

# BILLY ROWE'S NOTEBOOK

## FLIGHT TO GLORY

How many great men are in the world today? One less than you think; General Daniel "Chappie" James is dead! To better express the feelings of this long time friend, I take liberties with some of the words John Gillespie Magee, Jr. used to paragraph together his "High Flight."

In lonely dedication Daniel "Chappie" James trod the high unsurpassed sanctity of space in hot pursuit of the enemies of America.

In alien lands -- in sun-split clouds he did a thousand heroic things.

In easy grace, he skirted the shouting wind and topped the horizon's airless height. On man made wings he ventured far beyond where lark or eagle dared to tread.

Now at last --- He can reach out his hands and touch the face of God.

In life "Chappie" was a supreme member of the most deadly, exciting and glamorous profession in the world, the United States Airforce. His chest bore his wings with more pride and passion than most Americans, and he was instrumental in shooting down many of the corps' bias banners. His voluntary response to the compelling obligation of defense of country and neglected human needs, enlarged the horizon of all the brothers within the winged society. His action gave them a new sense of self confidence and an awareness of the tremendous work yet to be done. His progress was over the 'dead bodies' of prejudice rules and regulation. This made each gain both dramatic and significant, not just for black Americans, but the nation itself which was founded on that paradox, the eligibility of the free.

"Chappie" was democracy's most outstanding flying salesman, one not eroded by power brokers or a lack of civic consciousness. He was born and bred in the intolerant and baffling atmosphere of "seperate, but equal," to perpetuate the deep seated white prejudice of the South. Fortified by the faith and confidence of a mother who exacted from him a commitment to excellence, he fought his way out of the bias bog of his time. He attained manhood with a good grasp of honesty, integrity and the unusual smarts that one isn't tied to the starting block. The great magic of his life was believing in himself and I have never known him to let down physically or spiritually or lose his appetite for what comes next.

It was no fluke of circumstance which elevated him above many with whom he served. A dogged determination and the fact that he never allowed his senses to be dulled by indifference or apathy to slow his drive is how he achieved international distinction. He was a beautiful person, a heroic figure, a man of intense personality with phenomenal energy and a human warmth which seemed to melt frozen spirits. The meaning of America aroused great passion in him, and created some detractors. But he was the General! And to gain a four-star rank through the bureaucratic maze of military bias is incredible, a salute to "Chappie's" vitality and promise.

His move into the sanctuary of the dead was just as impressive as his flight to glory in life. As the boys on the corner would say, "They put him away in style." Befitting the people's flavor of the man, he had a dual service, one civilian and one military. In the after dinner hour on Wednesday evening people from all over the world filled the divinely ornated National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception to celebrate a moment of a person who had too few years, but what a life he had packed into them. It was a service beyond description, presided over by Chaplain Henry J. Meade, Major Gen., Chief Chaplain, USAF. He knew his man, his achievements, his country's strengths and weaknesses, all well enough to voice in volumn and substance a eulogy which lifted the human spirit. On Thursday, in the cold numbness, before the noon of the day, hundreds watched and heard; the click of heels, the disquieting burst of gun-fire, the sadness of bugle notes, the furled

flags and the precision of military commands which triggered each action of each of the services making-up the Dept. of Defense. This was the end of the journey "Chappie" started some 50-odd yrs ago from Pensacola, Fla. It was all glory and so deserving for what was one helluva guy.

**A GATHERING OF EAGLES:** Though a sad occasion, it gave Charles "Chief" Anderson a chance to see a collection of the flyers, along with "Chappie," he taught. Among the active and retired military members paying their last respects, with Gov. and civilian mourners were: Secy of the Army Clifford Alexander, Percy Sutton, Lee Archer, Lloyd Jones, Earl Graves, Roscoe Draper, Charles R. Foxx, Maj. Gen. Clifford, Gen. George Brown, Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg, the now highest ranking black in the military, actor William Conrad, Mayor Johnny Ford, Tuskegee and Luther Foster, President of the Institute, Mayor Coleman Young, Detroit, Stan Scott, Herb Douglas, Bob Brown, George Haley, Samuel Curtis, James Hurd, Ita O'Neal and James Poole. Also Curtis C. Robinson, Gordon Southall, John Suggs, William Banks, Alexander Jefferson, Elmore Kennedy, Rose Yergan, Freddie Parker, James Plinton, Col. Wild Bill Campbell, Col. Edward C. Gleed, Lowell C. Stewart, William R. Melton, Attorney William Ellis, Eugene Jackson, Col. Tommy Martin, Mrs. Margret Young, James C. Evans and Stan Watson. Also Bill Broadwater, W. W. Crockett, John O. Adams, Robert L. Tinsley, Virgil M. Poole, Sr., Cleo G. Pruitt, Jr., P. Nicholas Cunningham, Doris Martin, Cicelia Brown and Lee Elder.

