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Terror on the Fourth Floor

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By JOHN LOTT

Nancy Johnson, 25 years old and blond, sat in the little fourth-floor apart-ment folding diapers on the sofa. Her son, one-year-old Ralph Johnson Jr., was asleep in the bedroom.

It was 2:30 on a Tuesday afternoon and her husband had been gone since 10 a.m. He said he was going to the employment agency. Nancy heard the door squeak and

hardly looked up as her husband entered. "Hey, who do you think I just ran into?" he said.

"I wouldn't know," Nancy answered. "No, you wouldn't, would you?" Ralph snapped. She could tell he was drunk and mad. After three years of marriage, it wasn't unusual.

wasn't unusual. This time it was. Ralph, wild-eyed and weaving, came at her, slapped her three times across the face. Then he went to the gun rack and picked up a deer rifle and fired at her three times. "Ralph, you're crazy." Nancy screamed as the third shot made a hole in the wall behind the sofa. "You're drunk and you're crazy."

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Nancy leaped up and made a run for the bedroom, leaving her dazed husband cursing in the living room. As she snatched the whimpering infant into her arms, another shot rang out. It went through the bedroom door, hissed through a lamp shade, passed through the wall and into

the apartment across the hall. Panic-stricken and clutching her

screaming son, Nancy bolted out the door and down a flight of stairs. She practically fell through the apartment door of her brother, who lived on the third floor. Her sister-in-law was watching "Love of Life" on television as she ironed. "What's all the racket about?"

"Ralph's gone crazy again. He shot at me. Call the cops," Nancy gasped, laying her husband's namesake on the sofa. "Call

'em quick." "Oh, God, not again." her brother's wife said. She fumbled through the white pages, her finger passing over "Police Dept" twice before she found the number. She dieled quickly.

She dialed quickly. When the police came, Ralph had gone. He had emptied the gun rack in his apartment and took with him three rifles, two shotguns, a tear-gas pistol and all but one box of ammunition. The four officers, two of whom were plainclothesmen, listened to Nancy's story. She was composed now, and didn't even sob. The baby was asleep in her brother's apartment,

Just as the police were about to leave, the phone rang. It was Ralph. "I'm sorry honey, I'm sorry, I'm sorry," he said.

sorry," he said. "Find out where he is," a policeman whispered to her. Ralph wouldn't say. "I know the cops are there. I'm not coming back.

An hour later Ralph was arrested without difficulty a short distance from his apartment. He was in front of a tavern

and the tear-gas pistol was in front of a tayern and the tear-gas pistol was in his coat pocket. He had hidden the other guns. The story unfolded in magistrate's court the next day. Ralph waived his right to a jury trial and pleaded guilty to four charges — assault, discharging a firearm within the city limits, carrying a con-

cealed weapon and being drunk and dis-

orderly. Dan Moylan sat beinnd the bench and Dan Moyian sat before the bench and looked down at the couple, making notes on his long yellow legal pad. Ralph John-son admitted everything, said he'd been in jail three times before for breaking and entering and once had escaped from a mental hospital while doing time in Illinois. He also said he was making support payments for two illegitimate children.

Dan Moylan decided he'd postpone sentencing Johnson until a complete mental and physical examination was made at a state institution. As he was about to move on to the next case, one of the arresting officers said, "What about those other guns? Maybe he'll tell us where he hid them. If some kids would get hold of them." of them

of them ..." "Will you tell us what you did with the guns," Dan Moylan asked. "I'll tell my wife." Johnson said. "Maybe she can sell 'em or something." He looked at Nancy. "Com'ere," he said. The couple went to the side of the room and spoke softly for about five min-wing then they look Balph Johnson back

to his cell, and Dan Moylan wrapped up three other cases — speeding and two drunk and disorderly charges — within 10 minutes.

