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About Politics And Some Politicians

ED TO CO - SPONSOR LEGISLATION to make it a federal crime to bomb schools, churches or synagogues.

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ALEXANDRIA, La. — **Camille Gravel Jr.,** Louisiana Democratic national committeeman, said that he will take his firing by the Louisiana Democratic Central Committee to the National Committee on Dec. 6. He was fired by the Louisiana Democrats because he termed racial segregation "morally wrong."

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NEW CASTLE, Pa. — Former **President Harry S. Truman** said Tuesday that the recession will last as long as Republicans are running the government. Because of this, he said, the November election will bring the "biggest Democratic landslide since **Franklin D. Roosevelt** drove the money changers out of the temple in 1932."

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LITTLE ROCK— Arkansas Atty. Gen. **Bruce Bennett** predicted last week that Southern Democrats would not withdraw from the party despite strife over the civil rights issue. To abandon the national party, he said, would cost Arkansas the chairmanships of some of the most important committees in Congress.

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NEW YORK—Former President **Harry S. Truman** disagreed Wednesday night with Democratic Chairman **Paul Butler's** suggestion that Southerners who disagree with the party's stand on segregation leave the party. "I am not reading anyone out of the Democratic Party," Truman said. I want all people in the Democratic column."

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WASHINGTON — In a luncheon speech at the Women's National Press Club last week actress **Tallulah Bankhead** described Arkansas' Gov. **Orval Faubus** as "at the top of the list of obnoxious, anti-Democrats." Miss Bankhead is a Democrat, daughter of a former speaker of the House and niece of a former U.S. Senator.

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CHICAGO — Democratic National Committee chairman **Paul Butler** said last week that Democrats would not tolerate in their ranks a civil rights stand like that espoused by **Governor Faubus** of Arkansas.

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NEW YORK—Assemblyman **Malcolm Wilson,** Republican candidate for lieutenant governor, and **James A. Lundy,** Republican candidate for comptroller, both have refused to endorse legislation barring racial discrimination in housing, according to the State Committee on Discrimination in Housing which quizzed the two candidates on their views.

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NEWARK, N.J. — **Rep. Robert W. Kean** (R.N.J.) candidate for U.S. senator, claimed last week that Northern Democrats are cooperating with Southerners in Congress to prevent a party split over civil rights issues. In support of his contention he cited claims of **Sen. Sparkman** (D-Ala.) that the South had received "most help and sympathy" from Northern and Western Democrats.

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LITTLE ROCK — **James E. Karam,** a leading segregationist and personal friend of Governor Faubus announced in his candidacy last week for a post on the city school board in the election which will be held on Dec. 6.

The Sound And Fury Of Racial Madness

ELIZABETH N.J. — The publication of race hate literature which was circulated in two cities where synagogues were bombed is being investigated by the Union County prosecutor's office. Copies of the pamphlet, "Common Sense," which is published in Union County, turned up in Atlanta and at Peoria, Ill., just before synagogues were bombed there.

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LITTLE ROCK— While Governor Faubus has received thousands of letters in support of his racial views, not all of them are in that vein. A Louisianan who identified himself as a "white man who fought against his own relatives, the Germans, for our democratic principles," said that he was the fighting against Faubus by sending another $10 to the NAACP every time you disgust me."

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ARLINGTON, Va. — An anonymous caller threatened Sunday to bomb Arlington Unitarian Church during a service at which a Jewish rabbi was scheduled to speak. The Islamic synagogue which was 420 worshippers evacuated the building, but no bomb was found. The scheduled speaker, Rabbi Emmett A. Frank of the Beth - El Hebrew congregation in Alexandria recently stirred up a furore by his criticism of Virginia's massive resistance program.

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NEW YORK — President Eisenhower said in a letter to Rabbi Joachim Prinz, vice-president of the American Jewish Congress, that he is considering the calling of a White House Conference to rally the American people against bigotry.

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LITTLE ROCK — The president-elect co - sponsor legislation to make it a federal crime to bomb schools, churches or synagogues.

