

The roaring explosion with the estimated force of 10 sticks of dynamite injured 15 of the estimated 200 persons inside the church.

The 200 experts were at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church this morning, sifting through the debris of the explosion which shattered its basement as Sunday School classes were ending.

IN WASHINGTON, President Kennedy expressed "outrage and grief" over the bombing deaths. He said he hoped the incident would awaken the nation to "the folly of racial injustice and hatred and violence."

Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy canceled a scheduled speech in Philadelphia to stay in his office and in close touch with his aides in Birmingham.

COL. AL LINGO headed a 300-man force of state troopers who joined Birmingham police and sheriff's deputies in patrolling and in maintaining order at three formerly all-white schools which were integrated last week. They were invited here by Mayor Albert Boutwell.

Three hundred federalized National Guardsmen remained on the alert at two local armories, where they have been stationed since last Tuesday.

But civil rights organizations applied mounting pressure on

Negro leaders called for dispatch of Regular Army troops to Birmingham in the wake of the bombings and shootings. Dr. King said the decision to appeal directly to the President for the soldiers was made after a meeting of nearly 200 Negroes and white representatives here.

The group also requested immediate removal of state troopers.

CITIZENS OF Birmingham reacted to the news of the tragedy with grief and prayers. Church bells tolled at noon today, signaling a city-wide minute of prayer.

Members of the First Methodist Church, nearest white church to the bombed house of worship, wept as their pastor announced the news of the bombing. Five hundred members of the West End Methodist Church streamed to the altar and knelt in prayer for the good, God-fearing people of Birmingham—until the insane murderer or murderers of those children are brought to the bar of justice.

ALLGOOD WENT ON TO SAY: "Such action, in the opinion of this court, threatens to overthrow the principle of law and order long considered self-evident, mirat the invitation of their pastor, Dr. O. S. Gamble.

A JUSTICE DEPARTMENT task force headed by Burke Marshall, assistant U. S. attorney general for civil rights, and including a large number of FBI agents arrived in Birmingham after the bombing.

They acted under a 1960 civil rights act which makes it a federal offense to transport explosives across state lines for illegal purposes. The law permits federal agents to take part in investigations under the presumption that explosives used were transported across state lines. If it is determined this was not the case, the federal authorities withdraw from the case, turning over information they have gathered to local agencies.

The FBI already was participating in the investigations of the earlier bombings of the homes of the Rev. A. D. King and Atty. Arthur R. Shroves, and the Gaston Motel.

The latest attacks brought the total of bombings in Birmingham since 1947 to 41.

No fatalities had resulted in any of the bombings until the giant blast that shook the Sixteenth Street church. But law enforcement officers and civic leaders had realized the city was living on borrowed time.

TWO YOUNG NEGROES were shot to death after the bombing one by police and the other reportedly by two white boys who were riding a motorbike.

Officers said James Robinson, 16, 22 28th St., North, was struck by buckshot when police fired at the feet of young Negroes in an attempt to halt them.

Thirteen-year-old Virgil Ware of Sandusky was shot and killed by two young white boys, according to witnesses.

Twenty-three Negroes were arrested in the area of the Sixteenth Street church after the bombing. Most were charged either with being drunk or refusing to obey an officer.

The bombing victims were Cynthia Wesley, 14, hit by the full force of the blast and identified by clothing and a ring; Carol Robertson and Addie Mae Collins, 14, and Denice McNair, 11.

They apparently were in the church lounge in the basement when the bomb exploded under a stair outside the building on its eastern side.

A NIGHT of sporadic violence, with gunfire cracking in various sections and fires breaking out, followed the explosion.

The first major fire came shortly after nightfall when a building blazed on Avenue Q and 22nd Street in Ensey.

The blaze reportedly was caused by a thrown bottle of gasoline, as was another fire at a store at Eighth Avenue and Fifth Street, North. A guard inside the second store extinguished the flames.

Another big blaze was reported at Ensey Roofing Co., 1111 Finley Ave. Firemen brought the fire under control before it spread to a nearby service station.

A fire bomb made out of a wine bottle with gasoline and a burning cloth wick set fire to the home of Eugene Patterson, 51 Center St., when it landed on the roof.

A neighbor told police she saw a Negro man get out of a car and walk to the gate of the yard and then return to the car and drive away. She said she saw the fire about three minutes later. The witness said that after she noticed the flames she saw someone running away from the house behind a hedge but could not tell whether the person was white or Negro.

OFFICERS IN CAR 57 reportedly were shot at from behind the service station while at the Finley Avenue fire. Rifle shots also were reported in the vicinity of the church where integrationist leader Fred L. Shuttlesworth formerly served as pastor.

Police were kept on the run for hours investigating reports of rock throwing and other minor violence.

Two of the girls killed in the explosion were on the Youth Board of Ushers. Addie Mae and Denice were to have sung in the youth choir at the worship service.

The explosion ripped a gaping hole in the wall of the church. About 200 worshippers were in the building and about 80 were in the basement.

Cars parked outside and business buildings across the street were either wrecked or damaged. Chunks of concrete, twisted metal and shattered glass littered the street and sidewalk.

Police roped off the area to hold back the growing crowd of stunned, angry Negroes.

A Negro bystander, former professional boxer Andrew Anderson, commented: "It's just making hate. This town is gone now. I know it's gone."

MAYOR BOUTWELL wept when he learned of the bombing.

"I never could conceive that anyone existed with such universal malice," he said. "I fear the situation will become worse."

Gov. Wallace posted a \$5,000 reward for arrest and conviction of the bomber or bombers and pledged "the entire forces of the state will be utilized to maintain law and order."

Dr. W. Landon Miller, president of the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham, called for mass prayer for "a spiritual miracle—racial peace."

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President Kennedy in Washington to intervene more forcefully in Alabama.

The Rev. Martin Luther King, who came here from Atlanta Sunday, and other Negro leaders urged the President to take some action to restore Negro confidence—as King put it—and to prevent "the worst racial holocaust the nation has ever seen."



News staff photo—Tom Self

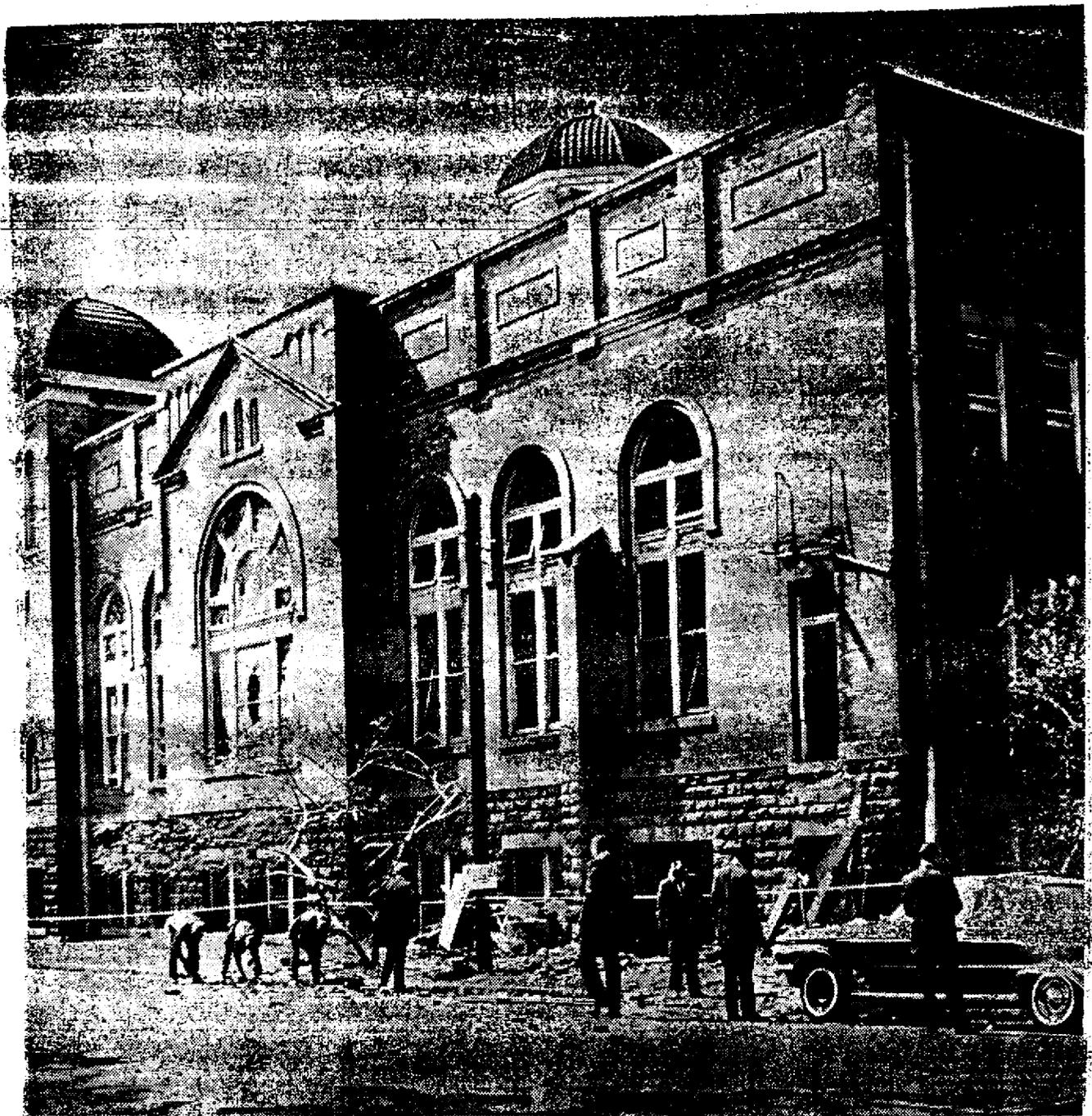
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HEAVY BLAST BLEW GAPING HOLE IN WALL OF CHURCH, SIDEWALK
... Some of destruction shown in view looking across 16th Street



OFFICERS SEARCH FOR CLUES OUTSIDE WRECKED BUILDING
But Sheriff Mel Bailey said first findings were not fruitful.

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Council wires condolence to six families

Mayor Albert Boutwell and the City Council today sent telegrams of condolence to families of the six Negroes who were killed Sunday in Birmingham's racial tragedy.

During an adjourned special meeting, the council also appointed a three-member memorial committee comprised of Alan Drennen, chairman, and Council President M. E. Wiggins and Councilman Don Hawkins. THE COMMITTEE drafted the following telegram:

"Writing, as we do, in profound sorrow and in Christian sincerity, we, the mayor and City Council, convey to you and all your loved ones the grief we share with you.

"Each of us prays the Almighty God that He, in His infinite compassion and tender mercy, will comfort your hearts and strengthen your faith.

"We say this and pray in the name of the whole city and its people."

The telegram was sent individually to the families of the four Negro girls killed in the bomb explosion at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, and two boys. One boy was shot by police during a rock-throwing incident and the other reportedly killed by two white boys on a motorcycle.

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Council urges talks with school board

Again declaring its full support of school board actions, City Council nevertheless moved today for a meeting with the board to discuss school problems.

Councilman Alan Drennen said he feels closer communications should exist between the council and school board.

"We have adopted an attitude of hands off for too long," said Drennen. "It's about time we get on."

THE COUNCIL, as well as other officials and laymen of the Birmingham area, has been concerned over "demonstrations" by large bands of teen-agers protesting desegregation of the city school system. The young people disrupted more than a dozen schools last week, appearing at campuses and shouting for students to walk out.

The Board of Education is on record with a statement saying that attendance in classes is required by law, and that parents who permit children to run loose are subject to prosecution.

The council and school board have not met together since council took office last spring.

George Seibels, chairman of the council's Health, Education and Safety Committee, said he would contact school board members and try to arrange a meeting.

City Atty. J. M. Breckenridge, again reminded the council that school boards are independent bodies created by the Legislature, and that council has no authority over it. But Breckenridge did say, council may meet and talk over issues with the board.

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Local clergies voice regret over bombing

Methodist and Baptist ministers, meeting in denominational groups this morning, expressed sympathy and concern over the bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Sunday in which four children were killed and others injured.

The Methodist ministers of the Birmingham district met at First Methodist Church and unanimously approved the statement Sunday by the executive committee of the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham.

The Methodist ministers also were urged, not in the resolution, to express personally their sympathy to the bereaved families.

BAPTIST MINISTERS said in a statement "that the members of the Baptist Pastors Conference individually express deepest regret and sorrow, personally and publicly, to the families of those who were killed in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

"That, we individually commit ourselves, personally and publicly, to the easing and resolving of the tensions which have created the climate in which such acts are possible.

"That, we individually call upon God, personally and publicly, to forgive us our sins, and by His power to call us to be willing to achieve spiritual brotherliness in our community."

A member of the committee named by the Baptist pastors to draft the statement stated that the time past for resolutions and the time for action is here.

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City's people all victims, mostly innocent, Boutwell says

The people of Birmingham are the victims of the bombing of the South Street Baptist Church Sunday morning and everyone has a part in bringing to justice those responsible.

As shocked and stunned Birmingham families prepared to retire Sunday night, these words and others were brought to them over WAPI-TV and radio by city officials and state, county and city law enforcement officers.

Mayor Albert Boutwell struck the heart of what the tragedy means to Birmingham in pointing out, "All of us are victims, and most of us are innocent victims."

"THIS NIGHT," he said, "all of us who are not the immediate victims of horrible and tragic violence must put all else aside, until we have found and made certain the punishment of those who are responsible. No stone will be left unturned. . . . No effort on expense will be spared to accomplish that."

How everyone in Birmingham can have an active part in sharing the burden of the tragedy was pointed out by Dr. W. Landon Miller, president of the Birmingham Ministerial Association and pastor of Ruhama Baptist Church.

Dr. Miller called on "every God-fearing person, regardless of race or creed, to pause daily at high noon, wherever he is, for at least one minute of prayer. We request that churches toll bells and that radio and television stations cooperate in the minute of prayer. This observance beginning tomorrow will extend through the week of Sept. 16-22."

FROM THREE law enforcement officers came appeals to the people of Birmingham to remain calm and to be cooperative. The officers made it clear that no violence or disorders will be tolerated.

Alabama Public Safety Director Lingo, here with 300 state troopers said, "We are here to help maintain law and order. That's what we are here to do . . . and that's what we are going to do . . . We are here to cooperate with Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and his splendid officers and with Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey and his likewise splendid law enforcement officers."

Lingo pointed out that he and his men were sent here by Gov. George Wallace at the request of Birmingham city officials.

