—Birmingham cleric

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head" from falling debris.

The blast ripped off the front porch, demolished the front bedroom, caved in one side of the kitchen and tore a large hole in the children's bedroom.

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MEANWHILE, on the integration front, the Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth announced that the explosion would not interfere with efforts to break down segregation on the buses.

While the Birmingham police were expecting local citizens to attempt to ride the city buses on an integrated basis on Thursday, a switch was made and they rode on Wednesday.

"We crossed 'em up," the Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth explained, "and the police commissioner had to be called before any of the policemen knew anything about it."

Shortly after the police commissioner was notified, policemen gehan to patrol the buses at each stop. As a result, some 21 persons were arrested on charges of violating the segregation laws and disturbing the peace.

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"ALL OF THOSE arrested were out on bond in time for the first of two mass meetings held Wednesday. The first was held at St. Pauls Church and the other at Metropolitan," the minister said.

Some 1,500 persons were in attendance at each of the mass meetings.

The leader of the movement told the AFRO that he received a telegram from the Rev. Martin Luther King of Montgomery while the second meting was in session.

"It stated that the Montgomery Improvement Association (leaders of the year-long boycott in that city) would support all who signed a petition pledging non-violence."

WITH A CRACKDOWN by law enforcers, the Birmingham minister said the executive board of the Alabama Christian Movement for Human Rights would discuss further action in a meeting Thursday afternoon.

Despite the bombing, the fight against segregation on the city buses still goes on.

The Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth said "we intend to ride the buses. There is no one who can keep us from it, for God will protect us."

He explained that he knew if he could walk out of his house after the bombing, under his own power, Birmingham's citizens could win the desegregation fight.

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AT PRESS TIME, police have found no witnesses to the bombing; no arrests have been made, nor have there been any suspects questioned.

The homemade bomb was made of 10 to 12 sticks of dynamite. "Police admitted it was at least six," the Rev. Mr. Shuttlesworth added.

He said it was planted about 18 inches from his bedroom. Describing his bombed home, he said:

"The explosion was around 9:30 p.m. while we were all in the front bedroom. Every, on says it's a wonder that no one was kiled.

"The house is a shamble . . . the ceiling torn down . . . plaster all over the floor . . . windows blown out . . . it's just a wreck . . .

"It wasn't a warning, they tried to kill me!"

IN MOBILE, the bus situation was in a state of confusion but leading citizens, particularly the ministers, were attempting to straighten the situation out within he bounds of he law.

On Wednesday morning, the manager of the Mobile City Lines, Inc., instructed its drivers not to enforce the city laws calling for colored persons to be seated from the rear of the bus and white persons fro mthe front.

Accordingly, the segregation signs on the buses were taken down and passengers began to seat themselves anywhere. No incidnts were reported.

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HOWEVER, THE City Commission, in an mergency meeting, took exception to this move and advised the bus company that the city ordinance requiring separate seating on buses was still the city law.

The commission said in its opinion the Supreme Court decision on the bus seating did not apply to Mobile and the city laws were still enforceable.

This left the situation confused. Leading ministers of the city plan to discuss the matter at a meeting of the Mobile Interdenominational Alliance today (Friday).

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NO INDICATION of what line the discussion will take was given, but one pastor, who has been among leaders in the bus movement, said that he would suggest that passengers return to the segregated pattern until such time as a citizens' group asks the court for a declaratory judgement on the Mobile bus law.

This, the Rev. J. E. Lowery pointed out, will make integrated bus seating legal and thereby put the city law enforcement officials "on our side" and prevent any possible disturbance by "hoodums."

MRS. LOUISE SMITH CARL SMITH NURSE JOAN WEITZ

As little Carl left hospital in hopes of Christmas at home.

—Carl has convulsions

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are more dramatic. Some days he feels somewhat better, some days the condition shows up as it did on Monday.

"The primary site of the condition is in the abdomen, however, it has spread to other parts of the body," authorities said.

Carl's Yule in hospital was pleasant

By ELIZABETH M. OLIVER

"Was my picture in the paper? Are my momma and daddy coming today?

"Nurse, I'm hungry now. Can I have some toast and milk?"

