Baltimore Notebook

By MAX JOHNSON

One of the first explosive issues sure to erupt in the City Council — which convenes Monday after next ending summer recess — is that of open occupancy.

Proponents will do well to gird their forces now — for the opponents are strong and ready.

Walter Dixon (4th D.) has already placed before his City Council colleagues an ordinance to make unlawful racial discrimination in the sale and rental of housing.

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THIS 20-MEMBER Council, representing Baltimore's six districts, has eight new faces.

Only the 1st D. has retained all of its incumbents.

Yet, it's almost a certainty how these councilmen are now prepared to vote — and it's not a bright outlook for the proponents.

Opposed will be — the 1st D. three votes; 3rd D. four votes, and the 6th D. three votes.

This stands as an almost sure 10 of the 20-member Council.

Favorable will be — the 4th D. three votes, and the 5th D. four votes.

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THAT PUTS seven against an almost sure ten among the councilmen.

The 2nd D. with three votes might be swayable toward the proponents — should sufficient influence be used.

This would bring a 10 - 10 deadlock — which Council Presidents D'Alesandro would break with his favorable vote.

But — considerable able work must be done on that 2nd D.

It is an area now with approximately 12,000 colored and 17,000 white voters.

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The new 2nd D. under the Council's recent redistricting ordinance will have an expanded number of voters — with about the same racial ratio, possibly more colored.

So — the colored voter is a power to be reckoned with in the new 2nd D.

And somebody must let this district's councilmen know this in no uncertain terms — if there is to be hope for Walt Dixon's open occupancy ordinance.

The Republicans' Mayor McKeldin is in a weak position — in dealing with this all-Democratic City Council.

He's got to bargain at the Council's terms — rather than sell at his own.

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THIS OPPOSITION to open occupancy assumes a rather ridiculous hue — when it is noted many of the city's areas already have desegregated housing.

And things continue to move smoothly.

Yet — one glaring fact stands admitted by the clearer heads among the opposition.

There just is not enough available housing for colored citizens in this city.

The Baltimore Urban Renewal and Housing Agency is largely responsible for this sorry plight.

This property-grabbing agency has torn down several thousand dwelling units housing colored families in the past **two years alone** — but is building but one low-cost housing project.

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UNTIL JUST a few weeks ago — this happy agency didn't even have plans for new housing in their destruction areas for moderate income families.

And Mayor McKeldin — who has yet to speak out on nouncement they are paying a company to decide whether they should allow private developers to erect such housing in their Madison Ave. project.

Yet — they have torn down 1,000 dwelling units in this area which housed colored families of this status, with some of course, in the low income bracket.

So, in the relocation of these colored families and thousands from other areas — BURHA has crowded out almost all available housing for colored.

There remains little if any, respectable housing available to the colored family of moderate means.

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OPEN OCCUPANCY, then, is not a luxury — it's a prime necessity.

And Mayor McKeldin — who has yet of speak out on

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BALTIMORE'S FIRST — Mayor T. R. McKeldin is shown presenting an official declaration of Sept. 15 as World Peace Day, to Dr. Eugene Byrd, 3324 Dolfield Ave., chairman of the Baltimor Baha'i Local Assembly. Baltimore is the first city to make formal recognition of this Baha'i-sponsored national event, although many states have issued such a proclamation. Shown (next to Mayor McKeldin) is: Mrs. Betty Feldman and next to Dr. Byrd, Mrs. Marguerite Hipsley, both members of the Baltimore Baha'i community. Lerone Bennett, senior editor of Ebony Magazine, will speak on "The Negro Mood" at a public meeting Sunday, at 7 p.m., in the Lyric Theatre, in observance of World Peace Day. William Sears, author and playwright, will speak on "The First Hundred Years of the Millenium". The program is free and the public is invited.

Commission to hunt for skilled workers

The need for a skilled workers' survey and a "new look" at Maryland's public accommodations law highlighted the meeting of the Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations, Wednesday.