Sheriff Mel Bailey and Inspector W. H. Haley appealed to citizens to limit auto travel to absolutely necessary trips and not to expose themselves to danger or endanger others.

"Any thoughtless act on the part of the public, though seemingly harmless, can become explosive," Haley pointed out.

M. E. WIGGINS, president of the Birmingham City Council, and Councilman George G. Seibels Jr., joined Mayor Boutwell in placing responsibility for behavior of school children on parents.

Boutwell, in assuring parents that their children will be protected, asked them to see to it that the boys and girls go directly to school and back home "without loitering or roaming."

Seibels, chairman of the council's committee on public safety, health and education, urged parents "to see to it that their children refrain from public demonstrations of any kind. Driving around the streets . . . yelling . . . and sometimes jeering, though in youthful spirits, could provoke serious trouble, resulting in possible death or injury," he said.

Wiggins warned that enforcement officers may not be able to assure the safety of children, schools, churches and homes if forced to contend with "roaming bands of children or adults, at night or by day. This is the time for every citizen to live up to his or her responsibility."

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LEADERS OF BIRMINGHAM AND ALABAMA BROADCAST APPEAL FOR CALMNESS AND REASON FOLLOWING BOMBING
... From left, Mayor Albert Boutwell, Police Inspector Bill Hately, M. E. Wiggins, Al Lingo, George Seibels Jr., Sheriff Mel Bailey, Dr. W. Landon Miller

News staff photo—Tom Jett

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Ministers urge minute of prayer

Every God-fearing citizen regardless of race or creed" was called on Sunday by the executive committee of the Ministers' Association of Greater Birmingham to pause for a minute of prayer at high noon everyday this week.

The members of the executive committee of the ministers' association met in a special called meeting at a downtown hotel Sunday after the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. The resolution calls for radio and TV stations to join the churches in calling Birmingham people to a minute of silent prayer.

The complete text of their statement follows.

churches toll their bells and radio and television stations cooperate in the minute of prayer.

This observance will extend the week of Sept. 16-22.

"We deplore and are grieved that a place dedicated to the worship of God was bombed and we endorse the efforts of a group of laymen who have pledged to raise funds for the funeral and hospital expenses of the victims and to restore the house of worship damaged.

"We assure the law enforcement and Civilian Defense officers of our concern, confidence and prayers for them in their courageous efforts in this present situation."

"OUR HEARTS are broken by the wanton act of cowardly brutality in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. We want to express our compassionate concern to the families of the girls whose lives were snuffed out and to those who were injured. We abhor this and other acts of violence.

"We call upon every God-fearing person to pray, to expect a spiritual miracle of brotherliness in our community.

"We request of every citizen to refrain, by word or deed, from lending aid or dignity to unlawful and malicious expressions which tend to excite violence, hatred and bitterness.

"WE APPEAL TO those who may have some bit of information which may be useful in the apprehension of the perpetrators of this dastardly act to give this information immediately to the authorities.

"In humiliation before God, we call upon every God-fearing person regardless of race or creed to pause daily at high noon, wherever he is, for at least one minute of prayer. We request that

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Knew blast would come, pastor says

BY JULES LOH
Associated Press staff writer

It was just a matter of when, said the Rev. John H. Cross. "We've been expecting this all along, waiting for it, knowing it would come, wondering when."

The four Negro girls were 10 hours dead and the heart of the Rev. Cross, pastor of the dynamite-shattered Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, was heavy with grief as the humid night air was heavy with tension.

"I've received half a dozen bomb threats since last April," he said. "We've searched the church several times. We've called off nighttime meetings because we felt it would be just too dangerous to gather, even if only to pray."

"We haven't underestimated the extremists," he said. "We've known right along there were people in this town capable of anything. Even this."

IN PARTS OF THE CITY, as the Rev. Cross spoke, there was

the periodic echo of a siren, the occasional crack of a gun, the ugly shout of a curse.

By contrast the home of the distraught pastor, hard by the damaged church, was still. His voice was lost and dulled by exhaustion as he reflected Sunday night on the tragedy and its victims.

"Cynthia and Carol (Cynthia Wesley and Carol Robertson, both 14) were youth ushers in the Sunday School, sort of hostesses for the other children. Carol was a very talented girl. So was Cynthia — a brilliant young girl, an honor student.

"Addie Mae and little Denice (Addie Mae Collins, 14; Denice McNair, 11) were members of our youth choir. Both were fine little girls, faithful in their attendance.

"ALL WERE A CREDIT to the community. Now they're all gone."

The minister said that, in addition to telephoned threats of bombing—always, he said, from an anonymous male voice—he

had received countless abusive, making and insulting, came both at his home and his church.

It had become a regular thing since spring, he said.

That was when demonstrations inspired by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. originated at the church, marking it as a symbol of the current Negro movement and the target for a bomb.

The Rev. Cross said none of the four girls had been among the hundreds of young people who participated in the demonstrations.

On the other hand one of the girls, Carol Robertson, was a granddaughter of Mrs. Sallie M. Anderson who is a member of the Citizens Community Affairs Committee.

THE REV. CROSS said the four deaths "certainly should be on the conscience of Gov. George Wallace, and I imagine they are."

"Any time high public officials openly defy the law I feel it has a tendency to incite violence. There are many others too, right here in Birmingham, who have made very weak statements, just token statements, against the use of violence. I think if they had spoken out forcefully it would have given the extremists an opportunity to reconsider."

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For 14 hours terror held sway in city

A church bombing. Four dead, 15 injured.
Two shootings. Two more dead.
Three fires.

Rocks and bricks thrown at cars and people. Gunshots. Smashed glass. Injuries, injuries, injuries.

Birmingham was a terrified city Monday, the measure of its fear reflected tersely, factually, constantly by the police radio.

THE TERROR STRUCK at 10:22 a.m., with the call that Sixteenth Street Baptist Church had been bombed.

Not until 2:40 a.m. Monday was a calming word passed over the radio: "Tell 43 to go to sleep. Everybody else has."

For 14 hours and 18 minutes it told a story unreal and unbelievable in its awfulness.

—WHITES HIT by rocks and bricks, taken to University Hospital.

Emergency quarters there are still a nightmare with the dead and injured Negroes from the church when the new victims begin arriving.

Mrs. Helon Salter, 54, is admitted with a head concussion and lacerations. A thrown brick hit her inside a car. Her address is 150 Brook Lane Drive.

James R. Slimp, 51, 329 25th St. SW, is treated for a brick bruise and released.

MRS. POLLY ALLEN, honeymooning from Chicago with her husband, Michael, is treated for rock wounds and also released.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ritchie, of 1020 Ridge Road, are treated and released for superficial cuts at East End Hospital. Ritchie says they were ambushed by a shotgun as they drove on the Huffman-Tarrant Road, one-half mile west of Huffman.

Negro Bernard Talley, 12, has a gunshot wound dressed at Hillman Emergency, and is released. He lives at 326 Second Terrace North.

SCORES OF OTHER PERSONS have minor wounds dressed at hospitals throughout the city.

The hectic afternoon wears on.

—A Negro man is shot in the 800 block of 26th Street, the police radio says. He is James Robinson, 16. He is dead on arrival at University Hospital. He was throwing rocks and ran from police.

A NEGRO BOY, 13, is shot to death on Sandusky Road.

The police radio says the shooting reportedly was done by two white boys on a red motor-scooter. The victim is Virgil Ware.

Now night is closing in, compounding the fear.

The fires start at 5:45 p.m., Avenue O and 22nd Street, Ensley, vacant house.

7:04 p.m., Avenue Q and 21st Street, Ensley, vacant house.

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POLICE SPEED to answer scores of calls — rocks, shots, broken windows and windshields.

Windows are splintered at a grocery at Fourth Street and 10th Avenue North, a store at 985 Third Street North, at 10th Avenue and 24th Street and 16th Street and 11th Avenue North, and at a supermarket at 11th Avenue and Sixth Street North.

Rock calls came from 1609 34th St. SW, near Elmwood Chapel, 26th Street and Clairmont Avenue, Eight Avenue and Graymont, 985 Third St. North, 10th Avenue Southwest, Third Avenue and 18th Street South, and dozens of other areas.

THE REV. MARTIN LUTHER KING arrives by plane about 9 p.m. and the radio follows movements of a caravan coming into town "at a high rate of speed."

Another convoy of cars, bearing out-of-state licenses, heads toward Birmingham on U. S. 31 North about 10:30 p.m. State troopers move to check them.

Time moves toward midnight, and gradually the radio grows more quiet, more routine.

Officers check on armed whites and Negroes in various neighborhoods.

Gunfire is reported, but no injuries.

It is now Monday morning. Most of the city rests uneasily. "Tell 43 to go to sleep," says the radio at 2:40 a.m. "Everybody else has."

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Victim by victim, scream by scream

By LAURENCE ISAACSON

(City Staff Writer)

Victim by victim, scream by scream, the bomber's toll mounted at University Hospital. In a makeshift morgue an old Negro identified gruesome remains as his granddaughter, Cynthia Wesley, 14.

The man's solemn comment: "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away." The bodies of three more girls were identified by broken, waiting parents:

They were Carol Robertson, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Robertson of 1021 Fifth St. North; Denise McNair, 11, daughter of Mrs. Maxine McNair of Bessemer Rt. 4, and Addie Mae Collins, 14, daughter of Mrs. Alice Collins of 232 Sixth Court West.

ANGUISH WAS A living nightmare as 15 injured Negroes were rushed in by ambulances.

This was the immediate toll taken by a dynamite explosion during worship services Sunday at the Sixteenth Street Negro Baptist Church, near downtown Birmingham.

Three white persons were treated at University Hospital in the ensuing hours for cuts and bruises from rocks hurled by Negroes. One of them was admitted.

Ambulance sirens cut the Sunday morning quietness on Southside, beginning about 10:35 a.m.

HUNDREDS OF curious persons flocked to the hospital emergency entrance.

They were held back by ropes strung around the entrance and guards stationed at the door.

Within minutes, hospital officials had summoned all available help.

...the hospital emergency entrance. Police blocked off Sixth Avenue between 19th and 20th Streets South so ambulances could get to the emergency entrance.

HOSPITAL GUARDS dispersed crowds of Negroes who gathered outside the hospital.

Inside families of the injured and dead were desperately trying to get information.

Mrs. Helon Salter, 54, a white woman, was brought in and admitted with lacerations and a concussion.

"We were riding through the area where the bomb went off going to the airport and mamma was hit with a brick," Mrs. Salter's son related. She lives at 150 Brook Lane Drive.

A WHITE MAN, James R. Shimp, 51, of 329 25th Street SW, was hit by a brick. He was treated and released.

Mr. and Mrs. Michael Allen of Chicago, on their honeymoon, passed through the bombing area. Mrs. Allen was struck by a rock and was treated and released at the hospital.

Several other white people were brought in for lacerations of the head and face caused by thrown bricks and rocks.

One Negro man, who was upstairs when the bomb went off, said he tried desperately to keep other from panicking.

B. H. WILSON SR., a trustee of the church, said he helped to lead people out of the church.

After about three hours things were back to normal at the hospital and most of the injured had been treated and released.

The efficient manner in which

The injured ranged from compressed skull fractures to laceration of the forehead.

Those injured from the blast include:

Milton Stollenverch, 315 10th Court North; Georgia McCarter, 65, 200 Fourth Ave. South; the Rev. J. H. Pullen, 6520 58th Ave. North; Charles Bryan, 821 15th Way North; Effis

Bennard, 70, 807 18th Way SW; Lynn Cross, 4, no address available; Joseph Parrish, 21 10th Ave. South.

Sam Zeigler, 68, 2111 11th Ave. North; Georgia Johnson, 423 Sixth Ave. North; Jonathan Jones, 12, no address; Lillian Pollard, 24, 57 Ninth Ave. North; Sarah Collins, 10, address not available; William Griar, 49, 101 11th Court West; Bernadine Mathews, 15, 1816 Center Way South.

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MESSAGE OF HEARTACHE

Dr. Gamble, the 16th Street Negro church has been bombed. Anonymously, the telephone message came Sunday morning to O. S. Gamble, pastor of the West End Methodist Church. The church is in the same neighborhood as West End High School, which was desegregated by two Negro girls last Wednesday.

DR. GAMBLE WENT into his 11 a.m. service minutes later. My associate minister and I, in my study, offered prayers that we would be able to say the things our congregation should know," Gamble said.

He preached his regular sermon: "What Is Right With the church?" The worship service ended.

"I have an announcement to make," he said.

"A Negro church has been bombed; the 16th Street Baptist church. I do not know whether there was any loss of life."

HE LOOKED AT his people as he spoke; mothers and fathers and daughters. The young. The elderly.

Pain and heartache and suffering and sorrow blanched their faces.

Many began crying.

"This is not right," the minister said.

Then he issued them an invitation.

"All who care to, come to the altar and pray."

More than 500 persons left their pews.

"The aisles of the church were jammed with people waiting to get to the altar to pray," Dr. Gamble said.

THEY PRAYED silently, many of them weeping as they prayed.

"I saw elderly men kneeling at the altar and praying.

"I saw little children.

"They came from the balcony and all sections of the church.

"I've never seen such a response in all my life.

"It was the greatest service I've ever been in."

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The day a church became a tomb

BY TOM LANKFORD AND IRVING BEIMAN
News staff writers

A church became a tomb as 10 sticks of dynamite blew a grave for four children.

Gunshots echoed in the streets while police hunted for a killer-bomber.

This was Birmingham Sunday—a city blasted again to the brink of disaster when the explosion shattered the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, near downtown, during morning worship services.

The deaths of the four girls marked the first time anyone has died in a bombing itself during the more than 40 that have perplexed the city in recent years.

A few weeks ago a young Negro was shot to death during mob reaction to the second bombing of Negro attorney Arthur Shores' home.

CRACK NATIONAL INVESTIGATORS are teaming with local officials in the manhunt for the killer.

The Justice Department has assigned a special force of FBI agents, including bomb experts, to solve the bombing which heavily damaged the church and injured 15 other Negroes.

Two top aides of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy flew into Birmingham Sunday night: Asst. Deputy Atty. Gen. Joseph Dolan and John Nolan, the attorney general's administrative assistant.

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Gov. George Wallace also vowed in a statement that the person or persons responsible would be caught.

The governor rushed State Safety Director Al Lingo and 300 State Troopers into the city Sunday evening—at the request of Mayor Albert Boutwell, Chief of Police Jamie Moore and Sheriff Mel Bailey—to augment the overworked city police force. Birmingham units of the National Guard were alerted by Wallace.

