

MALCOLM'S AVENGERS TRIGGER MUSLIM WAR

The "eye-for-eye" philosophy spoused by assassinated Malcolm X is causing considerable concern among the law enforcement officers of the nation, this week.

Federal and local police officials fear that the fanatical followers of Malcolm's in the Black Nationalist movement have dedicated their lives to avenging the death of their leader. Such a move and counter-moves could lead to full-scale violence among warring Muslim groups.

Real evidence of the anticipated vendetta was the destruction of the Black Muslim Mosque No. 7 in Harlem, Tuesday morning, and another fire was set in a San Francisco Mosque.

In addition, the Unity Funeral Home at West 126th Street, where the body of Malcolm X lies in state, has been threatened with bombing. The funeral home remains under heavy police guard.

Elijah Muhammad and other spokesmen for the Black Muslims deny that members of their

movement had anything to do with the assassination or the bomb threat.

Speaking of the fire that destroyed the Harlem Mosque a Muslim identified as Joseph X referred to it as a "vicious attack."

"The worst thing a man can do is tamper with your religious sanctuary," Joseph said.

It is this attitude by Black Muslims that makes police officers feel the vendetta will be extended. Coupled with that are threats received by police

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MALCOLM X
Knew he was an assassin's target
Photo by James Gayle

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LOST AN EYE CALL-POST, WJMO Launch Campaign for Dave Duncan



DAVID DUNCAN

In good humor, despite loss of an eye.

By KEN TEMPLE

"His eye is gone and there is nothing we can do about that. I only hope he can regain his cheerful outlook on life."

These were the words of Mrs. Teresa Davis of 10100 Garfield Ave., the mother of 16 year old David Duncan who lost his right eye after a cowardly assailant slashed the youth across the face with a knife.

The senseless knifing occurred last Thursday morning on a CTS bus which David was riding en route to Max S. Hayes Trade School, 4600 Detroit Ave.

After a preliminary hearing the assailant, James Williams, 41, of 5714 Longfellow Ave., was bound over to the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury.

On Monday David underwent a second operation at St. Vincent Charity Hospital which saw the youth receive an artificial eye. A doctor explained that although the youth wouldn't be able to see with the new eye, it had been connected to muscles which will enable David to move the eyeball.

On Tuesday Mrs. Davis, who has reared David and two younger children by herself, said she hopes to see her son's cheerful attitude return.

"People have been so nice to him" the mother explained. "Friends have been to the hospital to see him and several persons who have lost eyes and went through similar operations to receive artificial eyes have talked to David to tell him everything will be all right."

When a Call & Post reporter spoke with David on Tuesday and asked him to recall the unusual incident which led to the loss of his eye, the youth showed no sign of cheerfulness, but he was cooperative and related this story:

"At about 6:30 a.m. I got on a bus at 100th and St. Clair. This man got on the bus at 30th and Central and sat behind me."

"All the while the man constantly mumbled. He asked me for the time and I told him I didn't know."

"When a lady sitting next to me left her seat, the man sat next to me and started asking a lot of questions. He was talking very loud and everyone on the bus was aware of him."

"I got up to take another seat and when I did the man complained that I bumped his hat."

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INDIFFERENT COMMUNITY RESPONSIBLE--SAYS PASTOR

Distraught Mom Slays Four Children, Herself

By BOB WILLIAMS

"Something is radically wrong in a community bugging with churches and clergymen of all faiths, bursting at the seams with missionary societies, hospitals, doctors, nurses and schools --and yet, a community so stricken with paralysis that nobody lifts a hand to aid a mentally disturbed mother and her children."

The searching indictment was from the Rev. Novie S. Chaney Jr., Minister, St. Paul AME Zion Church, at funeral rites Saturday for Mrs. Doris Johnson, 27, and her four children, who lived at 3455 E. 121 St.

"...RESPONSIBILITY...we must all share it equally."

All were slain last Thursday afternoon during

a fit of despondency that had plagued the mentally and physically sick young mother during a brief half hour that she had been left alone with her four children.

