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BLACK OFFICERS can be found in all types of duty and in all ranks from warrant officer to captain (the equivalent of full colonel in today's navy).

The United States Navy ... Telling It Like It Is

The Navy is carrying out a broad, systematic and painstaking program to provide equal opportunities for Negroes and members of other racial minorities, as well as to eliminate all vestiges of discrimination from Navy life.

The Black man is an active participant in all facets of the Navy as he is holding positions in the enlisted and officer categories, and in every job from aerology to zoology, with many related specialties in between.

A large portion of the Black Community continues to regard the Navy as the service in which a chance for advancement is minimal. This distorted image is slowly changing as minority group members are made aware of "the way it really is," full of opportunity, not "likely it really was."

Equal opportunities in the Navy are available, especially at the officer level. In fact, opportunities at the officer ranks in the Navy for minority group members are being vigorously publicized as attested to by the Navy's "MORE" program. "MORE" stands for Minority Officer Recruiting Effort, and it is conscientiously administered by the Navy to disseminate information to minority communities as to actively recruit qualified Negro, and other persons with a minority group background.

In addition to the recruiting of qualified minority group members, all aspects of equal opportunity are receiving close and immediate attention from officials at every level of the U. S. Navy including the Chief of Naval Personnel and the Secretary of the Navy.

Of the more than 84,000 officers currently on active duty in the U. S. Navy, only about four-tenths of one percent are black. Why are there so few black officers in the Navy? Perhaps it's because of an acute lack of identity on the part of the Negro with the Navy. And understandably so. The Navy, more so than other services, is strongly oriented toward the tradition. And traditionally the Navy ignored and excluded Negroes as men who could effectively take command of a ship and direct the activities of the men under their charge, as policy and decision makers, as officers. Prior to the end of World War II, when the decision was made to fully integrate the military services, a Negro in the Navy could only serve in an enlisted rating as a steward, messman or other noncombatant ratings. After President Harry S. Truman's orders to integrate the services, it was both accepted and carried out by the Navy, on both enlisted and officer levels. The Navy is aware of its past record of unequal opportunity and segregation. What was done in the past can not be denied or undone, and attitudes among many remain the same even though the tradition was broken. The connotation of the Navy as being a "Southern Gentleman's Country Club" still exists in the minds of many blacks who are well qualified for a commission in the Naval Service.

This conception of the Navy, however, is continuing to change rapidly as the Negro is made aware that equal opportunity and integration in the

Naval Service are not myths but fact and practice. The success of racial integration can be seen at every Navy installation and ship throughout the fleet. For instance, clubs for officers, petty officers, and enlisted men are fully integrated. Base housing and recreational opportunities are available to all, without regard to race. Black and white children attend schools together. Promotion and training opportunities are available without regard to color. In fact, the entire military establishment is the most highly integrated environment in America today and has been cited by newspapers, magazines and the Black community for its justice, progressive attributes and equal opportunities.

Today, the Black Naval Officer, even though his number is small, far too small, is not only saying it loud, but is doing his thing. He is making decisions, leading men, determining policy, and commanding ships. Negro officers can be found wearing rank insignias ranging from Warrant Officer to Captain (the equivalent of full colonel) and are serving on ships and shore activities as division officers, department heads and as commanding officers.

Career opportunities for Black officers in the Navy can now honestly be described as "wide open." One example is Captain Samuel L. Gravelly, Jr., the first Negro to command a ship of the line and the first black line officer promoted to the rank of Captain. Prior to his promotion, he commanded the USS TAUSIG (DD-746) in action off Viet Nam. Presently, two other Negro officers command destroyers: Commander G. E. Thomas of the USS BAUSSELL (DD-845) and Commander H. B. Dowse of the USS UHLMAN (DD-687).

Four black officers now serve on the staff of the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland. While 11% of all Navy officers on active duty have attended postgraduate school for a Master's or higher degree, the figure for Negro officers is more than 14%.

Eleven Negro pilots in the Navy have flown combat missions in Viet Nam and have won in excess of 40 air medals and 6 Navy Commendation Medals. The Navy has two other black officers who have attained the rank of Captain: One is Chaplain Thomas D. Parham, who is assistant for plans for the Navy's Chief of Chaplains and the Assistant for Human Relations to the Chief of Naval Personnel; the other is Doctor Paul Stewart Green, M.D., a Naval medical officer.

