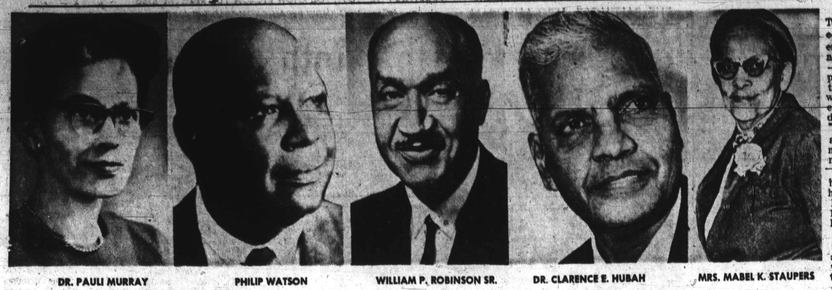

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5 Howard alumni to be honored on Charter Day

WASHINGTON — Five Howard University alumni will receive annual awards for distinguished post-graduate achievement at Howard's Annual Charter Day Dinner to be held at the Sheraton Park Hotel on Monday, March 2.

The alumni to be honored are:

Dr. Clarence Evans Hubah, of Trinidad-Tobago, West Indies, chief medical officer for the Trinidad and Tobago Red Cross Society;

Dr. Pauli Murray, of Columbia, S.C., vice president for Educational Plans and Programs, Benedict College;

Dr. William P. Robinson Sr., delegate, Virginia General Assembly and chairman of the Department of Political Science and director of the Division of Social Sciences, Virginia State College at Norfolk;

Mrs. Mabel Keaton Staupers, retired nurse and author;

Philip Watson, assistant attorney general in charge of Election Frauds, New York, N.Y.

This year's Charter Day Committee is functioning under the chairmanship of Dr. Henry C. Robinson Jr., a 1930 graduate of the College of Medicine, and a member of the D. C. City Council.

The 51-member committee is composed of alumni representatives of decennial classes from 1970 to 1910, the latter being represented by Dr. Elija J. Graham Jr., a graduate of the Law School.

The celebration will be highlighted by the citing of the five honorees, and selections by Thomas Figgs, nationally-known concert pianist and associate professor of piano at the University.

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Dr. Clarence E. Hubah, born in Tabaquita, Trinidad on Feb. 17, 1911, graduated from Naprima College in 1928, and from Naprima Training College for Teachers in 1932. In 1945 he entered the United States to pursue additional studies; graduated from Howard University's College of Liberal Arts (with honors) in 1947, and received the M.D. degree from the College of Medicine in 1951.

In addition to his regular position, he is assistant chief commissioner of Boy Scout, assistant divisional officer of the Fire Services (for both operational and medical work), and has been active in church and social organizations for over 30 years. In 1961, because of his work in Social Services, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II of England conferred upon him the honor of Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.).

Dr. Pauli Murray, formerly a constultant to the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission in Washington, is a poet, author, lawyer, lecturer, teacher and pioneer leader in the field of human rights.

She holds the A.B. degree from Hunter College; LL.B. (cum laude), from Howard University; LL.M. from the University of California at Berkeley, and Doctor of Judridical Science from Yale University, where she wrote her dissertation: "Roots of the Racial Crisis: Prologue to Policy."

During her career in law, she was associated with the firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton and Garrison in New York; spent 1960-61 as a senior lecturer on constitutional and administrative law in Ghana and co-authored a textbook on Ghana Constitutional Law; and served as a faculty member at Yale's Law School for the next three years.

She is editor and compiler of "States Laws on Race and Color," published by the Women's Division, the Methodist Church (1951); author of "Proud Shoes," a biography of her grandparents, and of "Human Rights USA: 1948-66," published by the Board of Missions, the Methodist Church.

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Dr. William P. Robinson, Sr., a native of Norfolk, Virginia, received the B.S. degree (cum laude) and M.A. degree from Howard University in 1932 and 1935 respectively; the Ph.D. degree from New York University in 1950, and has done other graduate study at Harvard University, University of Michigan and the Howard Law School.

