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# FBI, Local Lawmen Eye Klan Antics in Nevada

REVIVAL OF KU KLUX KLAN activity in Nevada is being closely watched by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, together with state and local law enforcement agencies, according to assurances received by the VOICE.

Although there apparently has been no organized effort to activate the notorious anti-Negro, anti-Jewish, anti-Catholic group in southern Nevada, Clark County authorities have been alert to the possibility ever since it was revealed last month that attempts were being made to form a Klavern (local chapter) in Elko County in northeast Nevada.

A spokesman for the county sheriff's department told the VOICE that his office had not "heard" of any effort to organize the Klan in this area for many years. "There was talk about Klan activity and some cross-burning attributed

to Klan partisans up in Moapa Valley more than 10 or 15 years ago," the spokesman said, "but it seemed to be directed at migrant farm workers and didn't amount to much."

The FBI was said to be "interested" in the possibility of Klan activity here because the KKK, now being investigated in its various guises by a Congressional committee, is on the U.S. Attorney General's list of subversive organizations. More militant Klan groups are reported trying to get around this label by reorganizing under new names such as the "Anti-Communist Christian Association" or infiltrating the John Birch Society and other extremist groups.

Robert Max Asher, an employee of the Newmount Mining Co., early in August confirmed

a report by State Senator Warren Monroe of Elko that he was organizing a group in the Elko-Wells-Carlin area. At that time, Asher said "30 to 40" persons in these communities had signed up for the Klan.

Subsequently, Minden attorney George Abbott, Nevada Republican Committee chairman, joined publisher Monroe, Nevada Democratic Committee chairman, in calling for both political parties to reject the Klan movement in this state and assume joint "responsibility for informing the people of the undertaking that, I think, would be opposed by all responsible citizens."

Abbott described the Klan activity in the Elko area as an "infant" and said, "I trust the good sense of Nevadans will keep it that way and make it an orphan."

## 'Anti-Riot' School Plan Outlined

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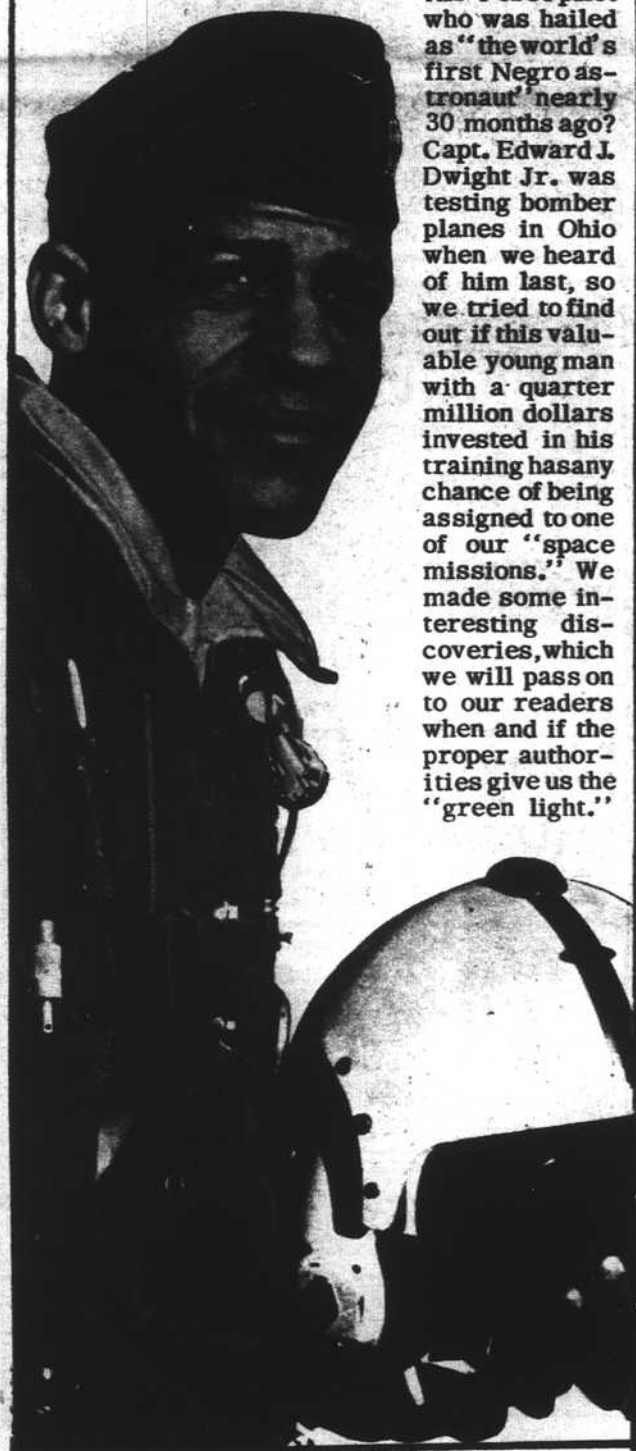
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### Curious Case of the Non-Astral Astronaut

