

Three teen-agers found guilty of slaying airman

Three teen-agers, described by a prosecutor as "killer kids," were convicted today of first-degree murder in the shooting death of an airman who was killed while working part time as a newspaper deliveryman.

The District Court jury of 10 women and two men deliberated about five hours before returning the guilty verdicts against Reginald Hayes, 15, Eddie Ray Hampton, 16, and Donald Ray Lee, 16. The jury deliberated Thursday night and for a few hours Friday morning.

The three teen-agers were found guilty of first-degree murder with the use of a deadly weapon in the slaying of 21-year-old John H. Brown, an airman stationed at Nellis Air Force Base.

During the same deliberations, the jury fixed the defendants' punishment

for the murder at life imprisonment without the possibility of parole. Judge Paul Goldman is scheduled to formally impose the sentence on Jan. 13.

The defendants also were convicted of four counts of attempted murder with the use of a deadly weapon in the shooting and wounding of four other people during a span of a few hours before the killing. A prosecutor described the shootings as indiscriminate gunfire in public places committed just for the thrill of it.

For each of the attempted murder convictions, the defendants face a prison term of one to 20 years. Because a deadly weapon was used, the prison sentence for the attempted murder convictions will automatically be doubled in accordance with state law.

Another defendant, 18-



WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. — The National Urban League, which provides job training, educational programs and other services to more than one million Americans each year, celebrated its 75th anniversary in 1985. John E. Jacob (left), president of the League, recently received a \$75,000 contribution from Marshall B. Bass, vice president of R.J. Reynolds Industries. The presentation was made in Winston-Salem, N.C., where RJR has its headquarters.

year-old Philip Minor, pleaded guilty to first-degree murder with the use of a deadly weapon before the trial commenced.

Brown, a 21-year-old airman stationed at Nellis Air Force Base, was shot to death in the head during the early morning of Aug. 10 after being kidnapped while delivering the Las Vegas Sun at a Westside apartment complex.

Brown was taken to an alley by another Westside apartment complex where he

was beaten and shot. Authorities said he also was robbed of \$9.

Before they kidnapped Brown, they drove down the streets of the community indiscriminately shooting at people from the windows of their car.

Inmate sues over prison conditions

CARSON CITY — An inmate law clerk has filed a suit charging the state medium security prison is ignoring federal court orders and out-of-court agreements to improve sanitary and medical conditions.

Inmate Donald Bray, seeking to have his suit declared a class action, said in his section at the Northern Nevada Correctional Center there is one toilet and no wash basins for 20 inmates. There are no hot meals at anytime and no regular bedding change, he said.

The suit, brought in District Court, charges there is no adequate medical diet and there is a lack of training for medical personnel and others. The prison, said the suit, has not made changes to provide for the "safety and security" of handicapped inmates and has not made prison facilities accessible to the handicapped.

There is a lack of daily housekeeping and regular maintenance, said Bray.

His suit asks for a writ of mandamus to force Gov. Richard Bryan and prison officials to upgrade the conditions at the prison.

Black activists occupy Seattle school building — demand cultural museum

SEATTLE — A waiting game is in progress at abandoned Colman Elementary, where a determined group of black activists has occupied the cold, dark school to press demands for a museum to teach black children about their heritage.

Government officials say it can never happen because the school is too old and too close to a freeway construction project to be saved.

Colman Elementary became the rallying point around which activists gathered Nov. 25 when they grew tired of waiting for the city to help them establish an African heritage museum and decided to occupy the 75-year-old brick building climbing through a broken window.

"Hopefully, we don't have to go to the extreme the foolish black mayor in

Philadelphia went to," said Omari Tahir in reference to that city's bloody and fiery confrontation earlier this year with members of the radical group Move.

"We don't have any bombs, but we'll do the best we can to defend our institution," Tahir said, choosing to speak from a doorway rather than come outside the building.

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On the fringes of the community, two other organizations will be serving the traditional dinner for the needy.

"The Las Vegas Rescue Mission plans to serve dinner on Christmas from 4 p.m. until everyone has been fed," spokesman Dick Dillon said.

He said the Mission served about 800 staff members and transients for Thanksgiving. He said about 500 of those were transients. They expect to feed about the same number for Christmas, according to Dillon.

The St Vincent Dining Room, located at 1501 Las Vegas Boulevard North, plans to serve its Christmas dinner from noon until everyone has been fed, a spokesman said.

The Room fed about 970 transients for Thanksgiving and expects at least that many for Christmas.

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