

**First Ethnic
Earns Fellow
Doctorate Degree**

KANSAS CITY, MO. -- Freddie Louise Johnson of Omaha, Nebraska, found her own space in society this month when she became the first American Nurses's Association fellow to be awarded a doctorate under the Registered Nurses Fellowship program for Ethnic Minorities.

Space rather than place in society is a primary concern of Dr. Johnson who earned her Ph.D. at the University of Nebraska. Dr. Johnson, a Black nurse, investigated the space needs of residents of two nursing homes in Nebraska. Space or lack of space that you can call your own can and does have definite impact on behavior, Dr. Johnson contends.

Dr. Johnson's study is the first to relate age and spatial behavior. The investigation was motivated by the increasing numbers of elderly being institutionalized in this country.

It is Dr. Johnson's contention that the institutionalizing of a person - particularly the aged -- magnifies the need for space, and that the invading and ignoring of the older person's niche can and does affect behavior.

General finds from this study of 58 persons included:

- Residents (both male and female) most often claimed their rooms as their territory.
- Male residents more often than female establish territories beyond their rooms.
- Even though males were more expansive in spatial behavior, they were less anxious when their space was violated.
- Black residents as compared with others displayed less territorial behavior and were less anxious when their space was violated.
- Residents of a private institution as compared to residents receiving financial aid exhibited more territorial behavior.

In essence, Dr. Johnson discovered that having a niche of one's own is as important to the elderly as having a room of one's own is for the child.

It is not enough, Dr. Johnson says, for persons to take familiar objects with them into the nursing home. Dr. Johnson says space for the psyche is more important than being surrounded by familiar objects.

**black
union group
rejects separatism**

The A. Philip Randolph Institute, an organization of black trade unionists, recently announced that it totally rejects the concept of separation of the races. In unionism, in economics and in politics, the Institute emphasized that it is wholly in accord with the principle of black-white coalition and cooperation.

The announcement of policy was a part of an appeal to trade unionists, both black and white, to become active in the forthcoming elections. Bernard "Bernie" Rivers, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute in Nevada, announced plans for the organization to take a new and dynamic approach to political activity.

The A. Philip Randolph Institute was established in 1965 when the black struggle won one of its greatest legislative victories - the Voting Rights Act. The Institute was founded on the premise that to go beyond the achievement of civil rights and would require basic far-reaching institutional changes in the nation's social and economic structure. The means of effecting these changes, it was felt, would have to be political. The institute's programs have been directed to extending democracy to those who have been traditionally disenfranchised or discouraged from participating in the political system.

The Institute has established offices at 507 Jackson St., Las Vegas. Rivers sketched the background of the organization as growing out of the traditions established by A. Philip Randolph, who united and organized the Pullman porters and other workers in the labor movement and endeavored to create a degree of political awareness in his people.

Salary Is \$55,000 a Year



PITTSBURG, PA. - One of the top international officers of the United Steelworkers of America (USWA), the largest industrial union in the Nation, is a 41-year-old black native of Edwards, Mississippi.

Leon Lynch, formerly an international representative for the 1.4 million-member union, was made international Vice President (Human Affairs) of the Union at the USWA's recent Convention in Las Vegas.

Mr. Lynch was selected and approved by the Union's International Executive Board for the position after Convention delegates approved changes in the Union's Constitution establishing two vice presidents.

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