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DOTHAN, Ala. — Chief Justice J. Ed Livingston of the Alabama Supreme Court predicted in a speech here last week that "unless something is done to restrain the U.S. Supreme Court, the states soon won't have any rights left. If the court continues to follow the trend of its decisions of the past few years, every vestige of state lines in this nation" will be erased.

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ATLANTA — A dynamite cache consisting of 20 sticks saturated with a liquid believed to be nitroglycerin was found in Chamblee, Ga., in a patch of weeds 10 miles from the Atlanta synagogue which was damaged to the extent of $200,000 on Oct. 12.

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CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. — County police are investigating a report that a group of armed white men burned a cross in the yard of Lamar Gilbert, 26, and warned him that he has 10 days to leave the county "or else."

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PITTSBURGH — Robert Briscoe, a former lord mayor of Dublin, said the first Jewish person to hold that post, said last week that recent bombings of Jewish places of worship "reflect in no way on America or its citizens,' but were acts of a very small group of people "inspired by someone with a well developed vein of hatred."

They Said It: 'Quote And Unquote'

BALTIMORE — "Jews should speak openly for integration without fear. ...A religious institution that runs away has already suffered spiritual death. ...A bombed synagogue is tragic, but a shamed synagogue. ...A silent synagogue, is worse."— RABBI MORRIS LIEBERMAN in a sermon to the Baltimore Hebrew Congregation.

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SAN FRANCISCO—"Perhaps it is our human conceit which rebels at the clear declaration in Acts 2:47 that it is the Lord Himself who adds to the church such as are being saved. We want to make our own church rolls—illy-white rolls in many cases—and close the gate of heaven with our own catch questions."—ALFRED T. DEGROOT, chairman of the department of church history at Texas Christian University.

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LITTLE ROCK — "We cannot let love of country become obscured by discontents. ...The tragedy is that the moderate is sometimes denied a forum. ...State's rights should be properly respected, but the nation should not be torn asunder. I regard it as my duty to help keep the nation, strong."— REPRESENTATIVE BROOKS HAYES, in a plea for moderation in the school integration crisis.

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TUSKEGEE, Ala. — "It is no more than I expected. I doubt that the proposed legislation will give evidence that would be incriminating to him. I think the people of this county would definitely be incriminating,"— THE REV. L. L. BUFORD, acting president of the Tuskegee Civic Association, comment on refusal of Macon County registrars to show registration records to Civil Rights Commission probers.

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MOBILE, Ala. — "It may take private schools entirely. ...I know it will be hell and a lot of chaos, but I doubt not that the people of Arkansas will rise up "inspired by someone" to those who oppose. "You shall not pass."— CHIEF JUSTICE J. ED. LIVINGSTON of the Alabama Supreme Court.

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CHICAGO — "We are on the edge of plunging the whole world into its most terrible war because we have been told it is the only means of protecting the freedom of our friends in Formosa whose views are of a different colored than our own. Yet, here at home we are restricting the freedom of our own colored citizens."— DR. THEODORE R. SWEPT, PALMQUIST, pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington.

Covering The International Scene

LONDON — The British Holidays and Travel Association last week overwhelmingly rejected a resolution calling for action to stop racial or religious discrimination in hotels by dropping offending establishments from membership.

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JOHANNESBURG, S. Africa —Police broke up a protest march by African women last week, arresting 1,000 of them who had engaged in a protest march against a government requirement for women to carry identity passes.

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OBERLIN, Ohio — Initial grants of $350,000 to expand the philanthropic operations of the Ford Foundation in Africa were announced last week by Henry T. Heald, president of the foundation. Emphasis, said, will be placed upon aid to education to meet the "truly enormous" needs of its people.

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MONROVIA, Liberia — Dr. Kermit King, president of the University of Liberia since March, 1955, will be succeeded by Rochester Weeks, Liberian educator and lawyer, when his contract expires on Dec. 31. Mr. Weeks will become the first Liberian to head the university since 1945.

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MONROVIA, Liberia — Foreign Liberians are scheduled to go to the United States during the next fiscal year for technical training, according to Dr. Ernest Neal, acting director of ICA-USOM.

