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Man Slain After Noise Complaint

New Astronaut Faces No Problem

EL SEGUNDO, Calif. (UPI) — America's first astronaut of color, Maj. Robert H. Lawrence Jr., and his three newly appointed colleagues have indicated they expect no racial problems to arise from his being named to the Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) program.

Lawrence, 31, and the other new aerospace research pilots were unanimous Friday in dismissing the possibility of any racial friction.

Maj. Donald H. Peterson, 33, the only Southerner in the new group, was asked if he had any qualms about working with a colored pilot.

"Not in my case," he replied. "I can't speak for all the people in Mississippi, but I personally don't feel that way."

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THE NAMES of the four new members of the military's first manned space program were announced at the air force space systems division here Friday.

The others are Maj. James A. Abrahamson, 34, Portland, Ore., a combat pilot-veteran of Vietnam; and Lt. Col. Robert H. Herres, 34, Denver, a former fighter-interceptor pilot in the Air Defense Command.

Peterson, a graduate of West Point, is from Winona, Miss.

Lawrence, holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from Ohio State University and is an 11-year veteran of the air force. The Chicago flier was asked if he thought his appointment marked an historic step in improved race relations.

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HE ANSWERED:

"No, I don't think so. It's another one of those things that we look forward to in civil rights — normal progression."

He said his selection was incidental and "probably a culmination of the great deal of training and help a lot of people put in to prepare me.

"It's an expression of success that they should enjoy instead of me," he said. "I would like to thank them again."

Lawrence's appointment overshadowed the earlier failure of Air Force Capt. Edward Dwight Jr., also colored, to qualify as an astronaut in America's space program.

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DWIGHT HAD been nominated in 1963 for the manned space flight training program but was not chosen as an astronaut. In 1965, there were charges that Dwight had been eliminated because of his race, but the air force denied them.

Soft-spoken Maj. Lawrence is the father of an 8-year-old son. He worked his way through college as a busboy and a waiter and graduated from Bradley University near Chicago with a chemistry degree.

He admitted he has shared many of the problems faced by other colored Americans. "Perhaps I have been more fortunate than the others in the opportunities that came my way," he said.

Under the MOL program, begun in August, 1965, the two-man crew will be able to remain in a "shortsleeve environment" in space for 30 days before returning to earth.

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THE CREWS will be launched into a Polar orbit inside a Gemini space capsule from Vandenberg AFB, Calif., with boost supplied by a Titan III-C rocket.

Once in orbit, the two pilots will transfer into the laboratory through a hatch in the Gemini heat shield and a pressurized tunnel.

Their objectives are to learn more about what man is able to do in space, develop technology and equipment

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MOON BOUND? — Major Robert H. Lawrence, the first colored military astronaut, looks at a model spacecraft following the announcement last week that he and three other military astronauts have been added to the list of those who will train for the Air Force Manned Orbiting Laboratory program. (UPI Telephoto)

REV. AND MRS. WILLARD L. CLAYTON
Popular Baptist couple separated by death

MRS. W. L. CLAYTON DIES:

Popular Baptist couple separated by her death

By BETTYE MOSS

"She was with my father's brother in Maine . . . he had been very ill . . . she was sorta taking care of him . . .

"She went to visit him at the hospital yesterday and suffered a stroke . . . she lasted about an hour and a half . . . it was massive cerebral hemmorhage . . ."

Mrs. Bertram Harrington (Colyn), was telling the AFRO on Sunday about the sudden death of her mother, Mrs. Evelyn Clayton, wife of the Rev. Willard L. Clayton. He is pastor of Macedonia Baptist Church and long an influential State Baptist leader.

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THE REV. MR. CLAYTON had returned home from Portland, Maine, last weekend, and was preparing to join his wife there on Saturday when he received word of her death.

The Nutter Funeral Home is making arrangements for the funeral which will await the return from France of the Clayton's son, Army Sp./5 Willard L. Clayton Jr.

The Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Clayton were a handsome couple. She was noted for her sunshiny smile and pleasant manner.

With his goatee, he too, made a distinguished picture. They were a popular couple.

They had been married 32 years.

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MRS. CLAYTON, the former Evelyn Morrison, was born 55 years ago in Everett, Mass. Her parents were George and Mary Morrison.

She was educated in the Everett schools and then went to Philadelphia, where she studied nursing at Mercy-Douglass Hospital.

In Sept. 1934, she was married to the Rev. Mr. Clayton. He became minister of Baltimore's Macedonia Church 22 years ago.

