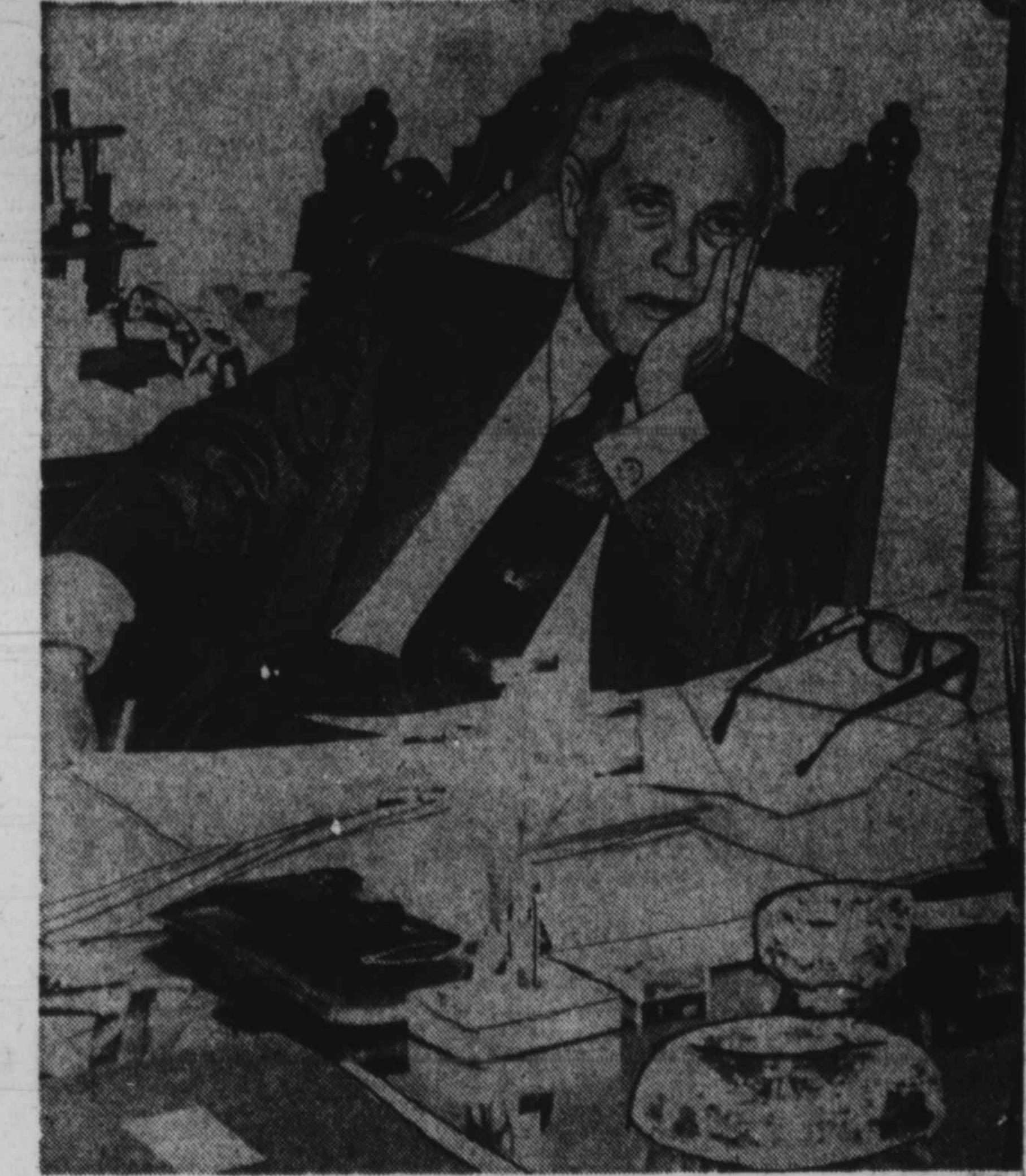
A few top Baltimore AFRO news stories of 1977

Do you remember?

MANDEL GUILTY

Kovens, W. Dale Hess, Harry W. Rodgers III, William A. Rodgers and fraud and racketeerin



deliberation, former Governor Marvin Mandel was convicted in August mail fraud and racketeering.

