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Bystander Shot In Perkins Ave. Gun Battle

Fire demolishes Laurens St. home

"Everything I had and what the baby had was burned" said Mrs. Evelyn Allen, 18, 1215 Laurens St., as she stood in the middle of a completely charred room.

Describing the fire which gutted her family's apartment Saturday night, Mrs. Allen said:

"I heard my baby crying and mother yelling for someone to come help her. I was on my way out to the store. When I went back in, my room was filled with fire."

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HER 20-month-old son, James, was asleep but both of them managed to escape uninjured.

Yesterday (Thursday), Mrs. Allen, who shared the third floor Laurens St. apartment with her mother, said they were preparing to move to 1432 Division St.

However, she said all of her clothes and furnishings were burned out and she must find a job before she can replace them.

All that was salvaged from the fire, she said, were the clothes she and her child were wearing at the time.

Friends have loaned me a few pieces to wear," she said.

At present, the mother says she is looking for a job—"I'm not choicy, either, I'll have to take what I can get for the time being," she said.

Youth hurt in traffic mishap

William Russell Carey, three, of 425 N. Exeter St., was admitted to Mercy Hospital with a head injury Wednesday after he was struck by an automobile owned by the Gas and Electric Co., at Exeter and Hillen Sts., report police.

The condition of the youth was described as not serious.

Police charged the motorist, Paul B. Rogers, 33, of the first block Royal Oak Ave., with reckless driving.

SCENE OF SHOOTING—This is the 600 block Perkins Ave. where James Dotts, 56, was shot Wednesday evening. The A shows where Mr. Dotts started from his car and the broken line indicates his path of travel up the stairs to his front door at 646. Just as he was about to place the key in the door he was struck by a bullet reportedly fired during a chase of a hold-up suspect.

'A man can't even come home'

"A man can't even come home in peace any more."

These were the words of a 56-year-old grandfather reportedly uttered as he slumped to the ground Wednesday evening after being shot while police were chasing a suspected hold-up man.

The injured man, James Dotts, 646 Perkins Ave., was taken to Maryland General Hospital where physicians reported he had been struck by a bullet in the lower portion of his body.

His condition late Thursday was listed as fair.

Mr. Dotts was shot on the front steps of his home as police staged a gun battle with the hold-up suspect who subsequently eluded attempts to capture him.

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A WITNESS to the shooting was Mr. Dotts' daughter, Mrs. Gladys Scott, who lives near her father at 1052 Myrtle Ave.

As the scene was recreated by Mrs. Scott, her father had just gotten out of his car on the pavement side, walked up the front steps of his home and inserted the key in the door, when several shots rang out and he fell.

"The police kept going down the street chasing the other man and I called them and told them my father had been shot. They came back and did what they could."

It was while he was lying on the ground that the injured man made his comment about a man not having peace at home, the daughter reported.

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IN THE Perkins Ave. home at the time was Mr. Dotts' wife, Mrs. Ollie A. Dotts, who told the AFRO:

"I was in the back washing my hair and I heard the noise which sounded like fire-crackers going off. I came down stairs to the front door and he was lying there."

In their official report of the shooting, police said they have been unable to determine as yet which gun fired the shot that struck Mr. Dotts.

Events leading up to the shooting started some minutes earlier when Sam Saks, 42, proprietor of a grocery store at 900 Shields Place, reported that a man had entered his establishment, pulled a gun and had cleaned out the cash register.

Police were summoned to the scene and when Officers Robert Diets and Francis Constebaat reached the store they said they were told by the owner's wife that he had run off after the bandit on foot.

WHEN SAKS returned to the store, the officers said he got in the car and they started searching the area until they reached Edmondson Ave. near Perkins, where the store owner pointed out a man in a red shirt as the bandit.

Officer Dennsteabt reported he yelled "Yellow hold it," and the man answered by pulling out a gun and jumping behind a parked car.

The officer said he fired one shot and the suspect returned the fire and then ran west into an alley.

Two more shots were fired by the policeman and the man appeared to halt momentarily as if he had been hit, it was reported.

Police said when they returned to the scene they found the bystander had been hit.

Mr. Dotts is employed as a fireman at a local chemical plant and is a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, his family reported. He is the grandfather of two children.

