

Miraculous Recovery Amazes Physicians

The Ordeal With Death of Minister Clyde

Clyde

(Special to Muhammad Speaks)

The miraculous recovery of Minister Clyde Rahaman, who was shot down on the streets of St. Louis, Mo., was described by physicians of Homer Phillips Hospital as "in amazing defiance of their prognostications and beyond medical comprehension."

THE DEVOUT minister of Muhammad's Mosques of Islam No. 28, in St. Louis, and No. 30, in Kansas City, Mo., credits the miracle of his recovery to the "prayers, encouragement and comfort" extended to him by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah.

During an interview in his St. Louis home with a reporter from MUHAMMAD SPEAKS, Minister Clyde traced the tragic events of the morning of Oct. 17, 1966: "Brother Timothy X Hoffman and I were on Grand Avenue around 8:30 a.m., preparing to stop by Shabazz Restaurant and then go to the bank. Brother John X Moore met us on the way and asked if the barber shops were open on Mondays. We told him they were not open, just as we reached Shabazz Restaurant.

"THEN WE saw Andrew Hoffman coming toward us. I turned toward the restaurant door and that's when Andrew shot Johnny twice.

Andrew then shot me, turned and shot my brother, Timothy. The bullet, which I later learned was fired from a .38 caliber revolver, hit me in the right arm. As I fell, I shouted, 'Call the police; get the doctor.'

"Andrew walked over to me and I remember hearing him say, 'You're not dead. I'm going to kill you.' He put the gun just below my right temple and fired."

Minister Rahaman said he felt the blood rushing through his nose and mouth, but did not lose consciousness.

"I BEGAN TO pray," he recalled, "and asked Allah to please spare my life. I told Him I wanted to continue helping His Messenger, the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, and told Him that I had no son, no one to carry on. The police came and put me on a stretcher and into an ambulance. They asked who shot me and I said Andrew Hoffman."

Minister Clyde said he does not remember everything after that, although his wife and others said he never lost consciousness and was speaking rationally.

"While in the hospital, I

remember seeing my wife, Beatrice, the nurses, Minister Leroy and Brother Secretary John Ali from Chicago. With them was Captain Raymond Sharrieff, Minister James and the Messenger's son, Emanuel Muhammad. They flew right down here and stayed, with my wife, at my bedside. They prayed with me and tried to encourage and comfort me."

MINISTER Rahaman's wife, Beatrice, said the doctors had expressed little hope for his recovery. Physicians later told them that Brother John W. X Moore had died of wounds and Brother Secretary Timothy was in good condition.

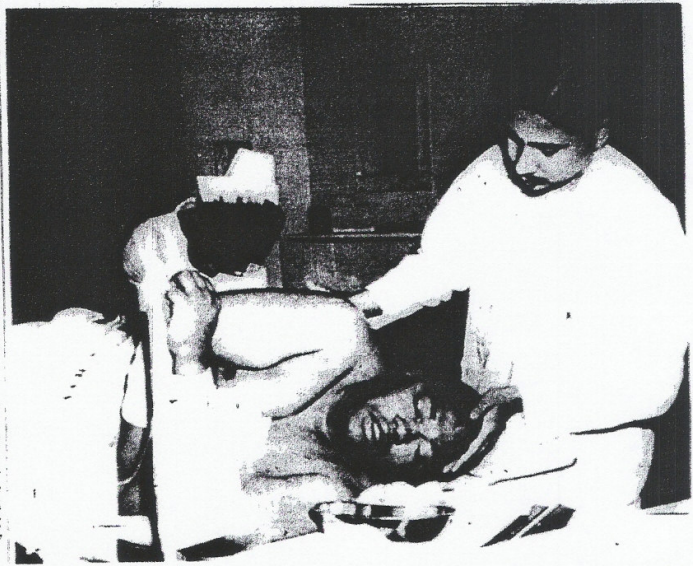
"I was very weak from loss of blood," Minister Clyde continued. "As I remember, it seemed as though I drifted back and forth in consciousness. The turning point came the second day.

"I don't know if it was night or day; I was semi-conscious when the phone was handed me by my wife. I could hear the soft, inspiring voice of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and from this moment on, everything is crystal clear in my memory.

"He reminded me that Allah is our God and our religion is Islam; he explained the type of environment we lived in the midst of; the importance of his work and many, many things much

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When Death Was Knocking At the Door



FEARED LOST after falling victim to vicious shooting attack Oct. 17, Minister Clyde Rahaman of Muhammad's Mosque of Islam No. 29, St. Louis, Mo., was given "slim chance" of survival by physicians. He was shot in the left arm and through the right side of his head, the bullet entering just below his

temple and exiting from his left jaw. He attributes his miraculous recovery to the "prayers, concern and encouragement" extended him by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad. The devoted minister expects to resume his full duties within a month.