**NOTES IN PASSING:** Gen. James died less than a month after his retirement, Feb. 1, '78 without even collecting his first check out of uniform. He was even almost 5-months away from his mandatory retirement of 35-yrs. His heart attack made many assume that the noted 4-star warrior was sicker than most thought . . . Sammy Davis, Jr., in Australia during the last rites for his favorite soldier, is planning some involvement with the Tuskegee Airman . . . The planned NBC-TV Adam Clayton Powell opus has been 'junked' because of family problems . . . Pals of Ruth Allen King feel her sadness over the death of her sister Naomi Allen Watkins. Wife of the late Perry Watkins, noted scenic designer, like Ruth, she retired 4-yrs. ago after 20-yrs. with the Urban League. - - - STAY LOOSE.

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## LEGALS

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS BUDGET HEARING**  
Center Drive North Las Vegas, Nevada

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of North Las Vegas, Nevada, will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds in relation to the fiscal year 1978 - 79 City of North Las Vegas budget.

TIME: 7:00 P.M. o'clock  
DATE: March 28, 1978  
PLACE: Council Chambers,  
City Hall 2200 Civic

The public is invited and encouraged to attend and submit written or oral comments and ask questions regarding the entire City of North Las Vegas budget and its relation to revenue sharing.

Presented below is a statement of the proposed budget for Federal Revenue Sharing Funds and a summary of the entire proposed budget for the City of North Las Vegas for fiscal year 1978 - 79.

PROPOSED USES OF FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING FUNDS  
CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
FISCAL YEAR 1978-79

Transfer to General Fund for Capital Outlay	\$ 312,768
Transfer to General Fund for Operations & Maintenance	\$ 119,073
Short Term Financing	\$ 121,300
<b>Total Proposed Uses</b>	<b>\$ 553,141</b>

CITY OF NORTH LAS VEGAS, NEVADA  
PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY  
FISCAL YEAR 1978-79

FUND	OPENING BALANCE	NON-REVENUE SHARING RESOURCES		REVENUE SHARING	TOTAL
		RESOURCES	RESOURCES		
General	\$ 360,143	\$ 0,566,936	\$ 431,836	\$ 9,358,915	
Debt Service	792,400	1,372,300	-	2,164,700	
Rev. Sharing	-	-	553,136	553,136	
Utility	283,114	4,577,219	-	4,860,333	
Trust	425,492	3,144,382	-	3,569,874	
U.R. Rose Gard.	22,393	-	-	22,393	
Printing	11,474	116,027	-	127,501	
Golf Course	29,282	95,825	-	125,107	
Comm. Devel.	-	198,944	-	198,944	
S.I.A.D. No. 30	99,817	822,239	-	922,047	
S.I.A.D. Proj.	105,670	56,252	-	161,922	
Motor Equip.	110,894	578,696	-	689,590	
Capital Proj.	596,188	714,753	-	1,310,958	
Housing 7-3	426,201	1,076,550	-	1,502,751	
Housing 7-2	193,854	2,414,000	-	2,607,854	
Self Ins. Res.	53,500	125,234	-	178,734	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 3,510,426</b>	<b>\$ 23,855,358</b>	<b>\$ 984,972</b>	<b>\$ 28,350,756</b>	

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES & ENDING BALANCES

FUND	REVENUE SHARING	NON-REVENUE SHARING EXPENDITURES		ENDING BALANCE	TOTAL
		EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES		
General	\$ 431,836	\$ 8,810,246	\$ 116,833	\$ 9,358,915	
Debt Service	-	1,347,258	817,442	2,164,700	
Rev. Sharing	553,136	-	-	553,136	
Utility	-	4,601,564	258,766	4,860,330	
Trust	-	3,096,502	473,372	3,569,874	
U.R. Rose Gard.	-	1,800	20,593	22,393	
Printing	-	116,027	11,474	127,501	
Golf Course	-	91,873	33,234	125,107	
Comm. Devel.	-	196,490	2,454	198,944	
S.I.A.D. No. 30	-	922,047	-	922,047	
S.I.A.D. Proj.	-	86,263	75,659	161,922	
Motor Equip.	-	513,196	172,394	685,590	
Capital Proj.	-	59,482	1,251,475	1,310,958	
Housing 7-3	-	1,077,401	425,350	1,502,751	
Housing 7-2	-	2,426,953	180,907	2,607,854	
Self Ins. Res.	-	55,000	123,734	178,734	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 984,972</b>	<b>\$ 23,402,102</b>	<b>\$ 3,963,682</b>	<b>\$ 28,350,756</b>	

The proposed budget for the uses of Federal Revenue Sharing Funds, a summary of the proposed budget for the City of North Las Vegas for fiscal year 1978 - 79 and the entire proposed fiscal year 1978 - 79 City of North Las Vegas budget are available for inspection at the Office of the City Clerk in City Hall and the North Las Vegas Public Library.  
Esther V. Borden, City Clerk  
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Bid #78.68 Racing lanes, reels and starting blocks  
Bid #78.71 Sixteen (16) each street light standards - replacement for knockdowns  
Bid #78.72 One (1) each three phase controller and cabinet - replacement for knockdown - St. Louis and Paradise Road  
Bid # 78.73 Herbicides and insecticides  
Bid Bond, certified, or cashier's check for 5% of the Bid shall be enclosed with the proposals. All documents pertinent to this advertisement may be examined and obtained at the Purchasing and Contract Staff, 1st floor, City Hall.  
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