He was an instructor in Political Science at Howard; assistant to the president, Morris Brown College; chairman, Department of Political Science, Texas Southern University, and at Central State College; director, Division of Liberal Arts, Alcorn College, and is currently chairman of the Department of Political Science at Virginia State College (Norfolk).

Dr. Robinson has been a member and officer of numerous civic and professional organizations, and is now serving as a delegate to the Virginia General Assembly.

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Mrs. Mabel Keaton Staupers was born in Barbados, West Indies in 1890, and migrated to the United States in 1903. She graduated from the Freedmen's Hospital School of Nursing with honors in 1917. In 1920 she helped organize the Booker T. Washington Sanatorium, which was the first facility in the Harlem (N.Y.) area where Negro doctors could admit and treat patients, and in 1921, received a working fellowship to the Henry Phipps Institute for Tuberculosis in Philadelphia.

Later assigned to Philadelphia's Jefferson Hospital Medical College, her experiences there with segregation and discrimination of staff and patients motivated her to work for full and equal opportunity in all health programs and services in New York City and the nation.

In 1940 Mrs. Staupers, who had retired in 1946 for health reasons, was elected president of the National Association for Colored Graduate Nurses. She is the author of the book "No Time for Prejudice," and has received some twelve awards for distinguished service to nursing and the community.

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Born in Dallas, Texas in 1901, Philip Watson graduated from Howard University in 1925; took graduate courses at Columbia University in 1927, and was graduated from the New York University Law School in 1931.

Presently assistant attorney general in charge of the Election Frauds Bureau of the New York State Department of Law, Mr. Watson was originally appointed special deputy attorney general in 1944, and served in that capacity until 1967. Since then he has served as associate head of the Consumer Frauds Bureau (1967-69). In 1933 he was appointed to his present position.

He is a member of numerous civic and professional organizations and was formerly president of the Harlem Lawyers' Association.

McNamara Evaluates Decade

NEW YORK (UPI) — The first decade of world economic development has ended with the instigating nation — the United States — providing proportionately less foreign aid than other rich nations, world bank president Robert S. McNamara said Friday night.

McNamara said the decade also ended in vast ignorance of the social dimensions of economic change due to the lack of instruments of research and analysis necessary to plan the second development decade.

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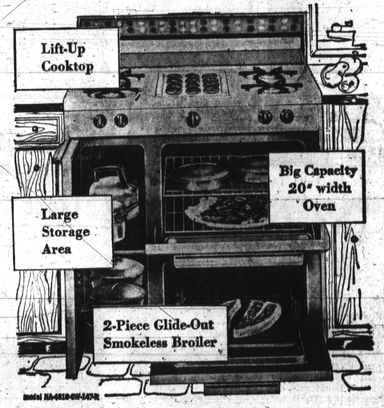

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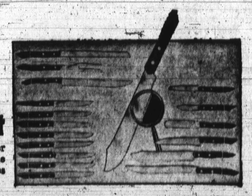

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Black Men First Walked Face Of Earth, Anthropologist Says

By DELOS SMITH
UPI Science Editor

NEW YORK (UPI) — The way Dr. C. Loring Brace interprets anthropological evidence "the ancestors of all modern man were probably what in Africa today is called black."

The interpretation was his part in a survey of "The State Of The Species," the species being homo sapiens. His part was to trace our origins.

He got the assignment because he is an anthropologist — curator of physical anthropology at the University of Michigan.

Brace's evidence consists of fossilized bones, some "hominid" or near-human, and fashioned stone chips used by very ancient man-like creatures as tools. Some "hominid" bones are believed to be about four million years old.

Reasoning from this evidence, brace suggested that man had his origins in Africa over a period of at least four million years and his original coloration was established through one of a number of "cultural adaptations" that permitted him to rise from an ape stage.

This was the adaptation which allowed him to make his main living by hunting and devouring other animals. Being a primate he was relatively night-blind, (primates, including man, are, even now,) and could hunt only by day.

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That was strenuous for a tropical animal and man "was faced with the problem of dissipating metabolically generated heat," Brace interpreted. Man solved it by evolving "the hairless human skin, richly endowed with sweat glands."