IN A TELEGRAM TO THE governor, the officials said that in view of the "tragic and abhorrent events in Birmingham Sunday morning, we anticipate a great deal of unrest in our city. While the situation appears to be well under control of local law enforcement at this time, the possibility of further trouble exists."

Two white men, questioned after the bombing, were released a few hours later.

Killed in the explosion were Cynthia Wesley, 14, of 22 11th Ave. North; Carol Robertson, 16, of 1021 Fifth St. North; Denise McNair, 11, of Bessemer Bl. 4 and

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Addie Mae Collins, 14, of 232 Sixth Court West. One child's head was blown off by the blast. The chests of others were a bloody mass.

JOSEPH PARRISH, chairman of the board of trustees of the church, said the children killed had apparently gone into the basement, where the women's restroom is located, before the general assembly for Sunday School was to start.

Sunday school had started at 9:30 a.m. The blast, judging by a stopped clock in the church, occurred at 10:22 a.m.

Fifteen other Negroes were treated at University Hospital for multiple lacerations caused by flying brick and mortar and glass when the bomb went off at the church. Several others were hurt but did not seek hospital treatment.

Several white people were brought into the hospital within an hour of the explosion. They had been hit by bricks thrown by angry Negroes near the bombed church.

The blast brought quick reaction, some of it bloody. A Negro youth was fatally shot by Birmingham police officers in an alley off 26th Street North, near Eighth Avenue, about 4 p.m. Sunday. Police said the Negro was throwing rocks at automobiles passing along 26th Street. Officers said they fired over his head, but he apparently was stuck by one of the shots.

THE NEGRO WAS IDENTIFIED as Johnnie Robinson, 16, of 622 28th St. North.

Investigators for the city's Fire Prevention Bureau found shreds of material which they identified as burned fuse near the scene of the explosion, outside the 16th Street side entrance.

The fire marshal theorized that 10 sticks of dynamite did the work.

He speculated that the "bomber could have parked his car a block from the church, lighted a fuse 15 feet long or more, put the dynamite in a shoe box or wrapped in heavy paper, then walked to the 16th Street side of the church.

There he could have dropped his package into the stairwell, which ended four feet below the sidewalk level at the basement door. Then he could have walked slowly back to his car and gone several blocks before the explosion came."

THE FIRE MARSHAL SAID fuse of the type believed used in the blast burns "40 seconds to the foot."

He said no brass particles or other metal was found near the scene, which bolstered his belief that the blast was caused by dynamite sticks set off with a lighted fuse rather than a bomb and timing device.

At Montgomery, Wallace issued this statement: "The church bombing in Birmingham today is a tragic event which has saddened all Alabamians. The perpetrators of this vicious crime must be brought to justice.

"I serve notice on those responsible that every law enforcement agency of this state will be used to apprehend them.

"ALL AVAILABLE LAW ENFORCEMENT agencies of the state of Alabama, including the Birmingham units of the Alabama National Guard not now federalized, have been alerted for duty in Birmingham.

"Col. Al Lingo, state director of public safety has been in constant touch with Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and has advised Chief Moore that the entire state trooper contingent is available for immediate use in Birmingham.

"I have offered a reward of \$5,000 for the arrest and conviction of person or persons responsible for the bombing this morning."

Police Capt. Jack Warren credited work of an unnamed Negro Civil Defense captain for preventing an outbreak of violence at the church following the explosion.

"I FEARED FOR MY LIFE," said Warren, who was one of the first officers to reach the scene. "I tried to disperse the crowd with my megaphone, but was having no luck. Then the Negro Civil Defense official came up with his bullhorn. He set up ropes and the crowd gradually dispersed."

Negroes threw rocks and bricks at police when they first arrived. Police fired shotgun blasts over the heads of Negroes near the church in attempts to disperse the crowd at first. An hour after the blast, police reported the crowd was "pretty orderly."

The church, a brick structure constructed in 1909, was a tragic sight after the blast. Broken glass covered its 16th Street side. Numbed parents and relatives of children in the Sunday School wandered about in silence.

"Oh, my God. That's my kid . . . she's dead . . . she's dead," a Negro man screamed as a small twisted body was lifted from the ruins.

POLICE KEPT HIM FROM running through the gaping hole in side of the church as the child was placed on a stretcher.

Hysterical screams from Negroes who had children attending Sunday School at the church echoed around the church.

A car bearing a Confederate flag drove up to the church and Negroes began shouting and yelling. Police made the driver remove the flag.

Occupants of the vehicle said Negroes had thrown a rock through the front window near the church.

Gunfire sounded along Eighth Avenue North as police fired in the air to disperse rock-throwing Negroes.

The city's riot tank roamed the alleys and streets. Police radios blared as more ambulances were cleared to enter the area. All shifts of police were called and ordered to report to Kelly Ingram Park, across from the church.

POLICE LINES WERE SET UP and traffic was re-

routed in a three-block area around the church.

Three cars parked near the church side entrance were knocked four feet backward by the explosion. Sides of the almost demolished vehicles were dotted with large holes caused by flying debris.

Inside, the church was in shambles in the rear section. Force of the blast had twisted chairs, shredded wooden benches and knocked out windows.

Windows were knocked out of buildings a block away and occupants of houses said they were knocked off their feet. Police at City Hall at the time said the building seemed to shudder.

"WE WERE ALL IN Sunday School classrooms when the bomb went off," said primary teacher Miss Effie J. McCaw. "I told the children in my class to lie on the floor.

"The teachers kept the congregation from panicking. We couldn't get to the children in the basement. Everyone walked outside in a hurry. There was no screaming, only crying."

She said debris came crashing down in the rear of the church and many persons were cut and bruised. About 200 persons were in the church.

A huge crater was dug by the blast at the Sixteenth Street entrance to the church. Concrete steps that led to the main floor from the side door were blown away.

Detective L. Maurice House said the bomb had been placed in an abandoned stairwell outside the restroom. The side door was locked, he said, and no one used the stairs leading to the basement level.

THE CHURCH PASTOR, the Rev. J. H. Cross, said he was jolted by the blast.

Birmingham police had been guarding the church at night, along with other Negro churches where desegregation meetings had been held in past months.

The church is only a block away from a Negro motel which was bombed after the anti-segregation demonstrations last May. No one was hurt in this explosion. The same night, the parsonage home of the Rev. A. D. King, brother of the anti-segregation leader, Rev. Martin Luther King, also was bombed, with no casualties. Negro attorney Shores' home has been bombed twice recently.

Two firebombs were tossed last week at the home of A. G. Gaston, Birmingham Negro millionaire and businessman. One of the so-called "Molotov cocktails," a gasoline-filled bottle with a wick for a fuse, crashed through the window of the Gaston home and damaged a drape. The other fell harmlessly on the ground.

THE CHURCH EXPLOSION SUNDAY came 11 days after Birmingham desegregated three public schools over the vehement objections of the governor and segregation organizations.

Five Negro children were enrolled at the three previously all white Birmingham schools after the Alabama National Guard was federalized to overcome the governor's resistance.

Birmingham has had more than 40 bombings in recent years, all apparently connected with the racial situation.

No one has been arrested in connection with the bombings.

The bombed church was one of the main meeting places during mass demonstrations by Negroes here in May and June. Roy Wilkins, executive secretary for the NAACP, Martin Luther King and other Negro leaders spoke at rallies there.

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Fund set up to pay cost of victim's rites

Creation of a community memorial fund for paying funeral costs of four Negro children killed Sunday in the bombing of 16th Street Baptist Church and restoration of the church was announced today.

Plans for a coordinated effort to help repair the church and meet other financial needs created by the bombing came out of a meeting Tuesday of Birmingham religious leaders of all faiths—Protestant, Catholic, Orthodox and Jewish.

Contributions will be solicited for the effort under the name of 16th Street Baptist Church Memorial Fund.

TWO BANKS, the First National and the Birmingham Trust National, have been selected as depositories for the fund and contributions will be accepted at those banks.

Accepting the responsibility of fund trustees are Dr. John Lukens of the Independent Presbyterian Church, Dr. Denson Franklin of the First Methodist Church, Episcopal Bishop C. C. J. Carpenter, Dr. W. Landon Miller of the Ruhama Baptist Church and Robert Fore, vice president of the First National Bank. Leading laymen of the city will be invited to become trustees.

"Our community has an obligation to the victims of the bombing and has a need to express its sorrow and concern that such a thing could happen here," said Episcopal Bishop George Murray, spokesman for the religious leaders of the fund. "The aim is to recognize, in one coordinated fund raising effort, the

feelings of the community in the wanton killing of four children and the damaging of a church.

"SOME OF THE families affected, both in the bombing itself and the resulting aftermath involving the loss of two additional lives, are in desperate financial need.

"The report on the extent of the damage to the church is not yet complete," Bishop Murray said, "but the damage was very extensive.

"It is felt that a great number of contributors to such a fund would be an effective means of demonstrating that most of our people do not approve of bombing and killing."

NAMES of contributors will not be divulged.

Bishop Murray said that the fund would make up the difference between the amount of insurance coverage, whatever it may be, and the total cost of renovation of the building. If the contributions to the fund exceed that cost and the cost of the funerals, the remainder will be turned over to the Red Cross disaster fund, he said.

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Services held for bomb victim

Funeral services for Carole Rosamond Robertson, 14-year-old victim of Sunday's bombing, were held Tuesday afternoon at St. John's African Methodist Episcopal Church. The pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, the Rev. John H. Cross, spoke at the funeral service. Rites were scheduled for the other three victims today.

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City, nation grieve for bomb victims

Birmingham and the nation grieved today at the funerals of three Negro children, victims of a church bombing which shocked the world.

Their funerals were held today at the Sixth Avenue Baptist Church, South. Services for 15-year-old Carole Rosamond Robertson, the fourth girl to die Sunday, were held Tuesday before 450 persons, including about 100 white, at St. John's A.M.E. Church. National Negro leaders, including NAACP Executive Secretary Roy Wilkins, came here for the funeral.

The Rev. John H. Cross, pastor of the bombed Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, spoke at the funeral of the Robertson child.

HE SAID THE church bomber did not only bomb the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, did not only kill these lovely, innocent girls, but somehow the whole world was shaken. People everywhere died.

Words of the Apostle Paul were used as the text of Carole's eulogy.

"All things work together for good to them that love the Lord," began the Rev. Cross.

"Accept these words," Cross told Carole's family, seated in six pews just to the right of the pulpit.

Carole's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Robertson, sat on the front row. She was their third child.

"Accept them by faith," said Cross. "Remember our lives are submerged in the will of God."

"WHEN THESE atrocious acts were committed, they were committed against all freedom-loving people the world over; 170 million people in the United States are grieving with us right this very moment.

Somehow, we have been brought together as we have

never been brought together before.

"Regardless of our ethnic lines, our creactions, our social lines, we have been brought together, not as Negro or white, not as Protestant or Catholic, but as children of God throughout the world."

Cross compared the murders with the Crucifixion. Jesus didn't die in vain, he said.

"Somehow," the minister said, "we can identify this situation as not being an ordinary type of suffering, but a suffering identified with a cause."

HE SAID their deaths have aided the cause of right.

Scripture was read by the Rev. Hobart E. Oden Jr., assistant pastor at 16th Street Baptist. He read the 23rd Psalm from the Old Testament, and from the New Testament, Christ's words: "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not. For such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

The Rev. C. E. Thomas, pastor at St. John, repeated stanzas of the hymn, "Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life."

An "expression" by the Rev. Martin Luther King was scheduled, but it was announced that a "conflict in schedule" prevented his attendance. The Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth spoke in his place.

"The society in which we live has not made safe the streets we walk, the homes in which we live or the House of God," he said.

"Words will neither dry the tears nor still the pain."

SHUTTLESWORTH said, "darkness will not last forever. Grief will not prevail. You, by your suffering, have paid another installment in this great thing called freedom."

Four little girls rose from the section reserved for classmates, Girl Scouts and a youth organization. Jack and Jill, two

Carole was past secretary of Jack and Jill and treasurer of Scout Troop 208 at Parker High School. She was also secretary of her class.

The girls - Cheryl McCarthy, Kaye Floyd, Linda Gaudard and Laura Poole - read an excerpt from the poem, "And Ye Shall Find Me" and sang "I Heard a Forest Praying."

Before the trip to the cemetery, the Rev. Thomas made an observation.

"I CALL UPON you in the name of the ministers in Birmingham, and I represent them at this time, that you keep cool heads."

"Read Psalms 91, 37 and 27. Read them. Read them again, and reread them. Pray over them."

"To the young people I say instead of getting a bottle, get your mother and daddy's hand and take them to the ballot box. If you stoop to violence, you are no better than the Klan or any other hate group. Violence will never win."

"The greatest tribute you can pay to Carole is to be calm, be lovely, be kind, be innocent."

The child was buried at Shadow Lawn Cemetery.

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In 'open letter'— Women deplore church bombing

News Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, Sept. 18—A national women's group—representing 50 million members of more than 300 organizations—today addressed an "open letter" to the women of Birmingham.

It said that women everywhere share the grief for innocent children killed in the church bombing last Sunday.

THE LETTER said that all women are aroused by the tragedy in Birmingham, and that the time has come for women to care about, and to build "the kind of world we want for children—white or yellow, red or black."

The group, "The National Women's Committee for Civil Rights," was formed here on July 9 following a conference with President Kennedy at the White House. Its co-chairmen are Mrs. Douglas Horton, former president of Wellesley College and former head of the Navy's Waves, and Mrs. William B. Harris, assistant professor at Howard University Law School.

TEXT of the letter follows:
"To the women of Birmingham, —in memory of Sept. 15, 1963:

"It is not only you who grieve that your strong city was besmudged with blood of innocent young girls and boys. From East to West and North to South, the women of America are aroused by your distress.

"Perhaps your children died that we might see the tragedy

of our hate. Perhaps they died to make us know that women, blessed with motherhood, must rise in might to safeguard youth from bombs and guns and awful weapons of brute force.

"We have too long accepted passively the fact of racial bigotry. The privileged among us took good fortune as their right. The under-privileged accepted deprivation as their fate. But this has changed since we have seen that children, women's special care, have now become the victims of our apathy.

"The time has come to care about the kind of world we want for children—white or yellow, red or black. The time is now to build that kind of world.

"It must be built in genuine respect for all mankind, not to scorn or condescension but respect. It must be built on trust in freedom as the right of men, regardless of their race. It will require laws to guarantee this right. It will require effort to adjust our lives to new relationships with people previously unknown. It calls for courage to speak out for justice and for love.

"Let it be comfort that your tragedy has been a clarion call to women everywhere to arouse themselves to build that better world."

