Mississippi Plots To Starve Out Black People, Conference Told

Object: destruction of voting strength

By BETSY SAMUELSON

BOSTON (UPI) — Two investigators for the NAACP Wednesday charged the state of Mississippi has "a plan of genocide to get rid of as many black people as possible."

In a report presented to the NAACP's 58th national convention Thursday, the two welfare workers said nonwhites in Mississippi are being systematically starved to death in the delta region.

"Unfortunately for those who want to kill them off colored folk in Mississippi are not all going to starve," Alex Waites, if the New York City Department of Welfare, told a news conference.

"They are trying to kill the black voting plurality in Mississippi," Waites said. "Mississippi has a plan of genocide to get rid of as many blacks as possible."

WAITES AND ROLLIE EUBANKS, also of the New York City Welfare Department, spent 15 days in the delta region studying conditions in poverty stricken areas.

"The principal problem," the report said, "is starvation and survival brought about by omnipresent unemployment and systematic exclusion of colored agrarian workers from the economy of the delta."

Criticizing state and federal programs for "contributing towards the destruction of the individual, physically and emotionally," the report demanded classification of Mississippi as an emergency poverty area and called for "immediate federal action to provide minimum health and welfare services."

The report also criticized the food stamp program operated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as "another means of exploitation of the poor." It said families often are tricked into paying higher prices or higher interest rates on stamps they buy or borrow.

HERBERT HILL, NAACP national labor secretary, warned at an earlier news conference that the civil rights organization actively would seek injunctions stopping all construction projects funded with public monies unless "the lily-white AFL-CIO building trades union ceases discriminatory union membership practices."

He said the statement that black workers were not qualified for the skilled craft union positions was a "damnable lie."

Hill said that almost $40 million of federal funds already have been held up in Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio construction projects and indicated that the San Francisco-Oakland, Calif., area would be the next target.

"The crisis of the urban ghetto is the crisis of jobs," Hill said.

IN FLORIDA — While Daytona Beach's Mayor Owen W. Eubank was away from the area on business, the city's first Commissioner of color, James E. Huger, presided during an agenda meeting and two days later, at the regular Commissioner's meeting. Huger is also the business manager at Bethune Cookman College.

Black township marks birthday; gets new homes

HOBSON CITY, Ala. — Hobson City is celebrating the town's 68th anniversary with a series of sparkling activities Saturday, July 22, according to Mayor Joseph R. Striplin.

The mayor indicated that this all-colored town of approximately 2,000 persons will be 68 years old Thursday, July 20. Anniversary will be held in the town's 12-acre park. Swimming and a baseball game will be among the entertainment.

Meantime, churches and community organizations were urged to choose July 22 as the date for holding their picnic in the Hobson City Park. Mayor Striplin announced that a Chrysler Valiant Compact will be awarded the holder of the lucky number as a climax feature of the celebration.

Hobson City is in line for 40 new low-rent homes. Mayor Striplin said the construction of these homes was made possible by the approval July 15 of a $581,000 loan by the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Washington, D.C. The loan approval was announced by Senator John J. Sparkman, Senator Lister Hill and Congressman Bill Nichols. Six of the units will be designed for the elderly.

James D. Snow is director of the Hobson City Housing Authority. Members of the board of directors of the HCHA will award the contract. Board members include, George Foster, chairman; Samuel Jackson, secretary; Alfred McRath, the Rev. J. C. Curry and Robert Comfy.

Also, Mr. Striplin said, "The Mayor and the Councilmen want to thank the board of directors for a job well done, not only for accomplishing these 40 units but for the way they have kept the present Housing Authority. The lawns, the structure itself, the inspection which comes the inside to be clean; the conduct within the authority all give the Hobson City Housing Authority a first-class rating.

George T. Papageorge, director of the Federal Workable Program, said in a speech made June 22 in Hobson City that approval by the Workable Program is a prerequisit to any federal aid, whether it is loan of grant. He added that progress must be shown for the program to be recertified for the next year. He suggested that the federal government wants every person to live in at least a standard home.

City officials in the Town of Hobson are urging residents of this municipality to work with the program. Mayor Striplin said that letters are being mailed to property owners with vacant lots demanding that they clean up their property.