Put out, says woman, man in divorce cases

Charging that Samuel Davis of 927 Bonaparte Ave. put her out of their home, Mrs. Ida Davis of 1909 W. Mosher St., divorced him this week.

The couple was married in June 24, 1956 and separated on August 1, 1958, the wife said. She is a secretary in the Veterans Administration here.

In seeking the limited divorce, the 23-year-old wife said:

"He hit me on several occasions. On the last occasion he beat me with his fist and knocked me down." She added that she had been severely beaten on July 3, and at the time had taken out a warrant for her husband.

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SHE WITHDREW the warrant, without a hearing, when he promised he would do better and would not strike her again, she said. She went back to him after the incident of the 13th, only to have a recurrence of his cruelty, she said.

When she left on August 1, she left without clothes or any other articles, Mrs. Davis told the Court. She said that on August 14, Mr. Davis sent her clothes to her sister's home by a taxicab driver.

In her testimony, the sister, Miss Mary E. Howie, said:

"She (Mrs. Davis) was kind, gentle and sweet as a wife should be. Sammy was cruel to her. He asked her to leave." When she went back to the Bonaparte Ave. address, they found the doors locked and the basement door with a new padlock on it, she added.

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NAACP in search for members

"The people have been inspired by the plight of their brothers in the South and are investing their money."

This statement came this week from Mrs. Lillie M. Jackson, president of the local NAACP chapter, which is now in a campaign to reach a 15,000 membership goal by Nov. 18.

Mrs. Jackson said approximately 6,000 more members are needed and surmised that "we will make it if the present clip continues."

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ENTHUSIASTICALLY commenting on the unexpected surge in life memberships, Mrs. Jackson said, "We have never had them come in this way. Life memberships have become a specialty."

She also announced that NAACP officers will be elected on Tuesday, Nov. 25, at 8 p.m. in the Sharp Street Community House. This is the night when awards will be made to membership campaign workers.

The Annual Thanksgiving meeting has been scheduled for 3 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Sharp Street Memorial Church, with the Rev. John L. Tilley, who spearheaded the NAACP's voter registration campaign, as speaker.

Reports are made Tuesday nights between 7-10 p.m. in the NAACP offices at Dolphin and McCulloh Sts. The offices are open daily from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. and from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

State Advisory Committee of Civil Rights body maps plans

The Maryland Advisory Committee of the national Commission on Civil Rights held its initial meeting here Wednesday, and decided to direct attention in the areas of voting, education and housing.

The Advisory Committee made it clear, however, that it welcomed and would consider any complaints involving civil rights from any citizen or group of citizens.

State Senator Harry A. Cole was elected chairman of the six-member Committee, and Robert W. King, of Bethesda, past president, Maryland Division, American Association of University Women, was named vice chairman.

The other members are Dr. John T. Williams, president of Maryland State College at Princess Anne; Maxwell Greenwald, of Hagerstown, a retired merchant.

Also, Dr. John Fischer, superintendent of Baltimore's public schools, and F. DeSales Mudd, of La Plata, an attorney.

THE MARYLAND Advisory Committee was named a month ago by Dr. John A. Hannah, chairman of the national Commission on Civil Rights, and president of Michigan State University.

It is one of 21 now functioning in as many States. However, the Commission expects to have such a group in every State by the end of this year, according to Thomas W. Young, national information officer and Norfolk Journal and Guide executive.

Senator Cole is currently the only member of his race to be chairman of any of these interracial groups.

The Maryland Advisory Committee will meet again at the Department of Education headquarters on 25th St., on December 1.

Man jailed for gun

Walter Williams, 37, 1700 block E. Chase St., was given a three-month House of Correction sentence by Magistrate Simon Schoenfeld in Northeastern Police Court Tuesday for carrying a pistol.

ANOTHER BYSTANDER—Charles L. Lowe, 600 block Perkins Ave., is pointing to a bullet hole in the rear of an automobile near his home. The bullet was reportedly fired during a police chase in which a bystander was wounded. Others, left to right: Lloyd G. Gilmore, 1132 Argyle Ave., and Leroy Washington, 608 Brune St.

Baptists issue equality statement

"The simple fact is that compulsory racial segregation is discriminatory and is, therefore, a distortion of the Biblical idea as well as the constitutional principle of equality of all men."