Parren J. Mitchell, executive secretary of the Commission, stated that the survey is necessary to "discourage contractors who are working on state projects from saying that although there are openings, no colored workers can be found."

Mr. Mitchell said that the survey, which will be conducted initially in Baltimore city and county and in Anne Arundel county, will be conducted in cooperation with Baltimore's Equal Opportunity Commission.

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A SECONDARY factor of the survey will be to encourage the colored community to seek not only the skilled jobs but also the necessary skills for the work.

Another and longer-range feature of the job survey is to help modify present vocational curriculums, according to Mr. Mitchell, to better prepare students for existing jobs.

During the meeting, it was suggested that perhaps the recently enacted public accommodations law needs to be scrutinized and changed.

"There needs to be a reassessment of the law in terms of administrative procedure and there ought to be recommendations for changes in the law itself," said Mr. Mitchell.

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THE COMMISSION, led by its chairman, William C. Rogers, voted to allow the Howard County Human Relations Commission to "informally arbitrate" complaints of public accommodations law violations.

The Commission, however, made it clear that persons complaining of discriminatory treatment should be advised that they may complain directly to the state agency rather than going through the county agency.

Howard county exempted itself from the State accommodations law.

In other action by the Commission, the members voted to assist Carroll county in its passage of a public accommodations law.

Also, Richard Thomas, Commission member, was chosen to head a sub-committee to work on segregated swimming pools and an initial report to establish intergroup relations committees within the public schools.

J. Edgar Bounces Back Again

By RALPH MATTHEWS

Baltimorean J. Edgar Stanley is a restless character who in the words of the young "is always into something."

J. Edgar, a small pixie of a man, has in his 63 years been community center director, piano player, public relations man, salesman; you name it, J. Edgar has dabbled in it.

And as is characteristic of him, he brings energy to everything he does.

Therefore, it was not surprising to observe Mr. Stanley, summer suit and two-tone shoes, appear in the AFRO editorial room after the Lord knows how many seasons with a report of his latest adventure.

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WHEN ASKED by an acquaintance where he had been keeping himself, J. Edgar responded with customary vigor, "In the hospital, man. I just had an operation for lung cancer."

"My word, J. Edgar, well how do you feel now?"

"Never felt better," he replied.

And with that, Mr. Stanley, the indestructible Mr. Stanley, proceeded to narrate his bout with the surgeon's scalpel.

"I was just discharged from John Hopkins the last week in August," he said, "I was in for 24 days, 12 days for observation before they decided to operate. Then it took me two days to make up my mind whether I wanted the operation or not."

But, what the heck, thought J. Edgar, he might as well get it over with. Listening to him, a drastic operation for lung cancer seemed no bigger thing than removing a splinter.

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THIS IS J. Edgar's style: He has learned to roll with the punches and keep getting up off the floor of this thing we call life, with a quick smile and renewed hope.

"Anyway I was in the operating room seven hours."

"Seven hours, J. Edgar?"

"That's what I said. You know what they do when they cut on your lungs?"

Here he traced a finger across his chest, down his ribs and along his back. "They have to cut from there to there. On top of that, they used a breathing machine on me to help me keep going. I have a heart condition also."

J. Edgar survived these crucial seven hours and the post-operative recovery period as well.

"It's after the operation that's roughest. I was getting as much as 13 medications during each day."

So many drugs, J. Edgar reported that he was practically an addict. But he weathered this also.

Two weeks later, hospital authorities considered him well enough to go home.

J. EDGAR is not one to be cooped up. "Not long after coming home, one night I got so restless I caught a bus to Washington and was walking around in the capital wondering to myself 'what am I doing here'."

And so here he is again, barely over five feet, 120 pounds, J. Edgar Stanley. Maybe a few more lines in his face but also a glow of health.

He turned to the young man who had entered with him. He introduced him as the husband of the nurse who had helped him pull through.

"She's a real nurse, even after I was discharged, she checked to see that I was coming along all right. Now she's what I call a wonderful girl."

