

# Eyewitness Chasing Man With Live Bomb Thought All Would Die Phila. Malcolm X Men Predict Wave of Violence Here Fanatical Fifth Columnists Had Belonged to His Group for Months

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### Barefoot Wife Watches as Aides Work Over Fallen Leader



BAREFOOTED BETTY X, wife of Malcolm X, watches as his followers offer futile mouth-to-mouth resuscitation to husband as he lies mortally wounded on stage in Audubon Ballroom after being felled Sunday by a hail of bullets fired at close range as he stood on stage to address about 500 of his militant followers.

### Accused Slayer Called Odd Ball By Neighbors But Mom Defends Him; Wife Expects Baby Any Day

By MARK BRICKLIN OF THE TRIBUNE STAFF  
Shocked neighbors of Talmadge Hayer, 22-year-old Paterson, N.J., youth, accused in the revenge slaying of Black Nationalist leader Malcolm X, was described Monday by his neighbors as a "real odd ball" who was highly secretive about his activities and often said and did "strange things."  
At the same time, Paterson police disclosed to The Tribune that Hayer had been arrested in November, 1963, after a small arsenal was uncovered in his home at 347 Marshall st. The "arsenal" consisted of 40 rifles and 57 rounds of ammunition stolen from the Liberty Sporting Goods Store in the nearby town of Passaic, N.J.  
New York City detectives theorized Monday that Malcolm may have been shot to death with one of the stolen weapons. Although 40 rifles were recovered from Hayer's home, another 37 guns still are missing.

### SUSPENDED SENTENCE Murder Shocks Local Top Muslim

By JIM MAGEE OF THE TRIBUNE STAFF  
Interviewed only an hour after the news of Malcolm X's murder was flashed over the radio Sunday, Jeremiah X, leader of the Philadelphia Muslim mosque, Number 12, told a reporter he was "shocked" at the news, and knew nothing about the incident except what he had heard on the radio.  
However, the minister did say that a quote attributed to Malcolm in a recent newspaper story which had Jeremiah holding a secret meeting in his home with the KKK in Atlanta, Ga., was a "vicious lie." Jeremiah, however, admitted attending a Klan rally in Atlanta as a reporter. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

### Cops Save Wounded Suspect From Malcolm's Followers



### Negro Lawyer Among 5 Names On Clark's List

Senator Submits Possible Hopefuls To Committee  
Thirty-eight year old Lawrence Prattis was among five candidates presented by Senator Joseph S. Clark to the City Committee as possible candidates for District Attorney in the May primary election.  
Prattis, chief counsel for the Urban Renewal Administration in Philadelphia, lives at 5807 W. Thompson st. He is married and has two children: David, 2, and (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

### THOMAS HAYER, 22, struggles with police who take him from scene outside a ballroom in uptown New York Sunday after Muslim rebel Malcolm X was shot and killed. Hayer himself was wounded in the melee that broke loose after Malcolm X was shot. Police have charged Hayer with firing the shots that took Malcolm X's life.

### 'Devoted Mother' Dies Trying to Curb Auto Hubby Was Riding In

New Jersey State Police said Mrs. Virginia Williams, 38, who was killed Friday morning, apparently lost control of her car after attempting to force another woman's car, in which her husband was a passenger, off the road.  
The tragedy occurred when Mrs. Williams' car crashed into a pole on Route 322, a mile east of Mullica Hill, N.J., shortly after 7 a.m. Police said the other car was driven by Mrs. Loola Williams, 36, of Glassboro. State Trooper Joseph Salia, of the Mantua Barracks, said Mrs. Virginia Williams' husband, Sam, 38, was riding with Leola.  
The Tribune learned on Sunday from relatives that Mrs. Williams, the victim, was born in Loretto, Va., and was employed at the Ancora Hospital in Jersey. Mother of three children, Mrs. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

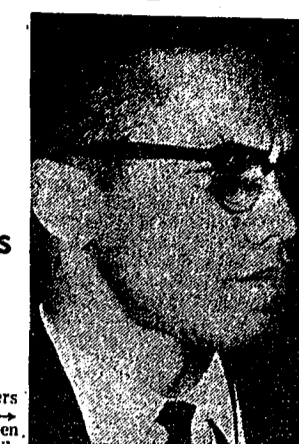
### W. Phila. Purse Snatch Foiled By Pedestrian

