Cleaver asks French for asylum

PARIS (UPI)—Black Panther Eldridge Cleaver has asked France for political asylum his lawyer, Roland Dumas, said last week.

There were earlier reports that Cleaver had arrived in Paris after neighbors reported the villa in which he lived in Algiers was deserted. American Black Panthers in Algeria have split into factions following internal squabbles and fallen out of favor with the authorities.

Cleaver fled the United States in November, 1968, when his bail was revoked allegedly for participating in a shootout with Oakland, Calif., police. He spent some time in Cuba before surfacing in Algiers in July, 1969.

Cleaver became a citizen of Cuba, China and North Korea when he lived in those countries, courtesy of the U. S. Treasury department as it separated him from royalties on his book, "Soul on Ice."

The militant's request came after a National Assembly speech by Socialist Francois Mitterand asking clarification and liberalization of French policy on political asylum.

After fleeing problems with the Algerian government over the treatment of hijackers, Cleaver feared an asylum application would lead to his arrest and deportation.

WELCOME HOME — Former POW Capt. James W. Williams, of Memphis, Tenn., and his wife, Hattie and son, James, 8, rush to each other's arms after Williams stepped off a plane that brought him to Scott AFB Ill., last week. Capt. Williams was captured May 20, 1972 in North Vietnam. (UPI Telephoto).

Algerian gas delivery set

ALGIERS (NBNS)—The Natural Gas Company of El Paso, Texas, says it has begun construction on a $1.7 billion project to deliver natural gas from Algeria to the East Coast.

The Algerian oil and gas company complexed financing of the project with the Export-Import Bank and commercial banks for construction of its facilities. The El Paso company will be responsible for the transportation o the liquefied gas aboard the nine ships, which will cost about $300 million.

Firms Queried On S. African Deals

NEW YORK — A move is underway here to force companies that have state contracts or in which the state invests pension money, to advocate fair employment practices when this money is used for investment in South Africa.

A background paper on U.S. involvement in South Africa, with a study showing that New York State has $84 million and New York City $162 million of pension funds invested in the top 15 American investors in south Africa and Namibia (South West Africa) was distributed to a press conference here last week.

State Assemblyman Franz Liechter who is sponsoring a bill, said, "We all know that in New York State we have laws on the books to end racially discriminatory employment practices by business operating here and we have established agencies to enforce their fair employment laws.

"But today, many of our corporations here, ones with household names, run by some of our most prominent and respected business leaders, companies that often carry the phrase 'equal opportunity employer' in their advertising, are deeply involved to the tune of hundreds of millions of dollars in the most notorious system of racial oppression — the apartheid system in South Africa," Liechter said.

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"The reason we have focused on South Africa," said the assemblyman, "is that U.S. companies profit by exploiting the labor of the African majority under the world's only legalized system of racial discrimination.

"They use the system to gain cheap labor. Not only is this practice morally objectionable, but it induces companies to go to South Africa, with the loss of jobs and business activities in New York State."

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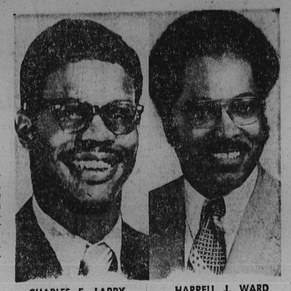
If a company contracting with New York State fails to follow fair practices, its contract can be cancelled, and state funds and investment of government pension funds can only be made in companies which are on a roster of companies found by the Fair Business Practices Board to be following fair employment practices in South Africa.



CHARLES E. LARRY HARRELL J. WARD

U.S. says Portugal not using bomb

GENEVA — (NBNS) — The United States says a report by a group of experts on conditions in the white-ruled countries of Southern Africa were "largely unsubstantiated."

A U.N. team of experts visited the African countries bordering on the Portuguese territories and said the Portuguese were using aircraft to drop napalm and defoliants against rebels in her African territories.

"There is no convincing evidence whatsoever that poisonous and chemical substances are being used in the liberated areas of the Portuguese territories," said Clarence Clyde Ferguson, a deputy assistant secretary of state for African affairs.

Ferguson made his remarks to the United Nations Human Rights Commission meeting here.

PEOPLE

TAMPA—**Charles E. Larry** was recently promoted to terminal superintendent of Exxon USA's local asphalt plant. Larry, a 1969 graduate of Tennessee state University with a degree in civil engineering, joined Exxon following graduation. After completing an engineer trainee assignment, he was named a construction engineer in Charleston, S. C. Following that Larry was promoted to enginee-systems in the company's Charlotte, N. C., Southeastern Region Distribution and Engineering Department.

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WALTHAM, Mass.—The appointment of **Harrell J. Ward** to the Carling Brewing Company's national marketing staff as manager of corporate special programs has been announced by Robert O. Barth, vice president, marketing. Since joining Carling in 1965, Ward has served in several field sales posts including special representative for the Ohio headquartered Central Sales Division and district manager for western Michigan. He attended Central State University. Ward and his wife, Elva, have two daughters, Harolyn and Lori.