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Justice Dept. aide urges hiring Negro policemen

BY JAMES FREE, News Washington correspondent

WASHINGTON, Sept. 18—Birmingham is still virtually in a state of shock from last Sunday's bombing, and the critical need is to establish communications and mutual confidence between Negroes and whites.

This is the view of the Justice Department. Its chief civil rights trouble-shooter, Burke Marshall, has strongly urged the hiring of Negro policemen in Birmingham as the first step.

Marshall, head of the Civil Rights Division, has noted that many Negroes lack confidence in Birmingham city police and actually fear Alabama state police. He has suggested to city officials and white civic leaders that appointment of some Negro policemen would change the attitude of local Negroes toward all-white city and county law enforcement authorities.

MARSHALL RETURNED here Tuesday afternoon, after a three-day visit to Birmingham. He went there by plane Sunday, after the church bombing in which four Negro girls were killed.

A department official said Marshall had reported to Atty. Gen. Robert Kennedy, and that they agreed it would be neither legal nor logical to send federal troops to Birmingham, as Negro leaders there have proposed.

The official noted that local and state police have the situation under control, and that several hundred National Guardsmen are in reserve.

"Certainly federal troops could patrol the streets," the official said, "but this would not solve anything. What would happen after they left?"

The official said that as far as he knew, no city official had offered to deal with the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. or Fred

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by an official. The official said the situation is a deadlock, the officials said. Some whites "make an effort," he added, and the newspapers, radio and television stations, and some politicians, are moving toward recognizing that the whites must deal with Negro claims for racial justice.

Meanwhile, both Negroes and whites reacted first with horror and later with fear to the bombing. The official said Negroes have set up their own armed patrols in their section of town for protection against further bombing.

The FBI has received and gathered some information on the bombing, but the official said it is too early to tell whether this might lead to the killers.

If the "chasm" between the races cannot be bridged, the official said tensions and incidents may continue and some persons fear that this may lead to whites and Negroes shooting at each other, the official said.

He said there is no reason to fear a large-scale race riot is imminent, that leaders of both races are counseling against violence.

THE DANGER lies in indefinite continuation of the present distrust, suspicion and fear, the official explained. Solutions, he said, must be worked out locally.

"The city of Birmingham must be run by the people of Birmingham," he said. "The cure will have to come from there."

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Judge Allgood On Law, Courts

U. S. District Judge Clarence Allgood is a native of Birmingham. It was in that capacity as much as in his official role as federal judge that he spoke to a special Grand Jury Monday. He spoke for most of his fellow citizens when he said he was "sickened" by the Sunday bombing of a Negro church in which four young girls died and many others were injured.

Judge Allgood called the crime a "blackening sin against humanity." It is to Birmingham's and Alabama's everlasting disgrace that conditions existed here which were conducive to such an atrocity.

"In recent weeks," this federal judge said in his charge to the jury, "we have witnessed what amounts to mockery of our laws, a mockery by those who would cut the very roots of our American system of justice: who in so doing would starve the growth of our way of life, and snuff out human life with insane fury and irrationality."

This was not a "Northern busy-body," a "do-gooder" with no conception of Southern conditions. This was a Southerner, an Alabamian, outraged by the horrible thing which had come to pass.

The deep and abiding tragedy of this and other acts of violence is that those who commit them do so in defense of what they conceive to be a "Southern tradition." Nothing could be further from the ideals of our beloved region, and those who think so are the ones who least understand what that tradition is.

"Those who resort to this type of violence in the pious name of freedom and tradition blaspheme their neighbor, their country and their God," Judge Allgood said. "If they think that in their insane frenzy they are serving the cause of segregation, they are traitors to their cause. They do the South a disservice and will be condemned by all decent thinking people."

Judge Allgood charged jurors to indict those who have broken the law by obstructing or attempting to obstruct execution of court orders.

"It is not just the order of this court that is entitled to respect and obedience," he said, "it is the lawful order of any court, the decision of the justice of the peace, the verdict

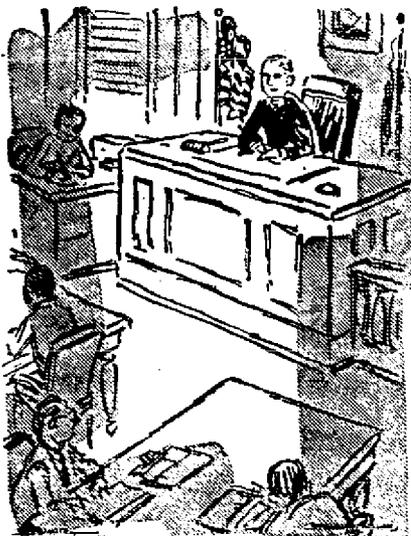
of the jury in the circuit court in your home county, the decree of your circuit judge and the decision of the Supreme Court of this state.

"If the order of this court, or of any court, is allowed to be illegally and forcibly flouted by irresponsible agitators, a chink in the mortar which supports the keystone of our system of justice has occurred, and when the keystone falls from the structure, the wall will collapse and mankind will take a giant step backward.

"This Grand Jury is not an instrument of social change; it is the protector and vindicator of the system of law and order which is our strength and our shield."

It was a solemn charge by a troubled man to similarly troubled men to take action to eliminate some of the conditions in which tragedy is rooted.

It deserves widest attention and respect.



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BOMBING REWARD TOPS \$76,000

*JFK, Negro
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The reward fund for the arrest and conviction of Birmingham bombers passed \$76,000 today and still was climbing.

Spokesmen said \$76,217 has been subscribed to the fund with clerics and City hall clerks still counting

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The announcement came as The White House announced that President Kennedy will discuss the Birmingham racial situation with six Negro leaders in Washington Thursday.

In another development, a resolution before Congress today asks the President to declare Sunday a national day of mourning for four Negro children who died in the bombing of their church last Sunday.

ALMOST \$19,000 has been pledged to the reward sum since it was announced last Friday that \$57,437 had been raised.

An all-out campaign by Birmingham religious organizations has been instrumental in the fund's surpassing the \$50,000 reward target proposed by City Council.

Although leaders of all faiths who helped put the fund "over the top" have officially completed their task, a spokesman said, "We hope citizens of the community will voluntarily keep giving until the reward fund reaches \$100,000 as a sign to the whole world that we are not letting these insane bombers continue to endanger lives."

It was earlier said that "this is not an intergration fund. It is a fund to stop lawlessness."

Three homes, a church, a department store and motel have been bombed in recent months. Four Negro children were killed and other persons injured in the latest bombing Sunday at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

Today's breakdown on reward subscriptions showed that \$37,500 has been pledged through religious organizations, \$23,717 through City Hall, \$10,000 by Gov. George C. Wallace (\$5,000 in the May bombing of the A. D. King home and \$5,000 in Sunday's church bombing) and \$5,000 by A. G. Gaston (earmarked for conviction of persons who bombed his home).

A minister said all pledges were made over the signatures of responsible persons.

ONE NOTE accompanying a reward contribution made through a clergyman said, "You're to be commended for your cause and let's all hope that these horrible acts can be stopped."

A pledge sent to City Council was signed, "God bless you."

PERSONS WISHING to swell the fund should telephone 323-5431, Extension 266, or write to "Reward Fund," City Hall.

IN BALTIMORE, Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin ordered all city flags flown at half-staff and urged residents of the Maryland city to observe the day as one of commemoration of the four children.

"We cannot bring back the little girls who were blasted from their young lives because of their color but we can and must dedicate ourselves to the task of assuring that they did not die in vain," the mayor said.

NEGRO LEADERS who will confer with the President are the Rev. Martin Luther King, the Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, his deputy; A. G. Gaston, Birmingham businessman who has been a bomb target; Dr. Lucius Pitts, president of Miles College; Bishop H. I. Murchison and the Rev. J. L. Ware.

ASSISTANT SENATE Majority Leader Robert H. Humphrey and three other senators offered the resolution calling for a national day of mourning.

Funeral services for three of the slain girls were at 3:30 this afternoon. Last rites for Carole Rosamond Robertson, the fourth girl to die, were held Tuesday. National Negro leaders, including Roy Wilkins, executive secretary of the National Association of Advancement of Colored People, attended the funeral.

The Rev. John H. Cross, pastor of the bombed Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, spoke at the funeral of the Robertson child.

HE SAID THE ruthless murderer who killed her "did not only bomb the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, did not only kill these lovely innocent girls, but somehow the whole world was shaken. People everywhere died."

While the city mourned, federal investigations moved forward on two fronts. FBI agents continued their search for clues in the bombing, and a U.S. District Court grand jury investigated possible organized interference with court-ordered school desegregation here.

The girls were among six young Negroes killed Sunday. Police shot a Negro youth while pursuing rock-throwers, and two white youths are charged with shooting a 13-year-old Negro boy.

A JEFFERSON COUNTY Criminal Court hearing on first degree murder charges is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday for Michael Lee Parley and Larry Joe Sims, both 18.

The two Eagle Scouts were returning home from a segregation

rally when they met two Negro brothers on a bicycle and Virgil Ware was killed. Sims, accused of shooting him twice with a pistol, said he thought one of the brothers was holding a rock.

Crowds demonstrated outside the U. S. Embassy in Kampala, Uganda, and sympathy protests were held throughout this country.

Union sales clerks in 2,000 metropolitan New York stores scheduled brief memorial services.

A RESOLUTION submitted to Congress asked President Kennedy to set aside next Sunday the 101st anniversary of the Emancipation Proclamation announcement as a day of mourning for the four girls.

Assistant U. S. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall flew back to Washington to report to U. S. Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy on progress of the FBI investigation.

DEBRIS AND OTHER materials collected at the church are being packed and sent to the FBI laboratory in Washington for examination.

The FBI effort is called its most intense since the pursuit of bank robber John Dillinger in the 1930s.

As the first funeral was held, hundreds of letters and telegrams of sympathy, along with some cash donations, poured in to the wrecked church.

The Rev. Cross said the official board of the church met Tuesday night and voted to launch its own fund-raising drive.

Formation of a Rebuilding Fund Committee was announced by Samuel O'Neal, a trustee of the

church. O'Neal said contributions to the fund may be mailed to Rebuilding Fund, Citizens Federal Savings and Loan Association, 1523 Fifth Ave. North.

Birmingham radio and television stations WBRC and WBRC-TV started a fund-raising campaign to replace the shattered windows of the sanctuary as a memorial to the four children.

Seven Orlando, Fla., ministers announced start of a non-sectarian fund for use in rebuilding the church.

IN THE British Isles, the Welsh newspaper, Western Mail, urged an international campaign to replace one of the bombed-out stained glass windows. The work would be done by a Welsh artist.

Expressions of grief for the death and suffering caused by the bomb ringed the world.

At Washington, all 10 members of Alabama's congressional delegation called the bombing "a heartless criminal atrocity" and "a blot on the name of our fair state."

AFTER MARSHALL'S return to Washington a Justice Department spokesman said a chasm exists between white persons and Negroes in Birmingham, and they have no communication with one another.

When newsmen asked what was the greatest danger in the city, the spokesman replied he supposed it was that everyone would begin shooting at one another.

School attendance, which dropped sharply the day after the bombing, climbed sharply Tuesday. High school attendance was 83 per cent of the total registration and was 83 per cent at West End, hit by a student

classroom boycott, was not included.

SCHOOL OFFICIALS said West End attendance was 784 out of a normal enrollment of 1,442 — a gain of 268 over Monday and the largest number in classes since class-cutting began.

Meanwhile, a mass meeting was told papers incorporating an organization of parents of students boycotting schools are to be filed in Probate Court today.

WEST END Parents For Private Schools, Incorporated, plans to organize and operate a private high school.

State Rep. Malcolm Bethea acted as spokesman after the closed meeting, which he said was attended by about 800 persons. Eighty to 90 per cent were parents of West End students, he added.

Bethea said representatives of the organization have hired a public relations firm and certified public accountant, and conferred with Dr. Austin Meadows, state superintendent of education.

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Unkind Cut

We do not understand motivation of an editorial in *The Andalusia Star-News*, a splendid weekly in South Alabama usually with balanced, if often acid, comment.

Last week the paper referred to Birmingham's difficulties, church bombing, and police and FBI work toward uncovering the criminals. Said the *Star-News* "... it is certainly very apparent that the investigative arms of the peace officers, that are commanded by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, are accomplishing nothing."

More: "Every day that goes by, without some arrests in Birmingham by the federal agents, casts a heavy shadow of doubt about the efficiency of the FBI. . . . The Kennedy men have taken over in Birmingham, with local and state authorities having a minimum of jurisdiction."

These statements are patently false or misleading and they malign not only dedicated FBI agents but the interests of Birmingham. No one is taken over. This is a city where we regret the murder of Dr. King and sympathize about our country and the rest of this state.

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In Rights Cases

FBI Operates Only Under Justice Dept. Orders

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WASHINGTON — The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been "caught in the middle" in the angry protests that have arisen following the fatal Sept. 14 bombing of a Birmingham, Ala. church.

Four Negro girls were killed in the blast.

FBI agents began an investigation of the church explosion immediately and Friday it was announced that the agents and sheriff's men have determined that the bomb was planted beneath the church steps and was not thrown from a passing car, as originally reported. Their investigation is continuing.

"We have to solve this one," said one FBI agent.

In the indignation over the explosion, however, a number of Negro and civil rights leaders have accused the FBI of failing to act in civil rights incidents. Since Jan. 1, 1959, there have been 46 bombings in Alabama, 19 in Birmingham.

Under the Civil Rights Act of 1960 the FBI cannot investigate such incidents without direct orders from the Department of Justice, regardless of requests for help from local authorities.

FBI records show that in each of the 46 Alabama bombings,

agents reported the facts to the Department of Justice. In only five cases was the FBI ordered to investigate. The Birmingham church blast was the latest and there FBI men acted immediately because of the fatalities involved.

The other four incidents under FBI study — all in Birmingham — were the two May 11 bombings of the home of the Rev. A. D. W. King, brother of the Rev. Martin Luther King; the May 11 blast at the Gaston Motel and the Sept. 4 bombing of the home of A. D. Shores.

"The FBI jurisdiction (under the 1960 Civil Rights Act) is very limited and is not intended to supplant local and state authority," said one source. "At all times it operates directly under instructions from the Department of Justice."

No arrests have been reported in the bombings in Birmingham, but FBI agents have been successful in a series of investigations involving civil rights violence.

Arrests were made after investigation of two Negro church burnings in 1962 in Terrell County, Ga., and another at Leesburg, Ga. Nine men were arrested after FBI investigation of the burning of a Greyhound bus near Anniston, Ala., in 1961. The bus was carrying members of the Congress for Racial Equality on a so-called "Freedom Ride."