CONVALESCING VICTIM of shooting attack, Minister Clyde Rahaman of Muhammad's Mosques of Islam in St. Louis, and his courageous wife, Sister Beatrice, Kansas City, Mo., and his courageous wife, Sister Beatrice. "I think my wife suffered more than I did," Minister Rahaman said. "It was a terrible ordeal for her and she was right by me all the way." The devoted Minister, who attributes his

miraculous recovery to the "prayers, concern and encouragement" expressed by the Honorable Elijah Muhammad, was shot in the arm and through the head by a crazed gunman, the second bullet entering just below his right temple and exiting from his left jaw.



SISTER LILLIE X Moore, wife of Brother Johnnie W. X Moore, who died of bullet wounds, Brother Johnnie's sister La Faune X. Secretary Timothy X. Hoffman, who was

wounded but soon released from hospital, and his wife, Sister Dolores X Hoffman seated in Shabazz Restaurant in St. Louis, Mo.

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"I WAS SO encouraged by his words that, without realizing it, tears welled up into my eyes. I began to tremble with elation as I listened to the inspiring teachings of the Messenger of Allah. My wife, seeing my high state of emotion, took the phone from me and a brother helped me settle back in the bed."

Minister Clyde recalled the doctors came to see him sev-



MINISTER CLYDE Rahman's boundless energy brings him to Grand Avenue in St. Louis, Mo., despite doctors' orders that he remain indoors until fully recovered from shooting attack. "My work in advancing the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and the cause of Islam comes before anything else in the world," the minister declares. He said he is following the advice of the Messenger of Allah, who insisted that he "take it easy" until strong enough to go back to work. He will resume his full duties within a month.

eral times a day and often during late evening hours.

"They began to marvel at my miraculous recovery. They said they had never seen anything like it and asked if I could explain it. I told them I followed the teachings of the Messenger of Allah, and explained my clean life and clean eating habits.

He was shot at 8:30 a.m. and reached the hospital by 9:15 a.m.

"BY 9:40 a.m. some 100 Muslims were at the hospital inquiring about my condition," he added. "The doctors and nurses were moved to comment that they had never seen such love and unity, nor such a tremendous response from people of the city.

"They put us in a special room together—Timothy and I—and the dietitian brought us trays of fruit every day and ordered a special diet since they knew we didn't eat pork."

Minister Clyde said he received thousands of cards, letters and phone calls, both from Muslims throughout the country and from other people in St. Louis, Kansas City and Canton, Miss., his home town.

"I RECEIVED letters from the wardens of three Federal prisons, where I had been advancing the teachings of the Messenger of Allah — Leavenworth, Kans., Marion, Ill. and Springfield, Mo. The wardens expressed concern over the incident, inquired as to my health, wished me a speedy recovery and urged me to hurry back and continue my work.

"They said the inmates were pressing them to continue their inquiries concerning my condition and when I would return. I was told I could send clippings from MUHAMMAD SPEAKS newspaper, but still they will not permit the entire newspaper to enter the prisons.

The bullet wound in the minister's left arm caused a

fracture and required use of a cast for about two and a half weeks. He said his arm is functioning normally, but he still cannot open his mouth very wide and the doctors advised him not to continue his work for about a month.

HE SAID the most important factor contributing to his speedy recovery was the calls he received from the Honorable Elijah Muhammad and from his wife, Sister Clara Muhammad.

"She would call one day," he said, "and the Messenger would call the next day. I also talked with the Messenger's son, Herbert Muhammad, which was very encouraging. Brother Secretary John Ali often called to see how I was progressing.

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### Why 'Dollar Colonialism' Endangers African Freedom

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### Find Negro Vote in South Key to Several Victories

ATLANTA — The Southern Negro's vote was the margin of victory in the election of one United States Senator, two Representatives and at least one Governor this fall, according to political analysts.

NEGRO voters also helped defeat a racist sheriff in Selma, Ala.; helped to stall the election of a Governor in Georgia; put 20 Negroes in Southern legislatures and helped a new name outpoll a member of the Byrd family in Virginia.


These are among the facts emerging from a still incomplete study of the Nov. 8 general election by the Voter Education Project of the

Southern Regional Council. The project promotes Negro voter registration and voter education in the South.

In the 11 states of the Confederacy, Negro registration was up from 2,174,200 in 1964 to an estimated total of 2,671,514 this fall.

AMONG the victors who owe their election to the Negro vote this fall are Winthrop Rockefeller, the Republican Governor-elect from Arkansas, two Democratic Senators-elect from South Carolina, and two Democrats elected to the house, Nick Galupnikus of the Fifth District of North Carolina and Ray Blanton of Tennessee

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STUDENTS OF the University of Islam, Chicago, displayed their diligent research in exhibits featuring various aspects of Asian-African countries. Some of the students who took part in the International Evening are shown here. From left to right: Dorothy X Sanders, La Weeda X Randle, Minister James Shabazz and an unidentified visitor.