Unemployed Dad Of 3 Grabs, Holds Suspect for Cops  
A 15-year-old youth, suspected of grabbing a woman's purse Thursday night at 52nd and Viola sts., was collared minutes after the crime was committed by a 22-year-old father of three.  
William Thomas, of the 5100 blk. of Reno st., told The Tribune on Sunday that he was leaving the home of a relative at 5142 Parkside ave., when he heard the screams of Mrs. Joseph Kuzacavage, 50, walking on 52nd st. near Parkside. (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

### Many "Marked Men" on Both Sides in City

### Say Muhammad's Followers Must Answer to Islam

By FRED BONAPARTE OF THE TRIBUNE STAFF  
Two local Malcolm X supporters predicted Monday night that open violence would soon erupt in Philadelphia between followers of Elijah Muhammad and supporters of the dead Malcolm X.  
"There are many marked men walking the streets on both sides," one of them told The Tribune.  
"Muhammad's followers not only have to fear retribution from Malcolm's followers," he said, "but from Muslims across the world. Malcolm had been recognized by Mecca and was greatly respected by African and near Eastern leaders."  
WARNINGS REVEALED  
The other rebel Muslim said that only last Thursday, he had spoken with Malcolm by telephone, and the Black Nationalist leader had told him that "things are rough. They're closing in."  
Only a few days before, half of his Queens home had been destroyed by fire bombs.  
The local nationalist asked him to take his family and come to Philadelphia where he could "relax and cool it" until the trouble passed over.  
NO TIME TO RELAX  
Malcolm said he would think about it, but indicated that between his work with his Organization of Afro-American Unity, and trying to find a permanent home for his wife and four daughters, he had little time to travel or relax.  
The Malcolm X supporters said they had been "warned" shortly after they left the Mosque here, but said they were not afraid. "We are ready to defend ourselves," one said.  
They admitted, however, that Malcolm did not have a chance to defend himself, and that such an end could come to anyone at any time.  
— A Negro State Senator —



MALCOLM X

### Follower Of Fallen Chief Fear-Stricken Saw Malcolm X Stagger as Man With Gun Fled

(Editor's Note: The following Tribune Exclusive eye-witness account was written by a former Black Muslim who only recently became a follower of Malcolm X. He has requested that his name be withheld, for fear of retribution by the same "powers" that ordered the death of his leader.)  
"Oh, God! God! Don't let them kill him! Don't let them kill Malcolm! Oh, God, kill these bastards!"  
Like a screaming siren that announces death, the woman's piercing cry filled me with sheer terror, far more than did the boom and crackle of gunfire which filled Audubon Hall only a few seconds before.  
Instinctively I hit the floor, expecting a bullet through my head any second. I thought a squad of killers had broken into the hall and was going to spray the whole audience with bullets.  
I'd seen Malcolm stagger and begin to fall just as I ducked, and in my mind's eye, I saw my leader writhing in pain from the killers' bullets.  
ANGER REPLACES FEAR  
Suddenly my fear was replaced with anger and I rose to my feet and looked to where the shots had come from.  
A man waving a gun was rushing for the exit, pushing the stunned people out of his path and screaming "Don't mess with me! Out of my way! Get out of my way!"  
I didn't know what to do: chase the gunmen or go to the stage and see if Malcolm was dead or not.  
Just then a man ran past me carrying what looked like a bomb in his hand. I could actually see the fuse smoking as he went toward the front of the auditorium.  
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— A Negro State Senator —

