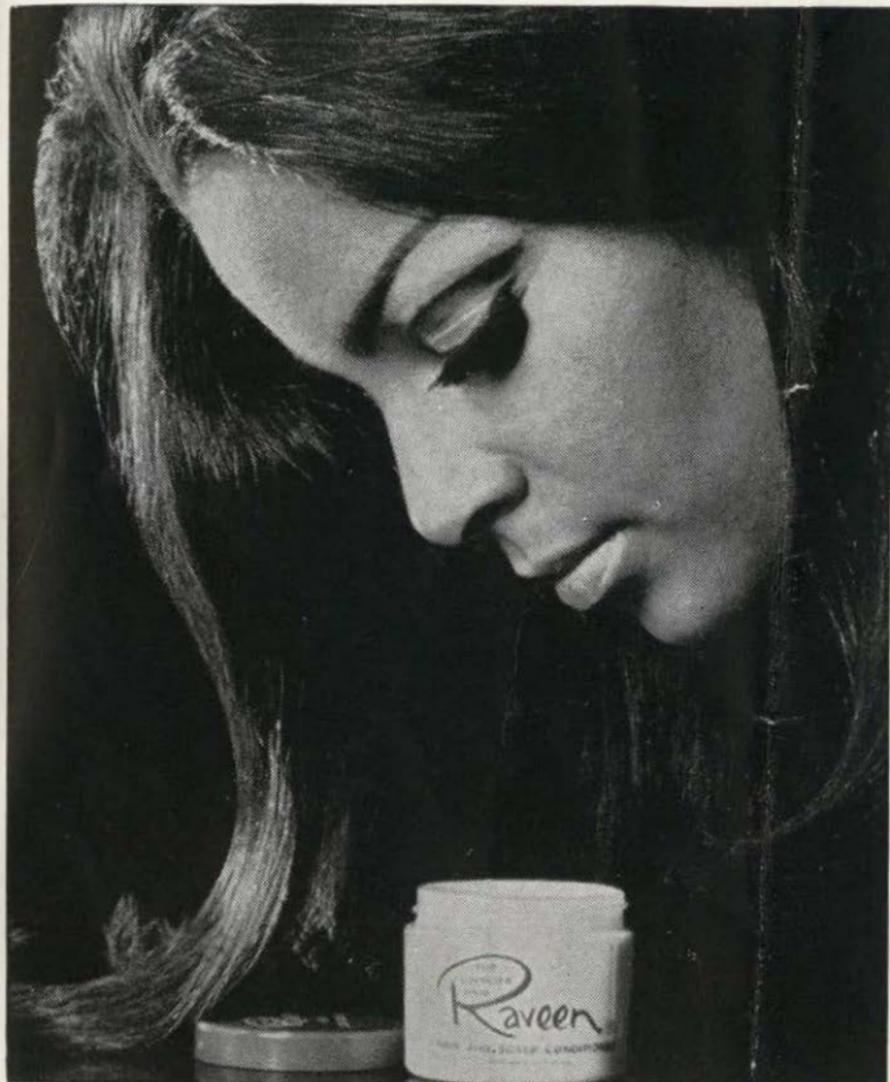
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