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FBI Piecing Together Church-Bombing Clues

By MIRIAM OTTENBERG
Star Staff Writer

FBI laboratory experts are now working around the clock on a mass of fragments and other debris collected at the scene of last Sunday's church bombing in Birmingham, Ala.

But scientific work has not yet reached the stage where the FBI can say definitely whether the explosives were planted in the church or thrown from a passing car.

That was the FBI's comment on a statement in Birmingham yesterday by United States Attorney Macon L. Weaver that investigation showed a "high order explosive" planted under the steps of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church caused the fatal blast.

Search Debris

The FBI laboratory sleuths are seeking more than how the explosives penetrated the church.

They are testing the debris for any evidence that might place a suspect on the scene or aid in identifying him later. This could be a book of matches, a cigarette from which saliva could be recovered and typed or a beer can with fingerprints on it.

More than a score of agents imported from all over the county to supplement the Birmingham FBI office have followed a methodical pattern in their crime scene search to preserve the chain of evidence.

The scene of the bombing has been drawn off and mapped. As the agents comb through the debris, they pick up with tweezers any fragment which might be material, scratch an identifying mark on their find, noting on their copies of the map the location of the find and the time of its discovery.

These notations are then copied onto the master map with the name of the agents who recovered the fragments in case they are later called to testify.

Placement of the fragments on the map is also part of the slow process of trying to re-

construct the crime in terms of the force and direction of the blast.

Although there have been approximately 46 bombings in Alabama — 19 in Birmingham alone — since January 1959, the church bombing is only the fifth such case where FBI agents have been told to make a full investigation.

Since the latest bombing, Negro leaders have been asking why the FBI hasn't delved into the other Alabama cases. Here is the explanation given by Federal authorities:

The Justice Department has taken the position that the primary jurisdiction for investigating the bombings remains with local authorities and that Congress wanted it that way when it passed the bombing sections of the Civil Rights Act of 1960.

Federal Violation

Under this act, it's a Federal violation to carry explosives across State lines with intent to use them to destroy property, for the purpose of interfering with its use for educational, religious, charitable, residential, business or civic purposes. Although the act is broad, the Justice Department has specifically told the FBI that no FBI investigation should be launched without special departmental authorization.

That directive applies even where local authorities request an FBI investigation.

Where local officials request help, the FBI informs the Justice Department to get an immediate decision. If there is no local request, the FBI presents the facts of the bombing to the department but doesn't go ahead with the investigation without department approval.

In an aggravated case like the church bombing, the FBI immediately launched a full scale investigation and told the department what it was doing. Of course, official approval was promptly forthcoming.

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Mayor Praises Officers

Mayor Albert Boutwell issued a statement late last night saying he hopes "this is a step in finding all of those responsible for the bombings and bringing them to justice."

The mayor's statement said: "I wish to compliment the success of the state investigative agencies and those who have worked with them, the Birmingham Police Dept., sheriff's office and the FBI, in making this much progress toward identifying those who may be responsible for any of the bombing atrocities."

"It is too early to say from the information that I have that those being held will be charged, but I do hope that this is a step in finding all of those responsible and bringing them to justice."

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Mrs. Holt Backs Hunt For Bombers

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (AP) — Mrs. Mary Lou Holt, secretary of the United Americans for Conservative Government, said today she had come here from Birmingham to discuss with officials the search for those responsible for the bombing of a Birmingham church Sept. 15.

Mrs. Holt flew to Washington on the same plane that brought a delegation of Birmingham civic leaders to a White House conference with President Kennedy.

She said she came to confer with Alabama Democratic Rep. George Huddleston Jr. and Sen. John Sparkman and Asst. U. S. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall.

In a statement today, Mrs. Holt said United Americans for Conservative Government "charges that only Martin Luther King and civil rights legislation could possibly gain from this tragedy.

"All citizens of Birmingham and Alabama are being unduly suppressed and jeopardized in this situation. Therefore, the members of this organization will continue to urge for an arrest of the person or persons responsible for this crime."

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Atlantans Help Bombed Church Here

ATLANTA, Oct. 4 (AP)—The Jewish Congregation in Atlanta has raised about \$3500 to help rebuild the bomb-damaged 16th Street Baptist Church in Birmingham, Ala., Rabbi Jacob Rothschild said today.

Writing in the Southern Israelite, he said, "We who have ourselves suffered such a loss are in a distinct position to understand what trials beset the Birmingham church."

"We remember, too," he continued, "the warmth and sharing of our troubles which came as a result of the spontaneous outpouring of sympathy and understanding, much of it translated into financial contributions."

The temple was damaged by a pre-dawn dynamite blast Oct. 12, 1958, but no one was injured.

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Two quizzed in state probe of blasts here

State Public Safety Director Col. Al Lingo today said two white men are being questioned about Birmingham bombings.

Lingo identified the men as R. E. Chambliss, 59, and Charles Cagle, 22, both of the Birmingham area, who were held without charge at the City Jail.

Those are the names of the men being held in connection with the bombings," the state official said.

State investigators took Chambliss and Cagle into custody Sunday night. They had been under surveillance by city, county and federal agents for about a week.

"We're not through yet," Lingo said. He added that he planned to sit in on further interrogation of the two.

He said a statement probably would be issued through the governor's office later in the day.

OFFICIALS OF local law enforcement agencies said the action of the state officers came as a surprise to them. The state officers said they did not consult with any local authorities before making the arrests.

Lingo told newsmen the state was conducting its investigation independently. He said "bits of information" had been passed between the groups, however.

ATTY. HOLLIS B. PARRISH Jr. said this afternoon he had been contacted by the family and had requested permission to be present at any further questioning of Chambliss.

"I just want to see that his constitutional rights are protected," said the attorney. He said he had not received a reply to his request, made to Lingo, Chief Jamie Moore, and Circuit Solicitor Emmett Perry.

Gov. George Wallace's office in Montgomery said about 9 p.m. Sunday that the governor expected action in connection with the Birmingham bombings within several hours.

WALLACE FLEW into Montgomery from Jacksonville, Fla., where he had a speaking engagement and his office latter announced two persons were in custody in Birmingham.

State investigators questioned the men at the patrol station in Midfield and refused to let newsmen within 30 yards of the building.

Lingo told reporters the men would be taken to Jefferson County jail. About 4 a.m. he said there had been a change in plans and the men would be taken to city jail. State troopers left the patrol station from the rear exit.

When the patrol car passed through the gates at city jail, the two prisoners inside shielded their faces with packaged shirts.

THEY WERE dressed in short-sleeved shirts and slacks.

Lingo said any announcement concerning the investigation would come from Gov. Wallace's office at Montgomery. He said a release probably would be forthcoming before noon.

The second statement from the governor's office Sunday night said:

"State investigators have taken into custody and are holding two persons in connection with the Birmingham bombings. Their identities are being withheld in the interest of the continuing investigation."

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Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore said he talked with Lingo and Maj. Bill Jones, of the state investigative division, by telephone this morning.

MOORE REPORTED they said they were holding the two men. Investigators of the Sixteenth Street bombing that killed four girls have been at a loss as to what kind of device was used to detonate a package of approximately 10 sticks of dynamite. The bomb was placed under the steps near the rear of the church and killed the four girls who were inside a dressing room just inside the rear basement wall.

About 20 persons in the church congregation were hurt by the blast. Two young Negroes were shot to death as an outgrowth of the bombing.

Ten days later two explosions, one a large shrapnel bomb, were set off in a Negro section on the Southside. No one was hurt but police described the bombs as "work of a fiend."

AN EXPLOSION with the estimated force of 10 sticks of dynamite occurred beneath concrete steps on the east side of the Sixteenth Street Church at 10:22 a.m. Sept. 15.

All the dead and injured were in the basement of the church. A task force of FBI officers, including bomb experts, joined local investigators the next day in a painstaking search of the area.

Several hundred pounds of debris and other material have been sent to the FBI laboratory at Washington for detailed examination and testing.

A Justice Department spokesman said the FBI effort to track down the bombers is the most intensive since the John Dillinger manhunt of the 1930s.

A REWARD FUND already had been started for arrest and conviction of a tear gas bomber who injured more than 20 shoppers and employes at Loveman's several weeks earlier.

The fund has risen to about

\$80,000, of which \$15,000 has been earmarked for solution of the Sixteenth Street Church murders.

A community-wide fund for funeral expenses and hospital bills of the dead and all the injured in the church bombing and its aftermath Sept. 15 now has reached more than \$5,000. Remaining funds will be used for restoration of damaged buildings.

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TWO PERSONS ARE ARRESTED FOR BIRMINGHAM BOMBINGS

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Identities Withheld

Wallace Says Probe Of Blasts Here Continuing

State investigators arrested two persons in connection with Birmingham bombings, Gov. George Wallace announced in Montgomery last night.

Shortly before 1 a.m. today, Wallace released this statement:

"State investigators have taken into custody and are holding two persons in connection with the Birmingham bombings.

Their identities are being withheld in the interest of the continuing investigation.

Bill Jones, Governor Wallace's press secretary, said he could not say whether the two persons were white or Negro; where they were arrested, where they were being held, or where they were from.

"All I can tell you is what was in the governor's statement," said Jones.

Jones said he could not reveal which state investigators had made the arrests, or any information beyond the governor's short statement.

'Imminent'

Shortly after 8:30 p.m. last night, the governor's office released the word that an arrest in the bombing case was "imminent."

They said that an arrest would be made "within a few hours," and intimated that the arrest would come last night, at some time.

The hours dragged away toward midnight, as newsmen gathered at the governor's office in Montgomery.

A group of newsmen met the governor as he flew into the airport at Montgomery, coming from a speech-making trip to Jacksonville, Fla.

Wallace would not comment on the arrest at this time. He left the airport and went to the governor's mansion, as tension mounted and midnight approached.

About 12:30 p.m. last night, officials in the governor's office were meeting, contacting Wallace at the mansion by telephone.

Newsmen said state photographers were setting up movie equipment at the governor's office, indicating that the governor was coming into his office from the mansion shortly.

The announcement puzzled local law enforcement officers, who said they knew nothing of it, or did not comment at all.

Al Lingo, Wallace's Public Safety Director, was registered at the St. Francis Motel in Birmingham, but his room did not answer.

There were reports, unconfirmed, that the persons were being held at Kilby Prison in Montgomery but prison officials said they had no knowledge of anyone being held there in connection with the bombing.

The governor's statement did not make clear whether the persons were being held in connection with the bombing of the 16th Street Baptist Church.

The announcement could have referred to any of a number of bombings here, including the bombing of Atty. Arthur Shores' home, the A. G. Gaston Motel last May, or a bombing on Birmingham's Southside last week.

Two weeks ago, a bomb shattered the basement of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church here, killing four Negro girls and wounding many more.

When asked to comment on Gov. Wallace's announcement, agent in charge Ray Falst of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said: "My office has absolutely no comment on the statement or the contents of the statement."

Chief Jamie Moore of the Birmingham Police Dept. spoke in blunter terms.

He said: "The Birmingham Police Dept. knows absolutely nothing about any arrests being imminent in the bombing. Any such announcement comes as a complete surprise to me."

Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey, whose office has been working along with federal, state, and city investigators, could not be reached for comment, but unofficial sources from Sheriff's office said that the statement "was news to them."

FBI experts who scoured the wreckage of the church determined that the bomb was planted in the basement of the building. It went off when about 400 Negroes were in the building.

It touched off sporadic violence that lasted far into the night and left two more Negro youths dead.

Negro leaders, headed by the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. called for restraint from Negroes and troops from the Federal government after the bombing. They claimed there had been a breakdown of law and order.

Negro and civic leaders from Birmingham rushed to meetings with President Kennedy following the bombing. As a result, Kennedy sent in former Army Football Coach Earl (Red) Blaik and former Army Secretary Kenneth Royall to try to help negotiate their differences.

The bombing was one of more than 20 in Birmingham since 1957, and was the first to take a life. The latest bombing came last week. A bomb went off in the early morning in a Negro district.

Unlike the past several bombings, it attracted no crowd of angry Negroes. Police said it was intended to do so, however, because 13 minutes later a shrapnel bomb exploded a few feet away, shearing off a telephone pole and sending nails and bolts whistling through the area. No one was there and no one was hurt.

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WCRT fund pays rock victim's bill

A fund campaign by Radio Station WCRT paid the hospital bill of Dennis Earl Robertson, white youth struck by a rock in disturbances following the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

The station raised more than \$6,500 for the youth's medical bills. Funds in excess of the bills was turned over to the family, station officials said.

Another fund campaign, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund, is providing money for medical expenses of persons treated or hospitalized following the bombing.

A check from that fund also was sent to Carraway Methodist Hospital and Norwood Clinic for Robertson's medical expenses.

However, the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund has authorized hospitals to pay to the individuals or families any money which was sent by the fund for hospital bills which already had been paid.

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Chambliss, Cagle face dynamite count

A third man was brought into a state investigation this afternoon as formal charges—misdemeanors—were placed against two men held since Sunday night in City Jail.

Robert E. Chambliss and Charles Cagle were charged with possessing dynamite without a permit in warrants signed by Public Safety Director Al Lingo.

Lingo said a similar charge would be placed against a third man yet to be arrested.

Lingo signed the warrants shortly before Chambliss was to have had a habeas corpus hearing before Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson.

Bond on the misdemeanor charges were expected to be fixed at \$500.

A HABEAS CORPUS hearing also had been set for 10 a.m. Wednesday for Cagle, 22, of Gardendale.

Chambliss, who gave 2505 32nd Ave., North, as his address, is represented by Attorney Hollis L. Parrish and Cagle by Attorney Matt Murphy.

Chambliss had said after being picked up by state investigators that he didn't need a lawyer, and had agreed to submit to a lie detector test.

Polygraph experts were beginning such an examination Monday night, but halted it when Chambliss fell asleep in his chair. A second attempt had been scheduled for today.

Col. Al Lingo, director of the Department of Public Safety, asked Police Chief Jamie Moore to give the lie detector test.

POLICE RAN a preliminary lie detector test on Chambliss, a truck driver, late Monday but decided against further testing when he showed signs of fatigue.

BIRMINGHAM police, Jefferson County sheriff's officers and the FBI awaited outcome of the dramatically announced arrests. These law agencies had been in-

vestigating the arrested persons and offers for more than a week before their arrest.

The two men were held in seclusion at the state patrol office at Midfield until Gov. Wallace's office could make the announcement.

They were questioned about five hours, then whisked to Birmingham City Jail where they were booked: "Hold for investigation."