### Assassins Posed As 'Brothers' To Gain Entrance

### Police Nab Man With Shotgun; Others Escaped

By CHRIS J. PERRY OF THE TRIBUNE STAFF  
Malcolm X, fiery Black Nationalist leader, met his death Sunday in a hall of bullets fired by men he believed to be his friends and supporters.  
It was murder in front of 600 people, a murder planned and executed by people who had infiltrated his movement — fanatics who had taken a blood oath to kill him — even if they had to die to do it.  
For more than a year — ever since he was ousted from the Black Muslims after a dispute with Elijah Muhammad, leader of the cult — Malcolm had been saying he was a marked man. He knew too much about the movement to live, Malcolm said. The Black Muslims would have to kill him to "get rid of my image."  
HOME BOMBED  
A week ago, Malcolm's home in Flushing, Long Island, was destroyed by fire bombs thrown by unidentified men. He told a reporter at the scene that "it is just a matter of time" before they would get him.  
"I feel like I'm already dead," he said. "It doesn't frighten me for myself as long as I feel they won't hurt my family."  
One week later, Malcolm's grim prediction came true.  
The sharp staccato sound of gunfire rang out in the Audubon Ballroom and Malcolm, who had just stepped to the podium, fell straight back. His head slammed onto the wooden floor, the dull thud mixed with the screams of the audience.  
ALONE ON STAGE  
At the instant that the shots were fired, Malcolm was alone on the stage, a perfect target, attempting to break up a dispute between two men in the audience.  
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— A Negro State Senator —

### 2 Sharpe-Dohme Workers Killed, 3 Others Injured

Widow Arranging Rites Returns And Finds TV Missing  
By JOHN BRANTLEY WILDER OF THE TRIBUNE STAFF  
The widow of a 52-year-old North Philadelphia man who was killed in an auto accident on his way home from work Thursday returned to her home Monday morning to discover that while she was making funeral arrangements, burglars had been looting her house.  
Mrs. Dorothy Perry, of 2505 Sharswood st., widow of Roy Perry, told The Tribune that after slaying with relatives over the weekend, she went back to her house and noticed that the front door was open, and broken glass on the floor. After searching the house, she discovered the only thing missing was her television set, she said.  
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— A Negro State Senator —

### Mrs. Sam Cooke Anxious to Back Hubby in Career Says Dead Singer Wanted Womack, Valentinos on Top

(See Picture, Page 2)  
LOS ANGELES (Special to The Tribune)—The widow of the late Sam Cooke isn't going to be married to a second-class rock 'n' roll musician.  
Mrs. Barbara Cooke, awaiting her union to Bobby Womack, leader of the Valentinos, set for Thursday, said last week that she will "bankroll" her new hubby's way to the very top of the entertainment world.  
Like everything she's done since the death of her husband, she explained her plan by saying, "Sam would have wanted it that way."  
She said the late Cooke, who was the manager of the Valentinos, had told her that he wanted to back a  
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### Only 200 March In Selma Vote Demonstration

1400 Turned Out In Similar Task Only Last Week  
SELMA, Ala.—(Special to the Tribune)—The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., led 200 Negroes to the Dallas County Courthouse yesterday in a voter registration march, which came off without incident.  
A similar march last week turned out 1400. However, Dr. King did not indicate that he was disappointed in the relatively small group of supporters today.  
Dr. King led his followers to the door of the courthouse in small groups in an effort to avoid arrest for parading without a permit.  
— A Negro State Senator —  
Gtn. Woman Fails In Cobbs Creek Apt. Suicide Try  
Miss Anne Wright, 30, who according to police attempted to commit suicide Saturday night by taking an overdose of sleeping pills, is reported in fair condition at Misericordia Hospital.  
The victim, of 11 e. Gorgas la. Germantown, was taken to the hospital by a friend, James Anderson, 8715 Catherine st.  
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### 2 Negro Educators OK Controversial 46th & Market Site

Doctors Hayre, Young Agree With Whittier In Speeches to Parents  
School Superintendent Dr. C. Taylor Whittier and a host of local civic groups are apparently headed on a collision course, and neither side is putting on the brakes.  
Whittier told newsmen last week that 1) a junior high school is going up at 46th and Market sts. no matter how much it costs and no matter how many people don't want it there, and 2) portable classrooms (called "aluminum out-houses" by their detractors) will be popping up in school yards all over the city, especially in Negro neighborhoods, come September.  
Among Whittier's most adamant opponents are the West Philadelphia Schools Committee, and a dozen affiliated neighborhood organizations. They plan to protest his plans by  
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### Hero



WILLIAM THOMAS

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