"HOWDY, PRES." three-year-old Mark Alexander appears to be saying as he shakes hands with President Johnson after White House swearing-in cere-

Johnson promises to open jobs for all

U.S. to help home buyers

Nation's Bloodiest Riots Occurred 104 Years Ago

Nearly 100 killed, many left homeless

DETROIT (NPI) — The violence that wracked this city was being billed this week as the "worst racial conflict" in American history. It wasn't.

Anti-black riots in Detroit and New York during the Civil War were far more vicious, destructive, and deadly.

During a riot in Detroit, which started on March 6, 1863, a mob of whites marched into the city's colored section, killed 46 persons, and left more than 200 homeless.

The Northern rioting during the Civil War was instigated by whites who feared that the colored people in their midst might take away their jobs.

* * *

THE WHITE rioters were edgy about fighting the Confederacy. They had been drafted to fight for liberation, when they had no interest in ending slavery.

Many were Irish immigrants, ired over having to fight for a country of which many had not yet become citizens.

The white malcontents were especially angered by the sight of regiments of colored volunteers passing through New York. It was only the previous year that colored men had been allowed to serve in the army.

Taking their animosities out on black people, they staged four of the bloodiest days of mob violence in American history.

Dozen of people were lynched in the streets or murdered in their homes. The Colored Orphan asylum was burned to the ground.

Racial Harmony

COLUMBUS, Ga. (UPI) — The U.S. Army says a recent survey shows "little racial discrimination" in rental housing in this west Georgia home of sprawling Fort Benning.

The survey, ordered by the Defense Department, showed that of 9,608 housing units, 74 per cent already were "operating with non-discriminatory policies." It said another 24 per cent adopted the policies during the survey.

Va. realtors to assist GIs

WASHINGTON

A Pentagon official says that the Northern Virginia Board of Realtors has agreed

Carmichael learns more from Castro

MIAMI (UPI) — Stokely Carmichael experienced "the most educational, most interesting and the best apprenticeship of my public life" during three days of talks with Fidel Castro, according to the Cuban government magazine Bohemia.

A copy of the Aug. 4 issue of the publication, received here Friday, featured a two-page article on Carmichael, former head of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) who is attending a conference of Latin American Communists in Havana.

Sergeant Banks Has Seen A Lot Of War

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO Correspondent

SAIGON — Sgt. Paul Banks joined the Army at the age of 18. "That was 27 years and three weeks ago," he commented jokingly.

The 44-year-old native of Trenton, N.J. will retire in three years and make his home on the eastern seaboard.

"I don't have much family, so I guess I'll live in New York and sit back and take a well deserved rest," he said.

Banks has seen a lot of war. He served in Germany, was stationed for two years in Korea and has spent 18 months in Vietnam.

He is perhaps, typical of the average colored soldier who has made a career of the service.

* * *

"I DIDN'T intend to stay in this long," he said. "But once I was in I didn't see too much of a futurt in civilian life so I just reenlisted and I've been here ever since.

"The Army has been good to me and I've learned more and seen more than I would have if I had returned to civilian life."

Banks is a small man, of slender build and the years have been generous to him. He looks as if he might be about 35 years old instead of

ON GUARD — Sp./4 James Leach of Mt. Olive, N. C., stands guard at Third Army Field Army Hospital in Vietnam.

IN SAIGON:

'We walked GIs shocked

Davis tells story of John Chambers, 23

By MIKE DAVIS
AFRO War Correspondent

PLEI ME, South Vietnam —It's the men you have the most respect for. It's the men that stand out in your mind. Not the dirt, not the danger, not the bullets or the mortars.

MIKE DAVIS

It's the little guys . . . the fellows who most likely weren't much in civilian life . . . the little guys from New York, Birmingham, Baltimore, Los Angeles, guys from every place on the map thrown into the common melting pot of war, death and destruction.

And whatever you thing of war and combat, whatever ideas you have formed while watching the war on television in the comfort of your living room, let me tell you this: it's ten times worse than you can ever imagine and that war picture you saw on the late show last night didn't tell half the story that the guys in Vietnam live through each day.

* * *

but he'll be leaving his left leg in Vietnam.

"I guess I'll be able to walk again," he said from his hospital bed. "I am going to this special clinic after my wound heals and they are going to fit me with an artificial leg . . . No more basketball . . . but I guess I can get a job that will keep me off my feet.

The youth, whose smile would never let you know that he's discouraged, is glad that he only lost his leg. For him, it represents something of a miracle.

* * *

"I DIDN'T think I could make it," he said after an Army nurse changed the seeping, blood-soaked bandage. When I got hit I thought I was going to die. I thought they would never get us out of there.

"All I could think about was being home . . . I just wanted to be home one more time.

"But then the dust-off came and I remember they loaded me onto a stretcher and one of the fellows rapped a mosquito net around my leg to stop the blood.

"I knew I was hurt bad but after I got to the hospital I didn't think I would lose my