

Connie Motley Wins Boro President's Post

Ignoring opposition from a group of midtown reform leaders, Rep. Adam Clayton Powell and other elected Harlem leaders and a citizens group of Harlem ministers, Mayor Robert Wagner and Democratic County Leader J. Raymond Jones pressured City Councilmen this week to bring about the election of Mrs. Constance Baker Motley as the new \$35,000-a-year Manhattan Borough President.

The 43-year-old nationally prominent civil rights lawyer, who was sworn into the post Wednesday in ceremonies at City Hall, is the first woman and the third Negro to be elected to the post.

Mrs. Motley, who resigned her post as State Senator from the 21st District, and as Associate Counsel of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., to accept the Council selection, won out over Deputy Manhattan Borough President Earl

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Dr. Parks Postpones His Plea

Dr. Tracy Parks and druggist Antonio Soares postponed pleas to their indictments for abortion in Supreme Court Thursday until Feb. 25, while Mrs. Sylvia Wingfield, 40, plead-

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MRS. CONSTANCE MOTLEY

Sam Cooke's Widow Marries Guitarist

(Special to the Amsterdam News)

LOS ANGELES - Mrs. Barbara Cooke, widow of slain singer Sam Cooke, is to marry guitarist Bobby Womack of the Valentinos singing group in a private ceremony at Civic Hall here Thursday, Feb. 25, the Amsterdam News learned as this issue went to press.

Curtis Womack, brother of the groom-to-be, confirmed the wedding plans in a telephone interview with the Amsterdam News this week. He said the ceremony will be attended only by close friends and relatives.

After their marriage, the couple will journey to Cleveland, to visit the Womack family, and then to Chicago to spend some time with the bride's family.

Bobby, 20, plays guitar for the singing group of himself and three brothers. They were under the direction and management of Sam Cooke until his death last December.

Cooke was shot to death by Mrs. Bertha Franklin, manager of a Los Angeles motel, after he allegedly broke into her office looking for a female companion. A coroner's jury ruled the shooting justifiable homicide.

The Womack brothers first met

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GUEST SPEAKER - Miss Betty Furness, "Woman in the News", who will be guest speaker at the Women's Day Service of the Abyssinian Baptist Church on March 14. A CBS radio and TV personality, she has been a daily performer on CBS radio's award-winning "Dimension" series since 1962. She is planning a lecture tour of women's clubs in the Autumn. She is the only member of her sex to become president of the New York chapter of the National Academy of Arts and Sciences (1961 to 1962). Miss Furness is currently chairman of the awards committee of the Academy and is also a trustee of the American Academy of Dramatic Arts.

Visiting Westchester

The Amsterdam News visits Westchester County. Turn to page 33 to begin a series of stories and pictures on the people who live in Westchester County.

An Amsterdam News Task Force of reporters, editors and photographers visited Westchester County last week, setting up headquarters in the Common Council Room at Yonkers City Hall.

Their reports begin this week - on page 33.

Malcolm Will Get Islamic Burial

By JAMES BOOKER

In death and at pilgrimages, all Muslims are considered equal and in keeping with true Muslim traditions, the body of Malcolm Shabazz will be closed down to public viewing late Friday so it can be washed by a group of his local followers and draped in a plain sheet for full Islamic rites prior to burial Saturday morning in Ferncliff Cemetery, Hartsdale.

The firebrand leader of the Muslim Mosque, Inc., has been viewed by hundreds of his supporters and thousands more who loved him for his spirit as it lay in a plain business suit at the Unity Funeral Home, 2352 Eighth Ave., since late Tuesday evening.

Although Muslim ritual says that "the sun should not rise and set twice on the body of a dead Muslim", Mrs. Shabazz told the Amsterdam News that special concessions had been granted because of the situation surrounding her husband's tragic death.

As hundreds climbed the stairs at one of Harlem's largest funeral homes to view Malcolm's remains, many were wet-eyed on leaving the parlor.

Hope An elderly man said, "He gave us hope, even if you didn't believe everything he said," while a young school girl said, "I loved

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Muslim Fire: Retaliation Or Arson?

Police and Fire Department officials are still trying to find out if the Black Muslims' headquarters at 102 W. 116th St. was set afire by an arsonist or by a follower of Malcolm X in retaliation for his murder.

The Tuesday morning fire completely destroyed the building and forced several business establishments to close. The roof collapsed as 150 firemen tried to control the fire and injured five firemen and a civilian.

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Malcolm's Funeral Services

Muslim funeral services for Malcolm X will be held at 9:30 a.m., Saturday morning at the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1763 Amsterdam Avenue.

Arrangements for the Muslim services were completed late Wednesday after several of Harlem's most prominent churches had refused the use of their premises for the funeral services.

The Amsterdam News learned that among Harlem churches which turned down requests for the funeral was the Abyssinian Baptist Church, The Refuge Temple of The Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ at 124th Street and 7th Avenue and the Williams C.M.E. Church at 7th Avenue and 132nd St.

Violence Feared It was learned that the Abyssinian Baptist Church, of which Congressman Adam C. Powell is pastor, rejected the funeral request in fear of possible violence.

The Church recently suffered \$1,200 in damages to one of its windows. Congressman Powell, who had appeared on several platforms with Malcolm X, but who differed from him on many points could not be reached for comment.

Saturday's services for Malcolm X will be held at the Faith Temple Church of God in Christ, 1763 Amsterdam Avenue. It will be a full Muslim rite.