Lingo and his top officers conferred with Chief Moore, Jefferson Sheriff Mel Bailey and others late Monday at City Hall. The state asked for assistance.

An investigation by city, county and federal authorities into the bombings is continuing.

Federal authorities had no official comment on the action taken by Wallace or Lingo's request for city and county assistance.

It was clear, too, that the arrests have not stopped the intensive FBI investigation into recent Birmingham bombings, including the explosion Sept. 15 at a Negro church.

Generally, it was well known among local (and apparently state) law enforcement agencies, that the FBI was making significant progress in its investigation.

BUT TO what lengths this investigation had gone and how much evidence collected, if any, by the federal agents was a mystery evidently even to state investigators.

There has not been the slightest hint either of another recall of the special grand jury which has already expressed a desire to look into possible federal law violation.

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We got jump on Kennedy crowd, governor says

BY HUGH W. SPARROW
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Oct. 1 — Gov. George C. Wallace remained silent today as to what, if anything, has resulted from the questioning of two Jefferson County men by state officers in connection with the Birmingham Negro church bombing investigation. The governor Monday voiced no special claim. He said, "we certainly beat the Kennedy crowd on the punch."

Gov. Wallace thus implied that if the state had not detained R. E. Chambliss and Charles Cagle for questioning, other probe agencies probably would have taken the step.

HIS COMMENT, moreover, added impetus to reports heard here that the four investigating groups — state, city, county and federal — may be operating independently to a large extent in the current investigation.

Gov. Wallace said investigators headed by Col. Al Lingo of the State Department of Public Safety phoned him Sunday and in his conversation indicated it might be advisable to hold certain persons.

"I told them," he said, "they were experienced investigators and that if they thought action should be taken to go ahead."

At first the governor said he knew very little of developments following the questioning of the two men in Birmingham. Later, after conferring with his legal adviser, Cecil Jackson, who has been in contact with Lingo and his men, Gov. Wallace said the investigators did not want to make public at this time what they have found.

Gov. Wallace took time out from a busy schedule to sample the day's collection of incoming "fan mail." With one or two exceptions the newly arrived letters from many points in the United States were strongly favorable. Some of the letters contained small bills and checks as a contribution to the governor's "fight for states' rights."

Gov. Wallace smiled broadly when an office aide showed him a copy of an automobile bumper sticker recently appearing on cars in this area. It said "Wallace for President."

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Church Loss, Unestimated, Pastor Says

The Rev. J. H. Cross, pastor of the bomb-torn Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, yesterday said that no estimate has been made of damages to the church and no settlement had been made between church officials and an insurance company.

The Post-Herald earlier in the week had quoted Bill Hamilton, executive secretary to Mayor Albert Boutwell, as saying damages to the church totaled "\$44,700 on a \$100,000 building."

Cross also said that no contract has been let to any particular contractor for renovation work.

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Dynamite cases to go to city court

Three white men, free on bond after being charged Tuesday with illegal possession of dynamite, face trial in Birmingham Recorder's Court at 1:30 p.m. next Tuesday.

Robert E. Chambliss, 39, Charles Cagle, 22, and John Wesley Hall, 36, were released on \$300 bond each Tuesday afternoon soon after the warrants were sworn out by State Public Safety Director A. Lingo.

Chambliss, 2505 32nd Ave. North, is a truck driver. Hall lives on Gardendale Route 3, and Cagle's address is listed as Gardendale. Hall also is a truck driver.

CHAMBLISS AND Cagle were arrested Sunday night by state investigators. Gov. George Wallace announced they were taken into custody in connection with the Birmingham bombings.

Hall was arrested Tuesday afternoon.

Lingo filed the charges shortly before a habeas corpus hearing for Chambliss at 3 p.m. Tuesday before Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson.

Chambliss' attorney, Hollis Parrish, petitioned for the hearing on the grounds that the state had pressed no charges against Chambliss since his arrest, and that he should be released if no charges were going to be filed.

AS THE 20-minute hearing opened, Assistant City Atty. Wil-

liam Thompson recommended bond be set at \$300. Parrish had no objection to bond for that amount.

Judge Gibson asked if a hold-over of any sort would prevent Chambliss from being freed.

Thompson replied, "We don't know, of course, what the future will bring. But there is nothing now to prevent him from making bond."

Lingo told Judge Gibson that the state had turned Chambliss over to city authorities. The charge placed against him and Cagle and Hall is violation of Section 464 of the Birmingham City Code, and is a misdemeanor.

Maximum penalty for conviction on a charge of illegal possession of explosives is \$100 and costs and 180 days in jail.



R. E. CHAMBLISS FREED ON \$300 BOND
Charged with illegal possession of explosives

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Fire marshal examining dynamite

Birmingham Deputy Fire Marshal W. E. Berry today was examining 133 sticks of dynamite discovered by state investigators near North Birmingham Tuesday night.

"We are stepping in the right direction. We are making progress," said State Public Safety Director Al Lingo in announcing the find.

Lingo said the cache was found hidden under some bushes outside the city limits, but did not pinpoint the location. He added that 2 1/2 sticks were found nearby in a sack.

The public safety director said a "subject" led him to the dynamite late Tuesday afternoon.

Lingo released a statement which said:

"State investigators recovered a quantity of dynamite in a wooded area near the city limits of Birmingham. City detectives participated in the seizure. The dynamite was released to the city fire marshal's office. This dynamite was found in the continuance of the investigation of Birmingham bombings."

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Bomb victims medical bills paid by Fund

Hospital bills for 15 persons injured in the Sept. 15 bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church or the aftermath of the bombing have been paid.

Bishop George M. Murray, chairman of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund, announced today that checks to cover hospital bills have been mailed to the University Hospital, Hillman Clinic, Carraway Methodist Hospital and Norwood Clinic.

Bishop Murray said the bills totaled \$1,673.81.

One check went to Carraway Methodist Hospital to cover hospital bill for Dennis Earl Robertson, white youth who was struck in the head with a rock in the bombing aftermath. Another check went to the Norwood Clinic for his doctor bill. He has been released from the hospital.

ANOTHER CHECK went to the University Hospital and Hillman Clinic to cover the hospital expenses through last Saturday of Sara Collins, Negro girl who was injured at the church at the time of the bombing. Hospital attendants report that she has a permanent eye injury.

University Hospital officials said today that it is too early to determine the outcome of the Collins girl's condition, but that there is every hope she will retain useful vision.

The check sent to the University Hospital and Hillman Clinic also includes payment for outpatient treatment for one white woman injured in the aftermath of the bombing and 13 Negroes injured in the explosion at the church.

The white woman was Mrs. Polly Allen of 9011 South Elizabeth St., Chicago, who was struck by a rock or brick as she and her husband were driving through the city after the bombing on Sunday, Sept. 15.

The list treated at the outpatient clinic includes:

Lynn Cross (no address); Ella Demand, 307 18th Way SW; William L. Grier, 100 10th Court West; Georgia Johnson, 423 6th Ave. North; Jonathan Jones, 304 10th Ave. South; Geogia McCarter, 200 4th Ave. South; Joseph E. Parrish, 21 10th Ave. South; Lillian Pollard, 57 9th Ave. North; the Rev. J. H. Pullen, 6500 58th Ave. North; Willie Henry Smith, 401 7th St. Decena; Milton Stoltenverek, 315 10th Court North, and Lula Wilson, 5916 57th Ave. North.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS was authorized on behalf of the trustees by the executive committee composed of Bishop George M. Murray, chairman; Rabbi Milton Grafman, co-chairman; Robert T. Schlinkert, co-chairman, and Robert Fore, treasurer.

If any of the hospital bills have been paid prior to the time the check from the Sixteenth Street Baptist Memorial Fund is received, the hospitals have been authorized to pay to the individual or the families the entire amount or any portion which has been paid.

Bishop Murray said that other needs within the limits of the money will be met when they have been brought to the attention of the trustees.

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State Men Find Dynamite Cache

133 Sticks Reported Near City

Discovery Is Detailed By Al Lingo

Lingo hailed the discovery, stating that "we are stepping in the right direction, we are making progress."

The discovery was made shortly before dark.

Lingo's statement said: "State investigators recovered a quantity of dynamite in a wooded area near the city limits of Birmingham. City detectives participated in the seizure. The dynamite was released to the city fire marshal's office.

"This dynamite was found in the continuance of the investigation of Birmingham bombings."

Contacted last night and questioned about how the dynamite was found, Lingo said a "subject" carried him to the place where the dynamite was found.

State investigators found a large quantity of dynamite last night which was hidden in a wooded area just outside the Birmingham city limits.

The investigation was headed by Al Lingo, director of the State Department of Public Safety. Lingo said the dynamite sticks were found hidden under some bushes outside the city.

However the exact location of the dynamite was not released.

Lingo said, whoever placed the sticks there was obviously trying to hide them.

He said 133 sticks of dynamite were found in one wooden crate and two and a half sticks were found lying loose.

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Trio Charged With Having Explosives

Third Man Taken Into Custody; All Are Released On Bond

Three men, two of whom were arrested Sunday in connection with Birmingham bombings, were released from jail here yesterday after being charged with illegal possession of explosives in violation of the Birmingham City Code.

A third man arrested yesterday afternoon was identified as John Wesley Hall, 36, of Gardendale Rt. 3. He was released last night from City Jail after posting \$300 bond.

Robert E. Chambliss, 59, of 2505 2nd-av. n. and Charles Cagle, 22, booked on open charges three days ago, were released earlier in the day on \$300 bonds each.

Chambliss' release followed the service upon him of an arrest warrant on a misdemeanor charge shortly before a habeas corpus hearing this half at 3 p.m. before Circuit Judge Wallace Gibson.

Chambliss' attorney, J. B. Parish, said the petition was filed late into the afternoon to file charges, release the men or go into an open hearing and explain why they should not be released.

He said he had not been permitted to talk with his client since his arrest.

The lawyer charged in the petition that Chambliss was being illegally restrained and deprived of access to his own lawyer and counsel.

Judge Gibson on learning that a charge had been placed against Chambliss then set the case for a hearing commencing Monday.

Assistant City Atty. William Thompson said he had no objection to Chambliss' release, when

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Chambliss' lawyer quickly announced "we have no objection to that."

Judge Gibson inquired if there was a holdover of any kind which would keep the defendant from being released, to which Thompson replied, "we don't know, of course, what the future will bring, but there is nothing now to prevent him from making bond."

Although both Birmingham Police Chief Jamie Moore and State Highway Director Al Lingo had been named in the habeas petition, E. Thompson explained he did not represent Lingo since the highway director had turned the defendant into the custody of city police.

Chambliss, tieless and looking haggard and tired, was brought to the court room by Birmingham Police Capt. Glenn Evans and State Investigator Ben Allen.

Crowd Jams Courtroom

A crowd of spectators, including Circuit Solicitor Emmett Perry, a number of employes from the courthouse and several reporters, jammed the court room for the short proceeding.

At that time records, Hall, the last person arrested in an intense investigation of the bombings here, was picked up by Birmingham Detective W. F. Gladden and Lt. R. W. Godwin, investigators in the State Department

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Public Safety.
He will be tried in Recorder's Court at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday along with Chambliss and Cagle, it was reported.

They are charged with possession of dynamite in violation of Section 464 of the Birmingham General City Code. Bond for Hall was set at \$300.

The trio is charged with a misdemeanor that carries a maximum penalty of \$100 and costs and 180 days in jail. Their arrests were forecast Sunday night in an announcement from the governor's office which stated that they were in connection with recent bombings.

Hall was arrested several times in the 40's on vagrancy charges and was convicted of theft from an interstate shipment in 1950 and placed on five-year probation, records show.

The entire investigation and all releases concerning it has been directly under Al Lingo, director of public safety.

Lingo refused to comment on where the offense occurred, but it is apparent that it occurred within the city of Birmingham or it would not be within the jurisdiction of Recorder's Court judges.

It was apparent that a general letdown feeling existed among law enforcement officials, other than state, after Lingo announced that the three men would be tried for a misdemeanor when they were expecting solutions in a murderous church blast and numerous other dangerous explosions at homes and churches.



FREE ON BOND —
Charles Cagle.



RELEASED —John Hall, the third man arrested for possession of dynamite in connection with Birmingham bombing, was released on \$300 bond.



HEARING COMPLETED — Robert E. Chambliss (center), one of two men held since Sunday in connection with Birmingham bombings, is shown leaving Jefferson County Courthouse following a habeas corpus hearing. He was released on \$300 bond after being charged with illegal possession of explosives. With Chambliss are Glenn Evans (left), of the Birmingham Police Dept. and Ben Allen, state investigator. Evans participated in giving Chambliss a lie detector test yesterday.

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2 More Convicted In Dynamite Cases

Both Appeal After Getting Maximum Sentences Of 6 Months, \$100 Fines

BY BILL MOBLEY

Two men convicted of illegal possession of dynamite yesterday in Recorder's Court have appealed their fines and jail sentences to Circuit Court.

Robert E. Chambliss, 59, 2505 32nd av. n; and John Wesley Hall, 36, Gardendale, were given maximum penalties of \$100 and 60 days and 180 days in jail by Judge Earl Langner.

A third man, Charles A. Cagle, 22, Rt. 1, Box 205 Gardendale, was given an identical sentence Tuesday. All three men were charged jointly in the same case.

In a written confession which was introduced as evidence, Cagle told State Investigators, Capt. Willie B. Painter and Capt. R. W. Godwin that he saw John Wesley Hall take a box from the trunk of Chambliss's car on the night of Sept. 4.

He said he showed Hall where to hide the case of dynamite in Gardendale, and the investigators were later taken to the spot by Cagle.

The three men, all with Ku Klux Klan backgrounds, were arrested in the wake of several racial bombings including one which killed four Negro girls as they attended Sunday school.

The three men were freed on \$300 appeal bond.

The three men were arrested on the night of Sept. 29 a few hours after Governor George Wallace made an announcement that "arrests were imminent" in connection with recent bombings in Birmingham.

Confession Told

Maj. Bill Jones, head of state investigators, testified that Chambliss admitted to officers that he bought a case of dynamite Sept. 4, the morning prior to the bombing of Negro Attorney Arthur Shores' home.

Jones quoted Chambliss, a truck driver, as saying he bought the explosive to blast stumps on property where the KKK planned to erect a building.

Jones said that Cagle later led the investigators to an area in Gardendale where 133 sticks of dynamite were found in an open case.

Hills Parrish Jr., attorney for

Chambliss, argued that the state failed to prove that Chambliss had possession of dynamite or that his house was located within the city limits. Parrish also said that State Public Safety Director Albert J. Lingo and other officers refused to discuss the matter with him, and that he was not allowed to see Chambliss.