Those were little Carl Smith's wishes Christmas Day when I arrived at the Harriett Lane Division of Johns Hopkins Hospital.

His voice was strong, he was still quick and alert mentally, despite the fact that hospital authorities report him to be in very critical condition, and a Christmas Eve convulsion attack which had left him weak and tired.

I had taken him a black and white toy dog that barks, but Carl was only mildly interested in him.

He lay there in the little white bed on his side because he was being fed through a tube which was inserted in his hand.

His eyes were half closed, but when he spoke there was the same firmness in his voice.

"I can't see," he said. "Nurse, I can't see."

Carl was not alarmed nor excited. He simply said he could not see.

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CONSISTENTLY CALM and unaware of his grave condition, the small child does not know there is a fight to save his life.

His abdomen is greatly enlarged by the tumor—like a balloon filled with water. His pants can not be fastened because of the swelling but Carl seems to have little discomfort.

"I understand, Carl," his nurse replied. "You haven't been feeling so well, but you're better now."

"Nurse," he said softly in his appealing little boy voice, "I'm hungry."

"I know, Carl," she replied gently," and you're going to have turkey and peas and a nice Christmas dinner."

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THE ENTIRE HOSPITAL was interested in Carl. All the nurses, doctors and other employees know him well.

As we left the previous Saturday with his mother to take him home, she kissed him and put a dollar bill in his hand and wished him a 'Merry Christmas.'

Many AFRO readers continued to send toys and Christmas cards. A large envelope arrived Christmas Day by special delivery while I was there.

Beside his bed was a box over four feet long containing a mammoth toy in addition to a large pile of unopened envelopes.

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"HE'S STILL GETTING mail from all over," the nurse stated. "It just keeps coming in."

Although Carl was not at home on Christmas Day, the hospital was not such a bleak place to be, for other children were there also.

A large Christmas tree sparkled with bright decorations, tinsel and many-colored lights in the near-by playroom.

Carl's ward boasted paper Santa Clauses although his Christmas cards had not been put up again.

He did not beg me to stay this time. In fact, I think he forgot the little toy dog and I were there.

As I tiptoed away, however, I heard him asking for toast and milk and oatmeal, his favorite cereal, and I had a feeling there is still hope.

—Tallahassee bus

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the late Dr. and Mrs. William Worthy of Boston. A native of president, told Sunday night's mass meeting:

"It it's unlawful in Montgomery, it also is unlawful in Tallahassee and in Florida, if they are still in the Union."

The Rev. Mr. Steele and others officers of the ICC passed out specific instructions to the colored residents of the city on how to go about the ending of the boycott.

They issued emphatic instructions on the avoidance of arguments or physical violence in breaking down the former pattern of segregated seating.

While the ICC officials promised legal assistance for any who might get into trouble as a result of their desegregation efforts, they were emphatic in warning against "going to the aid" of any involved in trouble.

"This," the Rev. Mr. Steele cautioned, "is the sort of thing that can lead to a riot."

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LEAFLETS ISSUED at the mass meeting for city-wide distribution declared:

"The Federal Court order outlawing segregation on public carriers has arrived at the federal courts in Tallahassee. Upon receipt of the order by the courts all laws pertaining to segregation are dead. From here on it a colored person sits on the back of a transient carrier he or she is voluntarily segregating himself.

"In order to break the seating pattern which we have grown accustomed to we are requesting that you restrain from sitting on the rear end of the bus unless there are no other seats available.

"In order to implement the court order in a peaceful, Christian manner, we are asking that you follow these directions, which are basically the same sermon which Jesus taught two thousand years ago on Mt. Sinai:

1. If someone strikes you, turn the other cheek.
2. If someone curses you, ignore it.
3. If someone pushes you, keep your balance physically, mentally and spiritually.
4. Do not hold conversations with anyone unless utterly necessary.
5. Please sit more to the front of the bus, rather than to the rear of the bus.
6. Remember the carrying out this part of our movement can make all the steps we have walked worthwhile or not.
7. The bus company and drivers will be glad to have you return, for their payment and the drivers' jobs are very shaky without us. No one will molest you, for you are walking with God.