Atlanta's "Broad Street"

By W. ALLEN MURPHY

BEAUTY CULTURE is to be the captivating interest to thousands of women and a number of men here in Atlanta the latter part of July extending into the first few days in August.

Dr. Katie E. Whickam, president of the National Beauty Culturist League and N. H. Brooner will be two of the many leaders taking part in the huge convention, expected to attract 20,000 people.

The Regency Hyatt House, rated as the world's most spectacular, is the place where much of the Beauty Culturist activities and the Bronner Brothers Trade Show will take place.

Dr. Whickam is to present plaques to Roy Wilkins of the NAACP, Whitney Young of the Urban League, Mrs. R. P. Herndon, a local judge; Julian Bond, a Georgia House representative and Paschal Brothers, operators of a fabulous restaurant and Motel.

MISS MILLIE BELL HAMMETT, Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker Hammett was married recently to Edward Joe Beasley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Beasley.

The ceremony was performed by Elder C. W. Reid, pastor of Mt. Gilliard Church of God Holiness. Mrs. Dorothy Hardgrett was matron of honor and Charlie Griffin Jr. was the best man.

The receiving line included the bride's great grandmother, Mrs. Mary Lou Hall.

Among the guests were Mrs. Goersee Mayo, Mr. and Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Daisy Lellwer, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Bledsoe, Mr. and Mrs. R. Edge, Mrs. Rosevold Warner and Curtis O. Peters have joined the Rev. Moses S. Belton, public relations director since 1951. Warner, a 1938 graduate, becomes alumni affairs director, while Peters is assistant to the directors.

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COLLEGES

RALEIGH, N.C. — Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Shaw University, has announced the appointment of Harold E. High, a Shaw graduate, as alumni affairs and public relations. A native of Raleigh High holds the M.S. degree in special education from Gallaudet College, Washington.

DOVER, Del. — As a result of funds from the Educational Opportunity Grant, the Loan, the College Work Study program and State scholarship funds, Delaware State College has $317,227.00 for student assistance, announced Mary Lane coordinator of federal programs.

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Department of Public Relations at Johnson C. Smith University has undergone a recent realignment according to Dr. R. P. Parry, president of the 100 year institution. L. A. "Pop" Warner and Curtis O. Peters have joined the Rev. Moses S. Belton, public relations director since 1951. Warner, a 1938 graduate, becomes alumni affairs director, while Peters is assistant to the directors.

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United Services Fund for outstanding citizenship. This marks the fourth consecutive year that FSC has earned the title-award.

NEW YORK — The United College Fund has received a grant of $165,000 from the International Business Machines Corporation to help strengthen faculties and improve instruction levels at the fund's 33 member colleges and universities.

DURHAM, N.C. — North Carolina College is included in a group of 23 colleges to share a $286,000 grant from the Ford Foundation to the Southern Education Foundation for assistance in carrying out self studies to examine their roles and functions. The colleges are scheduled to undertake self studies in the next two years as part of a regular process of recredit ation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Prezell R. Robinson, president of Morehouse College, has announced the receipt of a grant of $9,300.00 from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, under the provisions of Title II A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The grant is for acquisition of library materials and is available for expenditure on commitments through June 30, 1967.

SAVANNAH, Ga. — A Melmore, college librarian, of Savannah State College, announces that the S and H Foundation, sponsored by the Sperry and Hutchinson Company, has awarded the college, $1,824 in support of a proposal submitted for a Lectureship Program for the 1967-68 academic year.

ALBANY, Ga. — Joe Von Ohm Cederberg, chairman of the department of art at Albany State College, is making his first major appearance in this state with his one-man exhibition of paintings at the Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts. Cederberg's work is on display through July 30.

DOVER, Del. — Delaware State College Agriculture and Natural Resource Department has received grants from the Department of Agriculture's Cooperative State Research Service for research in the yield and growth of Soybeans, as affected by modifications of soil profile, financed by a $12,000 grant, announced Dr. Richard Wynder, department chairman.

Tuskegee alumni headed for 15 graduate schools

TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE, Ala. — Tuskegee Institute graduates will enroll at some 15 leading universities this fall to pursue graduate study in a variety of demanding areas.

