



ATLANTA — The Apollo-Soyuz crew pause at the grave of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. after placing a wreath honoring King. (From-Left) Vance Brand, Deke Slayton, Aleksey Leonov, Tom Stafford and Valeriy Kubasov. The Cosmonaut-Astronaut crews visited Atlanta on their tour of the United States.

Greensboro Woman Becomes First Black President of U. S. Girl Scouts

WASHINGTON — Dr. Gloria D. Scott, Greensboro, N.C., has become the first black person to be elected president of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A.

Dr. Scott was chosen to head the more than three million-member voluntary youth organization during the 40th convention of the Girl Scout National Council, held Oct. 26-29 in Washington, D.C. She succeeds Mrs. William McLeod Ittmann, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A member of the Girl Scout national board of directors since 1969, Dr. Scott has served as the organization's first vice president since 1972.

The new Girl Scout leader is professor of education and director of institutional research, North Carolina A&T University. She is currently on leave to the National Institute of Education as senior research assistant.

For several years, Dr. Scott has been involved in education at local, state, regional and national levels as a guest lecturer, student advisor and consultant, and has traveled widely in Canada, Mexico and the United States. Her husband, Dr. Will Braxton Scott, is department chairman of sociology and social service and professor of sociology at North Carolina A&T State University.

Dr. Scott received her A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Indiana University, where she was recipient, in 1964, of the governor's award as "outstanding student."

She is a member of the Southern Education Foundation's board of directors, the first woman to serve on the body since Eleanor Roosevelt in the forties. Her accomplishments also include service on the Greensboro Voluntary Action board; the special



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study committee of North Carolina State Commission on Higher Education Facilities, and the technical advisory committee to the

State Board of Higher Education of North Carolina.

A Girl Scout since her youth in Houston, Texas, Dr. Scott believes in Girl Scouting's invaluable contribution to the growth and development of all girls.

Dr. Scott was a planner/participant in the Conference on Scouting for black girls, held in 1970 in Atlanta, Ga., which explored ways in which Scouting could more fully meet the needs and interests of all of today's girls and women.

"All persons can profit from good human interactions," she said, "and all persons have something to contribute."

"A movement that had its birth in 1912 during the height of the struggle for women's rights certainly has an historical mission to pursue and a significant national role to play in the present search for full human development," she

added. More than 4,500 delegates, observers and visitors from 352 Girl Scout councils in the United States, Puerto Rico, the Canal Zone and U.S. territories attended the National Council convention

in Washington, D.C. In addition to holding national elections, delegates set the basic direction of Girl Scouting for the next three years.

Other officers elected include Mrs. Elmer C. Sproul, Newport Beach, Cal., first vice-president; Mrs. Charles H. Finkelstein, Coral Gables, Fla., second vice-president; Mrs. Orville L. Freeman, Ardsley-on-Hudon, N.Y., third vice-president; Mrs. Floyd M. Warr, Independence, Mo., fourth vice-president; Mrs. E. Robert J. Farrell, Jr., secretary, and Miss. Mary E. Ruddy, Washington, D.C., treasurer.