HAVE YOU EVER BEEN CURIOUS about what happened to the celebrated young United States

Air Force pilot who was hailed as "the world's first Negro astronaut" nearly 30 months ago? Capt. Edward J. Dwight Jr. was testing bomber planes in Ohio when we heard of him last, so we tried to find out if this valuable young man with a quarter million dollars invested in his training has any chance of being assigned to one of our "space missions." We made some interesting discoveries, which we will pass on to our readers when and if the proper authorities give us the "green light."



### Former Teachers' Union Official Stresses Import of Education, Jobs

A "REALISTIC APPROACH" toward erasing the deep-rooted causes of spontaneous and "apparently senseless" riots such as occurred recently in the Watts section of Los Angeles was outlined at a series of meetings here last week by the former executive secretary of the California State Federation of Teachers, an affiliate of the American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO.

Claiming that the "leaderless revolt against authority" in Watts was a product of the frustration that breeds in all Negro ghettos when the Negro middle-class and "city hall" lose contact with the underprivileged masses, Ralph Schloming said the Negro needs more than laws banning social and economic discrimination and laws protecting his right to vote.

"The Negro needs jobs," the former AFT official said, "and the only way he can qualify for decent jobs is through equal education opportunity in integrated schools."

SCHLONING PRESENTED a summary of "the more effective school program" now practiced in 20 New York City elementary schools as a pattern for integrated education throughout the country, including Las Vegas. He noted that the magnitude of such a program is such that it must be initiated in a limited number of schools during the first year, with a timetable developed for early extension to all elementary schools.

The plan assumes that (1) more effective education demands that children of varied ethnic groups be given the chance to grow up together, (2) all the elements of a sound educational structure must be present and that no one element can make a meaningful contribution by itself, i.e., smaller classes require more classrooms to insure a full school day, (3) many teachers will seek to become involved in this genuine educational experience in full acceptance of their professional commitment, and (4) no program can succeed without the cooperation of parent and community agencies.

The plan calls for the following staff working at the school: community relations expert, teaching specialists (including early childhood teachers), social workers, psychiatric consultant and 60 hours daily school aides.

THE PLAN EMPHASIZES the following elements: (1) pre-school training at ages 3 to 4, (2) schools open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., (3) classes limited to 15 in pre-kindergarten to a maximum of 22 in other grades, (4) modern teaching methods through team teaching and non-graded blocs consisting of early childhood grades and grades 3-4 and 5-6, (5) proper attention to the needs of children with physical, emotional or social problems by a special teach-

er or guidance and medical teams working in the school, and (6) closer cooperation with welfare departments and other social agencies to overcome disruptive pupil and family mobility.

Maximum use of school plants during the full school day, weekends and summer months is recommended, with schools located so as to achieve maximum integration.

In addition to a community relations expert to promote good human relations among school children, teaching staffs and the community, the plan provides for the utilization of school social workers and guidance counselors to organize and supervise parent workshops and instruct other civic groups in how to mitigate the harsh effect of poverty and discrimination on children.

### Blankes Named NLV "Advisor"

APPOINTMENT of Raymond Blankes Jr., a resident of Valley View Estates, to the Citizens Advisory Committee of North Las Vegas has been announced by City Manager Clay Lynch.

Blankes, 30, takes over the committee post formerly held by Jim Fink, recently named member of the North Las Vegas Planning Commission. He was recommended by City Planning Director G. W. Charchalis and approved by the City Commission headed by Mayor William L. Taylor. His term expires Jan. 20, 1967.

A waiter by occupation, Blankes is a native of St. Louis, Mo., where he attended public schools and studied for two years at Hubbard's Business College. Since coming to Clark County, he has been active in civic betterment programs



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and headed a group of petitioners seeking development of a public park in the Valley View area.

He is the second Negro to be appointed to the North Las Vegas advisory council, joining Attorney Robert L. Reid.

Blankes is married to the former Sammie Brown of Memphis, Tenn. They have three children, Kim, 8; Debra Ann, 6, and Anthony Ray, 4.