A young black man, who is a recent college graduate or a senior at a college or university might recognize that an opportunity for him to become a Naval Officer does exist but asks the question, "So what if I can qualify for a commission in the Navy, why would I want to become an officer in the Navy?"

The men who join or enlist in the service, regardless of their color or the branch of service they choose, do so for a variety of reasons. And the primary motivating factor today does not seem to be for reasons of patriotism, love of

apple pie, baseball or flag, even though they might be good reasons, but rather because of the impetus of the Draft. And the Draft is real, very real, no matter how one may feel about its injustices, et al.

Currently, there are very few deferments being given for graduate school (medical school being the exception) or for occupations. This limits the alternatives available for a healthy male who is a recent graduate, or is about to graduate, in the scheduling of his future plans. He might find a job or profession and work until he is drafted. He might feel so strong in his convictions that a particular war on wars in general are unjust and immoral and might seek refuge in a foreign country, or face prosecution and a possible prison term. He may, instead, choose one of the more favorable alternatives and join one of the armed services as an enlisted man or officer. If he will be a college graduate at the time, and chooses to go in the service as an enlisted man, he stands a very good chance of not being able to utilize his educational experience and abilities attributed to his having earned a degree.

Now the question of why seek a Naval commission seems to have more meaning, especially if the man is a member of the minority group. An officer in the Navy has a three year active duty service obligation after finishing 18 weeks of Officer Candidate School (OCS). And during those three years he can expect to share more responsibility and have more leadership experience than almost any junior executive in industry. He will be in a position where he makes decisions concerning the safety and welfare of a multi-million dollar ship and possibly thousands of men. He might be a Division Officer of from ten to sixty men whereby he would not only direct their work activities, but would counsel them in matters of finance, legal and family problems.

Because of the high degree of sophistication of modern modern ships, weapons, computers and other machinery used by the Navy, he would constantly be trained and educated.

In addition to the above mentioned advantages, there are the benefits of travel, adventure, social activities, medical and dental care, and perhaps, more importantly, pride and accomplishment in what one is doing, and respect.

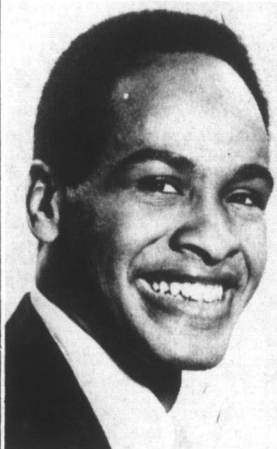
After the black man completes his obligated service and returns to the community, he does so no longer as a potential leader, but as a proven leader of men.

Good Old Oxen Days

BERWICK, Pa. Edward De Lay, still active as a farmer at the age of 96, picks oxen over horses and tractors as a source of power in farming. "I've farmed with them all and oxen are hard to beat," De Lay said at his 75-acre farm near here.

Black Profile Of Courage

By LOU LUTOUR
CLYDE WILLIAMS, internationally acclaimed singer and actor believes "where there is a will, there is a way" as long as one is prepared and has the courage to do and to dare for his highest good as well as for the highest good of others. This has been his belief since a child and became a more vital realization when he became the first Black male to enter and graduate from the College-Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, Ohio. It surely took determination and courage for him, a Black Ghetto boy, to enroll in a school that cost \$1,000 a year, with only \$20.00 of his own in his pocket; and only vague means and promises of more. His being informed that unless he produced a certain amount of money within the



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next two days, he would be refused admission.

When CLYDE returned home depressed and frustrated, his mother as always encouraged him and gave him hope when she remarked, "Clyde, I know that some way you will go to school. I don't have the money and I don't see the way now. But remember, 'Where There Is A Will, There is a Way.'" This expression he had heard in Church over and over again; but it took on a real meaning for him that day. After listening to his mother, the name of a certain elderly widow flashed in his mind. "Following my intuitive mind," said Clyde, "I picked up the telephone and called her; and mustered up courage to tell her about my plight." She immediately informed him that she would lend him the money needed to meet the deadline.

