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Mixed Emotions: Different Views

Black New Yorkers, while looking on in amazement at the walk on the moon, expressed mixed emotions and different views when asked their reactions to the whole trip of Apollo 11.

There were even some who had little praise at all for Astronauts Neil A. Armstrong, Edwin E. Aldrin Jr., and Michael Collins, pointing out that they were more concerned with their worries here on earth than those on the moon. A Broadway tickertape parade for the Apollo crew is scheduled here for Aug. 13.

Most, however, had praise for the endeavor, while at the same time underscoring man's earthbound problems. Here's what they had to say:

LEONARD BUTLER, student: "It's fabulous that we can make technological and technical advances but it's too bad we can't make human advances. In other words, we are losing our humanity."

STEVEN FERRER, resident: "I have no reaction outside disgust. It's funny how people can involve themselves in such trifles in the name of mankind when in fact only a few individuals benefit. It's only an ego thing of international prestige.

DONALD FAISON, resident: "I'm really not concerned with it... It's really not important... That's the man's thing to avert the people's attention from what's happening here."

ELLIOTT WINGFRED, student: "It's really exciting to know that someday man will live perhaps on another planet. After seeing those men on the moon, I'm ready to sign up for the first trip.

DR. MAMIE CLARK, executive director, Northside Center: "It frightened me to death. It was awful, and I still

BENEATH THE MOON — It was easy to forget that there are still poor and hungry people back on earth as the Apollo II soared towards the moon, but Southern Christian Leadershship Conference (SCLC) leader Hosea Williams didn't forget. He strikes a militant black power pose in front of models of the Jupiter C (left) and Titan II rockets. The SCLC staged a demonstration of the launching in favor of more funds for the poor and hungry. See editorial on page 16. (UPI Photo)
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