The Fight For Justice Through The Courts

WASHINGTON — The United States Supreme Court last week affirmed a lower court order granting colored residents the use of facilities of the New Orleans City Park, which has been the army, a fight in the courts since 1949.

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FORT SMITH, Ark. —James L. Cross, 22, filed suit to be permitted to enter Lincoln High School, last week, arguing that he had completed 11 years of school before going into the Army. School officials said the policy is to admit pupils between the ages of 6 and 21 only.

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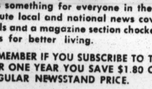
CINCINNATI — The United States Court of Appeals was called upon last week to decide whether segregation in the Clinton, Tenn., residents received fair trials when they were convicted of contempt of court in connection with the Clinton school riots in August, 1956. The court took the case under advisement after hearing oral arguments from government and defense lawyers.



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Newsmakers Of The Week

On The Desegregation Battlefront

LITTLE ROCK — A group of five Little Rock residents who claimed to have been invited, appeared at the Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church Sunday for services, but left quietly when told that no invitation had been extended.

NEW YORK — A gift of $500 to Clinton, Tenn., to aid in rebuilding of its bomb-damaged school was announced last week by the Greater New York joint board of the Textile Workers Union of America.

MIAMI, Fla. — White families were reported this week to be moving out of the Orchard Villa Elementary School area which is being considered as a possible site for a pilot integration experiment. The school's enrollment, at a peak of 429 in February, 1947, has since dropped to 190, with white pupils withdrawing at the rate of six per week since a number of colored families have moved into the area.

LITTLE ROCK — Approximately 300 white seniors registered with the Little Rock Private School Corporation last Monday for private, segregated studies. Another 300 enrolled for classes scheduled to begin this week in a Baptist high school set up in a division of the denomination's Quachita College.

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RICHMOND — Governor Almond told the Virginia Parent - Teacher convention here last week that he "condemned" bombings of schools and churches such as have taken place in other states, but reaffirmed his declaration that he "will not assign white and colored children to be taught in the same school."

BIRMINGHAM — More than 20 colored Birmingham residents were arrested last week in a test of the city's new bus seating law which gives bus drivers authority to assign seats to passengers. An earlier law, requiring bus segregation was repealed a week earlier by the City Commission.

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LITTLE ROCK — School Superintendent Virgil T. Blossom told the Thomas Jefferson School PTA that Little Rock residents must decide for themselves whether they want to give up the heritage of their public school system. He cited three alternatives: no schools; private schools without state support; or city help, or public schools under the court-ordered plan of limited, gradual integration.

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WASHINGTON — National headquarters of the AFL-CIO as well as national heads of the Textile Workers Union expressed sharp disagreement last week with action of Local 371 of the Textile Workers Union at Front Royal, Va., which voted a $1 per week assessment of its 2,000 members to support a segregated school setup to provide schooling for pupils of the closed Warren County High School.

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JACKSON, Miss. — Governor J. P. Coleman predicted last week that the schools of Mississippi would remain "Open and segregated" since he did not believe that "either race wants to destroy the public schools. Our people will only support a segregated school system."

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NORFOLK — The Norfolk City Council last week called a special "advisory" referendum for Nov. 18, for city voters to say whether they want the three junior and three senior high schools reopened on a racially integrated basis. The schools were closed following court orders to admit colored pupils.

BALTIMORE — Wiley A. Branton, Pine Bluff attorney for the Arkansas NAACP told a Baltimore audience last week that Little Rock churches had shown a "lack of courage" in the school integration crisis and "instead of taking the lead on a great moral issue, they have taken a back seat behind the courts."

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LITTLE ROCK — Two colored colleges which have received inquiries about conducting private high schools for Little Rock pupils of closed schools said last week that they have no immediate plans for such ventures. Arkansas Baptist College at Little Rock and Shorter College at North Little Rock each disclaimed connection with reported plans.

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LITTLE ROCK — Governor Faubus said last week that the Little Rock Private Corporation's white school could not operate indefinitely through public donations and that a plan for providing another means of support would be devised "in a few months."

