NAACP To Push School Desegregation Drive

Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

If all that recent hullabaloo about more equitably realigning Baltimore's six councilmanic districts revealed anything outstanding—the sore thumb would be the utter disunity of the city's Republicans.

Of course—the all-Democratic members of the City Council failed to agree on a redistricting plan of their own.

Admittedly, they couldn't even get one to the Council floor—not even the Mayor's proposal.

But—here was something quite expected all the while by many folks.

No close observer of this resent City Council—that body of great indecisions—ever seriously thought it would do so.

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THE COUNCIL B'hoys are known for making a lot of noise on the beaches, particularly if TV cameras are around—but they rarely get in the water.

When they do—they usually get in water much too strong for their swimming.

So—the City Council's indecision on a redistricting plan surprised a few people.

But with the Republicans—the thing is a different story. They had a very definite redistricting plan.

It would have set up eight councilmanic districts, with between 47,000 and 54,000 voters to a district—and allot three councilmen for each district.

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THIS REPUBLICAN plan had the approval of many voters who saw it.

And herein lies the revelation of the disunity among city Republicans.

Far too few citizens saw the Republican redistricting plan.

They needed 10,000 signatures of registered voters to petition this plan to the November general election ballots —for city voters to approve or reject.

Monday morning past on deadline day for certification of the required signatures with the Board of Supervisors of Elections—Republican officials publicly admitted failure.

They announced they had failed to gather the 10,000 signatures on circulated petitions.

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AS RIDICULOUS as it sounds—this stands as an admitted fact.

And this points up two logical conclusions:

1. **Either they didn't hustle enough with their petitions; or,**

2. **This new group of Republican leaders just didn't know where to find their fellow party members.**

Supervisors of Elections' tabulations show that there were 77,421 registered Republicans in Baltimore—as of the past January.

There were, at that time, 4,130 in the First District; 6,323 in the Second; 25,627 in the Third; 11,904 in the Fourth; 20,882 in the Fifth, and 8,555 in the Sixth.

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YET—THEY couldn't come up with 10,000 Republican signatures to a petition for a Republican redistricting plan.

Ugh!

"Just 10,000 signatures," one puzzled observer remarked "Why the NAACP can gather that many any time."

If this is an example of the leadership this new top group of city Republicans expect to enforce—the Democrats should be as happy as a lush at a free beer outing.

The Democrats here would appear to have a good thing going for them with the Republicans.

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THERE MUST be considerable eyebrow-raising among young old-timers—who were privileged to witness the leadership of the Republicans' Theodore R. McKeldin in his heyday.

Teddy McKeldin would have had little difficulty, if any, in directing the collection of 10,000 signatures for a petition —regardless of what it proposed.

As a matter of fact—he would probably have gone out and gotten the signatures of 5,000 Democrats himself.

Yet—current Republican city officials with over 77,000 registered party members here couldn't muster 10,000 signatures.

Something is wrong somewhere.

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I AM of the opinion the party is badly in need of some McKeldin-type salesmanship.

When Teddy couldn't find Republicans—he sold to Democrats.

Whatever these Republican folks need—they certainly need it badly.

A SWINGING TIME — Two elderly ladies from Carroll Homes enjoy a swing ride Wednesday at Druid Hill Park during the 13th annual outing of the Good Samaritan Circle. From left to right, Mrs. Corrine Walker; Mrs. Addie Davis, president of the Circle, and Mrs. Mabel Snowden.

Pfc. Jones will not be home for Christmas

"I couldn't believe it: him so young and everything. It really hurt his brother. He was his idol.

"He sent a letter home to Mother saying he was doing fine, that he would see us Christmas.

"We received a telegram on July 11 which said that he had had a head stroke while on a four-day march and that recovery was doubtful.

"The next day, a telegram said he died in the Augsburg (Germany) Army Hospital."

Relatives were telling the AFRO about the death of 22-year old James R. Hawkins, 1829 Wilson St., an Army private on duty in Augsburg.

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FUNERAL SERVICES for the young soldier, a one time AFRO carrier, were held Wednesday at the George G. Kelson Funeral Home, 1348 N. Calhoun St.

Young Hawkins joined the Army July 27, 1957, while an 11th grade student at Douglass High School.

"He had planned to spend 20 years in the Army," his sister, Miss Bertha Mae Hawkins, recalled.

"Thanksgiving Day, 1957, was the last time Mother saw him.

"When he was in high school, from the eighth grade, he helped to serve AFROs.

