



INSPECTION TIME—(Albany, Ga.)—As his squadron stands at rapt attention, Navy Commander Reeves R. (Rip) Taylor

inspects RVAH-6 with the outgoing commanding officer. The reconnaissance squadron will be deployed to the Western Pacific in the late fall. (U.S. Navy Photo)

St. Aug.'s Math Majors Receive Assignments

Saint Augustine's College students who are mathematics majors have received assignments as follows: Miss Mary Alice Crandell, a senior of Robersonville, has been given Federal Government Employment with Social Security. She will begin with a thirteen-week training period in Alabama, and subsequently will be placed according to a location convenient to her.

Jerome C. Johnson, a senior of Raleigh, has been accepted in Carnegie-Melon University Graduate School of Industrial Administration at Shennley Park, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He will begin study towards the Master of Science Degree in Industrial Administration.

James E. Williams, a junior of Brooklyn, New York, has been accepted in the 1970 Summer Student Training Program at Agron National Laboratory to do student research in Applied Mathematics. While there he will attend a lecture series in chemistry and Theoretical Physics and a seminar in addition to his personal research.

Miss Mattie Pearl Thompson of West Riviera Beach, Florida, is completing a full junior year of study at the University of California at Berkeley. Miss Thompson is the recipient of the Crown Zellerbach Scholarship. She will return to Saint Augustine's College in September as a senior.

Peter Montgomery Adams, a senior of Raleigh, is currently doing substitute teaching in the Raleigh school system. He has completed his student teaching in Rochester, New York this semester. He is a prospective graduate in May.

George Gunn, a sophomore of S. Boston, Virginia, participated in the Exchange program with the group that went to Colby College, Waterville, Maine.

Mrs. R. C. Weatherford is chairman of the mathematics department at Saint Augustine's College.

Local Births

The following births were reported to the Durham County Health Department during the week of April 20 through 25:

Charles and Mary Baldwin, boy; William and Alice Asbury, girl; Ernest and Ruth Mangum, girl; Edwin and Betty Kelly, girl; Zeno and Shirley Lee, girl; Jimmy and Jo Ann Cain, twin girls; George and Shirley Frye, boy; James and Marilyn Bynum, boy.

NEGRO COMMANDER TAKES OVER U. S. NAVAL AIR SQUADRON IN GA.

ALBANY, Ga. — They were all facing him—220 Navy men and two of his six super-sonic aircraft, when Navy Commander Reeves R. (RIP) Taylor said, "I relieve you sir," and snapped off a salute becoming the commanding officer of Reconnaissance Attack Squadron Six (RVAH-6) in ceremonies at the Naval Air Station here last month.

Cdr. Taylor is the second Negro in naval history to command a Navy air squadron. As commanding officer, Cdr. Taylor takes over all Administrative and operational responsibility for the six-plane squadron scheduled for deployment to the Western Pacific in the late fall on board one of the Navy's attack aircraft carriers.

Columbia Univ. Signs Pact With Blackwood Firm

NEW YORK — Columbia University has signed a \$201,850 contract with Harlem builder Lewis Black to construct a tennis clubhouse at the University's Baker Field. It is the largest building contract Columbia has made with a black businessman.

Black is president of the Blackwood Construction Company of 360 West 125th Street. Work has already begun on the 2,025-square-foot building, which will be covered by an air dome to allow year-round play. The total cost of the project will be \$335,000 goal of a

Livingstone Col Gives "Oscar" At Banquet

SALISBURY — The big winners in drama awards made recently at Livingstone College were Miss Margie Walker, sophomore of Burgaw, as Best senior of North Wilkesboro, as Best Actor.

The awards were made at the Sixth Annual Drama Banquet held by the Julia B. Duncan Players.

Tabbed as Best Supporting Actress was Miss Annie M. Mosley, senior of Wilmington, while the Best Supporting Actor Award went to James Watson, senior of Raleigh.

Miss Shirley Elmore, senior of Yanceyville, was named "Miss Julia B. Duncan Player," marking the first time the drama guild has given this recognition to one of its players. She was adorned in a queen's raiment by Nathaniel Dicks, president of the Players, and paraded before the audience as she was serenaded by Ray Audrey, freshman of Charlotte, who was named Most Outstanding Newcomer.

Cleaver's 'Soul on Ice' Has Been Read Much Since Its Publication

By Milton Jordan

Elridge's Cleaver's "Soul on Ice" has been reviewed many times since its publication in 1968. But each of the reviews I have read were written not about the book, but about Cleaver's Black Panther Party as if "Soul on Ice" is the bible of the organization. One of the most often quoted statements from the book is: "We shall have out freedom. We shall have it or the earth will be leveled by our attempts to gain it." This statement alone, out of the context of Cleaver's total experiences gives a corrupt view of the man and his book.

"Soul on Ice" is the log book of a young man's voyage into himself. It begins, as do most books by ex-prison inmates, with an in-depth appraisal of prison. Cleaver reveals this society within a society as a putrid existence, one which stripes its victims of the basic drives of accomplishment. As he continues his dissertations on the effects of incarceration, Cleaver also shows that prison peels away the egotistical facade of goodness and lays bare the basic premise of

all men—vanity. He writes: "My vanity is as vast as the scope of a dream. My heart is that of a tyrant...In the past we have had prophets of Doom, in my vanity I wish to be the voice of Doom itself."

In this candid admission, Cleaver reveals the tone for his future rambling investigations into himself and his place in life. His wish to be a voice of doom is amplified and explained in three of the last four chapters of the book: "The allegory of the Black Eunuchs," "The Primal Mitosis" and "Convalescence."

Apparently, recoiling from what he is beginning to see in himself, Cleaver turns the cold blade of scrutiny on the world around him. And here his vanity tricks him into pointing the finger of accusation, of doom if you will, at others. This is a mistake most enraged people make, not realizing that as they point one finger at others, three fingers automatically point back at them in silent, often unnoticed, indictment.

Cleaver falls headlong into

this trap of vanity and spends 210 pages of articulate verbosity, common to self-educated men, in carefully dissecting a twiggy branch on the high tree of problems in this country.

Losing himself in investigating the twig, Cleaver leaves untouched the trunk, the basic root cause of these problems, and in the end, leaves his soul on ice.

Classic indecision and frustration is revealed when Cleaver finally writes: "And we had thought that our hard climb out of that cruel valley led to some cool, green and peaceful sunlit peace—but it's all jungle here, a wild and savage wilderness that's overrun with ruins." And that eternal hope which has sustained oppressed, indecisive Black people to these many centuries burns in Cleaver's breast too. He concludes: "But put on your crown by Queen, and we will build a new city on these ruins."

"Soul on Ice" is just that, a frozen picture of a man who has asked: Who am I? Why am I here?, but who has discovered no answers, and must relapse into the sleepless sumber of slavery to self and a destiny which shares him with no concern for what he would rather be.

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