

Probe \$10,000 Check To Malcolm X Suspect

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Always On Sunday



CASUALTY FOR FREEDOM—Negro youth with eyes closed against tear gas, holds unconscious woman injured by club-swinging Alabama state troopers when they broke up a proposed march from Selma to Montgomery, Sunday. Scores of Negro men and women fell in the battle for freedom. (UPI Photo)

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The Alabama Story

Who Sent 10G Check To Malcolm X Slaying Suspect?

Attorneys for Norman 3X Butler were planning to ask the District Attorney's office and the grand jury to probe the person or persons responsible for sending a \$10,000 check to Butler in the city prison with a note attached "for a job well done."

The 26-year-old Butler, one of the three suspects in the brutal murder of Malcolm X, received the check last week drawn on a one-time account held by the Harlem Progressive Labor Party which had been closed since 1962.

Butler's attorney, Joseph Williams, confirmed to the Amsterdam News that he had received the check and said his probing disclosed that it was a phony.

"I am positive that somebody wanted to harm either my client or the Progressive Labor Party or both," Williams said.

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, Mrs. Betty Shabazz, widow of the slain Black Nationalist leader, testified before the grand jury which is continuing its probe of his murder. Last week Mrs. Shabazz was questioned by police in the offices of her attorney, Oliver Sutton, and reportedly could not shed any light on the identity of her husband's killers, according to Chief Inspector Joseph L. Coyle.

As Mrs. Shabazz was appearing the grand jury also called in two newsmen, Thomas Skinner of the Post and Stanley Scott, of UPI, who wrote eyewitness

accounts concerning the shooting. Last week on the opening day of the grand jury

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Phony Offer



ENFORCER?—Norman 3X Butler, 26, of 661 Rosedale Ave., Bronx, is being held without bail in connection with the death of Malcolm X. Butler who was arrested in his home Thursday night by the police was identified by the police as a Black Muslim "Enforcer." Norman who is unemployed, is free on \$10,000 in connection with the shooting of Correction Officer Benjamin Brown in the Bronx on Jan. 6. Norman joins Talmadge Hayer, 22, who is also a suspect in the fatal shooting of Malcolm X. Others are being sought by the police.

Raw, Naked Guts, Brilliant Leadership Set The Pace In Selma

By JAMES HICKS

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SELMA, Ala. — In one of the most dramatic displays of raw courage ever seen by this reporter, Dr. Martin Luther King Tuesday led 2,600 people in a march on Alabama's state capitol in complete defiance of the President, a federal injunction, the Governor of Alabama and his dreaded state troopers.

Dr. King himself called off the march after he had thoroughly demonstrated to state police that Negroes of Selma and the white people who flew here from all over the country to join them, are not afraid of the state police, their guns, their tear gas, their dogs or their cattle prods.

King led the march a distance of two miles and each step he took forward forced an Alabama state trooper to take a step back.

It was like trying to force a hissing rattlesnake back to his hole by threatening to step on him if he didn't get back.

The rattlesnake, in the form of the state troopers, was coiled at every step King took — and the drama came in guessing and wondering where and when the snake would strike.

The net result was that the entire march was a toe-to-toe, eye-to-eye, belly-to-belly confrontation between Dr. King and the trigger-happy, club swinging state troopers of Alabama.

All For Dr. King
Dr. King displayed sheer, almost reckless courage by leading the march himself.

And he showed brilliant leadership in calling the march off when he did.

For it became apparent to this reporter at the first mile of walking that it would be utterly impossible for his group to walk ten miles — to say nothing of the 40

miles required to reach Montgomery, which was their goal. There were elderly women, including Mrs. Harold Ickes, widow of the former Secretary of the Interior, in the front ranks. Many of the women were wearing high heels, some had two-year-old babies along with them, and virtually none had any equip-

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Senators To Harlem

New York's two U. S. Senators, Jacob K. Javits and Robert F. Kennedy, have accepted an invitation and will attend a special meeting of the board of directors of Harlem's HARYOU-ACT in its new board room at the Waldorf-Astoria Monday, March 15, at 5:30 p.m.

Mayor Wagner has also been invited to attend the meeting. Livingston Wingate, executive director of the agency created to aid youth in the Central Harlem area, said the two Senators would be given a briefing on the status and future prospects of the agency during their visit.