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"HE USED to like to draw and listen to the radio, especially the disc jockeys."

Young Hawkins was a member of the Brown Memorial Baptist Church, Fulton and Walbrook Aves.

He is survived by his parents, Mr.and Mrs. Forrest Hawkins Jr.; two sisters, Misses Bertha Mae, 23, and Delores Hawkins, 20, and a brother, George Otis Hawkins, 20.

Other survivors include a grandmother, Mrs. Lucille Law and two grandfathers, Forrest Hawkins Sr. and Isaac Law.

Death says 'no miracle' for Theresa

"I hate it; she's gone.

"Every day and night, we prayed — and so did other people, they tell us — for a miracle," said Fountain Bell, father of Theresa Diane Bell, age 5, 1015 Warden St., who died Sunday.

Theresa was struck by an automobile on May 26, 1961. She never regained consciousness.

Funeral services were held Thursday from the Highway Christian Church, Homewood Ave. and Chase St. in front of Warner right Auburn Cemetery.

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"I WAS at work when it happened," Mr. Bell said, "but they told me that Theresa was crossing Chase St. She was hurried in Mt. at the corner.

"They had to operate on her head in three places. She had a brain concussion.

"Something happened to her neck and spinal column. The doctor says they were broken.

"The doctors gave her one

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100 elderly folk enjoy park outing

Upwards of 100 elderly persons debarked from four chartered busses Wednesday afternoon in Druid Hill Park for some fun away from their homes at City Hospitals Infirmary, state hospitals and convalescent homes.

Despite the light drizzle which fell most of the day, it didn't prevent them—the average age was 60—from using the park swings, ambling about and communing with nature.

They were served a home cooked meal—all they could eat—and heard from the Rev. Walter Page, pastor of Faith Baptist Church.

The occasion was the 13th annual outing for shut-ins sponsored by the Good Samaritans Bible Circle.

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SINCE 1948, Mrs. Addie Davis, president and founder of the Circle, and her husband, Emmett Davis—both over 60 —have been taking others like themselves on trips to state parks, Fort McHenry, visiting them at hospitals and nursing homes, lending out their hospital bed when needed, and even paying others' rent when they could.

They are helped by 10 other Good Samaritans.

The money for these good deeds was raised by projects put on by the Good Samaritans and donations received.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis who live in a nine-room house, 1310 N. Caroline, saw the need to help shut-ins after their three children grew up and moved away.

"My wife and I have always liked to take care of those who were not as well off as we were," Mr. Davis said. Mr. Davis is a retired steelworker.

"We get a big satisfaction out of helping them when we can," he added.

Mrs. Davis said one of the elderly men on the outing

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Migrants, welfare seen as new property tax hike cause

By MAX JOHNSON

"I don't want to start guessing about the tax picture for next year — after all, I'm only one voice on the Board of Estimates.

"The Mayor with two appointees — the City Solicitor and head of the Department of Public Works — dominates the Board. You know that."

Dr. R. Walter Graham Jr., city comptroller, leaned back behind his broad desk in his City Hall office Tuesday afternoon, and began a discourse on impending city taxes next year with these comments.

He had been asked, as checker of city expenditures, his opinion of a statement by Charles L. Benton, budget director, that the property tax rate may rise to $4.21 next year.

This would be an increase of 31 cents over the $3.90 per $100 assessment now in effect.

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SPEAK OF increasing property taxes to Dr. Graham, and his ire is raised immediately. He warmed to the subject thusly:

"Mr. Benton did give out the statement that the property tax rate would reach $4.21, if all important requests for city expenditures are granted.

"In my opinion, he was not exaggerating so far as the requests and needs are concerned. But, granting them is something else.

"And that doesn't take into consideration across the board salary increases."

He leaned across his desk toward his visitor to emphasize his next statements.

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"THE CITY for a number of years has been caught in a financial bind," he said. "We just don't have the resources to provide the kind of good services we already favored an earnings tax," Dr. Graham replied. "It's the only other type of broad basis of taxes that would be fair here now.

"And it should be applied to all people earning their

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Superintendent fired but pension assured

Joseph D. Lee, maintenance superintendent at Bowie State Teachers College until he was suspended June 22, was fired from his $5,677 job Thursday, Russell Davis, personnel commissioner announced.

However, Mr. Lee eligible **for retirement in December, will receive his pension, the commissioner said.**

The action followed a public hearing July 18 on charges brought by Dr. William E. Henry, Bowie president.