In addition to singing with the Clayton Chorus, Mrs. Clayton was active in several church groups in her husband's church, including the Missionary Society of which she was president.

She belonged to the Interdenominational Ministers' Wives and was former president of Women's Auxiliary of Maryland Baptists.

Her husband was for many years president of the State Baptist Convention.

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IN ADDITION to her husband, the daughter, Mrs.

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Assailants flee before police arrive

By JIM KAUFMAN

"He got up and went to the door step," the woman said, "and he asked them outside how a man could sleep with that noise going on.

"Then I heard something that sounded like a firecracker."

The noise was a gunshot. What kind of gun and who held it are unknown. Dead is Robert Marcus, 30, until Sunday at 8:15 a.m. a concrete worker, of the 500 block Wilson St.

Police yesterday were looking for three men — one of them thought to be Marcus' killer — who were making that noise in the early morning hours Saturday.

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ONE OF THE few clues is a woman named "Mary," a woman witnesses think may live next door, and a name the three men yelled and screamed so loud, that a witness at the other end of the block looked out his window to see what was happening.

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"I was getting ready to go to work. It was about daybreak." Mr. Scott said." I heard the yelling and then heard something like a firecracker. I saw a man holding his stomach standing in the doorway, and he fell back into the house."

He says he then saw two men run to a yellow 1965 Chevrolet sedan parked across the street from Marcus's house. They drove off east on Wilson St. and disappeared.

Another man, he says, fled on foot in the same direction, then turned north on Division St. and was gone.

Scott said he couldn't identify the men in person.

No woman named "Mary" answered when police asked

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Easy, new contest offers you $2,000

Everybody can share in the $2,000 cash prizes up for grabs in the AFRO's Lucky Coin Contest.

The new money-giveaway starts on July 8 and runs through Sept. 30 while the AFRO is observing its 75th anniversary.

To play the new game all you need is one of the AFRO Lucky Coins.

Starting this week they are available free at the AFRO, 628 N. Eutaw St., 24 hours a day, they are available free at newsstands selling the AFRO. Newsboys and distributors are handing them out free to their customers. There are several ways to win, all simple. In fact all you have to do is just have the AFRO Lucky Coin.

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HERE'S HOW it will go.

Each edition of the AFRO after the contest starts will carry a list of lucky numbers.

The AFRO's roving Money Man will be moving all over the city looking for people with AFRO Lucky Coins to see if they have one of the lucky numbers.

If so, they automatically collect $10.

But that's not all the cash to be won in this easy, city-wide contest.

Just for having a Lucky Coin when the Money Man comes around will win the holder a $1.

Now, if in addition to having a Lucky Coin, the holder also has an AFRO in his home or possession, that lucky person will collect another $5. So that's $6 and he may not have a lucky number at all.

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THAT'S STILL not all the money the AFRO would like to give away.

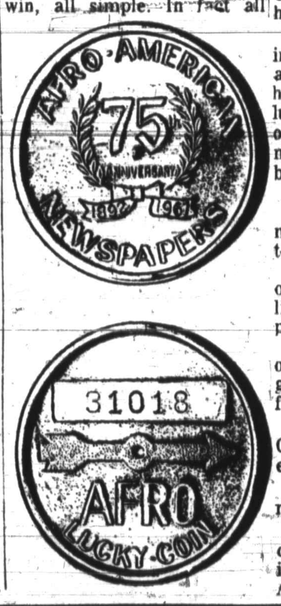
Because we are marking our 75th anniversary, we'd like to bump into a lot of people 75 years old this year.

If we do, and they have one of our Lucky Coins, they are going to collect $75 in cash from the Money Man.

There also will be a special Giant Lucky Coin number each week.

It's going to be one of the most exciting contests yet.

A lot of people are going to collect some of the cash. Get in on it by getting your AFRO Lucky Coin.



Bridegroom, 18, guilty of two murders

ROCKFORD, Ill. — John Wesley Williams Jr., an 18-year-old bridegroom was found guilty Thursday of the execution-style murders of two 14-year-old cousins.

The jury of seven women and five men deliberated one hour and 10 minutes before bringing in its verdict. It did not recommend mercy.

As Williams was escorted from the packed courtroom by his attorney, Samuel S. Dean, the high-school dropout turned to the front row of the courtroom where his father was seated and shouted, "I'm not worried."

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HE SHOWED no visible reaction when the jury foreman read the verdict finding him guilty on both counts of murder.