High black unemployment

August government figures showed 14% of city adults and 40% of black youths without jobs

Teacher, businessman hotel murder victims

· A Baltimore City elementary school teacher and a New York businessman were found slain

in a Pikesville Hilton Hotel room Aug. 3.
Police at first ruled the deaths of Sondra . McMeekin and Allan Phipps murder and suicide but an AFRO investigation revealed that they both were murdered. Police admitted a few weeks later that the

deaths were homicide and by the end of August the AFRO had tied a local politician to the case. The murders of Ms. McMeekin and Phipps were the second that month. A few days before their deaths, Linda Kane and Nathaniel "Junior Bunk" Johnson were found dead on the front seat of a rented car in Prince George's County.

murder of Elijah "Ditty. Wo" Davis, a well known dope lord in the city. Davis had been shot to death in his car as he sat in front of Doug's Pool Hall on Calhoun

All the murders are said to be connected.

A few weeks later the AFRO reported the

in nation's capital

TV DANCER - RESTAURANT owner Linda Carole Kane, 25, was the victim of a July gangland style execution in Prince George's County. Also a victim of the same killing was Nathaniel (Jr. Bunk) Johnson Jr., convicted nar-

Hanafis hold 130 hostages

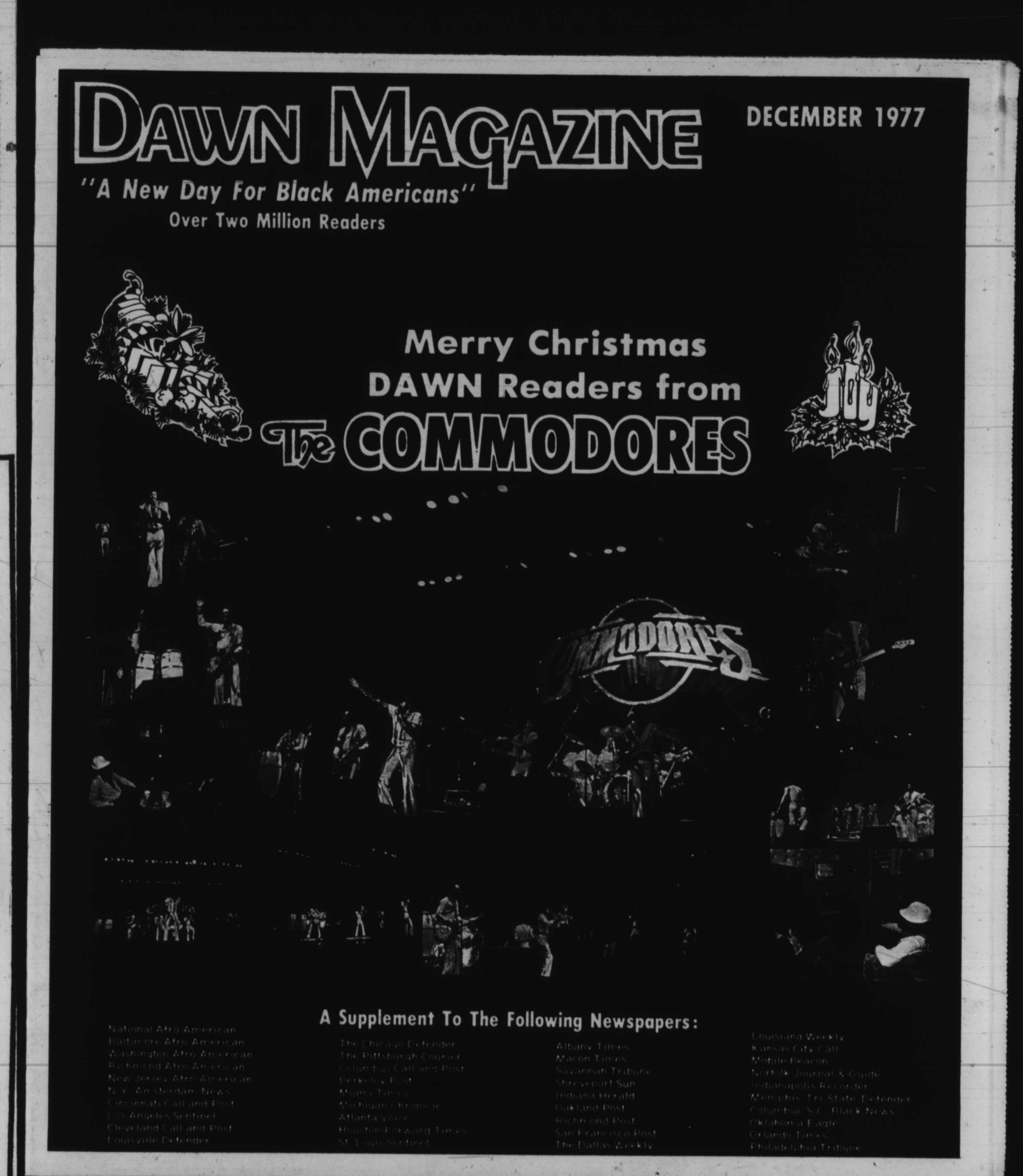
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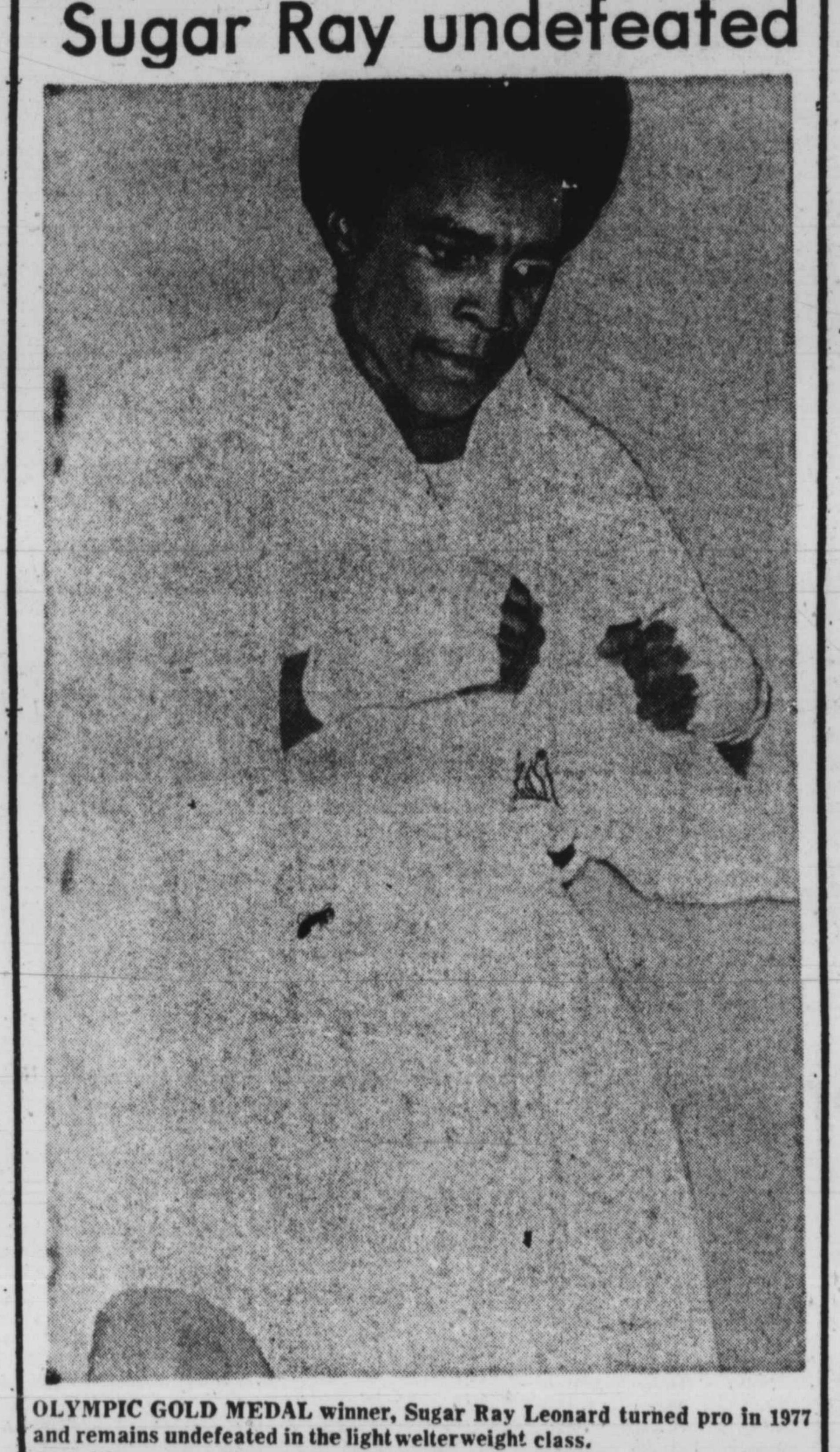
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