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ON MONDAY morning officers of the ICC, including the Rev. Mr. Steele, the Rev. A. C. Redd, pastor of the St. James CME Church, and the Rev. H. McNeal Harris, pastor of Bethel AME Church, were among the first to challenge the town's jim crow seating ordinance.

They boarded one of the Cities Transit Co. buses and sat on the first cross seats. No white passengers boarded the bus and there was no incident.

Another group consisting of the Rev. J. Metz Rollins, treasurer, and Dan B. Speed, transportation manager for the ICC boarded a bus in another section and rode to the downtown section where they transferred to a second bus.

The driver of the bus asked them to "kindly move to the rear," but the two made no move from the front seats which they had occupied and made no comment.

The bus driver said nothing more, and the two rode out to the Thomasville Highway where they again changed buses and rode back downtown.

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THE ONLY incident reported during the day was the taking of a Jacksonville television cameraman's camera by the bus company manager, Charles L. Carter, when the cameraman attempted to take a picture of the Rev. Mr. Steele and his group.

Mr. Carter declared that he was not going to have any pictures taken on the buses, since he was not going to permit the white passengers to be submitted to possible embarrassment.

Prior to Monday morning's test rides, members of the Inter Civic Council sent wires to U.S. Attorney Herbert Brownell, Fla. Gov. Leroy Collins; Fla. Atty. Gen. Richard Irvin and U.S. Dist. Atty. Harold Carlswell.

The wires called attention to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling and said that the colored riders were returning to the buses on an unsegregated basis.

The wires stated also that the colored bus riders were seeking "unqualified assistance" in maintaining order and preventing violence on the part of the City Commission and Police Department.

The Tallahassee City Commission, following its closed meeting Monday afternoon, sent instructions to the bus company asking for enforcement of the anti-segregation ordinance.

The bus company replied immediately that it would seek a court decision on the validity of the segregation requirements in its franchise and, of the state segregation law in the light of the Montgomery, Ala., decision.

STILL PENDING in Circuit Court are the appeals of 22 members of the ICC who were fined $500 each for a total of $11,000 in City Court on charges of operating an illegal transportation system.

The fines were the outgrowth of a car pool set up by members of the ICC to haul passengers during the height of the boycott.

After learning of the movement for unsegregated seating was progressing, the Rev. Mr. Steele said:

"There are some who are sitting on the back seats as usual, but then, you've got to remember that we didn't have a 100 percent boycott either. So far, there have been no incidents."

WINS AWARD—A $10.00 check and a suggestion award certificate were presented to Rossie E. Edwards (left) of Baltimore by Captain Robert L. Sands, Operations Officer, Post Motor Pool at Fort George G. Meade, Md. The award was made for a suggestion he submitted to the incentive awards committee here. Mr. Edwards is an automotive equipment operator with the Post Motor Pool at Fort Meade.

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tions of the average student.

"She did not appear sickly—at times she seemed over-worked and tired—possibly because of the load of campus activities. She was very popular, with a pleasant personality and excellent character."

A GRADUATE of a Huntington, W.Va., high school. Miss Fuller had been in Baltimore approximately four years. Her father, Harrison Fuller of 1422 E. Chase St., is a teacher at School 452. Her mother is secretary to Mrs. Juanita Mitchell, attorney.

In addition to her parents and grandparents, she is survived by a sister, Miss Arrella Fuller, a sophomore chemistry major at Morgan. Miss Arzella Fuller also plays in the band and is a secretary in the music department—a post her sister once held.

Funeral arrangements were incomplete at press time.

—Dies in fire

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er, Mrs. Elnora Taylor, were in the second flior bedroom across the hall from Mr. Dennis when about 7 a.m. the mother noticed a flash of light coming from the tenant's room.

"My mother knew he had turned off the light so she went to see what was the matter and found out that the mattress was on fire," said Miss Taylor.

Mrs. Taylor pulled the unconscious man into the hallway. She suffered minor burns in the process.

Unable to put out the fire that had already burned away the undershirt of the victim, Miss Taylor ran half a block to North Ave. and Longwood St., where she pulled a fire alarm box.

"When the firemen got here he was still burning," said Miss Taylor. "They went upstairs and put the fire out but they wouldn't let us go up there."

An ambulance was summoned to the house and Mr. Dennis was taken to Luthers Hospital where he was pronounced dead on arrival.