This was the statement that came this week from the Baltimore Pastor's Conference, consisting of pastors serving Baptist churches of the Maryland Baptist Union Association.

It was included in a resolution adopted by the group under the heading "Human Equality, the Biblical Ideal."

The resolution was adopted by a majority vote but the news release accompanying it specified that the action was not unanimous.

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SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS to pastors and their congregations made in the resolution included the following:

1. Seek to emphasize the religious and moral nature of the present crisis stressing that it can never be fully resolved through legal instruments.

2. Preach the love of Christ for men of all nations, races and creeds.

3. Commend the actions of those who, motivated by self giving love, have actively sought through peaceful means to free individuals and groups from discriminatory laws, local or national.

4. Emphasize the right of every individual to fullness of life and oppose any hindrance to individual freedom that arises out of selfishness, greed or prejudice.

According to the ministers the resolution came at the end of a long and serious study by two committees.

It was noted by the group that the action was not binding upon the membership of their churches and in no way demands their assent or support "save through the influence of example and persuasion."

3 under $6,000 bail for burglary

Bail totaling $6,000 was set in Northern Police Court Tuesday for three men charged with burglarizing a Greenmount Ave. TV shop and stealing TVs and radios valued at $633.

The three are James Washington, 800 block Harlem Ave., James Robert Madin, 300 block Worsley St., and William H. Moore, 300 block E. 20th St.

Dr. Bereday tells PTA of equal opportunities

"Your ancestors all came here as ordinary people. They took axes in their hands and worked.

"None of you can enjoy an exalted position because of ancestry.

"Today our American system of education is erasing the carving to be the cream of the crop."

"Although it is only half done and there are needs crying to yet be done, our system of education has fostered equality of opportunity which reduces social distances.

"Our education system has made it so that colored, white, rich, poor, have equality of opportunity."

The above statements were made Thursday at the 43rd annual convention of the Maryland Congress of Parents and Teachers.

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SPEAKING WAS Dr. George S. F. Bereday, associate professor of comparative education, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York.

Saying that he was a Polish immigrant who at one time sought a job as garbage collector, Dr. Bereday warned the parents and teachers present against losing what he called an American heritage: Equality in educating all people.

Dr. Bereday stated that the American education system could be likened to a water channel where all may flow along freely as they learn.

He ended his talk by saying: "Don't lose this vision of excellence."

Dr. Bereday's address came at the 11 a.m. session of the three-day annual convention which opened on Wednesday.

Among parents and teachers present from all sections of the state were Leslie I. Gaines, president of the Montgomery Congress of Colored Teachers; F. A. Bussey, North Brentwood Elementary School parent, North Brentwood, Md.; Mrs. Florence Day, Annapolis, Md. and Walter Queen, Parole, Md.

From Baltimore, James Mosher Elementary School No. 144, were two parents, Mrs. Alice Maynor and Mrs. Norma Johnson.

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False registration charged to man, 22

A 22-year-old man, Ravanna H. Talbott, 1300 block Woodyear St., was placed under $500 bail in Central Police Court Thursday for a hearing on December 12, on a false registration charge.

Mr. Talbott was arrested by Patrolman Oliver Beck, Traffic Division, and the charge was placed, after the officer checked his license on a traffic violation.

The officer reported that Mr. Talbott is accused of obtaining operator's license under another name, after his original permit had been revoked, and also of registering to vote under assumed name.

Former owner of famed tea room, 'The Green Lantern' is buried today

Funeral services are being held today (Friday) at 2 p.m. at the Payne AME Church, Madison Ave. and Laurens Sts. for Mrs. Nellie E. White, 88, 123 Clay St., Annapolis, Md. who died on Nov. 3.

Burial will be in Arbutus Memorial Park.

Mrs. White was the widow of Isaac White, a well-known caterer and merchant who at one time operated a grocery store on Brunt St. in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. White are also remembered as the owners of the Green Lantern Tea Room formerly located at 1830 Pennsylvania Ave.—a popular dining place in late '20's and early '30's.

Mrs. White was the mother of Mrs. Marie Thomas, a reading and special education teacher at Bates High School, Annapolis, and Mrs. Catherine White Haynie, Baltimore, who is owner of the Haynie Business School.