Story Changed

Investigators testified that Chambliss at the time of his arrest denied ownership of the dynamite, but changed his story three days later and admitted making the purchase.

Matt Murphy Jr., attorney for Cagle and Hall, predicted his clients would be freed when their cases are put before a county court.

Judge Langner conceded most of the evidence was circumstantial, but said he felt there was a sufficient proof that the three had possessed dynamite without a permit.

Langner heard the trials without a jury. None of the defendants took the stand and the defense attorneys called no witnesses.



FINED—John W. Hall.



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Chambliss, Hall Cagle free on bond to appeal dynamite possession verdicts

Three Birmingham area men are appealing six-month jail sentences and fines of \$100 each following conviction in Recorder's Court of illegal possession of dynamite.

Free on \$300 appeal bonds are Robert E. Chambliss, 59, of 2505 1/2 Ave., North; John W. Hall, 57, Gardendale, and Charles Cagle, 22, Gardendale.

Judge Earl Langner imposed maximum sentences on Chambliss and Hall Wednesday after meeting out the same punishment for Cagle Tuesday night.

None of the defendants took the stand and defense attorneys called no witnesses.

The state based much of its case on an alleged statement signed by Cagle in which he said he saw Hall take a box from the trunk of Chambliss' car on the night of Sept. 4.

CAGLE WAS QUOTED as saying he showed Hall where to hide the dynamite. Investigators testified that Cagle led them to the spot where the dynamite was hidden.

(Ma) Bill Jones, head of state investigators, testified that Chambliss admitted to officers that he bought a case of dynamite Sept. 4.

Jones said Chambliss contended he bought the dynamite to blast stumps on property where the Ku Klux Klan planned to erect a building.

Chambliss also said the man who sold him the case of dynamite gave him three loose sticks of the explosive, according to Jones.

Jones said Cagle later led the investigators to an area at Gardendale where 133 sticks of dynamite were found in an open case. Two and one-half sticks of the explosive were found in a paper sack nearby, he said.

HOLLIS PARRISH JR., attorney for Chambliss, argued that it had not been proved that his client had possession of the dynamite.

Investigators had testified that Chambliss, at the time of his arrest, denied ownership of the dynamite but that three days later admitted making the purchase.

Judge Langner said he realized most of the evidence was circumstantial but that he felt there was sufficient proof the three had had dynamite in their possession without having a permit.

During the Cagle trial Tuesday, Capt. R. W. Godwin of the

state's investigation division testified that Hall told him that he (Hall) and Cagle hid a case of dynamite in a wooded area the night of Sept. 4.

The state introduced a signed statement by Cagle corroborating Hall's oral account.

Chambliss and Cagle were arrested by state investigators the night of Sept. 29. Hall was arrested later.

IN JUDGE LANGNER'S court Tuesday night, prosecuting attorney William Thompson added a charge of aiding and abetting in illegal possession of dynamite to each defendant.

Capt. Godwin testified that Hall and Cagle admitted attending a Ku Klux Klan rally at Bessemer Sept. 4 and afterward gathered at Cash's Barbecue on Third Avenue North. That was the night Negro attorney Arthur Shores' home was bombed.

Hall and Cagle said they listened to a Birmingham police radio report of the bombing of Shores' home, Godwin said.

Hall said he left the restaurant and drove to Chambliss' house; followed by Cagle, according to Godwin.

Mrs. Chambliss gave him keys to a car parked outside the house, Hall said, and he removed a case of dynamite from the trunk, Godwin testified.

THE OFFICER SAID Cagle and

Hall told him they took the case of explosives to a wooded area on Mockingbird Lane in Gardendale and hid it.

Deputy Fire Marshal W. E. Berry testified that no permit for transporting dynamite had been issued to Cagle, Hall or Chambliss.

Attorney Matt Murphy Jr., who represented Cagle and is also attorney for Hall, objected to admission of the alleged confession. Murphy questioned whether the statement was made

voluntarily, and said Cagle had been held without charge for 72 hours after his arrest.

Murphy said a writ of habeas corpus to show cause why Cagle should not be released had already been issued before Cagle led state investigators to where the dynamite was hidden. The attorney said the state was aware of this writ.

Chambliss was given a lie detector test by Birmingham police, but the results have not been made public.

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Dynamite sentences bring 6-month terms

Three men released on \$300 bond

Two men were convicted in Recorder's Court today of illegal possession of dynamite and were sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$100 each.

Robert E. Chambliss, 59, 2505 2nd Ave. North, and John W. Hall, 35, Gardendale, both were freed on \$300 appeal bonds.

A third man tried on the same charge, Charles Cagle, 22, of Gardendale, received the same sentence Tuesday night. He also posted \$300 appeal bond.

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During the Cagle trial Monday, Capt. R. W. Godwin of the state's investigation division testified that Hall told him that he (Hall) and Cagle hid a case of dynamite in a wooded area the night of Sept. 14, the same night Negro attorney Arthur Shores' home was bombed.

The state introduced a signed statement by Cagle corroborating

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Fund Total Near \$10,000

Over \$5,000 Paid Out For Victims

Almost \$10,000 has been received in donations to the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church Memorial Fund, after a Sunday School bombing resulted in the loss of six lives throughout the day of Sept. 15.

Funeral and hospital expenses of victims of the bombing and its aftermath paid to date from the fund total more than \$5000 bank officials said yesterday.

Donations are still being received for the fund at First National Bank and at Birmingham Trust National Bank. Funds still on deposit amount to \$4,327.08.

Checks issued to date include funeral expenses for the four Negro girls who died in the bombing and two Negro youths who were shot after the bombing. Expenses for the six deaths totaled \$3634.90.

A \$400 bill at Norwood Clinic was paid out of the fund for Dennis Earl Robertson, white youth hit by a brick as he was riding a bicycle home.

Other hospital expenses paid out of the fund for both whites and Negroes treated at University Hospital after the bombing have totaled, to date, \$1607.85.

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Saddened city prays for peace, guidance

The bells tolled. And Birmingham prayed. Prayed for forgiveness on this, the city's blackest day. Blacker even than the days of the cholera plague shortly after Birmingham's birth, when hundreds fell. Or this day of wrath and warning followed a day of murder: murder most black, most reprehensible, most sickening. Four innocent children lay dead, mangled by 10 sticks of dynamite.

AND THERE WERE some who asked God to have mercy on the souls of those who perpetrated this blackguardly deed, this bombing of a church where children in their fresh dresses and neat suits prayed.

Men, women and children paused a minute to pray under the bright sky of September noon. Stenographers paused at their typewriters. Executives halted dictation. Housewives took time out from their chores.

Men and women in parked cars bowed their heads.

On the street, shoppers and lunch-goers paused, many under the pretense of window gazing, to offer a silent prayer. In restaurants and cafeteria lines, they quietly prayed, while others went into churches.

YOU MAY NOT have realized they were praying. There was nothing ostentatious about it. Most prayed, as Christ advised, in secret. Some prayed as they walked.

And the church bells tolled. And as sad chimes floated over the city, some, perhaps, thought of the words of the English poet John Donne, "Never send to know for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." . . . "Any man's death diminishes me because I am involved in mankind." . . .

The city prayed for 60 seconds at noon in response to an appeal

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REWARD NEARING \$80,000

A reward fund for arrest and conviction of Birmingham's bombers was expected to reach \$80,000 today, within hours after the latest explosion on Birmingham's Southside.

City Council Tuesday officially ratified appointment of four trustees of the bomb reward fund, and established distribution rules and regulations.

Trustees are Dr. John H. Buchanan, Amos Kirby, James O. Haley and Reuben Farr, with sole authority over reward payments.

The Council resolution allocates \$15,000 of the total for arrest and conviction of those responsible for the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four Negro children were killed.

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Dynamite Figure Gets 6 Months

Admissions Are Related By Officers

Charles Cagle
Draws Maximum
Under Laws

One of three men charged with illegal possession of dynamite during recent bombings was convicted last night in Recorder's Court here.

Charles Cagle, 22, was fined \$100 and sentenced to six months hard labor. He posted a \$300 appeal bond and was released. The charge is a misdemeanor.

City Judge Earl Langner convicted Cagle on two counts involving the dynamite.

The two other men, scheduled to be tried this morning, are R. E. Chambliss, 59, and John Wesley Hall, 35. Both are charged with possession of dynamite without a permit and with aiding and abetting in the illegal possession of dynamite.

During testimony in Cagle's case yesterday, a state policeman said two men told him they helped hide a case of dynamite in the woods the night a Negro leader's home was bombed last month.

Statement Introduced

In Cagle's trial, the state introduced a signed statement Cagle made to Capt. Robert Godwin corroborating Hall's version of what happened the night of Sept. 4.

According to Cagle's statement, the dynamite was allegedly hidden after Atty. Arthur Sheres' home was bombed.

A bomb exploded at a corner of Sheres' house on Center-st late that night, touching off a riot in which one Negro was shot to death. It was the second time in two weeks the home had been bombed, and came on the day Negro children registered for the first time at nearby Graymont school.

Cagle's statement said he went to a Ku Klux Klan rally the night of Sept. 4 in nearby Bessemer, where he met Chambliss and Hall. Later, the statement said, all three went to a restaurant where they ate supper and "sat around listening to a Birmingham police radio about the bombing."

When they left they went to Chambliss' house at 2505 32nd-av, in where, Cagle's statement said, Hall and a woman who came out of the house went to a car parked there and brought out "a box which I was afraid was dynamite."

Hidden In Vines

He said they took it outside town and hid it in some kudzu vines on Mockingbird-ln in Gardendale.

Defense Atty. Matt Murphy Jr. objected strongly to admission of the alleged confession. Murphy questioned whether it was made voluntarily. He said that Cagle had been held incommunicado for 72 hours after his arrest.

W. E. Berry, deputy fire marshal, testified that no permit for possession of dynamite had been issued to Cagle, Hall or Chambliss.

Cagle and Chambliss were arrested by state investigators Sept. 29. Hall was taken into custody two days later.

Birmingham has had more than 40 racial bombings since World War II, including that of Sept. 15 in which four girls were blasted to death at Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

In passing sentence Judge Langer said testimony definitely established that the defendant is guilty of having in his possession explosives and "coming at times like these the court feels compelled to assess the maximum fine of \$100 and costs and six months of hard labor."

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CONVICTED—Charles Cagle (center), convicted yesterday by City Judge J. Earl Langner for illegal possession of dynamite and given 180 days at hard labor plus a \$100 fine, is shown leaving the courtroom with Alabama Highway Patrol Chief A. Lingo following his conviction. Officer W. L. Vining of the Birmingham Police Dept. watches the two leave.

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Fields Sues News, Writer

A suit seeking \$1 million from the Birmingham News and from syndicated columnist David Lawrence for libel was filed in Circuit Court here yesterday by Edward R. Fields, head of the National States Rights Party.

The action, filed in Field's behalf by Atty. Matt Murphy, seeks \$500,000 damages for each of two counts which are based on Lawrence column which appeared in the News Sept. 25. The statements, the suit contends, in effect charged the plaintiff "with the crime of being a party with an international revolutionary Communist conspiracy which is committed to overthrow by force and violence the government of the United States and several states, including Alabama.

It further alleges that the article charged or intimated Fields "was a member of the Communist Party" whose objective and purpose is to "overthrow the Federal or state government by force and violence, and that he "knowingly participated in the revolutionary activities of the Communist party knowing the revolutionary object or purposes thereof."

The suit seeks both punitive and compensatory damages on each of the counts and asks for a jury trial.

Fields' address was listed as 1507 Mtms-av.

Count one of the suit cited the following passage from the article, as having been published with "intent to defame" the plaintiff:

"FROM WHERE? Where does the money come from to finance such a mischief-making organization? The time would seem to be ripe for the House Committee on Un-American Activities to subpoena records and ascertain whether any foreign funds have been coming to the Birmingham group.

Again and again, in different parts of the world—especially in Latin America—groups that seem to be still espousing the Hitler-Nazi doctrines are found to have close links with Communist agents. What more natural way for the Communists to stir up trouble and friction!"

Cited as basis for the damages in court two, was the following quotation from the newspaper article:

"A Federal grand jury has just indicted some of the members of this so-called states' rights group — all of them white — for alleged conspiracy to interfere with a court order and some for allegedly obstructing by violence, the process of law enforcement in desegregating public schools.

"Two white boys — arrested and charged with shooting a 13-year-old Negro boy a few hours after a Negro church was bombed on Sept. 15 in Birmingham—had just attended an impassioned rally held by the states' rights group."

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Lingo says church bombers to be caught

BY HUGH W. SPARROW
News staff writer

MONTGOMERY, Jan. 11—State Public Safety Director Al Lingo is convinced that the bombers of a Birmingham Negro church last Sept. 15, in which four children were killed, eventually will be brought to trial.

"It may take time," Lingo said here Saturday. "But the big thing that will eventually break the case wide open is that great big reward."

"More than \$70,000 is waiting to go to the person or persons who can provide the necessary missing links and I feel certain that sooner or later the right persons will talk."

Lingo emphasized, also, that investigators of the Public Safety Department never have halted efforts to crack the case.

Additional facts, he said, may play a major part in the final solution.

LINGO SAID IT IS QUOTE

significant to him that since 137 sticks of dynamite were found concealed in a wooded area about two weeks after the church bombing there have been no further bombings in Birmingham.

It may be interesting to know, he declared, that state investigators expect to de-

velop a confession in the possession cases.

That person, said Lingo, is going to admit that the dynamite cache belonged to all three defendants.

These facts, he said, could give investigators sound leads toward arrests of the bombers.



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\$186,761 donated to bombed church

The pastor of the bombed 16th Street Baptist Church, which will be restored and ready for occupancy about May 1, said today that the church has received \$186,761 contributions from persons all over the world.

Four Negro children were killed when the church was dynamited last year. Squads of FBI agents and state and local police are still investigating.

The Rev. John H. Cross said approximate cost of restoration of the church has been set at \$100,000, of which \$46,938.63 was covered by insurance.

The remaining funds and any future contributions will go toward the construction of an educational building, which will cost approximately \$300,000, the minister said.

Cross said he hopes families of the children who were killed in the blast will consent that the educational building be donated to memory of the victims.

He said certain rooms in the new structure would be named after the girls who were killed.

DONATIONS received by the church for families of the deceased children now total \$16,949, the minister said. He said there has been an additional \$3,609.47 earmarked specifically for an educational fund for children attending the church.