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CINCINNATI—**James C. Roles III** has joined Procter and Gamble as a food sales representative in Denver. A native of Wilmington, Del., Roles attended McCook Junior College in McCook, Neb. He was awarded a four-year athletic scholarship to Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, where he was graduated in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science degree in social sciences. He is the son of Mrs. Irene G. Roles, Wilmington, and is married to the former Patricia Lee of Denver. They have two children: James, Jr., 6; and Stacy, 1.

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HOUSTON—**Ernestine Smith** has completed train-

vert, Monroe was state manager and national brand manager for an affiliated company. He is a native of Sommerville, N. J. and a graduate of Westchester Community College and Hofstra University.

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WASHINGTON — Rep. **Parren J. Mitchell** D-7th-Maryland is the only black member serving on the new Steerling and Policy Committee of House Democrats. The 21-member committee was authorized by the Democratic Caucus and will set party goals and policies. Congressman Mitchell said, "Of course this is an honor. I hope my selection indicated that my colleagues recognize that I will not compromise nor retreat in the struggle for black Americans"

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ROBERT A. MONROE

WASHINGTON — Miss **Allie B. Latimer** has been named assistant general counsel for the General Services Administration's Automatic Data and Telecommunications Service. Miss Latimer, first president of Federally Employed Women, has been with GSA since 1957. She has received law degrees from Howard and Catholic universities and is a graduate of Hampton Institute.

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U.S., Algeria Conclude Gas Pact

WASHINGTON (NBNS) — The United States and Algeria have concluded financial arrangements on a $1.7 billion project to import large amounts of Algerian natural gas to the energy short East Coast.

The project, the largest of its kind of in the world, initially called for the purchase of one billion cubic feet of Algerian gas daily for the next 25 years, but plans are now to double this amount.

About one third of this gas will be sold to Columbia Gas System, which provides Washington Gas Light Co. with about 83 per cent of its supplies.

Because of an overtaxed demand on gas along the East Coast, the latter company has already ceased taking new customers in the Washington area.

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The project was completed recently with the signing here of a $157 million dollar loan to Algeria by the Export-Import Bank. It is anticipated that diplomatic relations between the U.S. and Algeria will improve considerably and that the two countries may soon re-establish ties broken during the 1967 Arab-Israeli war.

The Export-Import Bank will provide Sonatrach, the Algerian state oil and gas company, with the $157 million direct loan and will guarantee another $209 million loan to the Arab county from U.S. and European commercial banks.

The deal also calls for a third $190 million loan in Eurodollars from European banks.

REPORT FROM EUROPE

Hats off to Yanks in foreign service

By OLIE STEWART

PARIS — No need to look at the calendar when certain things happen, like when a phone call from Mary Pitts (wife of Dr. Nathan Pitts, and they're from Baltimore) invites me to cocktails and a buffet supper.

I know at once that Americans are on the move again, and that some of

The Pitts soiree also gave me a chance to meet some new arrivals in Paris who are in government service here. They come in without fanfare, and it takes time to get the news.

Anyway, now at the U. S. Embassy is James E. Dandridge, assigned as regional administrative specialist,

Torture helps apartheid survive in South Africa

GENEVA — "Maltreatment and torture of opponents of apartheid in prison and police cells have become essential features in the implementation of this policy in South Africa in the last decade."

This was the core of a report presented to the UN Comission on Human Rights during a meeting here recently. The report was submitted by a special

It was alleged that methods include electric shock, physical violence, forcing victims to perform dehumiliating or painful tasks and psychological torture.

These methods have become progressively more brutal, the report said. Brutal treatment has occurred in prison and police cells all over the country.

"The government has consistently shielded the of-

tered. Many of the victims faint, the report said.

The commission was informed that ten years ago only Africans and other non-whites were exposed to physical assault but this practice has been extended white men and white women.

Bank adds 4 directors in Chicago

CHICAGO—The election of four additional directors was announced this week by Joseph G. Bertrand, chairman of Gateway National Bank. The bank now has eight men serving as board members.

The newly named directors are Charles W. Burns, Jr., owner of the Stony Island Insurance Agency; Howard C. Medley, Sr., president of Medley's Moving and Storage Co.; Edison Hoard, partner in the law firm of Idarius, Hoard, Oranlas and Karp; and W. Victor Rouse, president of W. V. Rouse Associates, Ltd., consultants.

Hard work earns girl

POSTAL MILESTONE — Witnessing the signing of a memorandum of understanding to implement provisions of the National Agreement between postal employees and management are members of the National Association of Post Office Mail Handlers (NAPOMH) and representatives of the Baltimore Post Office management. The agreement, signed April 5, represents according to one participant a milestone in labor relations in the Baltimore Post Office. Standing from the left are: George Fisher and Clifton Norman, representatives of the NAPOMH, Local 145; Harrietta Keeney, Maurice Gorman and Paul J. Harris, representing management. Seated from left are Lonnie B. McKeever, president of NAPOMH Local No. 145; John Kuhn, Employee Relations Division director; and Fred Smith, chief management negotiator.

National Postal Alliance to hear Robert L. White, president, April 15

The National Postal Alliance and Federal Employees meeting at the 2025 E. North Ave. branch office set for Sunday, 4 p.m. will have as guest speaker Robert L. White, national president.