At one time a deaconness at the Payne Church, Mrs. White died at Johns Hopkins Hospital on Nov. 3. Although she had been ailing for two weeks, she was seriously ill but one week.

AT THE onset of her illness she was residing at the Annapolis home of her daughter, Mrs. Thomas.

Mrs. White was born April 6, 1870 in Calvert County, Md., the daughter of the late Susan Dorsey White and William Henry White.

She came to Baltimore in 1887 at the age of 16 and in 1900 was married to Mr. White.

Mrs. White was at first a member of Old Trinity AME Church but changed her membership to Mt. Moriah AME Church, Annapolis, when she made her residence there.

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WHEN SHE returned to Baltimore she became a member of the Payne Church where she also served as a member of the choir until her illness.

Mrs. White is survived by her daughters, Mrs. Haynie and Mrs. Thomas; a brother, Joseph White who is a Calvert County tobacco grower and merchant.

Also surviving are more than 100 nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews and great grandnieces and great grandnephews.

DR. DACONS HONORED

Dr. William Sanford Dacons, director of the Bureau of Evangelism at the AME Zion Church, was recently awarded the degree of Doctor of Humanities by the American Divinity School, Chicago.

Hubby gets 10 years for harming wife

"He said he came to Baltimore to kill his wife."

That was the testimony of police in Criminal Court Wednesday before Elias Maryland Williams, 58, of Philadelphia was sentenced to 10 years in the Penitentiary for cutting his estranged wife.

Mr. Williams was convicted by Judge Anselm Sodaro of assault with intent to murder Mrs. Marguerite Williams of the 1700 block E. Oliver St.

Testimony was given that when Williams met his wife at Regester and Oliver Sts., on Sept. 9th, he beat her with his fists and cut her on both sides of the neck.

Assistant State's Attorney Paul Wartzman stated that as a result of the attack, a nerve in the woman's vocal cord was cut.

Baltimore, Ellicott City to issue checks Nov. 11

The Ellicott City Office and the unemployment insurance section of the Baltimore Office of the Department of Employment Security will remain open Tuesday, November 11, Veterans' Day, Robert B. Kimble, executive director, announced today.

All county offices except Ellicott City will be closed on this State holiday, as will the employment service section of the Baltimore Office.

In those offices which will be closed, unemployment insurance claimants who would normally receive benefit checks on Tuesday, November 11, will receive them instead on Monday, November 10, as will claimants regularly scheduled for Monday, November 10.

MR. KIMBLE SAID the Baltimore Office was being kept open because the size of the claim load in Baltimore make it difficult to pay two days' claims in one without long lines and undue waiting.

Operations in Ellicott City are being maintained since Department activities there are normally held only on Tuesdays and it would be difficult to reschedule operations on another date.

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BULLDOZERS TAKE OVER HISTORIC LAUREL CEMETERY

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Bulldozers take over cemetery

The soft sobs of bereaved relatives have been replaced at the Laurel Cemetery by the roar of powerful bulldozers ripping apart this historic but decaying burial ground.

These 15 acres that were once dotted with row upon row of neat graves now offer a confusing spectacle of wild grass, overturned and broken tombstones and gaping holes that once held the bodies of the great, the near-great and the ordinary people who were laid to rest here until eternity.

(See Photos on Page 6)

As a cemetery, Laurel is finished. Those remains that could be removed have been removed and reburied in a cemetery in Carroll County.

All that is left are the empty graves, the broken tombstones, the memories of those who buried their loved ones here and the roar of the machines that eventually will wipe out every trace of the old Laurel Cemetery.

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THE OWNERS of the property, identified as the McKamer Realty Co., have not reached a decision on what will replace the cemetery but to residents of the area, the end of Laurel comes as a welcome relief.

Created in 1852, the cemetery fell into a state of abject neglect as far back as 1929 when an AFRO pictorial campaign showed how the burial grounds resembled something akin to a junk heap.

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WHY O'WHY?

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Calling all amateur weathermen!

The AFRO is offering a $25 cash bonus to the person who can come closest to guessing the date and time of day or night that the first measurable snow will fall on the Baltimore Airport this year.