Among the schools are Tulane, Cornell, Purdue, Iowa State, American and Indiana Universities, San Francisco Medical College, Emory University Law School, and the Universities of Michigan, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Alabama and Massachusetts.

Gracy Lee, the ranking student and a native of Birmingham, will attend the University of Chicago with a $3,980 fellowship. She will do graduate studies in social work.

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Last conference listed by Methodist district

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The eighth and last session of The Methodist Church's Central Jurisdictional Conference will be Aug. 17-19 in Nashville.

The special session to elect and assign a new bishop and to phase out the all-colored jurisdiction, has been called by its college of bishops. This was authorized by the Plan of Union for the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches, whose ratification was announced in late June.

The business sessions will be held in the Andrew Jackson Hotel, and The communion and consecration services in historic McKendree Methodist Church. Official delegates will number about 70, equally divided between ministers and laymen and representing the jurisdiction's 32 annual conferences.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT came from Bishop Charles F. Golden of the Nashville-Carolina Area, chairman of the Committee on Expense and Agenda for the session. Members include the Rev. John G. Corry, chairman of the local entertainment committee, and V. H. Dixon, coordinator, both from Nashville.

The Plan of Union authorized the special session to elect a third bishop to take the place of the late Bishop Marquis L. Harris of Atlanta, and to adopt plans for closing out the 30-year history of the church's only racially defined jurisdiction.

Its end will come in April, 1968, when union of the Methodist and EUB denominations is consummated. At that time each of the colored annual conferences still in the jurisdiction will be assigned to either the Southeastern or the South Central Jurisdiction, depending on location.

Over the past decade, all of Central's other conferences (16 in 1964) have been merged into the geographical jurisdictions and have disappeared as segregated units.

Kenyan signed Quickie!

"HOLLYWOOD (UPI) Wairimu Gethaigo, a Kenya native, has been signed by producer Ivan Tors as technical advisor for the new television series, "Quickie in Africa," starring Chuck Connors.

2 Florida A & M aides honored for service

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Vice President J. R. E. Lee Jr. and Dr. H. Maning Efferson, dean of administration at Florida A and M University, were presented resolutions honoring their services to the University by the Florida State Board of Regents.

The resolutions were read by Dr. J. Broward Culpepper, chancellor of the State University System, during a reception for 10 retirees in the Grand Ballroom of the Student Union Building.

Retirees were presented plaques those with 25 or more years service were presented plaques in the shape of the state of Florida.

MR. LEE JOINED the FAMU staff as business manager in 1924 and was promoted to vice president in 1937. He served the University for 43 years.

Dean Efferson joined the FAMU faculty in 1923 and served for 44 years as head, Mathematics Department; director, Summer School 1935-65; director, Extension SVF ES; DEAN, Division of Arts and Sciences; and administrative assistant.

Other retirees were Mrs. Frederica Barnes, staff assistant, Miss Lillian C. Hines, asst. prof. of business; Mrs. Essie R. Jones, house manager; James Johnson, laundry manager; Eugene Smith, assistant steward, University Commons; W. H. Jones, custodian; John Swilley, technician in masonry; and Wesley Reed, cook.

Founder commemorated at Bethune-Cookman

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The major inspiration at Bethune-Cookman College today is the spirit of its famous founder, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, who at the turn of the century begged from door to door to start her school with five little girls.

Her 92nd Birthday was observed during special campus ceremonies in Heyn Chapel Monday, July 10.

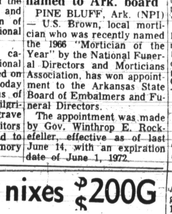
Jesse Gibson of the United Negro College Fund in New York was the keynote speaker. The memorial service culminated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave, led by —President Richard V. Moore.

Dr. McLeod, 15th child in a family of 17, was born on a plantation near Mayesville, S. C., July 10 1875.

In October 1904, in rented shack at Daytona Beach, a dollar and a half, a few soap boxes for furniture and five little colored girls for pupils, she founded her school.

Dr. Bethune went in to become a national leader as Founder and President of the Council of Negro Women and director of the Division of Negro Affairs of the National Youth Administration.

After a distinguished career as a world educational leader, the founder passed on in 1955, and she rests today on the beautiful campus of her beloved college. Pilgrimages are made to her grave and her home by visitors from all over the world to pay homage to the memory of a great American.



