

3 'Poor Campaigners' Held

Orlando Marine Slain

By **ORMUND POWERS**

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WASHINGTON — Three Negro Poor People Campaigners, suspected of slaying Orlando Marine Lt. William G. King Jr., 21, and Lt. Thaddeus Lesnick, 23, of Fishtail, Mont., at a Georgetown hamburger shop early Wednesday, were arraigned later in the day and their cases continued for a preliminary hearing June 20.

Wounded in the 3 a.m. shooting at the Little Tavern in the fashionable Georgetown district of Washington was Lt. Ellsworth R. Kramer, 25, Arlington, Va., who suffered a scalp wound, and Miss Barbara Kelly, 25, Adelphi, Md., who was shot in the hip. Both were in satisfactory condition late Wednesday.

WITH THE party, but unhurt, were Lt. Daniel Logear Jr., Woodbridge, Va., and Frank B. Marasco, 23, Quantico, Va.

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Washington late Tuesday night after a social function at the Marine base in Quantico. Still in their dress white uniforms, they called on some friends.

Finally the five, accompanied by Miss Kelley, went to the Little Tavern and were at the counter when words were exchanged with three civilians after one of them made a remark about the name of one of the Marine officers, displayed on his uniform, police said.

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LBJ Appoints Group To Probe Violence

WASHINGTON (UPI) President Johnson, deploring the attempted assassination of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, appointed Wednesday night a special commission led by Milton Eisenhower, former president of the Johns Hopkins University and brother of former President Dwight Eisenhower, to study the causes of violence in American life.

In a seven and one-half minute address to the nation on radio and television from the White House, the President said: "Let us for God's sake resolve to live under the law."

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Arrested were Gordon Alexander, 27, and Cornelius Frazier Jr., 23, both of San Jose, Calif., and Benjamin M. Block, 20, of Los Angeles. They said they had come to Washington last week to join the Poor People's Campaign.

LT. LESNICK was pronounced dead at 3:14 a.m. at George Washington University Hospital, and King died at 3:50 a.m. at Georgetown University Hospital.

Earlier this week in Georgetown, a high school senior, Thomas Williams, 18, was shot to death in a parking lot about three blocks from the scene of the attack upon the Marines.

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**LT. WILLIAM G. KING JR.,
U.S.M.C., 21, 930 Appleton
Ave., died Wednesday in
Washington D.C.**

He was born in Miami and came to Orlando with his parents nine years ago. He attended Cherokee Junior High School and was graduated from Boone High School in 1965.

Survivors: father, William G. King Sr., mother, Mrs. Erma Schwartz, sisters, Laura L. Carlton and Pamela D. Carlton, and brother, Kerry W. Carlton, all of Orlando. Garden Chapel Home for Funerals.

Obituary for WILLIAM G. KING (Aged 21)

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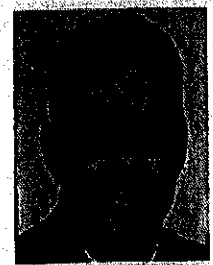
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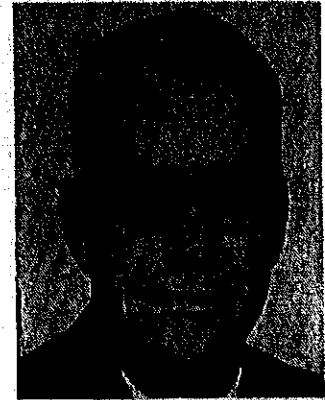
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Dad Holds No Hatred

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Fishtail, Mont., and Lt. Ellsworth R. Kramer, 26, of Arlington, attended a formal traditional Marine Corps ceremony, the Last Mess, the last get-together of their officers training class. King had achieved a personal goal; he had orders to attend helicopter pilot training. The other two officers were going to Vietnam.

After the ceremony the three and Miss Barbara Kelly, 25, of Adolph, Md., went across the street, in the Georgetown district where the ceremony was held, for hamburgers.

Three Negroes who said they were joining the Poor People's campaign came in. They ridiculed the white dress uniforms. Words were exchanged. The Negro trio left, then came back and seven shots followed. King and Lesnick died. Kramer and Miss Kelly were wounded.

ON THURSDAY morning, four days after his son had been home, King went to Washington to identify the body.

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"THIS FEELING I am trying to express came to me Thursday after we received the news. It started to sink in that my boy was really gone and then I started asking myself: 'What's this all about? What about the people doing a good job, going about their business, the world has to go on regardless of our tragedies.'

"Somebody has to make the first step. His death cannot be a total loss.

"My wife and I feel that if we can reach just one person we've done more than what the country has done along these lines.

"TWO THINGS concern me: That young Americans are doing a good job, that plus the fact that my family does not have any animosity," he added.

Asked if he were concerned about crank calls, he replied:

"I cannot fight the heartache the country has, but I am not concerned about the minority group that would stoop to crank calls. The time has come to stand up for what we believe in, regardless of criticism. I know I am right. I don't want my son's death to have been in vain.

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"I MADE only two requests: That his honor guard be integrated to prove our feelings, and that because he had at least started on the way to achieving his personal goal of becoming a helicopter pilot, that a helicopter be flown over his gravesite during the ceremony. I want to do this for Bill. . ."

Services for Lt. King will be at 11 a.m. Monday at First Methodist Church. Military honors will be conducted by Marines including Lt. Kramer at graveside in Woodlawn Memorial Park.

Friends may call at the Garden Chapel Home for Funerals 2 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

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Dad Asks Integrated Honor Guard for Son

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ORLANDO, Fla. — The father of a white Marine killed in a Washington shooting in which three Negroes were charged with murder has asked for an integrated honor guard for his son's funeral.

"Somebody has to make the first step," said William G. King Sr. Friday. "His death cannot be a total loss.

"My wife and I feel that the time has come when we have to stand up as individuals for what we believe in—for understanding and harmony."

His son, 2nd Lt. William G. King Jr., 21, and a friend were shot and killed Wednesday after an argument with three Negroes in a Washing-

ton hamburger shop. Two others in the party were wounded.

"I've been able to wash out of my mind and heart any animosity toward Washington or people, black or white," the elder King said. "I have no desire for revenge."

King said he and his wife requested the integrated honor guard because "We want to show that we do not have any animosity toward any color. My son felt very strongly about this."

Killed with King was 2nd Lt. Thaddeus Lesnick, 20, of Fishtail, Mont. Wounded were 2nd Lt. Elsworth Kramer, 26, of Arlington, Va., and Miss Barbara Kelly, 25, of Adelphi, Md.

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Marines carry casket of Lt. William G. King Jr., slain last week in Washington, from First Methodist Church after services conducted by Dr. M. C. Cleveland, left.

The 21-year-old newly commissioned Marine lieutenant, shot down as he and other Marine officers ate in a Washington restaurant, was buried in

Woodlawn Cemetery.

The slain Marine, son of William G. King Sr., Orlando, had just returned from a week's leave when the slaying took place. Three Californians, who said they were in the nation's capital to join the "Poor People's March", have been charged with the slaying.

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