But the loss of a hairy coat exposed him "to the potentially damaging effect of the ultraviolent component of tropical sunlight. The obvious response was the development of "melanin" which is the natural protective pigment that makes skin black or near black.

This evolutionary process by natural selection, according to Brace's calculations, was completed a little less than one million years ago. Anthropology is confused over what to call this creature. Brace called him "Pithecanthropine" man.

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"The conversion of this being into what is technically known as homo sapiens requires only the further expansion of the brain from the pithecanthropine average of 1,00 cubic centimeters which is actually within the range of modern variation, to the average today of 1,400 cubic centimeters," Brace said. "Fragmentary fossil evidence suggests that this transition had taken place by about 120,000 years ago."

From the emergence of man in his pithecanthropine and then in his neanderthal form, "human evolution has been characterized by a series of reductions," Brace interpreted.

"Whenever human ingenuity made life easier, there was a relaxation of the forces of selection, and these reductions followed.

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"More effective hunting techniques lessened the burden on the hunter's physique, and an eventual reduction in muscularity was the result.

"Manipulating tools lessened the stress on the anterior teeth, and the consequent reduction of these and their supporting bony architecture converted the neanderthal face into the modern form.

"Where clothing was developed for survival in northern climes, the significance of protective skin pigment was lessened, and the consequent reduction produced the phenomenon that is euphemistically called white," Brace said.

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The survey was the enterprise of "Natural History," Journal of the American Museum of Natural History and was a supplement to its January issue. The survey editor, Alan P. Ternes, summed up its ever-all findings by forseeing an end for homo sapiens.

Man now is becoming an urban species and, by the year 2,000 over half of its six billion living specimens will be living in "riverless cities," he said.

"This may end the 35,000 year span of homo sapiens and begin the era of homo convivens, a new communal species that would control its reproduction and manage its ecosystem — the biosphere."

As for Brace's interpretation — this reporter checked three other anthropologists for contradictions. Some quibbled on detail but all agreed that in all likelihood the most remote of modern man's ancestors were not white.

News in Brief

New Job Title Suggested

NEW YORK — George E. Reedy, one of President Johnson's press secretaries, suggested Sunday that the United State would be better off if the President was not both chief of state and chief of government.

The White House, Reedy contends in a Look Magazine article has a courtlike atmosphere that shields the President from reality and can warp the political instincts of master politicians.

Eavesdropping Ruled OK

CHICAGO — U.S. District Court Judge Julius J. Hoffman, in a precedent setting decision, Friday ruled the Justice Department has a legal right to electronically eavesdrop on organizations it believes to be subversive without prior court approval.

Hoffman's decision affirmed a controversial policy statement made last summer by U.S. Attorney General John N. Mitchell.

Cabins Set For Non Smokers

CHICAGO — Those who applaud separate facilities for smokers and nonsmokers on commuter trains won a victory in the Airways Friday.

American Airlines announced its 747 Astrolliners will feature separate sections for nonsmokers. The airline said it will inaugurate the service March 2 between New York and Los Angeles.

'Austure' Defense Budget Hit

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Melvin R. Laird says the Pentagon budget this year is so austere that Congress probably will increase it. But congressional critics of defense spending have something else in mind.

"I still feel very strongly we can reduce military spending $10 billion below what Secretary Laird recommends," Sen. William Proxmire, D-Wis., told newsmen Friday.

'Chi 7' Cops Go Free

CHICAGO (UPI) — When a grand jury indicted eight demonstrators a year ago for inciting riots during the Democratic Convention it also charged seven police with violating the civil rights of demonstrators.

The two groups both were known as the "Chicago Eight" but five of the Chicago eight demonstrators were found guilty of inciting riots and one remains to be tried while all the policemen were acquitted.

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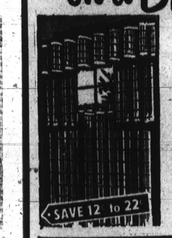

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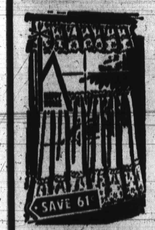

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