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'Mortician of Year' named to Ark. board

PINE BLUFF, Ark. (NPI) — U.S. Brown, local mortician who was recently named the 1966 "Mortician of the Year" by the National Funeral Directors and Morticians Association, has won appointment to the Arkansas State Board of Embalmers and Funeral Directors.

The appointment was made by Gov. Winthrop E. Rockefeller, effective as of last June 14, with an expiration date of June 1, 1972.

Savannah State College technical center booms

SAVANNAH, Ga. — The B. F. Hubert Technical Science Center at Savannah State College is a complex of four buildings which cost more than one and a half million dollars to build and equip.

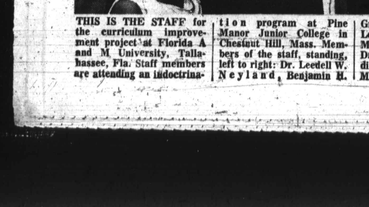
The center, which houses a number of surveying, engineering and electronic laboratories, contains a room filled with scientifically designed, American Automobile Association driver training equipment.

Twenty-five in-service teachers gathered there for a workshop in driver education July 5-21.

This workshop is sponsored by the Georgia State Department of Education. Each participating teacher will receive a Grant-in-Aid from the state.

ACCORDING TO Dr. Clyde Hall, chairman, Division of Technical Sciences, "The workshop provides opportunity for in-service teachers to qualify to teach driver education. Each participant is expected to serve a portion of his time next school term teaching driving."

Driver education specialists, who will participate in the workshop, include representatives from the State Department of Education, the Georgia Highway Patrol, the American Automobile Association, city and county police, automobile manufacturers, and insurance companies.



THIS IS THE STAFF for the curriculum improvement project at Florida A and M University, Tallahassee, Fla. Staff members are attending an indoctrination program at Pine Manor Junior College in Chestnut Hill, Mass. Members of the staff, standing, left to right: Dr. Leedell W. Neyland, Benjamin H. Groomes, Hobe Griffin, and Leon Stallworth. Seated: Mrs. Willie T. Williams, Dr. Frederick Humphries, director of the project, and Mrs. Beatrice Clarke.

Ga. judge nixes $200G Butterfly McQueen suit

ATLANTA — Butterfly McQueen, who gained fame for her role of Prissie, a maid, in David O. Selznick's filmization of Atlanta's Margaret Mitchell's "Gone With the Wind," has lost her $200,000 suit against Stone Mountain Plantation Inc., Clarence T. Wilson and Atlanta News Agency Inc.

Civil Court Judge James Webb ruled to sustain the general demurrers on both counts against the defendants and dismiss the petition against them.

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MISS McQUEEN, whose home is in Augusta, Ga., filed suit in Fulton County Civil Court asking $100,000 settlements in each of two counts for injury she claims she suffered as a result of her photo being used and distributed without her permission and for invasion of privacy in the use of her name and photograph by the defendants.

The defendants said they hired an agency to take photographs of the plantation and the actress insisted on getting in front of the cameras at every opportunity.

Miss McQueen was hired by the Stone Mountain vacation/resort spot in 1963 to work on weekends, an agreement that was later terminated under mutual agreement, the demurrers said.

Anguilla vote oks secession

ST. THOMAS, U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS (UPI) — Residents of tiny Anguilla have voted to turn their Caribbean island of 6,000 persons into a Republic.

The referendum was being held despite threats by Premier Robert Bradshaw of ST. Kitts-Nevis, a British associated state. Anguillans charged economic and political neglect and broke away from Bradshaw's government May 30. Bradshaw gave them until this week to accept his authority.

Ronald Webster, a member of the 15-man ruling committee set up after secession, said any attempt by Bradshaw to enforce his deadline with troops "will cause an instant retaliation."

Since Anguilla has no direct communication with the outside world, the secession-al leaders must come to St. Thomas or San Juan, Puerto Rico, to make their pronouncements. The ruling committee is headed by Peter Adams, 56, a former member of Bradshaw's government.