The reason why Mr. Stanly had popped up in the editorial office was not for himself but the nurse's husband. "They are a swell couple and I want to help him get a better job."

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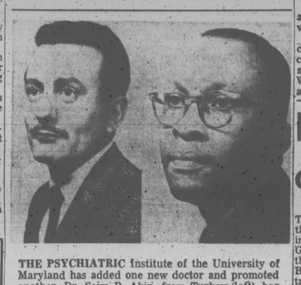
HIS OWN TILT with illness forgotten now, J. Edgar as he had done so many times before now, said "Try and do something for this fellow, will you?"

And with that, Mr. Stanley bounced off, spry as a rock and roller, and with no seeming cares in the world.

Which is this man's charm — for J. Edgar has paid as many dues as anyone but just keeps on getting up.



THE PSYCHIATRIC Institute of the University of Maryland has added one new doctor and promoted another. Dr. Saim B. Akin, from Tuskey (left), has joined the staff. Dr. George P. Brown has been promoted to assistant professor and director of the University's pediatric liaison service.

Dr. Brown upped at U. of Maryland

Recent faculty changes at The Psychiatric Institute of the University of Maryland include the promotion of Dr. George Philip Brown and the appointment of Dr. Saim B. Akin to the child psychiatry service.

Dr. George Philip Brown, has been promoted to assistant professor and director of pediatric liaison service.

In his capacity as director, Dr. Brown will be primarily concerned with teaching senior medical students and pediatric residents to apply principles of psychiatry to the total care of the child.

"Pediatricians," said Dr. Brown, "must not only be able to recognize symptoms of emotional distress in their patients, but because the demand for child psychiatrists far exceeds the number available, they must be trained to handle many of these problems themselves."

SAIM B. AKIN, who has been appointed an instructor at the University of Maryland's Psychiatric Institute, will supervise psychiatric residents and fellows in the child psychiatry training program.

He will also be director of the Western Mental Health Service of the University of Maryland and the Baltimore City Health Department.

Husband guilty in wife's death

Huellitt E. Dunston, 39-year-old longshoreman, accused of mudering his wife, was convicted of manslaughter this week by Criminal Court Judge Charles D. Harris.

Sentence was withheld pending a motion for new trial. Maximum penalty for manslaughter is 10 years in the penitentiary.

Charles E. Moylan Jr., prosecutor, charged Huellitt shot his estranged wife, Mrs. Gladys Dunston, 34, 700 block W. Lexington, after visiting her place of employment last February.

Mrs. Dunston, mother of three children, was shot to death after her husband vaulted the counter of a restaurant in the 1000 block E. 25th St. and chased two policemen from the restaurant, eyewitnesses testified.

AFTER ORDERING officers Albert Thompson and Joseph Cichan, from the restaurant at gun-point, Dunston dragged his wife to a back room and fired several shots, Mrs. Eileen Clark and Mrs. Vinnie Lundy, waitresses, told the court.

Dunston claimed his wife was accidentally shot while they struggled over the gun which she allegedly took from her purse after he vaulted the counter. He denied firing at the officer through the window of the restaurant.

In another murder trial, Judge Meyer Cardin found Robert L. Hayes, 49, guilty of second degree murder and imposed a sentence of seven years in the penitentiary.

Hayes was charged in the December death of Albert C. Harris, 39, who was killed by a shotgun blast at his home in the 600 block Pulaski St.

Police said Hayes went to the victim's home in search for someone who allegedly insulted his mother on the telephone.

Hayes allegedly returned with the death weapon after he was ordered to leave by the victim and his relatives, according to police.

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WITHOUT EXCHANGING words, the defendant mowed down Mr. Harris and fled the scene, witnesses told the court.

Michael F. Freedman, defense attorney, who surrendered the defendant to Western District police, asked for acquittal on grounds the defendant "was in a drunken stuper and was not responsible for his acts" at the time of the incident.

In imposing sentence, Judge Cardin noted the past good record of the defendant and this was a factor in the penalty.