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LITTLE ROCK — Enrollment at two private segregated schools was reported to have continued increasing last week, but a serious shortage of teachers to conduct the classes was reported by both the Baptist High School and the Little Rock Private School corporation.

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WASHINGTON — The Pulaski County, Ark., school board last week refused an offer of the Federal government to take over operation of a school adjoining the Little Rock Air Force Base as a means of solving the integration problem at the school which was built and operated with federal funds for children of Air Force personnel.

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CLINTON, Tenn. — Anderson County School board last week voted to accept private donations toward the rebuilding of bomb - wrecked Clinton High School after it began to appear that there is little hope of government federal aid to complete the job.

The Crime Element: Man Against Man

BALTIMORE — **Mrs. Hazel Constance Rivers,** who attempted to shoulder the blame for the slaying of **Howard Banks,** a former boyfriend, in her home, was sentenced to 3 months in jail as an accessory to the slaying. **Raymond Brown,** 30, drew 8 years on a second degree murder charge after confessing that he shot Banks after Banks slapped Mrs. Rivers.

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TEXARKANA, Ark. — Circuit Judge Lyle Brown last week sentenced **Rogers Boone,** 27, to die in the electric chair for the 1956 robbery-murder of **M. R. Hamm,** an elderly white Miller County farmer. One other suspect in the case has been tried and sentenced and two more await trial. Sentences of both convictions are planned.

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ST. LOUIS — **Patrolman Cornelius Turner,** 35, a member of the St. Louis Police Department since 1955, was suspended last week following his arrest on charges of molesting a minor after a 10-year-old girl said he had made indecent proposals to her during her month-long attempt to hitchhike home.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Arthur Byrdsong was sentenced to 20 years imprisonment for attempted rape last week, and his lawyer, **Lawrence B. Sheffield Jr.,** was sentenced to five days in jail for contempt of court.

The Continuing Struggle For Equality

EUFAULA, Ala. — Fred Gray, attorney for a group of colored property owners who are fighting condemnation of their homes to make way for a white housing project, produced testimony last week which showed that a colored applicant had applied for an apartment in an existing white-area project and was turned down.

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TUSKEGEE, Ala. — A. H. Rosenfeld, director of the Civil Rights Commission's office of complaints and surveys, said last week that the Commission is contemplating legal action following refusal of Macon County registration officials to make voter registration records available to Commission investigators.

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JACKSON, Miss. — The Mississippi NAACP last week expressed disapproval of colored veterans who joined Mississippi Department American Legion posts in face of the continuing insults to colored veterans. Mississippi posts have been ordered to keep out of NAACP activities and one post was recently suspended because its commander had spoken at an NAACP rally.

MOBILE — A delegation of white residents last week protested the proposed construction of a large apartment project for colored residents in North Mobile. White and colored neighborhoods adjoin in Toulminville, where the project of 15 masonry type apartment buildings and 122 separate residents would be constructed.

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EUFAULA, Ala. — The lack of colored members on the Barbour County jury list came under fire last week when a circuit court hearing upheld condemnation of land owned by a colored section to make way for a white housing project. The jury panel, which has only two colored members, became an issue because it must decide upon the fairness of the prices offered.

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URBANA, Ill. —The annual convention of the Illinois Conference of Branches of the NAACP at its final business session last Sunday called for passage in the 1959 session of the Illinois General Assembly of a series of measures "that will effectuate and enforce protect and expand the constitutional rights of minorities in Illinois."

School Suits Must Be Filed In Every Community--Hill

WASHINGTON — "Because the Supreme Court decisions handed down in the school integration cases are not self-executing we need look for little more help from the courts and future progress must be pressed by the colored citizens themselves."

This was the studied opinion of Oliver W. Hill, of Richmond, Va., prominent NAACP attorney, who was the principal speaker at the second annual Workshop Dinner of the American Council on Human Rights held at the Statler Hotel Saturday evening.

"With the Arkansas and other decisions handed down recently by the special sessions of the Supreme Court we obtained just about all the law we will need and there is not much further the high court can go," he declared.

"With the decisions at our command, the main task before us is for the people of the various communities to file suits to force compliance in their respective localities," he continued.