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Send your prediction to the AFRO - AMERICAN Newspapers, Snow Editor, 628 N. Eutaw St. No one family may enter more than three guesses.

If it's any help to you, the first snow came last year on Dec. 3.

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Cobb estate is $350,000

WASHINGTON

Judge James A. Cobb left holdings valued at close to $350,000 an accounting of his estate filed in District Court disclosed Wednesday.

The former Municipal Court jurist, who died Oct. 14, left few debts, the document revealed.

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HIS ESTATE consisted of an office building at 613 F St., NW, valued at $24,824 subject to a first trust of $5,000 due May 8, 1961; personal property, $288,000 in shares of stock and $35,000 in cash.

Funeral bills amounted to $3,000 and miscellaneous outstanding debts, $3,000.

Under terms of his will dated January 30, 1958, sums of $5,000 each were left to Mrs. Helen Curens Jefferson, his god-child, Detroit; Mrs. Louise Hayes, wife of George E. C. Hayes, one of his law partners; also Mr. Hayes and Dillard and Fisk Universities.

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SUMS OF $500 each went to Miss Daphne Coleman (now Williams), a former secretary in the law offices of Cobb, Howard and Hayes; Mrs. Gladys Cuzzens, Detroit; Fleming Norris Jr., godchild, East Paterson, N.J.; Judge Nathan Cayton, Mrs. Mercedes Rector Horne, wife of Frank Horne, New York City; and Mrs. Mamie Cooper, Washington, D.C.

James A. Eaton, a lawyer in

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If your head is circled in the lucky picture which appears in this and every edition, you can collect $5 cash simply by calling at the AFRO City Desk before the next edition is out. Look for the lucky picture, you may be a winner!

"I just don't understand it..."

Mother of teenage boy held in death of 2 tots is griefstricken

RICHMOND

Why did this have to happen to me, to my child, my own flesh and blood?

This is perhaps the question going through the troubled mind of Mrs. Janie D. Johnson of 2012 Maplewood Ave., whose son, James A. Johnson, is accused of slaying a neighbor's two children.

Mrs. Johnson cried as she talked with the AFRO Thursday morning and said repeatedly, "I don't understand it. I just don't understand."

She declined to discuss the case and said she felt enough had been said, and written, about it already.

Neighbors in the quiet West End residential section, however, talked freely and sympathetically about the Johnsons.

"Mrs. Johnson has tried hard," one housewife who lives in the block said. "She has tried hard and prayed hard. This is an awful blow to her and it hurt her as much as it did the mother of the children who were killed."

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IRONICALLY, upon hearing when she returned home from work that the Conway children were missing, Mrs. Johnson went to the Conway home to console the Conways.

Even at that moment, the Conway children were dead in the Johnson home two doors away.

When Mrs. Johnson returned home she still worried about the missing children. Some three hours later, she discovered Beverly Conway's nude body in her attic and immediately went into hysteria and shock.

The next morning she was still too sick and upset to talk with AFRO reporters who visited her home.

An answer to the "why" lies somewhere in the young mind of James A. Johnson who is now being held for mental tests.

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SCHOOL authorities reported that James was average in his studies, but even in elementary school, showed "signs of rebellion against authority."

"He gave some anti-social indications," said a principal. "We had trouble with him being truant, and fighting, but nothing serious. Nothing to indicate this."

One neighbor reported that Mrs. Johnson had taken her son to the Medical College of Virginia Hospital for treatment last February after he complained of persistent pains in the head.

She quoted Mrs. Johnson as saying:

"James would get up at night sometimes and walk the floor for hours. He had severe headaches, but the doctors couldn't find anything wrong with him. He couldn't sleep in the upper bunk bed, so we put him in the lower bunk."

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ANOTHER neighbor said the answer seems to lie in the fact that a large number of teenaged

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RESCUED

Airman is safe after four days on ice island

PHILADELPHIA

Petite Mrs. Bertha Wise was smiling and happy on Monday afternoon in her comfortable home at 1809-B Patton Drive, in the Tasker Homes, because she had received a telephone call from her husband on Friday. And her prayers had been answered.

Her husband, Sgt. Raymond Wise, was among the 20 Air Force men rescued Thursday after being stranded for four days on a floating ice floe, in 20-below-zero weather.