Maximum sentence for second degree murder is 18 years in the penitentiary.

Clean Block winners feted

The Area II Neighborhood Council of the Mount Royal - Fremont Renewal Area met at the Druid Hill Avenue YMCA, Wednesday. Theme of the meeting was "A More Informed Community."

During the meeting a film, "Keeping America Beautiful," was shown.

Also, AFRO Clean Block winners were presented.

The winner was Mrs. Leona Boone, president of the 1300 block of Etting St., who won first prize.

Receiving the "honorable mention" prize were Miss Gloria Harmon and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Davis of the 1200 block of Etting St.

The next meeting of the organization will be held on Oct. 14 at 1313 Druid Hill Ave. at 8 p.m.

Jobs sought for former mental patients

WASHINGTON

The D.C. Mental Health Association, a UGF Agency is seeking to find jobs for eight formerly mentally ill Washington men and women.

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Miss Barbour gets study grant

By RALPH MATTHEWS, Jr.

Miss Tamara Barbour, 3004 Baker St., has been chosen to receive a full-tuition alumni scholarship in the Baltimore College of Commerce, it was announced by Joseph S. Rook, president.

Chosen on the basis of financial need and scholastic achievement, Miss Barbour completed her work for an Associate in Arts degree in the Baltimore College of Commerce last June.

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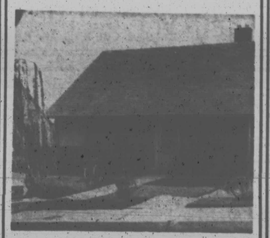

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THE WEATHER
Temperatures will average 6 degrees below normal, cooler Saturday and Sunday, warmer Tuesday or Wednesday. Rain may average ½ to 1 inch over weekend. Normal for this period is highs of 71-77 and lows mostly in the 50's.

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BIRMINGHAM WEEPS FOR 4, BRACES FOR NEW VIOLENCE

Is Coppin getting a fair deal?

By WALTER R. DEAN, JR.

The question of what to do about Coppin State College still exists, despite the Curlett Report, which rubbed "Teachers" out of the college's name.

Coppin has been treated as a cast - off since it was founded in 1900 as a "normal" school to train colored elementary school teachers.

It was not until 1952 that Coppin managed to acquire a building of its own. That was the year it got its present site in the 2500 block of W. North Ave.

Before that, Coppin was shunted from building to building and the institution was forced to train teachers as best it could.

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TODAY, COPPIN is still ill - treated, adrift because it lacks sufficient funds.

There is nothing in the present or the future to indicate that Coppin will hold any esteemed position in the community of colleges.

One indication of a college's standing is the amount of money it receives to carry out its program and among the state colleges, Coppin was and still is at the bottom.

The Curlett Report led to the reorganization of the state teachers colleges into liberal arts institutions.

The Report also implied that additional funds would have to be spent to bring the colleges up to the higher standards of liberal arts institutions.

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RECOGNIZING the need, the newly - created board of trustees of state colleges recently approved a record budget of $8,473,181 to operate the five state colleges during the fiscal year of 1965.

The request represented a 2.2 million dollar or a 27 per cent increase, over 1964's appropriation of $6,678,064.

Coppin's budget was a piddling $738,063, or a 19 per cent increase over 1964's budget.

Frostburg gets $2,386,839. The total money is relatively unimportant because Frostburg has more students than Coppin. What is important is the percentage increase in budgets. Is 33 per cent higher than

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THE EYES of these teenagers reflect a disbelieving anguish as they attend the funeral service for their schoolmates who were killed by one of Birmingham's hate-bombs Sunday.

HEART-BROKEN PARENTS — Tearful sadness is reflected on the faces of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Roberston Sr., at the funeral of their bomb victim daughter, Carole, 14.

Pleas head off 500 marchers

Tears of pain Weekend feared

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS
Assistant Managing Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — It was a strange funeral they held Wednesday for the last three of the four victims of Sunday's bomb blast.