Dr. Henry and his aids testified that Mr. Lee was incompetent and unable to supervise the maintenance department.

In reply the superintendent charged the administration with failing to provide money and tools to maintain the school and that they used him as "an errand boy."

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THE COMMISSIONER said he was "reluctant" to dismiss Mr. Lee summarily because of his age and years of service to the state.

He ordered the superintendent sent put on sick leave, with pay, dating back to the time he was suspended.

Mr. Lee's service at Bowie will be terminated when all his sick and annual leave time is exhausted, Mr. Davis said.

In the meantime the commissioner promised to "explore" the possibility of a retirement on the basis of injury in the line of duty.

Failing in this, Mr. Davis said, an effort will be made to find lighter work which Mr. Lee can perform.

The superintendent was injured at the school two years ago and was ruled 40 per cent disabled.

If suitable work is not found before Mr. Lee's accumulated leave runs out, or if the commissioner can not arrange an injury in line of duty retirement, the superintendent will be placed on leave of absence without pay until December, Mr. Davis said.

He will then receive retirement based on age.

Wife seeks dying mate's relatives

The Rev. James L. King, 2100 Madison St. is critically ill at his home.

His wife, Mrs. Leslie May King, would like to get in touch with her husband's brother and sister, Louis King and Miss Evelyn King, who were last heard from in Whiteville, N.C.

They may contact her at WI. 7-5388 or CE. 3-9175 in Baltimore.

225 registered this week; registration — 116,800

If you have not yet registered to become eligible to vote, you may now do so.

Who should register.

These persons over 21 years of age who have lived In Baltimore for one year or more—and are not yet registered to vot.

Where to register—Supervisors of Elections, ground floor of People's Court Building, Gay and Fayette Sts.

Hours you can register — Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Total registered for Nov. 1960 election, 106,306.
Total registered for May, 1962 primary, 115,761.
Registered this week period, 225.
*Total to date: July 25—116,800.

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Friday	22	3	0
Thursday	93	11	0
Monday	41	10	0
Tuesday	21	8	0
Wednesday	14	0	2

*AFRO weekly tabulations.

Charge counties ignoring ruling

The Maryland State Conference of NAACP Branches, at an emergency session yesterday in Baltimore, formulated plans for a state-wide drive to speed public school desegregation in the counties.

Walter W. Black Jr., executive secretary of the Maryland NAACP State Conference, announced that the action follows the directives issued by the 53rd Annual NAACP Convention two weeks ago in Atlanta.

The directive called for direct action techniques, and increased litigation to accelerate compliance by local school boards with the Supreme Court Decree.

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MISS June Shagaloff of NYC, National NAACP Special Assistant for Education, meeting with the branches yesterday, stated:

"It is appalling that eight years after the Supreme Court Decree, so many Maryland school boards are openly enforcing racial school districts and assigning children on racial basis to segregated schools.

"I understand that almost 70 percent of the colored children in this state are still in segregated schools with impoverished school curricula.

"It should give the governor and the heads of this state great concern that the majority of the counties in the State of Maryland still transport hundreds of children long distances to all-colored schools, bypassing white schools closer to their homes," Miss Shagaloff continued.

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COMMENTING on the complaints of the NAACP representatives that the majority of the counties refuse to hire qualified colored teachers to fill teacher shortages in the state, Miss Shagaloff stated:

"School authorities have an educational and legal responsibility to employ badly needed qualified teachers, irrespective of race. This is a tragic waste of the human resources of this state."

Mr. Black stated that the citizens of Maryland have been too patient and too tolerant. "We want meaningful public school desegregation, and we want it now," he concluded.

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A COORDINATED statewide program of direct action and increased litigation by the branches was planned at the meeting, Mr. Black stated.

It included the organization of an NAACP Teachers Committee to work exclusively on the crucial problem of colored teacher employment.

The Annual NAACP Convention in Atlanta also called for new approaches in border cities where formal restrictions based on race have been removed, but where school authorities use administrative devices to maintain and perpetuate segregation in fact.

Noting this Mr. Black revealed that plans are underway for an examination of the status of desegregation in the Baltimore City schools.

Probe set on hiring teachers

An investigation of alleged discrimination by local boards against hiring colored teachers has been launched by the State Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations.

The investigation is an outgrowth of a commission conference last month at which county boards of education were accused of refusing to hire colored teachers despite the teacher shortage.

An AFRO story on July 24 dealt in considerable detail with this situation.