GLORIA YATES, 30, sister of Mrs. Johnson, who lived with her and the four small children, returned home at about 6:30 p.m. Thursday to

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State Senate Gets Fair Housing Bill

COLUMBUS--A Fair Housing Bill was introduced in the Ohio Senate, Monday night, by three Democrats.

A comprehensive bill, patterned after the one introduced by State Rep. Carl B. Stokes of Cleveland in the last term of the legislature, was introduced by Sens. Frank W. King of Toledo, minority floor leader; Charles L. Pancake of Nelsonville and Robert Blackburn of Dayton.

The bill will ban racial discrimination in the sale or rental of residential property.

IT WOULD APPLY to anyone with authority to transfer or rent property. Exemptions would apply to owner-occupied two-family dwellings and rooms rented in an owner's home.

The Ohio Civil Rights Commission would administer the act.

The fair housing bill died in committee in the last assembly.

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GRIEVING PARENTS -- Mr. and Mrs. William Yates, grief-stricken parents of Doris Johnson, leave funeral services surrounded by other relatives. The parents are the second and third persons from right.



GLORIA YATES, sister of the victim, who went to the corner store when tragedy occurred, is comforted after ceremony.



SCENE OF TRAGEDY -- The two-family house at 3455 E. 121 St. in Cleveland, where the four slain bodies were discovered after the mass slaying - suicide.

(Photos by Bob Williams)

Brooke Plots Rebuilding Of GOP Party

By AL SWEENEY

An enthusiastic 2,000 persons, hailed as the largest ever to attend a political ward club dinner in Cleveland, heard Atty. Gen. Edward E. Brooke of Massachusetts, Wednesday night.

Speaking in the elegant ballroom of the Cleveland-Sheraton Hotel to the annual Lincoln-Douglas Banquet of the 18th Ward Republican Club, Attorney General Brooke indicated that "if the Republican party is to live up to its past reputation it must be rebuilt."

The holder of the highest elective office to be held by a Negro in the United States indicated that the first step in the rebuilding process is the opening of doors, which were closed in the 1964 campaign to "all people, white, black, blue, brown and yellow."

He said Republicans would have to reach with friendly outstretched arms for Catholics, Jews, and Protestants.

Brooke arrived in Cleveland, early Wednesday morning, to appear on the noon Mike Douglas television show.

He made several television appearances and revealed his plans for rebuilding to Republican party at an afternoon press conference.

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Mrs. Mary Wilson, 38, of 2334 E. 65 St. early Friday crashed to her death from the fourth floor window off her room in St. Luke's Hospital after climbing out onto a crudely-fashioned rope of bed sheets, police reported.

THE SHEET rope extended less than half the way down to the pavement, four floors below.

MRS. WILSON, a widow receiving Aid For Dependent Children, was reportedly a heavy drinker, and after an operation hospital attendants discovered she was an alcoholic, police reported.

In a series of confusing tang-

trums, it was believed the distressed woman had attempted to "escape" from her hospital room.

The body was in House of Willis Funeral Home and, according to a surviving relative, "arrangements are incomplete."

Care of the two surviving children of Mrs. Wilson also became a problem for her sister, Mrs. Alice Evans, 48, of the same address at 2334 E. 65 St.

"I SHALL have to take care of the children—a girl, 11, and a boy 8, but I have no funds—I shall have to appeal to ADC for

help," said Mrs. Evans.

POLICE REPORTS indicated Mrs. Wilson had been admitted to St. Luke's Hospital last Monday as a staff patient on ADC, and had undergone a minor operation on Wednesday.

The hospital discovered she was an alcoholic when she went into delirium tantrums "off and on all through the day, Thursday."

The spells continued into Thursday evening, and through the night, when a man friend, Mullen Hall, 25, of 2380 E. 67 St. remained at her bedside in an effort to comfort her, police reported. Hall reported the tantrums "off and on," in a

statement to police. He left the hospital at about 6 a.m.

A NURSE, Anna Connelly, 46, working on a ground-floor level, looked out of a window and observed the rope hanging from the window in the building where Mrs. Wilson had been a patient.