"There are enough lawyers and enough pupils to institute suits in every city and county," he declared, "if the people would only have the courage and the interest to attack their local school boards. The laws handed down are not self executing," he emphasized.

"They must be put into force by the citizens themselves."

"The great handicap is that too many people simply want to watch the fight from the sidelines instead of becoming active participants," he added.

Many excuses are given as to why these suits are not instituted, he declared. Many parents claim that their children are delicate and they do not want to submit them to the harassments of court litigation. Others contend they do not want to run the risk of losing a years' interruption to their schooling while the suits are pending.

He scoffed at these excuses, declaring that the type of schooling available to colored youth in most of the Southern Communities absolutely nothing would be lost by the loss of a year. Because the improved school programs would compensate for the delay.

"The type of education they are getting under the segregated system would be worth a year to eliminate," Mr. Hill declared.

MR. HILL took a slap at the NAACP leaders who are constantly apologizing for the work of the NAACP and the role of the race in America.

"We must constantly get across the idea that when we fight for the rights of colored people we are fighting for the rights of all Americans," he declared.

Some people offer the excuse that integration will take place some special consideration because we were brought here against our will. The fallacious premise, he declared, because "we are not white people in America, also came here against their will.

America was settled by colonists who were indentured servants—forced to come here to escape from oppressions both economic and religious at home. The Puritans and others who came here were seeking a place in England than to face the travails and hardships of a hostile and undeveloped land.

HE ALSO warned against the error of assuming that all of the battle for integration is centered in the South. The decisions handed down are equally applicable and are being used to good advantage in other sections of the country where the evils of Mississippi have been transplanted to the north in the wake of colored migration.

He disparaged the suggestion that colored citizens bombard senators and representatives with letters pleading for their aid on civil rights issues.

"Unless we have votes in the localities from whence the representatives come the sending of letters is just wasting a four cent stamp," he believes.

He called for increased activity for direct political action by getting more voters registered so they will be able to make their influence felt at the polls where we can reward our friends and punish our enemies. This is the only type of pressure the politicians understands and is sensitive to, he declared.

"AND AWAY from the school ney, who was the principal speaker at the second annual Workshop Dinner of the American Council on Human Rights held at the Statler Hotel Saturday evening.

Attorney Hill hurls a challenge

(AN EDITORIAL)

Speaking at the Second Annual Workshop Dinner sponsored by the American Council on Human Rights, Oliver Hill of Richmond issued two important warnings which colored leadership should take seriously

One of the leading legal lights in the attack launched against segregated schools by the NAACP, Mr. Hill warned that we can look for very little help in the future from the judicial branch of government in making integration work.

This does not mean that the high court is either slowing up or changing course, but simply that it has almost reached the ultimate in the remedies it is able to supply.

Except for slapping down the state evasion tricks when they arise, the outcome of which already has been announced in advance, there are few basic legal points in dispute so far as interpretation of the constitution is concerned.

Having given us the tools with which to work, the rest of the battle is up to parents and pupils themselves, Mr. Hill warns.

The worst enemies of progress, he further warned are lethargy, indifference, timidity and desire to "let George do it."

Court decisions, he explained are not self-executing, but need vision, planning, courage and sacrifice to put them in operation in the respective communities. There are far too few willing to pay this price, he pointed out, and we run the risk of losing by default what we have gained so far in sweat and tears.

This is a challenge that must be met squarely. It is not enough to stand on the sidelines and cheer the "Little Rock Nine." Each locality must put its own team in the field if the integration battle is to be won on a broad front.

'HER WORSHIP' GETS KEYS—Mrs. Iris King, mayor of Kingston, Jamaica, West Indies was presented the keys to the city Tuesday by Commissioner David B. Karrick at the District Building. Her visit was sponsored by the International Educational Exchange Service under the State Department. Looking on is J. Pipper Derricotte, attorney, who with his wife entertained Mrs. King during her stay in Washington.

Bomb scare evacuates 1100 pupils

RICHMOND

An anonymous telephone caller Friday warned that a bomb had been placed in Maggie L. Walker High School and was set to explode in 10 minutes.