Metal Purity

OAKRIDGE, Tenn. (UPI) — Atomic Energy Commission scientists have devised a nuclear process for detecting metal impurities — important to the U. S. space program. Samples of metal to be tested are atomized by an electrical charge, then the atomic particles are shot through a curved magnetic field and photographic plate. The heavier particles follow the outer limits of the curve while lighter particles follow the inner curve.

Sprout-Strippers

WAGENINGEN, Netherlands (UPI) — Dutch designers, best known for their ship structures and reclamation projects, also give thought occasionally to more mundane — but still important — things.

The government announced Recently in a long and detailed statement that the latest achievement of Dutch designers is a machine for stripping Brussels sprouts.

Agrees to drop police charges

HOUSTON, Tex. — (NPI) — Mayor Louis Welch has agreed to dismiss police charges against more than 400 students arrested during riots at Texas Southern University last May 17.

The mayor went along with a five-point program submitted by the city's eight NAACP branches.

In the program, designed to "bring justice" to the TSU campus, the mayor agreed to set up a program on police-community relations and to establish a committee for compensation of student property damaged or destroyed by police during the riot.

Catholic talks

CHICAGO (UPI) — The Catholic role in the urban racial crisis will be examined at the 1967 convention of the National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice to be held in Kansas City, Mo. Aug. 17-20.

"With its vast institutional complex and the clerical, religious and lay manpower involved, the Catholic Church represents a major force for social change in the city today," said Mathew Ahmann, executive director of the conference. "The delegates will look at the Church's role and recommend priorities for action by the Church and her people."

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Wind Tunnel

BERKELEY, Calif. (UPI) — A low-pressure wind tunnel designed to study high-altitude flight conditions is in the final stages of assembly on the University of California's Berkeley campus.

The tunnel expected to be completed this summer, will be used to simulate and investigate pressure conditions encountered at altitudes of 60 to 70 miles. It is being built with the aid of a $160,000 grant from the National Science Foundation and university funds.

AFRO'S DAVIS ON SCENE OF DRAMATIC VIET RESCUES

—How troops died

(Continued from Page 1)

on both sides and at the front, forming a horseshoe of men armed with deadly Russian-made automatic rifles.

Once in the trap the troopers were mauled losing 76 of 150 men.

The next morning Gen. William C. Westmoreland flew to the area to make a special investigation of the costly fire fight.

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ONE OF the survivors of the attack told the AFRO that the North Vietnamese had prepared the trap and had been dug in with combat bunkers.

Though Saigon officials will give no estimate on the number of colored troops in these two outfits, one unofficial source said that 65 percent of the troops are colored.

DAVIS IN VIETNAM REPORTS

Our casualties higher because we volunteer

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

SAIGON — "Colored servicemen have to be assigned to special officer training schools. They can't just report to the school and say, 'I'm here. I am going to school.'"

These thoughts of S/Sgt. Lawrence Capers of Miami, Fla. crystalize the thoughts of colored GI's in Vietnam and refute charges that colored servicemen lack initiative or desire to attend officer training schools.

Officials in Saigon have "suggested" to this reporter that colored troops have higher casualty rates (1) because they volunteer for elite combat squads instead of officer training schools.

BUT INVESTIGATION has disclosed that the schools are not as easy to attend as Pentagon officials have led most people to believe.

Although it is true that many colored servicemen lack the initial educational backgrounds to qualify as commissioned officers from the time they enter the service, there has been a demonstrated interest on the part of Defense Department officials to "study the problems" and issue a report late in September.

However, a large number of colored servicemen and some of the older men are dissatisfied with the way the Army has handled their careers.

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"AS A man goes through the various officer grades he is supposed to gain a variety of experience which is needed if he is to perform well in each advancing rank," said S/Sgt. Capers.

"The Pentagon has an office in Washington which scans a serviceman's career and sees that he progresses and gets the training necessary to advance him through the ranks.

"The trouble now days is that this was seldom done for colored servicemen and now in 1967, when a man is in the twilight of his career and they pull up file and find that he doesn't have the necessary experience for any further promotion he's just stuck where he's at.

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"IT'S THE Army's responsibility to move men along the proper channels and it's their responsibility to select and send men to the special schools.

"If all of a sudden they wake up and realize that a man has never led a platoon or had other responsibility it's only because he wasn't given the chance.

"That's a lot of nonsense when they tell you that colored GIs don't want to go to officer school.