Investigation at about 6:30 a.m. Friday, disclosed the critically wounded patient, lying at the base of the dangling rope. She was rushed into the hospital with the help of Mrs. Connel-

ly and another nurse, Paula Tuskes, in charge of the fourth floor in the building in which Mrs. Wilson was housed.

"She had made a routine check on Mrs. Wilson's room about twenty minutes earlier, and found nothing wrong, reported Mrs. Tuskes."

IN THE Emergency Room of the hospital the effort to save her life failed, and Mrs. Wilson was pronounced dead at 8:35 a.m.

Burial Saturday for Oakwood Mom, 2 Children, Fire Victims

Funeral services for a mother and her two children who died in a fire which destroyed their Oakwood Village home late Sunday will be held Saturday, February 27, at the Merciful Church of Christ on Free Avenue in Oakwood Village at 2 p.m.

The victims were Olivia Wilson, 34, Shirley, 12 and Michael, 11. An investigation into the cause of the fire is still being conducted by the Bedford fire department. A preliminary report laid the cause to an oil heater.

Another daughter, Verte Lee, 12, is in critical condition at Bedford Municipal Hospital. The girl received burns over 70% of her body, according to an Oakwood Police report.

The 34 year old father, Sylvester Wilson, who is being treated for cuts and bruises at Suburban Community Hospital,

children, Verte Lee and Geraldine, 17, but failed in a

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NAACP to Stage Pray-in on Mall

The Cleveland branch of the NAACP will co-sponsor with the Baptist Minister Conference, the Emergency Clergy Committee and the Methodist Ministers Conference a Pray-in on the Mall Saturday, 12:30 p.m.

The Pray-in is a religious demonstration for the Negroes seeking to register to vote in Selma, Ala.

The event will be held in front of the Freedom Fountain in front of the Board of Education Building on the Mall Plaza.

NAACP Says Laborers Local Locks Out Negroes, Irish

The Cleveland branch of the NAACP has asked the Ohio Civil Rights Commission to look into reports that local 310 of the International Hod Carriers' Building and Common Laborers' Union of America are using racially discriminatory practices.

Ray Spriggs, asst. executive director, announced that the NAACP office has received reports of the union's discrimination from Negro members since June of last year.

Complaints include: Negro members not given job assignments by means of an equally democratic process of assignment; those who complain find themselves blackballed and denied job opportunities; job exclusions fall heaviest on the Negro despite the fact that Negroes comprise

a majority of the local members and Negroes are denied the opportunity of accepting jobs offered by employers and therefore, can't seek work on their own.

In addition to listed complaints, Negro members charge that the union hall is closed to Irish and Negroes. A great amount of nepotism has also been reported, to the NAACP office.

The NAACP also announced that Herbert Hill, national labor secretary of the NAACP, announced in a speech made here Sunday, that Cleveland building trade unions had until March 22 to alter their unfair hiring practices.

The labor secretary said mass demonstrations by civil rights groups would be called for if unions failed to comply.

Dr. King Snubs Death Threat; Defies Wallace

SELMA, Ala. -- In the face of the obdurate resistance of Dallas County Officials, Dr. Martin Luther King is continuing to batter away at the voter registration wall, this week.

On Tuesday, Dr. King led 200 Negroes to the courthouse steps in a "right-to-vote" demonstration, while reports were being widely circulated that the life of the leader was in jeopardy.

WILSON BAKER, Selma's safety director, revealed that an anonymous telephone tip had been received by a Negro Selma resident about the death threat. Baker said he had checked the report but could not sub-

stantiate it.

DR. KING, whose home has been bombed and has received numerous threats, brushed the report off.

"It was just a routine threat, I suppose," he said, "I did not know anything about it."

However, his advisers feel that since the assassination of Malcolm X they are highly concerned. Heavy police security in effect. FBI agents have followed him constantly in Selma and nearby Marion.

DR. KING arrived from Atlanta to lead the small groups of Negroes to courthouse after he vowed defiance of Gov. George C. Wallace's ban on

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