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WRITE SCORE FOR DEMOCRACY

COLORADO SPRINGS, COLO.--The 4th-star 'pinning' ceremonies of General Daniel James, Jr. here dazzled the sight out of many awed eyes. Kicked-off before the backdrop of the mountains and valleys of this colorful state, it was a score for Democracy as he became the first Black warrior to reach the full maturity of America's military ranks. The promotion capitulated him into the boss position of all the Air and Space Attack Warning Forces of the United States and Canada. In military circles the dual command is referred to as NORAD/ADCOM which shortens the full titles, North American Air Defense and Aerospace Defense Command. Strategically stretched-out over an area as broad as the two nations, it's a command of some 65,000 military and related personnel. The event captured the attention of Chappie's family, many of his close friends and history buffs from at home and abroad. Lee Archer, who served 27-yrns in the airforce, with Gen. James at Tuskegee and the 332nd. Fighter Squadron of WW-II, was on what must have been familiar turf, Peterson Field, and brought back the following report.

WRITE FROM ARCHER--For an active or retired military person, the 'pinning' of General James was something to remember. It stirred the emotions of old soldiers and fired the ambitions of young ones. It should give those, now serving, and those yet to serve, a new outlook while making their defense of country easier to take. The sequence of events were full bodied and first cabin. From the sound-off, thru "ruffles and flourishes" and the reading of the assumption of command orders, one got the feeling that America was standing at attention like the more than 500-people on eye-level view at Colorado Springs. All of us, who had served, were over-joyed to be part of a day in which the 8th. Commander in Chief of NORAD/ADCOM became a Black soldier who had unflinchingly served his country in the face of adversities. A brilliant reception followed the change of command at the AFB Officer's Club downtown. This is always the first opportunity for officers of the command to meet their new leader. The club overflowed with stars and eagles and assorted lesser ranks. The receiving line 'snakes' the long length of the ballroom that was furnished, tables groaning with a spectacular array of hors d'oeuvres, 4-bars and assorted pumping champagne and punch.

WRITE TIDBITS--Coast reports are that Berry Gordy has accepted the resignation of the Astute Ewart Abner and will take over the presidency of Motown himself...In his pending new job Stan Scott will control a 'boss' budget...Evelyn Holt's father passed after a hosp. seige in the Virgin Islands and was buried at sea...Ariel Melchior, pub. V.I. News and Gertrude Lochart ended their long romance at the altar just after her son was hitched.

The Virgin Island natives of St. Croix are reported restless because Gov. Cyril King failed to re-appoint popular Stanley Farrelly the island's administrator...Speaking of likable fella, John Calhoun has been given an up'graded assignment with the White House Staff...Donal Rumsfeld, the number-one man in Prez Ford's White House, is among a number of political bigs appearing on Sammy Davis' teevee talk series

this fall. H.R. Crawford, ass't secy HUD, will be among them, but you will not learn much about housing from his interview. The audience and the cast was too loud laughing about his pipe which he unknowingly put in an ash tray that had previously been filled with booze...Ethel Moore, the charming one over at API, the Black press ad agency, took a whole wk. to celebrate her b'day. Since time has laid a light hand on her she could afford to be loud about it...The NNPA board meeting in N'York was the stormiest yet and far more productive. Ofield Duke, the DeeCee praise agent has been added to the org's staff of consultants...Phil Fenty, author of Superfly, ironed out his financial differences with Joe Wells and is shooting some scenes in the Harlem landmark eatery for his upscheduled flick, "Baron Von Tripp." Calvin Lockhart, Charles McGregor and Joan Blondell are starred...Pearl Bailey has accepted an offer to return to B'way for another try with the Black version of "Hello Dolly" because of its tremendous success on tour. Billy Daniels will have the role of Cab Calloway got paid for the first time the big street took the show to its heart.--STAY LOOSE.

"The Marijuana Affair" —Now ready for release

The final touches on the "Marijuana Affair," a fast paced "French Connection type" film with a distinct West Indian flavor have just been completed.

The film stars the handsome, talented Calvin Lockhart as a U.S. narcotics agent, on loan to the Jamaican government. His mission is to cover illicit drug traffic and wrong doing in U.S. overseas intelligence operations. Lockhart and a mixed cast of West Indian, white and Chinese actors blend well with the exotic scenery and musical background of reggae and calypso rhythms. The film also stars the lovely Chinese actress Ingrid Wang, along with Carl Bradshaw, Charles Hyatt, Rannie Williams, Bob Arum and Yvet Hussey. Produced by Lucian Chen and William Greaves and directed by William Greaves, who also co-wrote the flick. The film was produced for Film Productions Jamaica, Ltd., a new fast moving company headed by Lucien Chen and H.I. Henriques.

"The Marijuana Affair" will be the second feature film to hit the theatres this year for the award winning filmmaker William Greaves. The other "Ali-The Fighter" is currently receiving rave reviews across the country. It is anticipated that "The Marijuana Affair" will be in theatres before the end of the year.

Producers of the Year



Multi-talented producers Leon Huff and Kenny Gamble were honored as Producers of the Year at the Annual NATRA Convention held in Baltimore recently.

The honor was shared with Barry White, who was not present. Presenting the award is Baltimore air personality "Moonman."

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