John Williams Sr., father of the defendant and a former Winnebago County deputy sheriff, told reporters the conviction was "built on a stack of lies" and said "we'll have to get a lawyer to appeal this case."

Chief Circuit Judge Albert S. O'Sullivan deferred sen-

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Wife gets bulk of bishop's estate

WASHINGTON

Bishop Henry C. Brooks, 70, who died suddenly on June 12, left an estate worth approximately $124,000.

All of his property has been bequeathed to his wife, Mrs. Willia Shaw Brooks, in a will dated August 5, 1966. She was also named executor of the estate.

Bishop Brooks, of 2483 Albama Ave. NE, was the founder of the Way of the Cross Church of Christ at 9th and D Streets, N.E. with a membership of 3,000. The Bishop had also through the years established 21 branch churches along the Eastern Seaboard.

Mrs. Brooks is fondly referred to as the "Mother" of the church which her husband founded 40 years ago.

Bishop Brooks left personal property of approximately $55,000 in value. This included $5,000 in jewelry and personal effects and approximately $33,000 in bank deposits.

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IT ALSO included a 1964 Lincoln Executive Limousine valued at $14,000, a 1966 Ford Galaxie valued at $2,500 and a 1959 Lincoln Continental valued at $900.

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BISHOP HENRY BROOKS

HE LEFT real estate assessed at approximately $19,000. This includes 23 lots, all except three described as being unimproved. About $6,500 of the real estate was owned jointly by Bishop Brooks and his wife.

The estate included approximately $50,000 in accounts receivable.

Bishop Brooks' will also provided that if his wife remarries, she is to receive one-third of the estate. In that event, under the terms of the will John Henry Brooks, a son, would receive $5,000, Joseph Brooks, another son, $5,000; and Isabella

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D.C. schools won't appeal court ruling

WASHINGTON

Conservative and middle-of-the road forces on the Board of Education triumphed at the re-organization meeting Saturday at the Franklin Administration Building, 13th and K Sts., NW.

The Board, in a 5-4 vote, ousted the current president, Dr. Euphemia Haynes, a liberal and educational innovator, and elected the Rev. Everett Hewlett, a more conservative member of the board.

It is the first time in recent history that the Board has deposed a president after only one year in office.

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THREE NEW Board members, Julian R. Dugas, Mrs. Anita F. Allen and Albert A. Rosenfield, were sworn in as the first order of business. Mr. Dugas is legal director of Neighborhood Legal Services. Mrs. Allen is with the Office of Education and Rosenfield is the president of Woodley Supermarket.

For the first time the Board of Education sat with a colored majority.

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DR. J. A. SESSIONS, who

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Gunman kills delivery man

A 59-year-old drug store delivery man, survived by his 81-year-old mother, was shot in the chest and died Friday, in an unsuccessful holdup attempt on Young's Prescription Laboratory, Dolphin St. and Druid Hill Ave.

The man, Levi Chase, of 200 block Amity St., grappled with a—still at large— gunman, who minutes before, came into the drugstore and told pharmacist George Lee, 76, to "open the cash register."

"Don't be a fool," the gunman was reported to have told Chase, when Chase began to wrestle with him.

Lee, and a counter-girl, Cynthia Ringgold, 18, of the 2600 block Alaska St., were the only persons in the store besides Chase when the assailant entered through the front door.

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Mike Finds Flying Into Saigon No Fun

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO War Correspondent

SAIGON — The airlines advertise that "getting there is half the fun."

But take it from one who knows.

Flying into Saigon is really no fun at all.

My Air Force Bangkok-Saigon connector flight, scheduled to have left Bangkok early Sunday morning was delayed and it wasn't until 1:30 p.m. that we received clearance to make the one-hour flight into the Saigon-Tansonnhut Airport.

Thirty minutes after we were airbourne we were instructed to buckle our seat belts and move our seats into upright positions.

From 31,500 feet over Vietnam you can see the craters caused by heavy shelling and military bases that dot the terrain like men scattered on a checkerboard.

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BECAUSE OF the heavy enemy action which takes place around the airfield, it is necessary to [illegible] landing procedures until the last minute.

Once over the base, and under the protective cover of ground security, the huge 707 nosed in, bounced down the runway and came to an abrupt and screeching halt.

It was one of the roughest landings I have ever made.

"That was an easy one," the fellow sitting next to me said. "Most of the time we come in a lot harder than that."

From the windows of the aircraft you could see the tight security precautions that ringed the airfield, which has been hit from time to time by enemy mortar fire.

U.S. and South Vietnamese

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