Some 1100 pupils evacuated the building. No bomb was found.

The telephone call came at 12:20 p.m. Friday when about a third of the pupils were out for recess.

Mrs. Ada Pannell, a clerk in the school office, answered the phone. She relayed the information to J. Harry Williams, principal, who ordered a fire drill which emptied the building in a few minutes.

Meanwhile, police were called.

Mr. Williams told the AFRO "I felt that it was the work of a prankster, but decided not to take a chance on it. The custodian helped me search the building until the police came, they made a more thorough search."

Many of the pupils never realized that the fire drill was the real thing, though the presence of police in the building caused numerous rumors to spread.

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THE WALKER bomb threat is one of a series of such threats made to various public institutions in recent weeks. On two occasions a local bus station has been evacuated after an anonymous telephone caller said a bomb was hidden there.

The recent bombings of schools and synagogues in the South and the threats of bombing, has brought an increased demand for Federal legislation restricting the use of dynamite. Some of the proposed laws would make bombing a Federal offense.

Va. sets up child labor study groups

RICHMOND

Two committees have been set up by the Virginia Advisory Legislative Council to study child labor and hospital facilities for the poor.

State Sen. Charles R. Fenwick of Arlington has been named chairman of the committee to study child labor laws and Judge Irene L. Pancoast of Norfolk will head a committee to study hospital facilities for the poor.

The committees are expected to report their findings to the council by next fall so that the council may make recommendations to the 1960 session of the General Assembly.

Boys killed in smoke; 3rd saved

By ERNEST MATTHEWS

WASHINGTON

The deaths of Michael Mack, 4, and his brother Dennis, 3, in a fire at 118 R St NE, Monday, apparently stemmed from human excitement caused by sudden fire.

They died of smoke inhalation.

Left in the custody of their grandmother, Mrs. Rosebud Mack, 56, while their mother, Mrs. Anne Mack, 24, was at work, the youngsters were playing with matches in a back closet on the first floor of the two - story, red, brick, house, police disclosed.

About 8:25 a.m. Miss Bertice Crosby was in a first-floor front room when she heard the boys cry out.

"They ran up the hall crying out for their grandmother who was upstairs. Then I saw smoke from the back room. I opened the door and saw smoke and flame gushed out. I ran from the house to call the fire department. But I was too excited."

"MY POOR CHILDREN," the grandmother sobbed.

"When I looked down the stairs I could see the smoke coming up. I ran upstairs right past me. I got the baby (her granddaughter Michele, 1) and ran down the stairs and out of the house."

A next door neighbor, M. Thelma, summoned firemen. Engine Company No. 12, located three blocks away, was already on a fire at 4th and Bryant Sts. NW.

About 15 minutes later, Engine No. 26 arrived on the scene, then companies No. 4, 5, 6, two truck companies, and the rescue squad.

"All the adults had fled the house," said Fire Chief Angus E. Bigg. "We had to break down the front door. The fire had gotten a good start. The boys were still upstairs. Three back rooms were gutted by fire and the head had seared and scorched the stairway banister and the second floor ceiling.

Firemen worked their way to a back room on the second floor and found the youngsters huddled unconscious. The Rev. H. R. Collins Lee, pastor of Metropolitan Wesley AME Church, offered aid and comfort.

The two youngsters were members of the church's Sunday school.

Va. school block costs over million

By EDWARD PEEKS

WASHINGTON

"Virginia has spent more than a million dollars on massive resistance," said E. B. Henderson, a Virginian and past president of the State NAACP Conference.

He said records show that the law firm of Parmer Gov. John S. Battle Sr. collected $65,000 of taxpayers' money in resisting school integration.

Public records disclose that another law firm was paid $75,000 for the same purpose, he said, carrying the fight of massive resistance proportionally by any potent standard.

Mr. Henderson said these sums figured into the total amount.

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HE MADE THE observations Monday while addressing the District NAACP at the 12th Street YMCA.

The branch elected a nominating committee for its annual December election of officers.

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THE FORMER Virginia governor is a member of the President's Civil Rights Commission, which was set up to study civil rights violations.

