Black Fugitive Williams Returns, Vows to Press Separatist Drive

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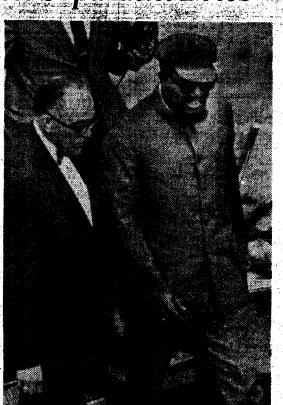
DETROIT, Sept. 12-Robert F. Williams, a homesick black who fled into exile more than eight years ago, came home today vowing to continue his part in the black separatist struggle. He was immediately arrested as a fugitive from North Carolina justice, but was soon free on personal bond.

"I never wanted to leave in the first place," Williams said when asked at a press confer-ence why he returned from Tanzania. Before Tanzania, he lived in Cuba and China. "I resented every minute that I was out and I resented the people who forced me out."

Dressed in a Chinese-style suit adorned with a simple red "Serve the People," Williams bounded off Trans World Air-lines Flight 6715 at six minutes past noon, looking thin but fit.

Alone on the flight with air-line personnel and his lawyer and friend Milton Henry of Pontiac, Mich., Williams found a changed America. He said his treatment upon arrival convinced him some things in this country have improved. He credited black militancy.

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Associated Press Black-nationalist Robert F. Williams arrives in Detroit.

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that bean Williams' lonely cha- China and finally, for the last otic journey. It made him a cause celebre around the world. A mill worker in Mon- in Tanzania that the Republic roe, N.C., Williams also was of New Africa was born in De-president of the local chapter troit. An avowedly separatist of the NAACP. Unlike other group. it demands that five chapters that were concerned with legal redress of discrimination grievances, the Monroe chapter under williams adopted the position that white violence should be answered with guns.

Soon shooting incidents between the Ku Klux Klan and blacks took place. On Sunday, Aug. 27, 1961, a near-riot occurred in Monroe, and in the aftermath a white couple claimed to have been kidclaimed to have been kid horrors for Williams. After naped by Williams, some of being assured by his American

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to stand trial on a kidnaping charge. It is the kidnaping incident several years, moving on to "We'll send this one on to New two years, Tanzania.

It was soon after his arrival troit. An avowedly separatist group, it demands that five states in the South be provided for black people to create their own nation. Williams agreed to become the president in exile.

"I am back here," Williams told the news conference, "to Treated Best in China serve the cause of justice, and whatever that requires, I am willing to do."

Refused Passage

white supporter. Williams now says he tried osave the couple, Mr. and Mrs. C. Burge, Stardl. from the said and the said the s gan officials in pre-trial pro-ceedings and that North Caro has not been tempered by lina's case seemed shaky, Wil. time and absence. Mrs. G. Bruce Stegall, from lina's case seemed shaky, Wil. time and absence. being killed by angry blacks. "That was a humanitarian mis-to be refused passage through her way out. America is studied to be refused passage through her way out. America is studied and all over the world, people Williams London on TWA. He spent six and all over the world, people days in a London jail while are laughing at America."

"It was service reserved only for a president," Henry quipped about the transatlantic flight on TWA, "and we ap-preciate it." The menu was the basic seven-course meal served in first class sections of transatlantic flights.

Eager to erase the memory of earlier unpleasantness, TWA officials denied pub-lished reports that the flight was costing the airline \$20,000. "We ferry airplanes around the world all day, 40,000-to-50,000 miles a day," said York this afternoon for a charter flight back to London and that is the kind of thing we are doing all of the time."

Williams's followers in the Republic of New Africa turned out 100 strong and followed him through legal appearances and on to his press conference, where he said he would continue to struggle to realize the goals of the Republic.

He said he was treated best in China of all the places he went, but he said he would remain and fight for justice in Returning contained its own horrors for Williams. After being assured by his American riends that he would be North Carolina," he said, "I'm