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Medics From All Over U.S. Staff Selma Field Hospital

By JAMES L. HICKS

SELMA, Ala. — When Dr. Martin Luther King marched against Alabama's state troopers here Tuesday in defiance of a federal injunction, the medical profession was on hand to see to it that if any of his followers were hurt they would get immediate medical aid.

The first person I met when I hit this racially strife-torn town was a Negro doctor.

It happened like this. The street leading to the Brown's Chapel Church was blocked by state police. This is the church where most of the action has taken place in Selma. I saw another church and went to a completely equipped hospital in for advice on how to get down to Brown's Chapel Church. When I walked into the basement of the church my first impression was that it had been set up for a huge dinner or banquet.

Everything was gleaming white and it appeared that all the tables in the basement were covered with white table cloths.

Gleaming White
But, after taking a closer look, I saw that I was in an infirmary and as I studied the basement in amazement a handsome young man came up to me and asked "May I help you?"

He then introduced himself. He was Dr. Charles H. Wright of Detroit, Mich., and he was head of the "field hospital" which the medical profession had set up to take care of the wounded in the battle of Selma.

Dr. Wright, a Meharry man, said: "We got caught Sunday. But we will be ready to take care of our own people if anything happens today — and we expect more to get hurt today than got hurt Sunday."

Completely Equipped
He then proceeded to show me which doctors from all over the country had set up here, with

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Medic, Nurse Held Again For Abortion

A Harlem doctor and his nurse-anesthetist, both already awaiting trial on an abortion indictment, were arrested Friday and charged again with criminal abortion.

Dr. Jessie Williams, 50, and Mrs. Dolores Douglas, 35, were arraigned in Criminal Court Saturday morning on charges of procuring a miscarriage on a female and causing the death of a quick child. The couple were released in \$5,000 and \$1,500 bail respectively by Judge Reuben Levy pending a hearing in Criminal Court March 24.

According to the affidavit, the doctor and his nurse allegedly performed the illegal operation on Feb. 19 in the doctor's office at 104 Lenox Ave.

Indiana Native
Dr. Williams, a native of Indiana lives with his wife in Park West Village at 382 Central Park West. His son is reportedly studying medicine at Howard University.

Mrs. Douglas, who lives in the Delano Village, at 32 W. 141 St., is the mother of a ten year old son and reportedly separated from her husband.

The couple was arrested by Det. Henry Bencal of the W. 123rd St. detectives in the doctor's office on Lenox Ave. Both

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Reinstate N. Y. CORE
Asserting that officials of New York CORE had lived up to the terms of its 30-day suspension, James Farmer, national director of CORE, told the Amsterdam News that he would reinstate the chapter later this week.

The chapter was suspended by the National Action Council of CORE last month for failing to follow CORE rules in continuing a protest against Ballantine Beer after it had been ordered to cease and desist by the national chapter.

DOLORES DOUGLAS

Mt. Morris Park Hospital Fights Back

Officials of Mount Morris Park Hospital, unbowed in their uphill fight to prevent a combination of state and city actions from closing its doors as the only non-profit hospital staffed and managed by Negroes, rallied for further action this week.

The allegation that the governmental actions were "punitive," "hasty" or "vindictive" — allegations explicitly denied last week by Deputy Social Welfare Commissioner Peter Kasius — was reiterated by Dr. Gerald Spencer, head of the hospital's medical service.

The Women's Auxiliary, chaired by Mrs. Chanolan Alston, is planning a Spring Luncheon for March 27 at Well's Garden Supper Club, 2249 Seventh Ave., to help raise further funds.

Sees "Power Drive"
Dr. Spencer told the Amsterdam News that he felt the move to close the hospital was deviously sparked by the "power drive" of City Hospitals Commissioner Ray Trussell to get every hospital in the city "under his thumb."

Dr. Trussell has on previous occasions stated his belief that better medical care could be afforded if small hospitals were to amalgamate.

Dr. Spencer and Mr. Richard T. White, lay board chairman of Mt. Morris, noted that

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150 Hold Vigil Here

More than 150 New Yorkers participated in an all-night vigil around City Hall Monday night, March 8, to dramatize the need for help for the Negro citizens of Selma, Ala., and to keep Mayor Robert Wagner concerned about the problems of minority groups in New York. Attorney Basil Patterson, president of the New York NAACP, said.