They were marooned on the crumbling ice block in the Arctic Ocean, known as Drifting Station A.

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THE MEN were part of the complement near the North Pole. The team used the base to measure ocean depths, cur-

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'I DID IT BUT I don't know why,' is a statement police attribute to 16-year-old James A. Johnson, shown here leaving Richmond Juvenile Court building where he was held without bail pending a psychiatric examination in the drowning of a neighbor's two children.

Eartha meets the Queen..

A $2,700 GOWN of flame-colored silk-chiffon hand-painted with hundreds of beads, was worn by Singer Eartha Kitt when she appeared in the Royal Variety Show in London Monday. She designed the gown herself. Here, she meets Queen Elizabeth who attended the show with Prince Philip. Other entertainers shown are Bruce Forsyth, Spanish Dancer Antonio and Singer Pat Boone.

1,200 at funeral of two slain children

RICHMOND, Va. — "These two young children who were brutally killed will live again right here on this earth in Jehovah's new world of righteousness. In this new world there will be no delinquent children to be a danger to others . . .

Thus spoke the Rev. A. C. Thomas in a 35-minute eulogy to Beverly Conway, 4, and her brother, Wayne, 5, who were drowned in a neighbor's bath-

(See Photo on Page 2)

tub Nov. 7. Police have charged a 16-year-old neighbor with the slayings.

Some 1,200 persons attended the joint funeral services for the victims Tuesday at the C. P. Hayes Funeral Home Chapel.

Approximately 300 jammed the chapel, which seats 175, while 900 overflowed into the street outside, blocking traffic. The crowd began to gather at the funeral home two hours before the 3 p.m. services.

THE REV. MR. Thomas, a Jehovah's Witness, said the slain children were "not in torment, nor in Heavenly bliss" but were sleeping and would be resurrected to "live eternally in Jehovah's new kingdom on earth.

"In this world there will be no sorrow, no tears and no death," he declared.

Mr. Thomas continued: "It cannot be the purpose of God for people to die. Death is a curse, not a blessing. Death is not a friend of man, but an enemy. Death is the work of satan, the devil.

"Jehovah merely permits the devil to bring death upon us. Satan, the devil, is the cause of death. We can not say that Jehovah is responsible for these young children being brutally killed."

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MR. THOMAS continued, "These little ones who have

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'Law Be Damned'

By SAMUEL HOSKINS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Eugene (Bull) Connor, public safety commissioner here, has a formula for dealing with either court desegregation rulings or civil rights legislation.

It's "the law be damned."

During an interview, Monday afternoon, he said: "Damn the law, we don't give a damn about the law; down here we make our own law."

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CONNOR, who as public safety commissioner is in charge of the local police force, made the statement in reference to the arrest three weeks ago of three ministers from Montgomery.

"I had them picked up and held on a charge of vagrancy until we could find out what they were doing here," the public safety commissioner declared.

"We're not going to have outsiders coming here stirring up trouble. If they come here and do the wrong kind of talking, they'll see the inside of our jail."

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AS AN EXAMPLE of what he meant, Connor recalled the 1948 arrest of Sen. Glen Taylor of Idaho who was taken into custody during a speaking engagement here as Vice Presidential candidate on the Progressive ticket as Henry Wallace's running mate.

"He (Taylor) still owes us a $150 fine and 30 days in jail," the commissioner said. "If he ever comes back to Alabama, he's going to pay it."

The Montgomery ministers were arrested at the home of the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth, 2232 29th Ave., north, president of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights.

After being questioned, they were released without charges being filed against them.

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CONNOR SAID he ordered a police lieutenant to arrest the clergymen after an informant called and said the trio was here "stirring up trouble."

The commissioner also bitterly attacked the Rev. Shuttlesworth, president of ACMHR, whom he accused of being responsible for "the agitation" around the bus seating situation.

Reference was the arrest Oct. 21 of 13 persons, including four women, after they refused to observe segregated seating arrangements on local buses.

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THE REV. MR. SHUTTLESWORTH was arrested a day later on charges of inciting the group to violate segregated seating regulations.

In addition to the Rev. Shut-

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• WEATHER •

Friday—Partly cloudy, Warm.
Saturday—Fair, mild.
Sunday—Continued mild.

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