Inside the Sixth Ave. Baptist Church there were tears for the dead from relatives, and from complete strangers who had come to share their grief.

Outside, only a few blocks away, a detachment of state troopers sat in their cars and waited for a command to move in on the area around the church.

The command never came —not even after the service when at least 500 of the mourners began a spontaneous march on the downtown area.

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THE COMMAND was not given because a clergyman in this strife-torn and unhappy city, an auxiliary policeman, and the brother of a slain hero, headed off the march and persuaded the crowd to disperse.

They did it with words, and the state troopers were left with nothing to do.

This was important here in Birmingham, for the state troopers are bitterly disliked —perhaps hated would be a better word—and had they attempted to head off the march on their own, God alone knows how much blood would have flowed in the streets.

The men who blocked the march were — the Rev. Charles Billups, assistant pastor of New Pilgrim Baptist Church; James E. Lay, auxiliary policeman, and Charles Evers, brother of Medgar Evers.

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REMEMBER MEDGAR? He died of a shot in the back in a Mississippi town.

But all this came after the service, and it was the service that was the important thing of the day.

The three girls who were buried here Wednesday received the accolades reserved for fallen heroes, as over 8,000 people appeared to display their grief.

Th funeral was to begin at 3:30 p.m., but long before that time, the seats in the church had begun fill up. With an estimated 2,500 peo-

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BIRMINGHAM — This city faces the weekend with the fatalistic knowledge that violence is once again likely to erupt here.

Weekends are usually the time of trouble in Birmingham and after the events of the past weekend the atmosphere seems to one of resigned waiting for the inevitable to happen.

The week began with the explosion on Sunday at 16th Street Baptist Church and the death of four children and injuries of 15 other persons.

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A NEAR RIOT followed the explosion, and state troopers were called in to maintain order. Later the same day, two other colored persons were killed in separate acts of violence.

On Tuesday, as talk of the tragedy continued to occupy center stage, the first of the services for the bomb victims was held.

Wednesday saw a mass funeral held for the other victims and also saw a crowd begin a march on the downtown area, only to be halted by leaders of the rights movement.

The air of tension that produced the abortive march, deepens at night when most of Birmingham stays off the streets. Instead of the usual variety of cars moving through the city, the streets are being constantly patroled by the state troopers armed not only with pistols, but with shotguns and carbines.

They help lend an eerie-feeling of unreality to the pictures.

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THE FACT that there have been no demonstrations here must be credited in a large part to the activities of the colored leaders, notably the Rev. Fred. Shuttlesworth, who have kept the lid on the emotions of their followers.

Just how long they will be able to keep the lid on is a question that not even they will attempt to answer.

And so Birmingham waits nervously for the weekend with the frightening knowledge that there could well be another dynamiting and the lid on this town will blow off.

Meanwhile, the FBI has

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Donations pour in to rebuild church

By JAMES D. WILLIAMS
Assistant Managing Editor

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—Donations to help rebuild the bombed-out 16th Street Baptist Church are being accepted here at the Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1523 5th Ave., N. Birmingham, Ala.

The building fund committee is under the chairmanship of Samuel O'Neal, executive vice president of the Savings and Loan Association. Checks should be made payable to the church.

Already a number of donations have been received with $1,000 so far the largest amount. The amount of damage has not been officially fixed but it may well

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JFK promises leaders he'll meet with Ala.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and six colored leaders from Birmingham told President Kennedy, Thursday, that the situation in the city was "grave" and that they feared the worst.

During their visit to the White House, just four days after a bomb killed four little girls in a Birmingham church, they informed the Chief Executive that colored citizens there were "frustrated, confused and almost on the verge of despair as a re-

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'March of mourning' here Sunday

Baltimore leaders agreed late Thursday to combine forces for a silent mourning march Sunday afternoon which will end at the Washington Monument with the recitation of an Interdenominational Prayer by three clergymen.