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A FORMER Eastern Shore resident, Mr. Dennis had been employed at the Garrison Lounge, 3403 Clifton Ave. for about a month.

On Monday night, Christmas eve, Mr. Dennis left the club about 7 o'clock and said goodbye to his employer, Milton Rubin.

"I had given him three fifths of whiskey and a case of beer for a party that he wanted to have on Christmas," recalled Mr. Rubin.

"He had bought a tree for his landlady and had borrowed some decorations from the club. He was a wonderful fellow and he was looking forward to having a good time on Christmas," the club owner added.

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MISS TAYLOR said Mr. Dennis reached the home shortly after seven and that he remained downstairs talking with her and her mother until a little after midnight when he went upstairs.

"He came back downstairs before he went to sleep to get his cigarettes and that was the last time we saw him alive," she said.

In spite of the severe burns that Mr. Dennis suffered, the only damage in the room was to the mattress.

Funeral services for Mr. Dennis will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. in his home town, St. Michaels, Md.

Survivors include his father, Theodore Tremble; three uncles, William, Francis and Robert Miller, and an aunt, Miss Minnie Miller.

Worthy's trip brings 'flowers' from D.C. garden guild official

The trip of William Worthy to the Chinese mainland, this week, brought praise to the AFRO-AMERICAN Newspapers from an official of the Washington Flower and Garden Guild.

In a wire to the Washington officer of the AFRO, Evelyn D. Chisley, proprietor of a flower business on 11th St. NW., termed the Worthy's trip a "Worldwide newspaper scoop."

The AFRO is to be congratulated for penetrating the "Red China news barrier," Mr. Chisley stated.

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"AND DON'T FORGET to say thank you," says Mrs. Doris Burrell, 1017 Brantley Avenue. "It's such an important thing to thank people for Christmas gifts, but so many of us neglect this duty because of the excitement and rush of the holidays. "Everyone who sends a gift makes special effort to please the receiver, spends precious time and money just for him. The least we can do is extend the courtesy of saying, 'Thank You.' I always spend one holiday afternoon pleasantly remembering those who relnembered us and jotting down a little note of gratitude," she stated. A gracious lady, who is like a mother to many Morgan College girls, whom she has kept in her home for many years. Mrs. Burrell has two children, Leonard, 14, and Doris, a Morgan College freshman.

'He told me he was going to drown me'—Mrs. Herring

Charges that Raymond Herring planned to drown her, won a divorce for Mrs. Josephine Herring of 1034 N. Eden St., this week.

The wife told a Master of the Circuit Court that only her plea to see her children for a last time saved her life.

Said she:

"On Dec. 31, 1948 he came home and said that he wanted us to visit some friends. I told him that I didn't want to go. He said, 'Oh yes you will, too,' so to keep peace, I went with him.

"On our way back home, he told me he was going to take me out of town beat me half to death and then drown me. I pleaded with him to go back to the house to let me see the children for the last time.

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"WHILE I WAS fixing the baby, he lay down on the bed. I grabbed a few things and ducked out of the house."

Mrs. Herring said that her husband had threatened several times before to kill her.

The couple was married in 1938 and are parents of five children, all of whom are living with the father. Brown, Allen and Watts were attorneys for the wife.

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A DIVORCE went to Mrs. Mary Thomas of 425 E. Chase St., from Robert L. Thomas, and she was allowed to resume her maiden name, Mary V. Robinson.

The wife said that Mr. Thomas deserted her less than a year after their marriage on Dec. 5, 1953.

"He told me he was tired of married life, took his belongings and left and I have not seen him since," she testified. The desertion took place on Nov. 15, 1954, Mrs. Thomas said.

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ALSO CHARGING desertion George St. divorced Arthur Savage on grounds of technical desertion.

"I left him because he beat me, told me to get out and not come back, and sent my clothes to my mother's house" she told the court.

The desertion took place on Nov. 17, 1953, she said. They were married on Oct. 3, 1941 and are parents of a son, whose custody was awarded the mother.

Mrs. Wiggins was given custody of their four-year-old son.

Mrs. Viola Savage of 721 2311 Elsinore Ave., who divorced Lloyd E. Wiggins of Philadelphia.

