

# MAYORS PROCLAIM APRIL 24 "E.O.B. YOUTH DAY"

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## Mayor Carl Stokes To Recieve NNPA Award



WASHINGTON (NNPA) -- Mayor Carl B. Stokes of Cleveland, Ohio, will recieve the "NNPA Award," highest honor of the National News Paper Publishers Association, John H. Sengstacke, president, announced Monday.

The award, formerly named for John B. Russwurm, editor of the first black newspaper in America -- Freedom's Journal, will be presented to Mayor Stokes on June 17 in Atlanta at the four-day annual convention of the association. The name of the award was changed this year to NNPA to avoid confusion, since the top award to newspapers also is named for Russwurm, Mr. Sengstacke stated. papers also is named for Russwurm, Mr. Sengstacke stated.

Heading the NNPA committee which selected Mayor Stokes as the Honoree is Howard B. Woods, editor and publisher of the St. Louis Sentinel and former associate director of the U. S. Information Agency.

He points out that Mayor Stokes is not only the first black citizen to be elected chief executive of a major American city, but also has become a leader in the National Association of Mayors of which he was elected vice-chairman by acclamation at its 1970 convention in Atlanta.

Now, serving his second term as mayor of Cleveland, Stokes is an inspiration to black people throughout the world, Woods says, and an established symbol of black political power.

Although a ghetto resident and a school dropout in his youth, young Stokes picked himself up, Woods explains, returned to school earned a law degree, won election to the Ohio legislature, and then went on to become Cleveland's first citizen.

Last year there were several winners of NNPA's top award. This year it is limited to one person, the mayor of Cleveland.

NNPA, now in its 31st year, has a membership of 76 newspapers in 28 States and the Virgin Islands, these papers have a combined circulation of more than 2,500,000.

## Mystery Surrounds Easter Slaying Of Celebrated Musician-Composer

### Former L.V. Teacher

Special - from the Los Angeles Sentinel.  
By Marshall Lowe

No one seems to know why Andre Wade was killed.

His life was filled with accomplishments and his star never seemed brighter.

He seemed to have all friends in the world. Constantly busy. Forever exploring. He had a special devotion to The Black Experience. And his zeal was such that it inspired everyone around him.

Wade, 50 was born in Bridgetown, Barbados, West Indies.

He came to the U. S. at an early age and received his extensive education in California, pursuing both graduate and undergraduate work at the University of Southern California, earning a master's degree in music.

While there he became a member of the highly-select graduate chapter of Phi Mu Epsilon honorary music fraternity.

He also matriculated at UCLA, where, because of his academic prowess and music ability, he received a scholarship.

Postgraduate studies at the university of Toronto also played a vital part in his educational background.

Wade was the first black music teacher in the State of Nevada. It was while in that state that he assisted in large measure in the writing of that state's model Music Course of Study.

A recipient of countless citations and awards, friends said he seemed to be most proud of the Outstanding in Music Award presented by Vassie D. Wright who founded Our Author's Study Club.

#### Many Arrangements

If you are a movie buff, perhaps, without being aware that you were doing so, you have doubtlessly whistled or hummed his numerous movie scores and musical arrangements.

"Springtime in Vienna" is one of the better known of the many background scores he has composed and arranged for motion pictures.

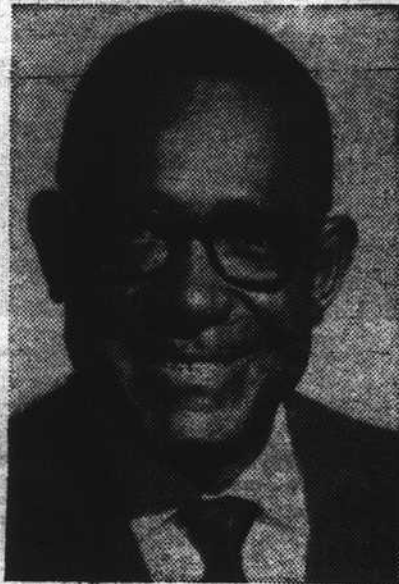
His many choral arrangements for popular groups include the Ebonaires and the now silenced Walter Schuman Recording Group.

Wade is also credited with having written several cantatas. One of them, "Saul," has been widely performed but most prominently by the West Virginia State College Chorus and Orchestra.

#### Lengthy Credits

His lengthy list of credits include one symphonic tone poem for two pianos and orchestras. This work was performed in 1958 by the highly-regarded Music Department of Los Angeles City

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ANDRE WADE

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Left to right: Mayor Oran Gragson; Dwight Jimerson, Jr. Valley High School; Mayor Eugene Echols; Delores Straughter, Sr. Valley High School and also secretary of E. O. B. Youth Program.

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