The march and ceremony will mourn the deaths of the four children killed Sunday when a bomb wrecked the the Sixteenth Avenue Baptist Church in Birmingham.

Mourners will gather at Lafayette Square, Lanvale St. Lafayette Square, Lanvale and Carrollton Ave. at 1 p.m. and begin the march at 2 p.m.

More charge discrimination in Social Security agency

More Social Security Administration employees are stepping forward to complain of racial discrimination in employment.

A month ago the Social Security Administration, at Woodlawn, which employees some 34,000 persons nationally was accused of employment bias.

In an effort to resolve the complaints, Commissioner Robert M. Ball appointed Fred Z. Nichols as special assistant to the commissioner and set up a committee to study the charges.

Mr. Nichols has been flooded with complaints.

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HE HAS received more than 105 written complaints from colored workers charging the federal complex with job discrimination.

Included on the committee are Dr. Furman L. Templeton, executive director of the Baltimore Urban League; Del. Clarence Mitchell III (4th. D.); and Thomas D. Smith Jr., president of Lodge 1923 of the American Federation of Government Employees.

The original charges of racial discrimination were filled by Mrs. Juanita J. Mitchell, president of the Maryland branches of the NAACP.

She was acting on behalf of Leon Gilmore, a Social Security worker and chairman of the NAACP Government Workers Committee, and three other Social Security employees.

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IN A report compiled by its government workers committee, the NAACP noted that there are no colored employees in the budgeting and accounts section, the credit union, the personnel section (which does the hiring, placement and testing of personnel) and in the Civil Service Commission's Office.

A clear majority of the messengers, laborers, chauffeurs, janitors and charwomen are colored — and their supervisors are white.

The NAACP unit charges that job descriptions are rewritten to prevent colored people from filling up-graded vacancies.

In the matter of re-hiring, complains the NAACP, former colored employees are often told that positions are filled; yet, while people in the same category are hired.

When colored persons are "lucky enough to be rehired," said the NAACP, they are forced to accept lower positions.

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TO BUTTRESS its arguments, the NAACP cites two cases.

An Irvin Sutton resigned his Social Security position with a rating of GS-4. When

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Wife of nite club operator awarded divorce, $5,000

Testimony that Maceo A. Paysour beat her and ordered her from their Powhatan Ave. apartment brought a divorce and a $5,000 settlement to Mrs. Ruth Hall Paysour, last week.

Mrs. Paysour told a master of Circuit Court that the marriage of July 15, 1958, ended on July 7, 1961, with has marked and bruised from his beating.

She had him arrested, she said.

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SHE ASKED for alimony on the grounds that her husband, proprietor of Maceo's Lounge, earned $600 per week in that business.

She said that she was unemployed and without funds.

Under the settlement, he will pay her $2,500 now, and deliver to her his confessed judgment note for $2,500, to be held within the year and to bear 6 per cent interest.

Both released further claims against the other.

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FOUR OTHER couples voluntarily ended their marriages according to the rec-

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The Birmingham Massacre

(AN EDITORIAL)

If the Congress does not promptly pass a civil rights act protecting the people of Birmingham, Ala., from the kind of bombings that killed 4 children and wounded 13 others in a Sunday School last Sunday morning;

Then this 40th bombing in Birmingham will be added to until there have been 80 or 500 bombings.

Alabama had 299 lynchings of colored persons through 1951. Nobody stopped them. They just got tired and slowed down.

Alabama is a state where, according to testimony before the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, it takes a colored voter 9 hours to register, where registrars refuse to open the books for 18 months and where if all the colored applicants qualified were registered under present conditions, 200 years would be required.

The state of Alabama is so rotten that a colored person who carried a sign urging his friends to register and vote was arrested and charged with publication of obscene material.

If the President can find no way through executive authority to use Department of Justice agents or federal troops to prevent massacres like that of last Sunday, Uncle Sam is helpless, indeed.

No colored soldier from Alabama should be happy in Korea or Cuba or Germany or Vietnam. He's need-

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SAFETY A FILM