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Malcolm X Flees For Life; Muslim Factions At War

Top Posts In TA!



NEW TRANSIT BOSSES Odell Clark (right) of the Power Congressional Committee, beams proudly after the promotion of Marcus Gibson, assistant maintenance superintendent, to top post in the Manhattan, Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority. Frank Robinson, labor relations assistant, all of whom have been given high policy-making and administrative posts in the Authority. Promotion ceremonies were held Monday at TA offices, 370 Jay St., Brooklyn. (Merritt Photo).

Negroes Given Top Posts In Transit Authority

Three Negroes were promoted Monday to high policy-making and administrative positions in the Manhattan, Bronx Surface Transit Operating Authority, the division of the Transit Authority which operates buses in Manhattan, the Bronx and some parts of Queens.

Odell Clark, chief investigator of the House Education and Labor Committee, promotions "a tremendous step forward."

The Amsterdam News also had campaigned for the promotion of Negro transit workers, particularly those in MABSTOA, where civil service rules governing entrance and upgrading do not exist.

Promoted to levels never before reached by Negroes in MABSTOA were Frank Robinson, who was named

Thomas Granger, administrative associate at \$7,800. All three have a total combined service of more than 46 years.

They were upgraded at ceremonies at the Transit Authority Building at 370 Jay St., Brooklyn. Commissioners Joseph O'Grady, John Gihoolley and Daniel Scannell, TA Employee Services Superintendent Christopher T. Marschhauser and MABSTOA General Manager Jack Belsky were present.

Robinson, 42, of 196 Hoyt St., Brooklyn, is married and the father of six children. He worked

Seize Guns, Ammo

Bulletin

Six followers of Malcolm X who were arrested Tuesday night in an armed confrontation with 25 Black Muslims of Elijah Muhammad, were held in a total of \$18,500 bail Wednesday before Supreme Court Justice Mitchell J. Sherwin, as the Amsterdam News went to press.

Fiery Malcolm X went in to temporary hiding in fear of his life late Tuesday night as police averted a shooting war between rival Muslim factions by arresting six of Malcolm X's followers at 116th Street and Lenox Avenue who police say were armed with guns and ammunition and ready to make war on the Muslim followers of Elijah Muhammad.

The six were charged with felonies. (Continued on Page Two)

Case Of Wyatt Walker

By JAMES BOOKER

Rev. Wyatt Tee Walker, right-hand man to Rev. Martin Luther King who has braved police, billies, firehoses, dogs, and other violence in their fight against discrimination, in

Muslims

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serious assault, violation of the Sullivan law, unlawful assembly and violation of the conservation law.

Held are Jesse B.K. Ryan, 32, of 2060 Crotona Parkway, Bronx; Herbert Dudley, 51, of 324 W. 84th St.; George 26K Whitney, 31, of 114 Morris Ave., Bronx; Vincent Nolden, 22, of 721 E. 166th St., Bronx; James Vestal, 31, of 9 W. 417th St., and William George, 23, of 111 W. 118th St.

To Queens

Police said the men, obviously concerned at the welfare of Malcolm X, first tried to reach him by phone at home and then drove to his home at 23-11 97th Street, in East Elmhurst when they got no answer.

But after learning that Malcolm was all right and safe in Queens, police said the group then drove back to Harlem to 116th Street and Lenox Avenue in the vicinity of Elijah Muhammad's Temple Number 7 which was once headed by Malcolm X.

Things happened fast after that.

Malcolm's followers reportedly tried to buy a paper at the corner newsstand, but followers of Elijah Muhammad poured out of a nearby restaurant and for a moment war was imminent. Then the cops arrived.

George 26X was reportedly taking a loaded revolver and police said they found a rifle and ammunition for it in the car in which the six had been riding.

Muhammad Attacked

Malcolm X attacked the character and reputation of Elijah Muhammad in a sensational statement to some newsmen this week and a showdown appeared imminent between the two Muslim factions.

Malcolm's bitterness appeared to stem mainly from the attempt by his former followers to evict him from his home in East Elmhurst which the Black Muslims contend is a church parsonage in which he is no longer entitled to live.

The court hearing in that case this week ended with a judge reserving decision and it was expected that nothing would happen for at least another month.

As Malcolm appeared in court police received reports of attempts to assassinate him and the Queens courthouse became an armed camp as armed cops guarded him in addition to some of his followers bearing shot-guns.

Some of the followers are former Muhammad supporters who were members of the elite Muhammad guard who have followed Malcolm since he quit Muhammad last March.

June 28 Is Day

Locally, with Malcolm followers now openly brandishing weapons New York police and others are cautiously waiting to see if the showdown further develops between supporters of the two on Sunday, June 28 when Muhammad himself is scheduled to come to Harlem to address a monster Muslim Rally at 2 p.m. in the 369th Guard Armory.

Malcolm followers have indicated they will conduct a rival rally on the same day, probably at the Audubon Ballroom.

In an apparent attempt to avoid violence, Muhammad has said that he is coming to Harlem "because the situation is bad, very dangerous. The people are demanding a solution to the situation between whites and blacks. They must have a peaceful solution. We do not want it solved by violence."

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