"In twenty minutes time I could round you up a truck load right in this area.

"AS A VETERAN of 17 years in the armed forces, he has flown 65 combat missions in Vietnam. He is assigned to the 170th Assault Helicopter Company. He has been awarded the Air Medal and the Purple Heart for wounds received in action.

After being hit he was taken to the 88th Medical field Hospital.

"I felt pretty good at first," he said, "but then I began to have trouble with my legs and they sent me to a therapy center.

"When I look back over my combat experience and my 17 years in the service, I think that if I had it to do all over again, I would.

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"IF HASN'T been a bad life and I have a son, so I really think that I am making a better world for him.

"I got used to going out on combat missions," he said. "After I'd been up the first time I became adjusted to it. I guess it was just the best thing to do.

"This is the colored man's war," he said. "The colored fellows are really carrying more than their share of the load and they are fighting like men."

AFRO'S DAVIS, in Vietnam, comments of his trip by helicopter to war-torn areas in Vietnam. 'I wasn't worried about a thing.'

Philadelphian tells how copter crashed

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

CU CHI — I climbed aboard the small Army helicopter at the Tan Son Knhut air base and before I could fasten my seat belt the huge rotor spun around like a giant electric fan and with a bounce lifted us off the ground.

We hung, motionless, suspended three feet off the ground for 20 seconds.

Then with a forward jolt and a blast of wind that pressed my jungle fatigues tight against my body, the tiny craft emitted a high-pitched ring and we spun off like a childs top, in the direction of Cu Chi in Vietnam.

I had purchased a set of jungle fatigues and a pair of steel-plated combat boots and though I was assured that the 20-minute flight would be only a "milk run" I was provided with a heavy leadlined flak jacket.

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THE DOORS on our helicopter had been removed to make room for the soldiers, one on each side, who strapped themselves in and constantly surveyed the flat lands of Vietnam while fingering rapid fire machine-guns which were mounted on swivels.

Captain James Cokes, a 24-year-old officer from Philadelphia, smiled as he saw the anxious look slowly fade from my face.

"No sweat, Mike," he said. "You see I told you no sweat at all. We'll be in Cu Chi before you know it."

The flight wasn't as bad as I had anticipated and after five minutes in the air it became an enjoyable experience.

Cu Chi is a small forward post in Vietnam and the base of operations for the famed "Fighting 25th Infantry Division."

As we arrived at the Cu Chi heli-pad it was obvious that some kind of military operation was being carried out.

We later learned that a troop-carrying helicopter from the 116th Assault Helicopter Company had been shot down by enemy gunfire two miles outside the Cu Chi security perimeter.

Warrant officer Davis A. McAdams of Philadelphia, Pa. later told us that after his ship was hit the controls froze and he crashed in a rice paddy and rolled over on his side.

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MEANWHILE, ground observers at Cu Chi dispatched gunships to protect the downed helicopter which had crashed in the middle of an unsecured area.

The copter crew also called for fighter-bomber strikes in the vicinity to protect it from the approaching enemy.

Another copter, in the area, was diverted from its mission and instructed to attempt to rescue the crew and passengers.

Cu Chi dispatched a group of helicopters to drop members of the 25th Infantry Division into the area.

MIKE DAVIS

"WE DON'T like to leave our people out there for long without any protection," said Major Harold I. Small of Alexandria, Va.

"When we first got there," he said, "the fighter bombers were there and were directing air strikes on the enemy which was trying to approach the downed chopper from across the river."

As other pilots who had scrambled out of Cu Chi provided air cover another helicopter was able to set down and rescue the crew and passengers, and a larger helicopter, a Chinook, dropped down and picked up the disabled craft.

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DRAMATIC RESCUES like this, I was told, are commonplace at Cu Chi.

The base, in addition to an air evacuation hospital, is one of the busiest in Vietnam.

Though it lacks the modern facilities of some of the installations near Saigon, it's adequate and the men who serve here are proud of the job they are doing.

Within five minutes a helicopter would fly into the base bringing back the wounded from forward battle-positions.

"The men out there in the bush don't mind fighting and getting the job done when they know they have the men in the choppers to back them up," Capt. Cokes said. He spent the night in a tent at Cu Chi and there was a "noticeable" difference between the tent at CU Chi and the hotel in Saigon.

