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Movie Vet at 18

The exciting story of a versatile young Negro who made his debut at the age of 3 and is now a seasoned movie veteran at 18 is told in this issue of The Pittsburgh Courier. Turn to Page 16 and read about young Eugene Jackson Jr.

ASSASSINS TRAIL KING... FBI

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

December 22, 1964

Brotherhood Week 1965 once again makes us acutely aware of the social and economic injustice which still clouds the lives and fortunes of many of our fellow citizens.

Strong differences among our people have made our land dynamic. But when disagreement corrodes into discrimination then the very diversity which has been a hallmark of our Nation's success weakens its fabric of freedom and democracy.

Our beloved land was founded by men fleeing bigotry. Let us seek during this Brotherhood Week and throughout 1965 to sustain and deepen the spirit of liberty and equality for which our founding fathers fought and died.

I urge all Americans to join now with the National Conference of Christians and Jews to work toward a society that will respect differences of ethnic background, race and religion as well as encourage an equal opportunity for every citizen.

/s/ LYNDON B. JOHNSON



BROTHERHOOD AWARD — Beth Falk, baby girl of the Falk family, beams with girlish pride as she admires the pretty clock trophy held by Mrs. Eleanor Lofton, acting publisher of The Pittsburgh Courier, who presented the award to Beth's sister, Gail Falk, through her mother, at Unitarian Church on Sunday. In the picture are (left to right) Mrs. Robert R. Lavelle, Beth, Mrs. Leslie A. Falk, Dr. Leslie A. Falk, Mrs. Lofton, Don Falk (holding the other end of the clock), Mrs. Alma A. Polk and Margaret Dobbins, Freedom Crusader.—Harris Photo

Two White Triggermen At Marion

WASHINGTON — Although the Federal Bureau of Investigation has listened intently to warnings that a red-eyed Negro terrorist group plans to assassinate world-famous American Negro leaders to dramatize shameful U.S. "racism" before the world, high Federal and Alabama officials warned Dr. Martin Luther King, Monday, that two white gunmen plan to shoot him to death.

Fully aware of the peril, Dr. King said he was aware that the two killers were in Marion, Ala., last week, and "had planned an attempted assassination."

The grim clergyman, already committed to a daily risking of his life, in order to remove white supremacist shackles from Negro millions, everywhere, showed little emotion, saying "They (the two whites) never got me into a situation where I was alone."

Two days later, however, when demonstrations resumed here on Thursday night, Dr. King was absent from his usual place, at the head of the thronging hundreds.

That was the night that violence broke out in the Marion courthouse square, and when bloodshed provoked a segregationist Montgomery, Ala., daily to rebuke the Marion police department for senseless, anti-Negro performances.

WIRE DISPATCHES did not identify the agencies that warned Dr. King, but legal officials believed the FBI and members of the state detective force revealed the danger. There was no indication that either law enforcement arm made an attempt to identify.

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True Islam Impatient With Muslim 'Blood and Battles'

By ERIC ROBERTS
(Of The Courier Staff)

While Ar Khan Bengales, local spiritual leader and missionary of orthodox Islam's Ahmadiyyan movement, refrained from a direct condemnation of the arsonists and gunmen who promise to endanger the faith's unauthorized Elijah Muhammad organization, he did express regret that the Black Muslims are "misrepresenting" the concepts upon which the movement was presented by its founder.

Speaking from the Mission House, in the 2500 block of Webster Ave., Tuesday morning, Mr. Bengales scored the narrow racist sentiments and diverse beliefs which, on Sunday, led to the assassination of Malcolm X in New York City.

"They are using the name of the Islamic religion," he said, "without presenting a real movement." Continuing, he declared, "Islam means 'surrender.'"

"It connotes peace with God, peace with men, and peace with one's self. Islam accepts man as man, in true brotherhood. It does not embrace race prejudice or preach in favor of sects or divisions, among mankind," said the soft-spoken Ahmadiyyan missionary.

HE REMINDED that neither the Elijah Muhammad movement nor the Malcolm X offshoot can claim official connection with the true dispensation that beams from Mecca (Arabia), the Holy City of the Prophet.

Asked what became of Ahmed Nassir, who was the Islamic resident of Leroy Place, in Northwest Washington, D.C., 15 years ago — the first Islamic official, to reveal details of the mission to The Courier — Mr. Bengales informed that the ex-D. C. missionary is now teaching in a New York, N.Y., college.

At that time, in 1951, the sensational rise of the present Negro-controlled, Chicago Muslim operation was yet to occur.

RELIGIOUS HISTORIANS are not alarmed at the fatal cleavage that possibly led Malcolm X to his death. The original world of Islam (True Islam), was early rent in twain by spites, greed and blood-bathed partisan wrangles.

Many readers may remember those warring Islamic sects, known even since World War I — as the Shittes and Sunnites.