When he walked into his office his When he walked into his office his secretary and one of the arresting officers were talking about the case. "I'd sure like to see those guns." the officer said. "Hmmm, I bet they're hot." Dan Moylan laid his note pad on the desk and told his secretary he wanted to diatote a latter to the hornital where he

dictate a letter to the hospital where he was sending Johnson. "The last time I sent a fella to an institution, he wandered off and died, poor guy," he said. "I want

to make sure they watch this one." The letter Moylan dictated reviewed the case in detail and ended with the words: "The court considers this man dangerous and advises that every precaution is taken in dealing with him. Sincerely and the rest. You can sign it for me. Pat. I've got to leave."

Moylan picked up his overcoat and looked down at his notes again. "I'll bet if you look into the back-ground of this guy, you'll find all the usual symptoms," he said. "Broken home, early crime record and all that. I know what that report will say. Probably call hum a 'sociopath.' They used to call them psychopaths, but now they're sociopaths, guess it's true, they're at war against

"The thing about mental hospitals," he went on. "is that they can either cure a fellow or they'll send him back to prison. If he goes back to jail, then he's likely to get back out and do the same thing later. It's pretty hard to cure the repealers, though. Most are too far gone for help." The young magistrate walked out the

door and down the hall. "Hey, Sam." he yelled to a colored boy walking towards him. "Got time to do my shoes?" "Sure, man, always have time," Sam

said. "His wife," Moylan said. "Pretty at-tractive. If I were in her shoes, I'd find a

good lawyer and get a divorce and go to Florida or Texas or someplace. It's a wonder she ever married him in the first place.

Back in the fourth floor apartment, Nancy sat on the sofa. She was folding diapers and her baby was asleep in the bedroom. She was going downtown when he woke up. The relief check had come that morning.



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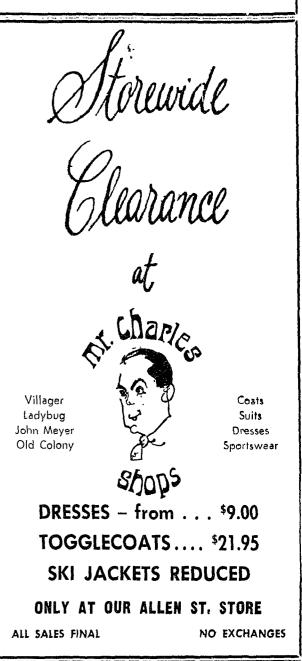
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NASA Expands Award Program

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has added 15 predoctoral traineeships to the 42 already awarded to the University graduate school for the 1966-67

school year. More than 150 colleges and universities will participate in the 1966-67 program to increase the number of scientists and engineers in space-related science and technology to meet the growing needs of the government's space research program. Currently, 3,000 students are enrolled in the

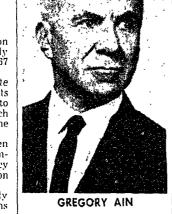
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or ones already enrolled in a doctoral program related to specified areas. An applicant must have a very outstanding academic record, show unusual promise of research potential, manifest a genuine interest in space science or engi-neering, and plan to study for a Ph.D. Trainees are selected by a special committee appointed by the Dean of the Grad-uate School. This committee considers the candidate's aca-

demic records, pe -1 qualifications and his study and research plan for the ...aning period. Interested students should contact the head of one of the research areas listed here in order to obtain a note authorizing the Graduate School to give them application materials. All applications must be completed by Feb. 23.

The space related areas at the University in which students will be eligible for awards in 1966-67 and the fac-



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Cryogenic laboratory (chemistry), J. G. Aston; engi-neering mechanics, R. K. Vierck; field ion microscopy (phys-ics), E. W. Mueller; geophysics, B. F. Howell Jr.; human performance research laboratory (physical education, physi-ology), E. R. Buskirk; low oxygen acclimation research (roology), Adam Anthony; mechanical engineering, R. G. Cunningham; metallurgy, R. W. Lindsay; meteorology, llans Neuberger.

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