But it was a lot of fun roughing it with the men and sleeping under mosquito netting.

IN THE morning we flew back to Saigon in a Caribou, a large fixed-wing aircraft that is used to drop men and supplies into combat areas.

The Caribous are known as the "work horses" of the Army and are capable of carrying tanks.

Unlike the modern airliner, with its plush seats, the Caribou looks like a large boxcar and you have to sit where you can find space.

It taxied down the runway and then gradually lifted off, with barely inches to spare. The large craft struggled into the sky and the handful of passengers eyed each other silently as we were all. I am sure, wondering if we were going to make it safely back to Tan Son Knhut.

'Didn't realize I'd been hit until I felt this burning...'

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Writer in South Vietnam

CU CHI — "They called us out one night at An Khe and wanted us to drop some flares for ground support.

"Before we got there they opened up on us. I was so scared that I didn't realize that I'd been hit until I felt this burning in my boot and then felt the blood rushing down my leg."

Sp-5 Dennis Eanes, 36, of Pittsburgh, was a gunner on an assault helicopter before he was wounded in action.

"I looked out," he said "and the whole sky looked like one big Christmas tree. You could see tracers going all over the place."

Police Blotter

Robbery With Deadly Weapon — Nan F. Overdiner, Jr. guilty, 3rd count, 6 years imprisonment.

Deadly Weapon — Thomas T. Foster, plea of nolo contendere, 6 months imprisonment, sentence suspended for 1 year to pay costs and obey condition.

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False Pretenses — Margarita Patterson, 42, pleaded guilty, 1 year imprisonment, in each case, to run consecutively; sentences suspended and probation for 3 years to make restitution and pay costs.

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Forgery — Margarita Patterson, guilty, 1 year imprisonment, to run consecutively with other sentences, sentence suspended and probation for 3 years to make restitution and to pay costs. Same, 12 cases; stet.

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Larceny — Margarita Patterson, guilty.

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Shoplifting — Vernon A. Buchanan, guilty, imposition of sentence suspended and fine filing of a motion for a new trial.

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False Pretense — Vincent Chebat, stet.

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Abortion — James A. Ashe, stet.

Assault — Richard T. Reedy, stet.

Contributing Delinquency of Minor — Doris Barnes, stet.

Discharging Firearms — Garland Birner, stet.

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Non-Support — Charles A. Watkins, Dewitt Jackson and James R. Dickson, stet.

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Receiving Stolen Goods — James A. Wales, bail forfeited.

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Rape — Nathaniel Jacobs, sub curia.

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Assault to Murder — Wilbert Johnson, stet., Garland Barnes, stet., Morris Hall, 2½ sub curia.

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Shoplifting — Charles Butler, bail forfeited.

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Storebreaking — Earl F. Barber, not guilty; Jackie M. Miller, not guilty.

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Deadly Weapon — Jackie M. Miller, not guilty.

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Larceny — Leon J. Alexander, plea of guilty 3rd count, 18 months imprisonment.

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Disorderly House — Fletcher Carver, probation without verdict to pay costs.

Land-buying is halted

The District Government has agreed to halt all purchases of land for Anti-Blight Central Freeway until the fall.

Corporation Counsel Charles Duncan said, "I have consulted with the Engineer Commissioner and other appropriate officials and I am authorized to state that no property acquisitions with respect to the North Central Freeway will be made before September."

In a lawsuit pending in the D.C. Court of Appeals, the Federation of Civil Associations, et al. vs. Airis, et al., Civil Action No. 3714-66) the individuals, businesses, and organizations representing more than 200,000 District citizens are asking for an injunction against construction of the North Central Freeway, the East Leg, the Three Sisters Bridge, and the Rock Creek Parkway.

In March, 1966, the Arthur D. Little report found these four projects to be without any planning basis. The lawsuit asserts that plans for these projects also lack any legal basis. Among the many are failure to comply with statutes relating to highways and parks, and the invalidity of approvals by the National Capital Planning Commission based on the vote of alternates.

Several Baltimoreans were Naval ensigns

One Baltimorean who became a Navy ensign from 1957 is Lt. David W. Robinson, 33, son of Mrs. Rebecca Robinson Sterrett, 2421 Harlem Ave.