Dynastic clouds led to the death (by stones) of the Caliph Othman in 656, just 24

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FRUIT OF VIOLENCE — Gunned down by a group of assassins who were part of his audience of 500 followers, at New York's Audubon Ballroom, on Sunday, the body of slain Malcolm X, who split with Elijah Muhammad's Black Muslims and who had promised to reveal "all," including the names of those who were trying to kill him, in his Sunday speech, is carried from the hall, by police, on a stretcher. He only was able to utter the Muslim greeting and the words "Brothers and sisters—" before the fatal shots rang out.

Courier Brotherhood Award Goes to Young COFO Worker

By ALMA A. POLK

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The first Pittsburgh Courier Brotherhood Award was presented last Sunday, to Mrs. Joy Falk, mother of Gail Falk, the recipient in the First Unitarian Church, Moorewood and Ellsworth Aves., here, by Mrs. Eleanor Lofton, acting-publisher of The Courier.

Mrs. Falk read a statement of acceptance from her daughter which said:

"I prefer to think of this award not as a personal award, for brotherhood cannot be given a reward—when it exists it carries with it its own reward and wants no other—but rather as recognition for a spirit of brotherhood which I was fortunate to participate in, which is symbolized by the singing of 'We Shall Overcome.'"



MISS GAIL FALK

"A recognition that here and there, all over Mississippi — at a mass meeting, in a COFO office, at a Freedom School,

there exists an understanding of brotherhood, where black and white, young and old, prosperous and desperately poor, can stand together and sing.

"Deep in our hearts we could believe, because as we sang, our words were true."

Miss Falk, 20, Radcliffe senior, and civil rights fighter, was selected for the award by a board of judges, for her participation in the Mississippi "Freedom Schools" project. The Radcliffe student spent eight months in Meridian, Miss., teaching in the Freedom School, and only returned the last of January, this year.

In accepting the award, Mrs. Falk said, "Gail was only a symbol of a team of college students, each of whom taught in the shabby, rural areas of the Cotton State, and tried to

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Fire Bombs Signal Reprisals for Malcolm in N.Y., Calif.

Muslims Seek Peace in Pittsburgh

There was little bitterness, if any, in Pittsburgh, even among the few Negroes who have joined Muhammad's Muslim movement here over the assassination Sunday of Black Nationalist leader of the

Afro-American Unity movement, Malcolm X, in New York.

However, there were a number of leaders of civil rights groups who felt like Non-Violence leader, Martin Luther King, that "This

evil act must not be condoned by all people of goodwill and that our society is still sick enough to express dissent through murder."

There was no bitter taking of sides in the controversy, and as even Robert X, minis-

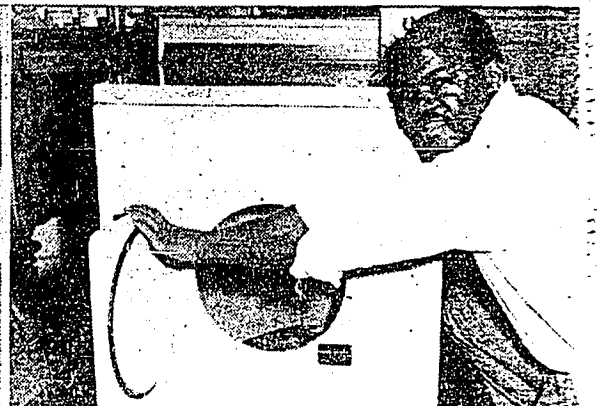
ter of the local Muhammad Muslim Movement, which has its headquarters in Homewood, in a grocery store at 7056 Monticello St., says: "There is little to fear from reprisals by the Malcolm X"

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Name Lavelle To DPA Board

Robert R. Lavelle, a Schenley Heights real estate man, who lives at 4331 Andover Terrace, was one of four Pittsburghers whose names were sent Monday by Gov. William Scranton to the Pennsylvania State Senate for confirmation as members of the Allegheny County Board of Public Assistance.

Others appointed were Ralph Munn, retired director of the Carnegie Library, of 5445 Wilkins Ave., Shadyside; Mrs. Elizabeth Burgwin, of 335 S. Linden Ave., Point Breeze; Leroy L. Williams, president of J. A. Williams Co., of 5048 Fifth Ave., Shadyside.



WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BARGAINS — When a downtown discount appliance firm held its annual George Washington's Birthday Bargain Sale here on Monday, Feb. 22, hundreds of Pittsburghers, many of them Negroes, waited outside the store all night, to

be there when the doors opened so they would get first chance at the almost-give-away bargains on appliances. Shown with the appliances they received for an average price of about \$1 apiece are (left photo) Donald Cogdell, 18, of 6508 Winslow St., East Liberty, and

the \$40 pool table he got for \$1.04; (left center photo) Mary Benson of 2014 Grove St., Hill District, and the washer she was able to buy; (right center photo) Mrs. Norma Tadam and daughter, Terri, with the portable television set, shown in their home at 6928 Kelly St.,

which Mrs. Tadam's husband, Larry, waited up all night to purchase; (right photo) ex-prizefighter Ben Franklin, 42, of 5369 Warble St., Garfield Hill, who said he will give the automatic clothes dryer, which was permitted to purchase for \$1.04, to his mother.—Hightower Photos