The states' 24 school systems have been asked to submit procedures followed in recruiting and employing teachers.

This information will be used by the commission as a basis for judging the complaints made by colored teachers.

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IN ADDITION the commission is expected to encourage tests of hiring practices of local school systems where discrimination is believed to exist.

Commission representatives will work with local interracial groups to persuade colored teachers to apply for positions.

Jerome Frampton Jr. president of the State Board of Education, has denied that school boards discriminate against colored teachers.

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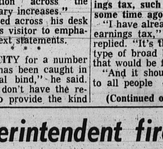
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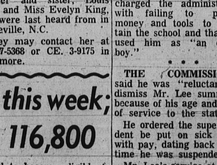
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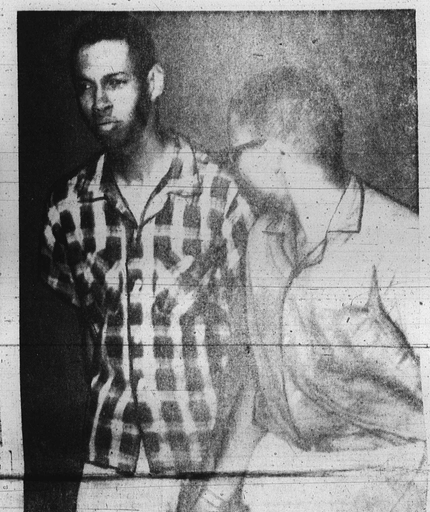

TEENAGE SUSPECTS — These two young Central Police Headquarters for a 16 - year - olds were ordered held the trip to City Jail are, left to right: without bail on Tuesday on a charge Albert S. Ruffin, 3500 block Round of killing Mrs. Corrine Walker Selby, Rd., and Ivan Sedgewick, 1900 block Baltimore schoolteacher. Shown leav- W. North Ave.

THURGO'D

WASHINGTON (NNPA). —The public hearings on the recess appointment of Thurgood Marshall to a federal judgeship continue to be plagued by roadblocks of one type or another.

Last Wednesday's scheduled hearing, the third since President Kennedy sent the nomination to the Senate last

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January, was blocked by Sen. Wayne Morse, Democrat, of Oregon.

Regarded as one of the Senate's leading civil rights supporters, Mr. Morse turned thumbs down on a hearing scheduled for Marshall on Wednesday morning by Sen. Olin D. Johnston's Senate Judiciary Subcommittee.

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SENATOR MORSE was leading a group of Senate liberals in a filibuster against the Administration's space substitute bill and wanted nothing to interfere with it.

The Marshall hearing and all other committee meetings, including a hearing on the nomination of Irving Ben Cooper of New York for federal judge, were stalled

THE VICTIM — Attractive Mrs. Corrine Walker Selby, former teacher, Lemmel Junior High, Baltimore, whose ravaged body was found in a shallow grave near Pottstown, Pa.

THE SCENE — Pa. State policeman stands at grave in lonely woods near Pottstown, where partially-buried body of slain teacher was discovered by two youths.

WORTHY

By STEVE DUNCAN

NEW YORK — A delegation of dignitaries Thursday urged Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy to quash an indictment accusing newsman William Worthy of reentering his native country illegally.

AME Bishop D. Ward Nichols, Dr. Anna Hedgeman, Richard Parrish of New York City, and the Rev. E. Luther Cunningham of Philadelphia headed the group which journeyed to Washington to confer with the attorney general.

They were part of a committee formed Tuesday at the bequest of veteran labor leader A. Philip Randolph, who called the charge against the AFRO foreign correspondent "morally indefensible."

Worthy was named in a federal indictment last April 24, four months after his return from Cuba by way of Miami without a passport on Oct. 10, 1961.

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HIS LAWYER, William Kunstler, Workers Defense League attorney, will ask the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida on Monday to dismiss the indictment.

His argument, Mr. Kunstler said Tuesday, will be based on a series of 40 con-

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Impassive teenagers are indicted for murder

Two teenagers, their faces expressionless masks, stood in a nearly deserted Central Municipal Court Tuesday afternoon and heard themselves formally charged with the murder of Mrs. Corrine Walker Selby, 42, Baltimore school teacher.

Both youths, Albert Spencer Ruffin, 3500 block Round Rd., Cherry Hill, and Ivan Bernard Sedgewick, 1900 block W. North Ave., were ordered held without bail on murder charges.

Moving quickly after the Central Court hearing, the State's Attorney presented the case to the grand jury on Wednesday, and an indictment was returned the same day.