Lt. Robinson and his wife, Mrs. Ida Robinson, and three children reside at 5516 Glenverland Ave. He is now a chemist at the Edgewood Arsenal Chemical Center and in the active reserve at Fort McHenry.

His father was the late David Robinson. His stepfather is Thomas Sterrett.

Lt. Robinson was graduated from Douglass High School in 1951. He received an AB degree from Lincoln University (Pennsylvania) in 1955 and went to Officers Training School at Newport, Feb. 19, 1957.

He saw active service until March 1960, as a lieutenant junior grade and when discharged went into the Reserve where he became a full lieutenant.

Lt. Robinson is now enrolled in the graduate school at Morgan State College.

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ANOTHER FORMER Ensign is Robert C. Newton, 4209 Rokeby Rd., son of Mrs. Erva C. Newton and the late Frank M. Newton.

Commissioned first lieutenant in 1966, Lt. Newton was graduated from Dunbar High School and made an ensign in 1963 after completing five years at the Navy Academy.

Lt. Newton is a native of Baltimore and now stationed aboard a Naval vessel plying the seas between Guam and Vietnam.

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ANOTHER ENSIGN, Warren Woods, went to Newport in July, 1966 and was graduated in October, 1966.

He is now stationed at a NAVal Warfare School in California. He was made a lieutenant in November, 1966.

Lt. Woods was graduated from Morgan State College in 1965. He taught at Dunbar High School from 1965-1966 prior to enrolling at Newport.

LT. DAVID W. ROBINSON
Newport '57 grad

Russians informed of Newark riot

MOSCOW (UPI) — The Soviet News Agency Tass said Monday the strife in Newark, N.J. is a racial protest against "unbearable housing conditions, unemployment and police club rule."

It described the violence and said it was spreading "to even new localities."

Tass said that at Plainfield, N.J. "disturbances were provoked by a shot fired by a white policman who seriously wounded a 12-year-old colored boy." Tass did not report a crowd seized the officer's gun and killed him.

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IN LONDON The Daily Telegraph, of London said Monday this summer threatens to be the worst on record for racial rioting in the United States.

"Progress in removing discrimination against black Americans has been much faster than ever before on all fronts, except that of de facto housing segregation," the Telegraph said in an editorial.

"Yet the pace has not been fast enough to make the necessary impact so far on a problem which, through inexcusable neglect in a country of America's wealth and standing, had been allowed to grow to such awful proportions.

"Much that would otherwise have been done in the way of material improvements has had to be postponed because of the drain of the Vietnam war.

"An aggravating factor is the growing influence of agitators preaching violence in a campaign for "Black Power." This term can mean many things — by no means least an excuse for an orgy of looting and anti-white violence."

THE TELEGRAPH said the unprecedented scale of the rioting at Watts in 1965 "took the local and national authorities by surprise, but when belatedly massive security reinforcement arrived they soon gained control.

"In Newark, however, although 4,000 troops and police, supported by armored cars, were soon in extremely tough and vigorous action, it took them four days to get something like control over a city that was reduced to a shambles in the process."

Churchmen to hear Alinsky

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (UPI) — Saul Alinsky, a controversial community organizer who has headed projects in Chicago and Rochester, N.Y., will speak here July 24-29 at Johnson C. Smith University.

He will address a Presbyterian Ministers' Institute for 50 selected clergymen and laymen, mostly from the South.

Considered an organizational genius even by his enemies, Alinsky's tactics include sending slum dwellers to picket the suburban homes of landlords, sit-ins and so-called "watermelon parties" of people wearing outlandish uncle Remus-type costumes.

He has called the war on poverty a joke, attacked its director Sargent Shriver and defined an integrated neighborhood as "the length of his life," and "the lesson if there was one, in his death."

In July, 1964, Mrs. Evers

Miss Miller to speak at Md. library dedication

Miss May Miller (in private life Mrs. John L. Sullivan) of this city, authoress of two volumes of verse, several plays and essays, is to be chief speaker at dedication ceremonies for the newest branch of the Prince Georges County Memorial Library at Oxon Hill, Sunday, July 23 at 3 p.m.

Miss Miller will read