The Negro minister said contributions were received from the United States, Venezuela, Great Britain, Mexico, Canada and other countries. Contributions are still being received, he said.

Cross said the restoration of the church will include many new changes.

CONGREGATIONS at the church have been meeting in the L. R. Hall auditorium since the bombing but plan to be back in the restored church by May 1.

Cross issued thanks to all persons who have shown concern about the bombing.

"We shall never really cease

to weep as we think of our four beloved young girls, but the tears, prayers and sacrificial gifts of yours that were, and are, mingled with ours—these—make us have a joyful realization that the truth of God is yet good and, you, our earthly brothers are yet concerned.

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In racial bombings—

Officers continue Rosecrans probe

Birmingham and Jefferson County officers will continue investigating the possibility William Sterling Rosecrans is connected with Birmingham racial bombings, officers said.

Police Chief Jamie Moore said the case was not closed after returning Friday from Jacksonville, Fla., where he, Sheriff Mel Bailey and city detectives questioned the suspect without results.

Rosecrans, a 30-year-old Indiana laborer, is being held in Florida in lieu of \$25,000 bond on a federal charge under the 1960 Civil Rights Law. He is accused of bombing the home of a Negro first grader, first of his race to enter Lackawanna Elementary School. No one was injured.

An FBI polygraph expert said a lie detector test given

Rosecrans Friday concerning Birmingham bombings was inconclusive. He said he wanted additional time to study Rosecrans' mental background and to review the polygraph charts made during an examination of more than four hours.

Florida officers reported that lie detector tests cleared Rosecrans of implication in dynamitings of the Florida East Coast Railway.

The initial investigation against him started after leads were turned up during the railway dynamite investigation.

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The Law Pursues Bombing Answer

Birmingham officers including Police Chief Jamie Moore, Sheriff Mel Bailey, and Detectives C. L. Limbaugh and V. T. Hart were very prompt in flying to Florida to investigate possible connection of an accused bomber with racial bombings in this city.

Very great attention has been given these cases, particularly the tragic bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church in which four Negro girls died. While the bombings may have dropped out of the news, the investigations have not let up. Numerous officers have dug endlessly into the cases. This was just one more lead being pursued by officers.

This community and state hope that solution of the bombings is near. Although this lead appears to have run to a dead end, you can be sure that efforts of lawmen will not cease. No one wants to see the bombings solved more than our law enforcement agencies themselves.

Nor more than any decent citizen.

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Rosecrans lie test said inconclusive

BY TOM LANKFORD

News staff writer

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 6—Officers agreed further investigation into the possibility William Sterling Rosecrans is connected with Birmingham racial bombings is warranted after he underwent a lie detector test today.

"At this point you could flip a coin and either way it landed you could be right," an FBI polygraph expert said.

He said he wanted additional time to study Rosecrans' mental background and to review the polygraph charts made during an examination of more than four hours.

BIRMINGHAM POLICE Chief Jamie Moore said further investigation is called for.

He, Jefferson County Sheriff Mel Bailey and two Birmingham

detectives were to return to the Alabama city this afternoon pending further reports from the FBI.

The Birmingham officers questioned the 30-year-old Indiana laborer for three hours Thursday night without results. Rosecrans denied being in the Birmingham area during bombings last year in which four Negro children were killed.

He is being questioned about the bombing of a Jacksonville Negro home. During the polygraph test, Rosecrans was questioned about the Birmingham bombings and Florida racial and railroad bombings.

The slender ex-convict earlier had refused to submit to the test.

Detective C. L. Limbaugh and V. T. Hart said Rosecrans answered all their questions during the long interview at Duval County Jail. The officers planned to give him a polygraph examination following the interview but cancelled it because the subject was exhausted.

The officers quoted him as saying he was in Mobile, where he worked as a mechanic, when the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church occurred. (The FBI said it has been established that Rosecrans was in Mobile Saturday, Sept. 14, but his whereabouts the following day (Sunday, Sept., 15) has not been proven.

SHERIFF'S OFFICERS reported that lie detector tests Thursday cleared the suspect of implication in dynamitings of the Florida East Coast Railway. The initial investigation against the suspect started after leads were turned up during the railway dynamite investigation.

The FBI, meanwhile, has issued a statement here saying more arrests are expected in connection with the Feb. 16 bombing of the home of a Negro first grade pupil at a previously all-White school.

D. K. Brown, special agent-in-charge of the Jacksonville FBI office, said investigation is concentrating on members of the Ku Klux Klan. Rosecrans is known to have been in the company of Jacksonville klan members the night after the bombing, Brown said.

THE FBI HAD Rosecrans under surveillance for several days after the house bombing and the suspect fled into the woods after he spotted agents searching his car which contained sticks of dynamite.

Officers later found 800 sticks of dynamite near where the car had been parked.

Capt. R. N. Godwin and Investigator Dexter Haney of the State Troopers have been in Florida for two days seeking to interview Rosecrans. They said they hoped to talk to the man sometime today.

Birmingham detectives Hart and Limbaugh said Rosecrans

readily told them how he would have handled the Birmingham explosions had he been the bomber.

Rosecrans explained in detail how to make shrapnel and other type bombs used in Birmingham, the officers said.

They also quoted him as saying he would have bombed the church late at night so no one would have been killed.

Rosecrans is being held under \$25,000 temporary bond awaiting a preliminary hearing to be scheduled after he has retained an attorney.

He is being held on Federal charges and the State of Florida is contemplating filing charges against him.

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Bombed church almost rebuilt now

Fifteenth Street Baptist Church, shattered last September by a bomber who killed four people in Sunday School, is almost rebuilt.

The Rev. John H. Cross, pastor, said today a dedication service in the new facilities is tentatively planned for a Sunday in June.

The church is replacing its entire basement; refinish-

ing the pews and floor and installing new fixtures in the main sanctuary; installing new seats in the balcony, replacing many stained glass and regular windows; and is completing many other improvements and replacements.

The Rev. Cross estimated the cost of rebuilding at \$150,000. He said insurance covered about one-fourth of that amount and

the remainder was raised by contributions. Money is on hand to pay for all facilities, he said.

A memorial window for the girls is being built by the nation of Wales, the Rev. Cross said. It will be sent during the summer and will contain a rainbow; nine doves in flight, symbolizing the Beatitudes; names of the victims; and an inscription from Wales.

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Hill Gets Probation

By JANE ALDRIDGE

Equals Earlier Penalty
 The seven-month jail sentence and the two-year probation term duplicates the penalty meted here earlier to the two white youths who had been charged in the slaying of the Negro boy. Hill was represented in the case by Atty. James G. Adams Jr.

It was understood that investigating officers and the parents of Robertson had concurred in the sentence and in the granting of probation.

He originally had been charged with assault with intent to murder but entered the guilty plea to the reduced charge of assault and battery.

At his preliminary hearing in County Criminal Court he stoutly denied that he had thrown the rock but other witnesses identified him as the man who threw it.

Louvert Hill, 20-year-old Negro who recently was sentenced to seven months in County Jail in connection with a rock-throwing incident here which left a white youth seriously injured, has been placed on two-year probation.

The probation order was signed by Circuit Judge Alta L. King on the recommendation of Solicitor Emmett Perry and Deputy Sol. Rufus Elliott.

Elliott had handled preliminary phases of the case and helped work out the earlier agreement for Hill to plead guilty to the rock assault and receive the seven-month sentence.

Hill already has spent approximately eight months in the County Jail here while awaiting trial and then pending disposition of his request for probation.

In recommending probation for him, Solicitor Perry called attention to the fact that the man already has been confined in jail the length of the sentence and he added that the probation supervisor, George Raley, who will oversee Hill's probation, had studied his situation and termed him a good subject for probation.

Happened Sept. 15

The incident happened last Sept. 15, the same day the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church here was bombed, killing four young Negro girls. Also on that day two white youths shot and killed a young Negro boy.

Victim of Hill's rock was Dennis Robertson, 16, of 2407 21st-av,n, who was knocked from a motor scooter and dragged a considerable distance by the vehicle.

He had been on his way home from Farmer's Market, where he worked, when the rock was thrown as he passed Hill's house.

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FBI Used 231 Agents In Birmingham Crisis

BY GENE WORTSMAN

Post-Herald Correspondent

WASHINGTON, April 27—FBI

Chief J. Edgar Hoover revealed

that he had 231 special agents

in Birmingham during racial

demonstrations last year.

His testimony before a House

appropriations subcommittee

showed that the agents put in

19,457 hours of unpaid overtime

"Special type investigations have continued to place very heavy demands upon our available manpower and resources," Hoover said.

"Related matters growing out of the sit-ins, bombings, and demonstrations at Birmingham, Ala., required the peak assignment of 231 special agents . . .

"Overall, our costs at Birmingham are estimated at \$434,965 as of Jan. 11, 1964," he said.

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Weaver Tells Of Interview

Talked To Reporter 'Few Months Ago'

U. S. District Atty. Macon Weaver, after hearing of the forthcoming Saturday Evening Post story claiming authorities knew the identity of the bomber of a Birmingham Negro church, said he talked to a Post reporter about 20 minutes.

He said he talked to the reporter a few months ago at the Birmingham Justice Department headquarters.

Weaver said the reporter told him at that time he had "his story" written, but wanted Weaver to "verify" a few things.

The district attorney said the reporter had talked "with the sheriff, police and everybody else" before coming to him and they talked of "what is generally known" in the Birmingham community: That there is evidence pointing toward who did it, "but not enough to take into court."

Weaver said he was not sure of saying the FBI "knows," because "what the FBI knows is their own business."

When asked about statements attributed to him in the Post article, Birmingham Police Lt. Maurice House said here yesterday: "I haven't read the article and can't make any comment on it."

After a brief discussion in which he was apprised of some of the statements in the article, he said:

"I won't even comment on it after I read it."

Inspector Capt. W. J. Haley said he would have no comment "until I have had a chance to read it and study it." Police Chief Jamie Moore was out of town.

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POLICE, FBI MUM ON BLAST

Now 5/30/64

Local and state authorities reacted for the most part with an emphatic "no comment" to a Saturday Evening Post article which reported that FBI officials know who bombed the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church here.

The Sept. 15 bombing took the lives of four Negro girls and touched off tension which resulted in the death of three other persons.

The Post report said Birmingham police and FBI officials know the "Mister X" who planted the explosive in the church but don't have enough evidence for a conviction.

"LAW enforcement officials know who the bomber and his accomplices are — have known for months. But they have not been able to put together the kind of airtight case they need to take 'Mister X' to court," the Post article said. The report was written by George McMillan, whose story appears in the Post's June 6 issue. The Post described the author as "an authority on policing integration disturbances."

Asked about the article, Ray Faisst, agent in charge of the Birmingham FBI office, said he had no comment. Police Chief Jamie Moore was out of town. Other police officials also said they had no comment. Alabama Public Safety Director Al Lingo made a similar response.

THE POST ARTICLE said that officials have enough evidence to believe that the 'Mister X'...

—"Planned the . . . bombing at a meeting in Birmingham two weeks before it happened."

—"Was at the house of the men who planted the bomb two nights before the bombing."

—"His car was parked two blocks away from the church on the Sunday morning the bomb went off."

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Killing 4 Girls— City And FBI Know Bombers Of Church Here, Post Says

Lt. House,
Atty. Weaver
Are Quoted

Says 'Every Detail
Known, Except They
'Have No Evidence'

NEW YORK, May 29
(AP)—Police and Federal
agents know the identity of
the Birmingham bomber and
the men who helped him do

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blow a Negro church kill-
four young girls, it was
orted today.
The ringleader of the gang of
ers, known as "Mister X,"
as not been taken into custody
cause officials do not feel they
ave enough evidence to put him
nd his henchmen in the electric
hair or behind bars, the current
sue of the Saturday Evening
st reported.

"The FBI knows who bought
the dynamite, who made the
bomb, who placed it there, and
who engineered the crime," Ma-
jor Weaver, U.S. attorney in
Birmingham, was quoted as say-

"We know every detail about
it but we just don't have the
evidence," said Lt. Maurice
Hulse, chief of Birmingham de-
tatives, according to the ar-

The blast was on a sunny Sunday
morning last Sept. 15, just as
day school classes were get-
ting out, that the dynamite
bomb planted under the stairs
of the Sixteenth Street Baptist
church exploded, hurling rub-
ble for blocks in the Negro sec-

tion.
The blast killed four young
Negro girls and injured 19 per-
sons. It was one of many ex-
plosions that have kept racial
tensions at a fever pitch for
months.

But it was the one that
shocked the nation as nothing
else had and caused President
Kennedy to say he felt a "deep
sense of outrage and grief."

The magazine said that 10
days after the church bombing,
the killers struck again — this
time with a pair of bombs de-
signed to kill policemen and
detectives who were making
things uncomfortable for them
by probing into their activities.
The first bomb, probably one
pound of dynamite, was set off
on a vacant lot. Police rushed
to the scene, but could not locate
it immediately. The second
bomb, dynamite in a can filled
with rusty shrapnel, went off
a few minutes after the first.

"It was meant for us," a po-
liceman was quoted as saying.
It was set to allow just enough
time for us to get there. If we
had found the bomb, maybe 50
officers would have lost their
eyes or been mangled.

The article said FBI agents
feel that State Police Chief Col.
Al Ringo "seriously hurt the
chances of building a case
against the bomber and his
gang by arresting two men who
had been involved in Ku Klux
Klan activities.

The men, R. E. Chambliss, 59,
and Charles Cagle, 22, both of
Birmingham, were charged with

illegal possession of dynamite
and subsequently were con-
victed, fined \$100 each and sen-
tenced to 180 days in jail.

The magazine said the FBI
considered it a premature ar-
rest which tipped off the bomb-
ers that authorities knew a great
deal about their activities but
also showed they did not have
enough evidence to convict them
of the church bombing.

To prevent any of the gang
from talking, the magazine said,
a "kiss of death meeting" was
held with all of the group in-
volved in the bombing attend-

ing.
"If any one of you ever talks,
it will be the kiss of death for
you," the ringleader, Mister X,
was reported as vowing. "We
join hands here and now in
swearing that each of us takes
a vow to kill the man who gives
anything away to the police."

The magazine said that detec-
tives and Federal agents follow
"Mister X" constantly. He
knows they are following him
and sometimes spits at them
and yells "you hogs" at them.

The bomber is being so care-
ful now, the magazine said, that
officials have little hope they
can convict him of murder.
They have more hope of pin-
ning a conspiracy charge on
him.

"You've pretty nearly got to
have somebody who was at the
meeting when it was planned,"
Weaver was quoted as saying.
"And just remember that the
people who did this are going
to the chair."