The incident presented in the foregoing paragraph, marked the beginning of a new day for Clyde Williams as he was given money from many sources and even from people who became interested in his education. He also received thousands of dollars in scholarships during his years of study; and graduated with honors. After graduation, he taught and encouraged thousands of young people, mostly those who were talented in the field of music—since that was my area of specialization. Later, he studied acting and dancing.

Highway Use Tax Due Warns IRS Director

GREENSBORO — Owners of large trucks, truck-trailers, or buses may be required to file a Federal highway use tax return, Form 2290, this month. J. E. Wall, District Director of Internal Revenue for North Carolina, said today.

A newly revised schedule of taxable gross weights, effective July 1, contains 21 weight categories for single unit or straight trucks, tractor-trailers and truck-trailer combinations. The new schedule recognizes that larger trucks are using the highways, and also that some trucks are of sturdier construction and are carrying heavier loads. No change was made in the fee schedule for buses operating on public highways.



VSC ROTC INSTRUCTOR GETS MEDAL—Major Bruce L. Gill (second from left) assistant professor of military science at Virginia State College, receives an army commendation

medal from Lt. Col. Ira Snell, Jr., departing head of the military science department at VSC. Maj. Gill received the medal for his "professional competence, mature judgement,

extensive personal effort and outstanding leadership ability" in working with senior ROTC cadets. Assisting in the ceremony are (from left) Mrs. Gill;

Dr. Richard H. Dunn, director of the VSC school of arts and sciences; and Calvin M. Miller, associate professor of political science.

"Telling it Like It Is" on NBC-TV 'Guideline'

NEW YORK—A series of four conversation programs illustrating the Catholic Church's interest in social involvement will be presented beginning Sunday, August 10 (1:30-2:00 p.m. NYT, in color) on NBC Television Network's "Guideline."

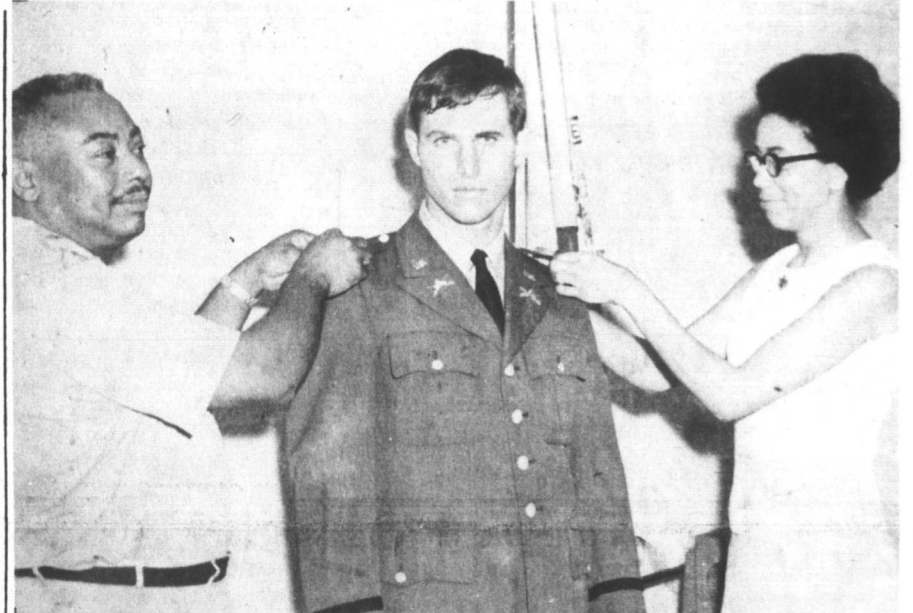
Subtitled "Telling It Like It Is, and How It Ought to Be," the series will begin with a conversation between Frank Robinson of the Baltimore Orioles and Joe Garagiola, NBC-TV and Radio personality and former baseball player and sports announcer.

Frank Robinson, who was voted the Most Valuable Player in the National League in 1961 and the Most Valuable Player in the American League in 1966, will discuss what life is like as a black baseball player. He will also talk about the fact that he would like to be a big league manager, a position which no black man has yet achieved. He spent a season managing a team in Puerto Rico and he would like "the opportunity to feel some day in the near future that some owner or organization will give me a chance to manage in the major leagues."