IN STATE—Malcolm X rests in his six foot nine bronze coffin in a reposing room of the Unity Funeral Home, 2352 Eighth Avenue where it was viewed by thousands of his admirers.

"Steady, Eddie?"

(AN EDITORIAL)

As a newspaper which takes pride in its knowledge of the feeling of its own community, the Amsterdam News knows that the vast majority of the people in Harlem are stunned, shocked, and deeply grieved over the untimely death of Malcolm X.

We know that there were many who had reservations about the way he lived, but we also know that the majority have denounced and will continue to denounce the way in which he died.

But none of these mixed emotions can be, or should be used, as an excuse to set off disorder and rioting such as took place in our community a few months ago.

Despite what has been said about him, Malcolm X had a great respect for law and order and no one can truthfully say that he ever precipitated a riot, or was ever known to have led one.

We feel therefore, that those hundreds of thousands who wish to pay their respect to Malcolm X can best do so by doing it in the orderly manner which Malcolm X himself would have followed.

This will not only show due respect to Malcolm X, but it will also serve to confound his critics, who would like nothing better than to see black people rioting over his remains.

The Amsterdam News, therefore, says to the people of Harlem,

"Steady, Eddie!" "Let's give Malcolm the warmth and respect that is due him. But let's be cool about it! "Steady, Eddie!"

Malcolm X Picture Page

Full page of pictures of Malcolm X on page 7, as only your Amsterdam News can give it to you!

City Patients Barred

The State Department of Social Welfare has ordered Mt. Morris Park Hospital to stop taking care of patients whose hospital bills are paid by the City of New York. The move seriously threatens the life of the hospital.

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Move By State May Close Mt. Morris Hospital

Malcolm X As "The People" Knew Him

Malcolm X was many things to many people. But if he was anything he was a man of the people. He walked the streets and stayed in contact with the people.

He was a man whom the people in the street felt they really knew.

No one with the possible exception of his closest followers knew him better than the reporters of the Amsterdam News, the newspaper for which Malcolm wrote his first column and the newspaper which tagged him as "God's Angry Man."

In the stories below Amsterdam News reporters were asked to write an article about "Malcolm X As I Knew Him." Read them now and then read the roundup comment of Harlemites who were asked by Amsterdam News reporters to give their views on Malcolm X.



HELD - Ruben Francis, 33, of 871 E. 178th St., Bronx, was arrested and charged with the shooting of Talmadge Hayer, 22, of 347 Marshall St., Paterson, N. J., a suspect in the murder of Malcolm X. The tight lipped Hayer is confined to the prison ward in Bellevue under heavy police guard.

Malcolm Died Broke

By JAMES BOOKER

When he became a member of the Black Muslims several years ago, 39-year-old Malcolm X signed an oath of poverty, and as a result, he never had anything put in his own name. Thus when he met with his

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Geo. Todd And Malcolm X

By George Todd

"We interrupt this program to bring you a special newcast . . ." the announcer said as the Sunday afternoon movie on the TV set was halted temporarily.

"Malcolm X was shot four times . . . while addressing a crowd at the Audubon Ballroom on 168th St. . . ."

"Oh, no!" That was my first reaction to the shocking event that followed one week after the Afro-American Unity was routed from his East 125th Street home by a bomb explosion. Minutes later we alighted from a cab at the corner of Broadway

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Tony Bryce And Malcolm X

By C. ANTHONY BRYCE, JR.

My fascination with Malcolm X began while I was learning my trade with a newspaper in Columbus, O., and Malcolm was practicing his in New York. My trade is writing the truth, as I see it. Malcolm's was speaking the "truth," as he understood it.

"Giving Whitley hell" might be a more precise description of Malcolm's occupation. His ability and talent for doing just that, doing it eloquently and in no uncertain

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Trust Fund For Malcolm X's Kids

A trust fund to finance the education of the four daughters of assassinated Malcolm X was opened Wednesday afternoon at the Freedom National Bank by Harlem ministers of the Upper Manhattan Unit of the Protestant Council of New York City.

The Rev. W. Sterling Cary, president of the Unit and Minister of Grace Congregation Church at 310 W. 139th St., said an appeal would be made Sunday at the 200 member churches in Harlem to take up a special offering to add to the initial deposit of \$125.

"We feel," said Mr. Cary, "that the Negro community owes a debt to the children of Malcolm X. Our entire civil rights thrust has lost something through his death."

Speaking on behalf of the other ministers, he added that while they didn't agree with "his complete platform," they shared "his pride in blackness and his recognition that manhood demanded self defense as opposed to violence." The ministers also deplored a

United Council To Meet

The United Council of Harlem Organizations, formed after the 1964 Harlem racial tensions, was to hold a special meeting on the murder of Malcolm X and the fire-bombing of the 116th St., Muslim Temple at the Bowery Bank Building, 345 W. 145th St., on Wednesday, Feb. 24, at 7:30 p.m.

Yosef ben Jochannan, current chairman, who called the meeting, said they would discuss this situation and want to express "our horror over the loss of one of the Afro-American community's great leaders."

The Council is expected to issue a plea for community stability and for an end of the reprisal terror by the various Muslim factions.

Ten Best Dressed

Cathy White, Amsterdam News Women's Editor this week publishes the Amsterdam News' Ten Best Dressed Women's List for 1964-1965. Don't miss it. Turn to page 11!