Local 202 president Clifton Harris urges all members to be present.

BUSES FOR VETERANS

Isaac J. Galloway, Veterans Administration chairman, states that Veteran Administration employees interested in attending the Baltimore meeting Sunday will have buses available.

Pick up points will be at the Acme in Havre De Grace at 2 p.m. At the A and P in Aberdeen at 2:30 p.m. The bus will leave Aberdeen at 3 p.m. so if you miss the bus at the number one spot then you can still get the bus at Aberdeen, Md.

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"Gripe Meeting" is scheduled for the Saturday MVS Craft Meeting at 7:30 p.m., George Goodwin, chairman states.

GET WELL wishes go to Mrs. Shirley Maple and Mrs. Adelaine E. Wills. Sympathy goes to Alfred H. Weems for the loss of his son, Alfred H. Weems Jr.

NEXT MEETING — May 8 at 5 p.m. sharp, will have full discussion on Route Examination. Those who are not sure of procedures will be informed especially if their stations are scheduled for inspection in the near future.

STEWARDS who have problems in their area should try to resolve them first. However, if satisfaction is not obtained, contact Wiley W. Bunn, chairman of the craft, who will intercede.

Word is that South Station was shafted on the last inspection and there may be another inspection called for if necessary and if possible.

VICE PRESIDENT'S VIEWS

William B. Garrett, first vice president, states, "At this time I can say that our drive to secure signatures for form letters to be sent to Congress has been quite successful. If you have not signed up there is still time.

"This letter is not intended to take the place of your individual personal letter, but rather to supplement it. Get your own letter off to Congress."

CONTRACT NEGOTIATED

Last week, Mrs. Ethel Danley, chairman of Local 202 GSA, Alonzo A. Adams, president, District 11; L. Southall, president, Local 207 and Clifton Harris, Local 202, met at the General Service Administration Region 3 Headquarters in Washington to negotiate a contract.

Members will be proud of the GSA contract, Mr. Harris states.

SWEETHEART BALL

Mr. Harris also notes that Local 202 conducted a Sweet heart Ball and Miss Alliance contest.

"The music was gay and fun was had by all. We are proud to announce that Miss Barbara Terry was crowned Miss Aliance for 1973."

RUNNERS UP

2nd, Agnes Parham; 3rd, Diana Freeland, 4th, Geraldine C. Jackson; 5th, Margaret McCarter; 6th, Marjorie Lewis; 7tr. Carrie Dunsen; 8th Yvonne Tucker.

OTHER PRIZES

1st, Sean Smith; 2nd, William A. Hunt; 3rd, Roy Cook Jr.; 4th, Janie Beckett; 5th Jackie McCulloh.

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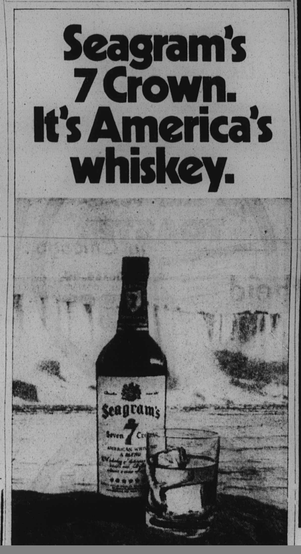
Local 202 congratulates the Social Committee headed by Thomas J. Stweart for a job well done.



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Columbia names journalism program for Michele Clark

NEW YORK — The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism has inaugurated the Michele Clark Fellowship Program for Minority Journalists, named in memory of the CBS News correspondent who died in an airplane crash at Chicago last December.

Formerly known as the Summer Program in Journalism for Members of Minority Groups, the program, now in its sixth year at Columbia, has trained a total of 159 minority jeudnalists for work at major newspapers and television stations across the country.

The fellowship will be sponsored this year by the Ford Foundation, the CBS/Broadcast Group, the National Broadcasting Company and 15 participating newspapers.

Miss Clark, 29, completed the program in 1969 and was generally considered one of its most outstanding graduates.

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This decision "represents a rededication of all involved to the driving principles of this important program — equality of opportunity and a commitment to infuse the skills and attitudes, of minority Americans into the American press establishment," said Professor Fred W. Friendly, founder-director of the Program and a former president of CBS News.

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Miss Clark had no experience in journalism before she entered the class of 1970. She attended Grinnell College, Iowa, and Roosevelt University in Chicago and had worked as a fashion show narrator, airline reservations clerk and telephone company service representative in her hometown, Chicago.

After graduating from the Program, she became a reporter for WBBM-TV, the CBS-owned station in Chicago, and soon after joined CBS News as a reporter. In July 1972 she was named a network correspondent at CBS News.

Her major assignments included coverage of the 1972 Presidential primaries, conventions and campaigns and regular appearances on CBS Morning News as the Washington, D.C., anchor correspondent.

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The program will run this

MICHELE CLARK

year from June 4 through August 17 — 11 weeks of intensive training in print and in broadcast journalism. A total of 35 persons will be selected.

The names of participants — to be known for the first time as Michele Clark Fellows — will be announced in May.

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