The appearance of the youths in the court on Tuesday marked another chapter in the "Case of the Shallow Grave."

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MRS. SELBY, a school teacher who lived at 1 the same North Ave. home as Sedgewick, was killed at that address Tuesday night, according to police.

She was stabbed 11 times —four in the back and seven in the chest.

Police surmised that:—

The body was placed in the trunk of an automobile, where it remained all day Wednesday. On Thursday, the car was driven to Pottstown, Pa., where the body was placed in a shallow grave.

Two hunters accidentally discovered the body and tipped off police who arrested the teenagers.

Sedgewick was arrested at his home here in Balti-

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more, while Ruffin was nabbed in Pennsylvania and extradited to Baltimore.

When the two youths appeared for their Tuesday hearing, here in Baltimore, their faces were impassive, except for one brief moment when Ruffin, with a faint smile, turned and whispered hello to his mother, Mrs. Jesse Ruffin.

This happened while the two boys were sitting on a bench in the courtroom, waiting for the judge to enter.

Ruffin wore white tennis shoes, tan summer pants and a checkered blue sports skirt.

The bespectacled Sedgewick also wore white tennis shoes, and cream colored pants with a green sports shirt.

Serving as the prosecutor for the state was Charles E. Moylan.

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IN THE courtroom for the hearing were nine spectators, including Ruffin's mother with three companions, one of them a clergyman.

As the hearing opened, Mr. Moylan told the judge that this was an arraignment only, and that he would give only evidence to establish a prima facie case.

With this, he then related the police version of the events in the case:

"Sedgewick's mother (Mrs. Kathyrn Frederick) is a teacher at School 181. The victim lived in the Sedgewick home at 1941 W. North Ave. During July, Mrs. Frederick had left town with other teachers on a western trip, leaving Mrs. Selby to look after young Sedgewick.

"On the evening of July 24, Ruffin came to the Sedgewick home and he and Sedgewick committed an assault on Mrs. Selby. She was stabbed 11 times and her body placed in the trunk of an auto she used.

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"THE BODY remained there all day Wednesday un-

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If YOU Ask ME

By B. M. PHILLIPS

At the 125th St. office of A. Philip Randolph in New York on Tuesday, we heard plans drafted for a citizens' protest against the indictment and persecution of William Worthy, AFRO foreign correspondent.

Mr. Randolph is a vice president of the AFL-CIO, and is a dedicated champion of civil rights.

As this reporter listened to him talk, my mind went back several years, in the days when Philip Randolph was organizing his march on Washington and championing the cause of the little man.

He was a dedicated individual then, and he has not changed today.

His hair is gray, he has lost weight, but there is still fire in his eyes. His deep voice, always cultured, remains so.

You know how he speaks firmly and enunciates his words so carefully . . . i.e., he says 'poss-port' for passport, and "Mee-a-mee'," for Miami. Sounds good.

When Mr. Randolph finishes presenting a case, you feel like getting right up and walking right down to the White House or anywhere he suggests. He is just that convincing.

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Listen to him on the Worthy case:

"We have known William Worthy for 25 years. He is a man of integrity, one of the finest persons I have ever known.

"This meeting is called because we feel there should be a change of venue from a highly charged place such as Miami, Fla., where he can not get a fair and impartial trial. . . .Hearing on the indictment is set for Aug. 6).

"We have violated our constitution for over 100 years. . . we have violated its basic amendments on civil rights. . . I have been told by lawyers

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WEATHER

Temperatures will average near normal today and tomorrow, with a high of 87 and low of 71. Showers are predicted for the weekend.

Warmer on Sunday, but turning cooler Monday and less humid.

Temperatures will rise again on Tuesday or Wednesday, with a chance of scattered showers about Wednesday.

Kennedy urges Albany heads to parley with race leaders

WASHINGTON — President Kennedy said Wednesday that he simply couldn't understand why the Albany (Ga.) City Council refuses to sit down with colored citizens to work out a settlement of their problems.

The Chief Executive said at his news conference that when the United States Government is willing to sit at Geneva with the Soviet Union, it is, "wholly inexplicable" that the Albany City Council "cannot do the same" for American citizens."

He said his brother, Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy, is keeping him fully informed on a daily basis about the situation in Albany.

INFORMED SOURCES said that Burke Marshall, chief of the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division, have been in constant touch with the Attorney General and have received more or less daily reports, and he has been in daily touch with

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