

## New York's Class



**MUSICIAN OF EVERY YEAR**  
— Acting Mayor Paul Screvane presents internationally acclaimed jazz composer and pianist Edward Kennedy "Duke"

Ellington with the city's Bronze Medal in ceremonies at City Hall as Mrs. Evie Ellington, the 66-year-old musician's wife, smiles approvingly. The medal was presented in honor of his outstanding contributions to the field of music and as a token of his world esteem, Screvane said. (Gilbert Photo)

## NYC Gives Duke City's 'Pulitzer'

Denied a Pulitzer Prize citation for his world-known music despite a unanimous recommendation by three-man music committee, Edward Kennedy "Duke" Ellington beamed brightly as he received some recompense Monday when he was presented with his adopted city's bronze Medallion of Honor for his outstanding contributions to music.

The 66-year-old internationally acclaimed jazz composer and pianist was hailed as the "musician of every year" and a "world-wide ambassador of goodwill" by Acting Mayor Paul Screvane, who presented him with the medal before an estimated 1,000 cheering persons in City Hall Plaza.

"These achievements of yours have been accomplished in the face of barriers at home that are now only beginning to crum-

ble. You have done all this with unfailing good taste, charm, wit, intelligence and humility — the collective characteristics of the natural aristocrat," Screvane said, adding, "you have survived the Charleston, you will outlast the Watusi."

Noted jazz authority Billy Taylor, in leading a special combo of musicians in some of Ellington's best known songs, hailed him as "a very special person to all musicians who is so far ahead of his times. The melodies he has written have carried a message around the world unequalled in American music."

Ellington, who was born in Washington, D.C., and has lived in New York City since 1923 when

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he first came here with a band, was hailed by others as a "musical Renaissance man" and a "complete musical genius." Among others who addressed the ceremonies attended by a bevy of city officials and leaders in the music industry were Dr. Arthur Logan, Duke's personal physician and close friend; Robert W. Dowling, city cultural executive; and Rev. John Gensel, minister to jazz musicians.

Ellington, thrilled over the entire proceedings, thanked Screvane for the medal and posed for pictures with his attractive wife, Evie, and chatted with fans for more than an hour after the ceremonies.

### In Tribute

Prior to the ending of the ceremonies, however, Billy Taylor led the five-man combo in a six song tribute to Ellington tunes including "Take The A Train," and "Black, Brown and Beige." The combo included Clark Terry, trumpet; Jerome Richardson, baritone sax; Benny Powell, trombone; and Grady Tate, drums. Joe Williams also sang a couple of songs.

Ellington had been recommended this year for a special citation by the Pulitzer Prize music committee, but the Pulitzer advisory board turned the recommendation down and two members resigned in protest. No mention was made of the Pulitzer at Monday's ceremonies, but it was obvious to all why the Duke was so honored.

## A Medal for the Duke



Acting Mayor Screvane presents medal to Duke Ellington as latter's wife, Evie, looks on. (NEWS foto by Walter Kelleher)

Duke Ellington took over City Hall yesterday, but before he did he met unexpected competition from a five-piece Department of Sanitation jazz combo. He and Acting Mayor Paul R. Screvane, former garbage can hoister himself, were late for the ceremony, scheduled to honor Ellington for his contributions to music. So the musically

inclined sanitmen entertained the 1,000 persons who came to welcome the Duke by playing an all-Ellington repertoire. Then six of Ellington's sidemen took over the musical chores and Screvane presented the Duke the city's Medallion of Honor which, in addition to dukes, has been given to kings and queens.

## Ailing Tummy Sends Barnes Into Hospital

Traffic Commissioner Henry A. Barnes was back in the hospital again yesterday, this time for a stomach ailment. He was admitted to Columbus Hospital shortly before 1 P.M. for a stay of a week during which he will undergo diagnostic tests.

The announcement that Barnes had been hospitalized was made as newsmen waited in the Traffic Department's Long Island City offices to hear the results of Deputy Commissioner Stanley Posess' conference with officials of Teamsters Union Local 832 about meter maids discharged for being overweight.

A spokesman said Barnes had decided to go to the hospital after having felt poorly over the weekend.



Traffic Boss Barnes

## Awaits Fifth Baby



Patricia Neal, 39, smiles beneath umbrella as she leaves home to enter Oxford, England, hospital to await arrival of her fifth baby. The actress, felled by a cerebral hemorrhage six months ago is still recovering from a crippling paralysis. (Associated Press Cablefoto)

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Washington, Aug. 2—White House the night nounced his Viet war buil

There would be only pass evening six days ago except for out in bitter name calling fa Ford (Mich.).

Ford was one of a group Congressional leaders of be parties who attended the Wh House crisis conference. allegedly leaked a version what went on which upset t President. Without specifica naming Ford, LBJ charged Wh House confidences had be abused and a distorted, "untr and perhaps malicious" report c liberately disseminated.

What apparently infuriat Johnson was the report that 1 Senate party leader Mike Mai field warned that if he called t the reserves there would be hell pay in party ranks in Congres This absolutely wasn't : said Lyndon. And Ford today i sisted that he said no such thi in reference to Mansfield. The was a "misunderstanding" a around, said the Michigan Co gressman in a most tempera statement. For patriotic reason he said, he was not going to g into a name-calling match wi the President.

So much for background. never mentioned the question session. But definitely the mat call up the reserves at this time meeting.

There is no argument either ment cautioned on that Tuesda lating the war. He pointed out t would be certain if the Presiden limited national emergency.

### The Gist of the

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Particularly obnoxious to hi canceled a harder decision—a de and a call-up of the reserves—t gressional and public reaction.

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Mansfield has right along which escalated the war. He has behalf of the Administration's V has had to rely on Senate Party his Viet policy against criti Democrats.

### The Matter of the Q

That Mansfield statement, v the crisis meeting last Tuesday if the White House would make and this didn't come from Ford inside Congress there were mai wav the war is going but so far

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City Honors Ellington With Its Highest Award

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## Full Text

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Denied the Pulitzer Prize Music Award that set off a howl heard around the world last May, Ellington was applauded by 2000 spectators as he was lauded by Screvane who said, "This is a man whose light glows wherever he is, on every occasion. He glows with inner light. He acts with an inner grace."

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