His son, John Jr., is lawyer for the Charlottesville school board in its resistance maneuvers.

"I want to say a word about the FBI." Dr. Henderson told the overflow audience in the Y auditorium.

"Nobody could find anybody so long as they were bombing churches in Birmingham and Montgomery."

The audience applauded his reference to recent FBI action against Dixie dynamiters.

THE VIRGINIA NAACP has set a membership goal for 20,000 and a $75,000 budget, he said. "That's nothing compared with state money."

He said, "If anybody should be charged with subversion in this country, it's people like Eastland and Faubus."

The Byrd machine and "Virginia aristocrats are trying to set up a private school system in their next move," he said.

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EUGENE DAVIDSON, D.C. home president, urged the public to take out NAACP memberships. "Former members should make renewals in the drive on now."

Members of the nominating committee are William B. Cooke, Theodore E. Taylor, Mrs. Mildred Pitt, Mrs. Elizabeth Hinton and Perry Thompson.

Vocal selections were offered by Miss Marcia Drover and Anthony Johnson, both accompanied by Mrs. Rosa Johnson.

Assailant of Dr. M. L. King is indicted

NEW YORK (ANP)—Mrs. Izola Ware Curry, the 42-year-old cleaning woman who stabbed the Rev. Martin Luther King Sept. 20, was indicted Thursday for attempted murder

The Rev. Mr. King, who led the peaceful bus boycott conducted in Montgomery, narrowly escaped death when Mrs. Curry plunged a letter opener into his chest while he was autographing copies of his book "Stride Toward Freedom," in a Harlem department store.

Shortly after King testified before a Manhattan grand jury, the indictment was handed down. The indictment charges attempted murder in the first degree. If convicted, Mrs. Curry would face a maximum sentence of 25 years.

Flemming hopeful over school crisis

WASHINGTON (NNPA) — Pupils who are forced to attend private schools because the public schools are closed will be "up against some serious problems," Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare declared Monday.

Dr. Flemming told a news conference that he is still optimistic about the school situation in the South.

"Ultimately common sense will prevail," he said, "but certainly the longer the schools are closed, and the longer young people don't have the opportunity of participating in a public school program, the more concerned I am."

ASKED WHETHER he saw any signs that would cause him to be optimistic about the reopening of the closed schools, Dr. Flemming replied:

"Meetings are taking place within these communities where parents are participating. They are saying what we want are open schools where our children can have the benefit of the training they get in school.

"This is a very healthy indication, and, in my judgment, their insistence on having the schools opened will ultimately prevail."

HE ALSO said, "I am one who believes that the public schools constitute the very foundation of our whole educational program. ...and that anything that is done to weaken the public school system is bound to weaken our total system of education.

"Also I think," said Dr. Flemming, "some of the pressures which have been being started will certainly find that it is difficult to get those schools in positions where they can be certified."

Solon accuses Byrd group of plot to destroy schools

ALEXANDRIA — A Virginia legislator Monday revealed what he called a plot to destroy the public school system of the state, accusing the Byrd machine as instigators of the plan.

Making the accusation, Del. John C. Webb of Fairfax said: "The people of Virginia had better wake up right now to the absurd lengths the 'massive resisters' would go to avoid compliance with the Supreme Court's ruling."

He further declared that "To say that schools should be closed or abolished in the name of protecting 'State's rights' is pure hogwash."

NAMING NAMES, Delegates Webb said the leaders in the "underground" campaign are Sen. Harry F. Byrd (Dem., Va.), Rep. Howard W. Smith (Dem., Va.), William M. Tuck and Watkins M. Abbitt.

Although he did not disclose his source, Webb said he is convinced of the accuracy of his report.

The Byrd machine, according to Webb, is only waiting until after the State Supreme Court of Appeals hands down its decision on Virginia's "massive resistance" laws to put into action a plan to abolish public schools.

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THIS WILL be done, he claims, by the calling of a special session of the General Assembly.

At the special session of the General Assembly, Webb said that legislation will be introduced to repeal Section 29 of the Virginia Constitution.

Section 29 states that "the General Assembly shall establish and maintain an efficient system of public free schools throughout the state."