Mr. Patterson had led the demonstration and was joined by leaders of other groups in the vigil. Among other groups carrying their organization placards in the vigil were Local 1199, Original John F. Kennedy Democrats; John F. Kennedy New Era Democratic Club; Jamaica NAACP; and the Community Council on Housing.

News Of The Week National
Both NAACP executive director Roy Wilkins and Rev. Martin Luther King expressed optimism that Congress will pass a new voter registration law to aid Negroes in the South after White House conferences with President Johnson who is to submit a new proposal to Congress shortly on the heels of the crisis in Alabama.

Scores of Congressmen, expressing indignation over the Alabama and Mississippi events, were planning new legislation. New York's Rep. William Fitts Ryan introduced a bill to eliminate literacy and interpretation of the Constitution tests as well as poll taxes in all elections.

In the most destructive racial violence in Mississippi this year, a Freedom School and library containing 2,000 volumes was burned to the ground in Indianola, Miss. Police, instead of arresting any suspects in the burning, arrested eight civil rights workers and accused them of interfering with the investigation.

City and State
Mayor Robert Wagner accepted "with regrets" the resignation of UN Undersecretary General Dr. Ralph J. Bunche as a member of the city's Board of Higher Education.

Sam Cooke's Widow Wed To Bobby

LOS ANGELES — After a week of disappointment because he was too young, guitarist Bobby Womack grew up to the age of 21 last week and Municipal Judge Kenneth L. Holaday united him in marriage with Mrs. Barbara Cooke, 29-year-old widow of famed rock 'n roll singer Sam Cooke.

The couple left immediately on a honeymoon at an undisclosed destination, but friends said they expected the happy newlyweds would visit New Orleans, Cleveland, Chicago, and New York before returning here.

For the attractive Mrs. Cooke, mother of two daughters, Linda, 11, and Tracey, 4, it was her third marriage. It was the first for the young groom who formerly worked with the late singer. The couple had originally sought

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Newsman Visiting City
First Negro Publisher Fought Race Prejudice
When seventy-five publishers and top editors of Negro newspapers meet in New York this week, they will be gathering not only to observe the 138th anniversary of the Negro press, but also to honor the first Negro publisher, John Russwurm, who used his writing eloquence to crusade against racial prejudice and to contend for immediate emancipation for the Negro.

Born in Jamaica, West Indies, in October 1790, Russwurm was the son of a white American father and a Jamaican mother. When the senior Russwurm moved to the United States, he sent his son to Canada and, to conceal their relationship, renamed the boy symbolically — John Brown. Later, when the boy's father remarried, his white wife insisted that the youngster be taken into the family circle.

Educated in Canada
Russwurm received his formal education in Canada. In 1825, graduating from Bowdoin College, he became the first Negro college graduate in the United States.

In March, 1827, in New York City, Russwurm published the first U.S. Negro newspaper which he called "Freedom's Journal". Later re-naming it — in March, 1828 — "Rights Of All."

3-Day Meet
Here, in New York City, under the leadership of President Frank L. Stanley Sr., members of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, will acknowledge that

of the most prominent and persuasive advocates of freedom for the Negro. Both colored and white people who were fighting against slavery found his newspaper an instrument in which to voice their views. Russwurm's newspaper fought valiantly against the American Colonization Society and others who wanted to send the Negro away from America.

Although Russwurm, in 1830, made a direct about face to embrace colonization, as a result of which he lost the loyalties of Negroes, his contribution in bringing about the creation of the first Negro newspaper cannot be denied.

contribution during a three-day round of activities — Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 11, 12 and 13.

Frank L. Stanley Jr., special assistant to Whitney Young Jr., (Continued on Page Two)

New HARYOU-ACT Executive Director

Seeking to step up the program activity in aiding Harlem youth, the board of directors of the Associated Community Teams, Inc. (ACT) has selected Robert "Bob" Cooper, widely-recognized expert on youth and juvenile problems, as the new \$20,000-a-year executive director.

Board officials of ACT appeared pleased that they were able to attract the highly competent Cooper to head the project, as he has been one of the city's most valued employees.

Prior to joining the Board Mr. Cooper served for six years as director of the Youth House for

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More On Malcolm X

More stories on Malcolm X and the repercussions from his death. Turn to pages 4-5-7. What's the future program of his followers? What of the story of his being poisoned while visiting Egypt? What have the feeding Muslim factions done since his death? Turn inside this edition of the Amsterdam News to find out.

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