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Hearing all these good wishes and encouragement also helped."

Minister Clyde said the motive for the shooting remains a mystery to him. He had not seen Andrew Hoffman since three years ago, when he left St. Louis for California. "The newspapers, which allege to quote from statements taken by the police, say Andrew Hoffman came from California to St. Louis to kill me, but didn't explain why."

HE SAID he would like to express his gratitude to all the people of St. Louis who expressed concern over the tragic incident, and his special gratitude to the Muslim ministers across the country who sent cards and letters

and came to visit him, both in the hospital and since his release.

Minister Clyde concluded by saying that, though the elements behind the shooting may think they have killed his spirit and will to continue assisting the Honorable Muhammad, but "they only made my spirit stronger and made me more determined."

"I can see and can hear and can think as I always did, and I know, without a shadow of a doubt, that Allah is God, Who came in the Person of Master Fard Muhammad, to Whom all praise is due forever."

"AND I HAVE long known and still know that the Honorable Elijah Muhammad is Allah's Messenger. I constantly pray to Allah that I

will be fully recovered soon and I pray that I will have a chance to prove the teachings of the Honorable Elijah Muhammad to all so-called Negroes in this country. I can never thank Allah enough for such a great leader and teacher as the Honorable Elijah Muhammad.

Minister Clyde Rahaman expressed his gratitude for the prayers of Muslims in St. Louis and Kansas City, Mo., who underwent a three-day fast in his behalf. He said there were some Egyptian Muslims in St. Louis at the time of the barbaric shooting. One of them, Brother Ahmed, donated blood to the critically wounded minister and also pursued the three-day fast.

## Gregory En Route to Hanoi, To Seek Truce Visit O.K.

(Pan African Press)

Dick Gregory, famed entertainer, civil rights advocate and avowed candidate for mayor of Chicago, said he will fly to North Viet Nam soon to discuss the possibility of entertaining American prisoners there during the proposed holiday cease fire.

"THE INVITATION to talk things over with North Viet Nam authorities came from Hanoi through Bertrand Russell's office in Paris," Gregory said. "I just spoke to Lord Russell's secretary."



Gregory Lord Russell is the

English philosopher and Nobel prize winner who has been a caustic critic of American aggression in Viet Nam.

After a weekend night club engagement in New York, Gregory plans to fly to London, Paris and then to Hanoi.

"I'M A PACIFIST and don't believe in war and infighting," he said. "When you have captured men who cannot do any fighting and who have lost their freedom,

what group is in more need of entertainment at Christmas?"

He said he would not accept an invitation to entertain American soldiers in South Viet Nam because, "I don't believe in killing, and that's what they are doing."

He said he would not even consider entertaining wounded soldiers in South Viet Nam.

Dean Rusk, U.S. secretary of state, told reporters in Chicago that he does not think Gregory will ever make the tour.

"I don't think he will be invited to make such a tour," said Rusk.

Rusk was reluctant to answer questions concerning state department permission for such a trip.

"I'll have to wait until that question comes up," he said.

Gregory said he will make the trip regardless of whether the state department grants permission.

"I don't know if there will be any reprisals, and I don't care," he said.

Gregory said the entertainment tour would cost him between \$50,000 and \$100,000, which he plans to raise by appearances in Chicago nightclubs.

## General Motors Layoffs To Hit Black Workers

DETROIT — Thousands of black workers in General Motors Corp. plants at Atlanta, St. Louis and Willow Run, Mich., face an indefinite lay off, union officials, recently said.

ALTHOUGH NO definite Negro-white ratio to be laid off was given, black union leaders assert that General Motors' traditional last-hired-first-fired policy toward Negro workers undoubtedly would prevail, causing a vastly higher number of Negroes to lose work.

The layoffs are part of a GM production cutback. Corporation officials said earlier that in December it will cut its production rate 3.7 per cent from the current 20,000 a day, with another 4.4 per cent production rate drop to follow in January.

Although the big auto maker has not disclosed the number of men to be laid off in the two-step reduction, some auto sources figure the

total, including cutbacks at supplier plants, might reach around 20,000.

LOCAL UNITED Auto Workers Union officials usually get accurate information of the number of layoffs expected, and an official of local 34 in Atlanta said 1,688 workers would be laid off from the Chevrolet-Fisher Body plants there. The two plants now employ 3,900

Another 200 hourly workers will be laid off at the Chevrolet plant at Willow Run, Mich. Dan Greene, president of UAW local 65 there, said. The plant makes Corvair and Chevy II cars and employs 1,350 hourly workers currently, making the impending cutback a 15 per cent work force reduction.

At St. Louis, 950 to 1,085 will be laid off at the allied Chevy and Fisher Body plants, according to Roy Hartzell, financial secretary of UAW Local 25.

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