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SENATOR BYRD and Representative Smith could not be reached for comment on Webb's charges, but Abbitt said such a move, "in all probability," should be started.

He denied, however, knowing anything about a move to abolish public schools in an effort to evade integration.

But Abbitt reiterated his previous stand that "there must not be any integration at any time."

All Tuck had to say about the charges was that "I am not a party to anything other than to keep schools segregated."

AND GOV. J. Lindsay Almond Jr. said:

"I am so used to the rantings of Delegate Webb and his quest for publicity that I feel my comment is unnecessary."

But the governor told some 700 delegates to the annual convention of the Virginia Congress of Parents and Teachers on Monday:

"AT THE appropriate time, if it becomes necessary, I will assemble the General Assembly and recommend to the limit my ability ...to work out as best a solution as possible from the prevailing situation which beats down upon us.

"But I say to the people of Virginia and the Federal Government, the present Governor of Virginia will not resign white and colored children to be taught in the same schools."

... And the audience burst out with a round of cheers, mixed with loud applause.

Earlier, Governor Almond appealed to Virginians to "condemn" bombings and threats against synagogues, schools and churches.

He said that he believed that the bombings are "inspired by Communists," adding that Virginia has "no room, no feeling, no sympathy for John Kasper or the Ku Klux Klan."

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MEANWHILE, some 13,000 pupils in Norfolk, Charlottesville, Front Royal, Va., are still out of school because Almond ordered them closed rather than obey the courts' order to desegregate.

Moderates are beginning to give support to Webb's call for a protest against "the plot" to destroy the public schools."

Webb warned, however, that any protest would result in a "tough fight."

Legislators, on the other hand, privately have been critical of Webb's statement, wishing to keep the school issue hush - hush until after the Nov. 4 elections.

Adding further woe to pupils now out of school, Arthur S. Flemming, Secretary of Health and Welfare, recently warned that pupils attending the make-shift private schools will face serious problems when they try to enter college.

IN OTHER notable events taking place Monday, the Norfolk Education Association unanimously voted to discontinue a "stop - gap" tutoring program for children out of school.

The 700 members voted to discontinue the program at the end of the semester because they believed the program would defeat its purpose and become permanent.

At the same time the teachers started a survey, asking parents whether they would favor reopening the schools in accordance with a Federal court order directing admission of 17 colored pupils to six white schools.

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AND AWAY from the school issues Arlington Unitarian Church services were interrupted Sunday morning when an anonymous phone call was received, threatening to bomb the edifice.

Police are now investigating the threat and will make a report to the County Board on Saturday.

Following the threat, the church goers filed out of the building under the directions of church officials, and services were postponed.

$4,500 awarded to cop victim

WASHINGTON

John E. McCray, 25-year-old Pentagon worker, was awarded $4,500 by a District court jury Wednesday in a suit against a former police officer with shooting him in the back through mistaken identity.

The former officer, David R. Gonzales, 31, is currently supervisor of a District finance office. He was a police private when McCray was shot in 1956.

Originally asking $50,000 damages and charging police neglect, the suit was first-tried in May 1957 and a jury brought back a judgment of $10,000 but it was set aside by Judge David A. Pine because the jury had not been properly instructed.

The suit was tried again last August 4 and ended in a hung jury.

ON WEDNESDAY, McCray's attorney, John Alexander, did not ask the jury for a specific amount in judgment. The jury deliberated two hours.

Judge tells wife to give hubby a key

BALTIMORE

"My husband and I haven't been getting along. He's got me so upset. He embarrasses me in front of friends.

"I teach and I need my nerves"

Those were the comments of Mrs. Lillian Draper when she was summoned into the Northwestern District police court Thursday by her husband, Lawrence Draper of the 1100 block Division St.

Following a brief hearing before Magistrate Linwood Koger, Mrs. Draper was instructed to give Mr. Draper a key in order that he might enter their home.

EASTER IN OCTOBER—Mrs. Lucille Temple, of Washington, examines an Easter Lily which suddenly started blooming in her home last week. The plant usually remains barren from one spring to the next.