Mrs. Wiggins was given custody of their four-year-old son.

Mrs. Viola Savage of 721

Mrs. Simpson buried at Fairfield

"She was born in Gastonia, N.C., but she has been living here since 1917. Her illness kept her closely confined. She has been sick for a long time. She died over at South Baltimore General Hospital."

Mrs. James Dirton was telling the AFRO about the death last week of her mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Simpson, 71, of 1526 Chesapeake Ave.

Funeral services were held on Sunday afternoon at First Baptist Church, Fairfield, Md., the Rev. E. W. Williams officiated and interment was in the Mount Calvary Cemetery.

The deceased is survived by her husbaid, Form Simpson, and three daughters, Miss Avery Rnyne and Mesdames, James Dirton and Roy Henderson.

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-Bill Worthy

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Kong Kong for Canton, the principal city in South China. From there, he will fly to Peiping, the capital.

In Hong Kong, he donned a heavy fur coat, loaned him by a friend in New York, and carried his own luggage as he boarded the train.

A Neiman fellow at Harvard University, Mr. Worthy took advantage of the six-weeks' lull in his studies to make the trip to China.

He is due back at Harvard on Feb. 4.

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HE RECEIVED a cablegram from Chu Teh, secretary of the Information Department of the Chinese Foreign Ministry on Sunday, Dec. 16.

The wire advised him that he had been granted a month's visa to visit there.

It read;

"Your application to visit China granted. One month visa to be collected at Simchow before December 31. Travel at own expenses. Contact Canton Branch, Chinese Inlourists (travel agency) for travel and accommodations."

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WHEN WORTHY'S Chinese trip was discussed two years ago, the question of "defying" or "complying" with State Department regulations was never raised.

The first phase of the project was a six-weeks' trip to Russia, which he completed with distinction in July.

In addition to filing dispatches to the AFRO from the Russian capital, he made history by being, the first American correspondent in 11 years, allowed to broadcast from Russia.

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HIS BROADCASTS were carried nationally over the Columbia Broadcasting System.

The second phase was an extended tour of Africa, which ended on Sept. 6 after visiting Algeria, Cairo, Nairobi in Kenya, Nigeria and the Gold Coast.

His attempts to enter the Union of South Africa were repulsed by the government, in maintenance of its policy of preventing contact between colored Americans and the colored people of South Africa.

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THE THIRD phase was his current tour of China, which had been delayed because the Chinese government took several months before deciding to grant requested permission for the tour.

WILLIAM WORTHY JR.

In addition to the Russian and African tour, Mr. Worthy has also represented the AFRO on other occasions.

He was present in Inchon, Korea and his dispatches to the AFRO on the exchange of prisoners were some of the most comprehensive and incisive of any published by an American newspaper.

He also attended the Asian-African conference at Bandung, Indonesia in April, 1955. His stories of this historic event, along with those of NNPA Correspondent Louis Lautier were carried in the AFRO.

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MR. WORTHY is the son of Boston, he attended public schools there and graduated from Bates College.

He has a sister, Ruth, who teaches history at McKinley High School in Washington.

'Do you want him back or do you want him jailed?'

"If you can't get along I can't make you live together, but I can keep you straight while you are together."

With this stern warning Wednesday, Judge Joseph L. Carter stepped a two-year suspended prison sentence on Leamon Smith, 30, 1800 block Ashland Ave., who pleaded guilty to assaulting his wife on Dec. 10. The defendant was placed on probation for the duration of the term.

"Do you want him back or do you want him to go to jail?" the jurist asked the prosecuting witness.

"Well, if he promises you that he won't hit and knock on me I'll try him again," answered Mrs. Ruth Smith.

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THE STEELWORKER duly fully promised to heed the judge's advice.

When asked to explain the cause of the hassle, Mr. Smith said:

"She said she was going to the movies. I asked her if she wanted me to take her and she said no she had a boyfriend."

Sergeant Padgett serving in Japan

Sgt. Edward T. Padgett, son of Mrs. Rose Smith and husband of the former Miss Nancy Langford, all of 1320 L St., SE., is serving in Japan with the 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. He is assigned to the U.S. Naval Air Station at Twakuni, Japan.

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