Mr. Robinson ends on a hopeful note: "I think things are changing. People are accepted now, no matter what color they are. They go places together. They do things together. And they don't look at each other as color. It's individual and that's the beautiful thing about it... it doesn't matter what color you are."

The regular period for the highway use tax runs from July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Owners of trucks in use on public highways during July, have to file a return by September 2 this year. Subsequent returns may be required concerning vehicles used for the first time on public highways after July.

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FIRST WHITE CADET COMMISSIONED AT A&T—Bryant Jackson (center) of Springfield, Tenn. last week became the

first white cadet to be commissioned in the Army ROTC program at A&T State University. Pinning bars are Lt. Col.

William Graves, professor of military science and Mrs. Dorothy G. Jones, ROTC stenographer.

Jesse Hill, Jr. is Named President of NIA for '69

CHICAGO — James Farmer, assistant secretary for administration, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, exhorted black life insurance executives of the National Insurance

Association meeting in Miami Beach for their 49th annual convention to take the future into their own hands and send men to Washington to lobby for special legislation and financial awards to assure their continued role as leaders of black business.

Speaking to an overflow audience at the Hilton Plaza Hotel Wednesday, July 23, where he was principal speaker at the association's President's Banquet, Farmer recognized the contribution made to progress by this segment of black industry and said, "We must help those older and proven industries to survive and meet the competition."

Jesse Hill, Jr., actuary, Atlanta Life Insurance Co., was elected president at the closing session to succeed Wardell C. Croft, president of Wright Mutual Insurance Co. of Detroit. Croft now becomes chairman of the board.

In addition to his insurance position, Hill is publisher of the Atlanta Inquirer and a member of the National Board



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of Directors of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

L. R. Taylor, vice president-actuary of Mammoth Life Insurance Co. of Louisville, was elected first vice president. Traditionally, the first vice-president succeeds the president in office.

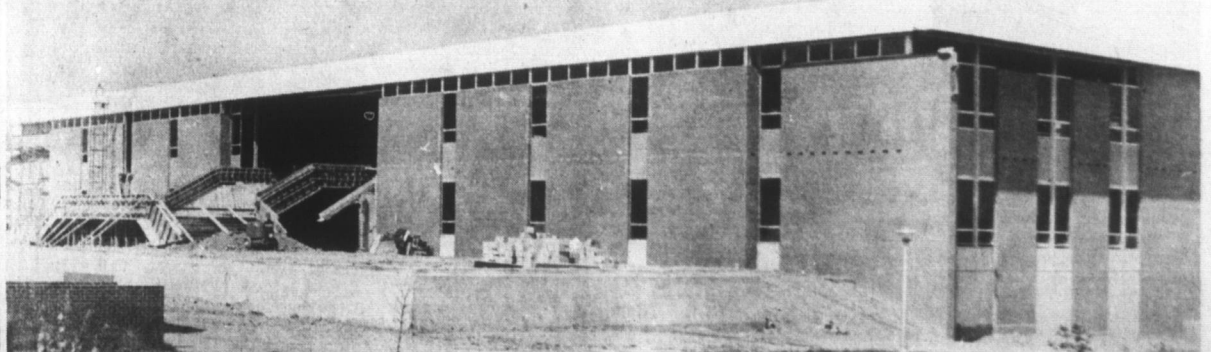
Approximately 5,000 Army National Guardsmen from 17 states are serving in Vietnam.

Shoe Tips Help Land a Job

BURLINGTON, Vt. "Putting your best foot forward" means wearing the right shoes when applying for a job.

Clothing specialists in the Extension Service of the University of Vermont say that potential employers can tell a lot about a prospective employee by the cut of his or her shoes.

The specialists offer these tips to job hunters:



NEW EDUCATION BUILDING AT VSC—Work is progressing on the new School of Education building at Virginia State College, a \$2.2-million struc-

ture set for completion and occupancy sometime during the fall semester. The building will house the VSC audio-visual, secondary and elementary edu-

cation, and fine arts departments, plus a reading center. Also included in the structure are classrooms, laboratories, faculty offices and a small au-

ditorium. A grant of \$496,000 from HEW is assisting in meeting the cost of the facility.

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