

6. Type of case involved: **Bombing of a Negro church in which four children killed.**

7. Connection or status of subject in the case: **Prime suspect.**

8. Specific information being sought: **Leads to identity of bombers.**

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance: **This and other suspects appear to be relaxing and perhaps will discuss case with other suspects.**

10. Importance of case and subject: **Case is of national importance. Suspect is one of prime suspects.**

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means
(Explain in detail): **None known unless subjects confess.**

12. Risks of detection involved: **None. Full security assured.**

13. Probable length of technical surveillance: **15 days.**

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency
(name specific official, title and agency): **none**

15. Remarks:

16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

Date of Mail 10-30-63

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Date 1-8-77

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomb

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File Number 157-1025-596

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- 1 - Mr. Belmont
- 1 - Mr. Rosen
- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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J U N E

October 30, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH,
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS

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It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance at his home or any address to which he may move in order that information may be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing, which bombing killed four small Negro children on September 15, 1963.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

Respectfully,

DECLASSIFIED BY 6080 ✓
ON 2/22/77
John Edgar Hoover
Director

SENT FROM D. O.
TIME 4:50 PM
DATE 10-30-63
BY *ell*

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

NOTE:

SEE MEMO, ROSEN TO BELMONT, ABOVE CAPTION,
10/29/63, RBL:cag.

This letter is being classified **SECRET** since
it mentions a technical surveillance.

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Date *1-8-79*

See File 66-2554-7530 for authority.

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Subject UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET

BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, 9/15/63

BOMBING MATTERS

67c This serial, the original memorandum from the FBI to the Attorney General dated 10/30/63, which was returned to the Bureau signed by the Attorney General authorizing FBI to conduct electronic surveillance, has been permanently removed for retention in the National Security Electronic Surveillance File per memorandum [redacted] to Mr. [redacted] dated 7-13-73. See 62-115687-1 for details and where maintained.

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybamb

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October 28, 1963

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM,
ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963
BOMBING MATTERS**

Bap bomb

Robert Edward Chambliss, 2505 32nd Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama, is a prime suspect in this bombing investigation and other bombings which have taken place in Birmingham and is a close associate of other suspects developed to date in the bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church.

It is requested that you authorize the installation of a technical surveillance at his home or any address to which he may move in order that information may be developed leading to the identification of the perpetrators of the bombing, which bombing killed four small Negro children on September 15, 1963.

In view of the tense racial situation in Birmingham, further inflamed by the bombings, it is believed that additional activity on the part of those who are responsible for the bombings could easily lead to more rioting, bloodshed and loss of life, materially affecting the security of the United States.

Respectfully,

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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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TIME 9:45 AM
DATE 10-29-63
BY *ell*

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NOTE: See memo, Mr. Rosen to Mr. Belmont, 10/28/63, same caption, RBL/cbm.

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Baplbomb*

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR FBI (157-1025)
FROM: SAC BIRMINGHAM (157-352) (P)
RE: BAPBOMB

JUNE

The following technical coverage is now in operation in connection with this case:

TESURS

Subject Symbol # Date Installed

62 [Redacted] (RAC) 10/4/63 *all*

[Redacted] (RAC) 10/22/63 *62*

62 ROBERT EDWARD CHAMBLISS
2505 32nd Avenue North
Birmingham, Alabama [Redacted] (RAC) 10/22/63

[Redacted] (RAC) 10/25/63
National States Rights
Party headquarters
1865 Bessemer Road
Birmingham, Alabama *ch*

Form FD-142 was submitted on each of the above on the dates installed.

REC-27

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- 7 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) EX-103-X3
- 3 - Birmingham (1 - 157-352-SF2)
- (1 - 137-698)
- (1 - 66-1260)

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CC [Redacted] *62c*

(10) [Redacted]

Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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BH 157-352

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Subject JUNE MAIL Baybomb.

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Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025)
FROM: *EJP* SAC, KNOXVILLE (66-813) (P)
SUBJECT: BAP BOMB JUNE

Re Knoxville airtel to Bureau 10/24/63.

On 10/30/63, SA [redacted] FBI Laboratory, temporarily in Birmingham Division, telephonically discussed with SA [redacted] possible method of arranging MISUR and TESUR on [redacted]. In addition to the facts set forth in referenced airtel re entrance to their residence [redacted].

Based on facts re difficulty of ever finding [redacted] residence unoccupied it is not believed feasible to attempt entrance to this residence. Also, based on facts referenced airtel, and referenced telephone conversation 10/30/63, MISUR not possible without entrance.

TESUR is not being recommended at this time based on following reasons: It is not believed that such coverage would be productive as the [redacted] have repeatedly said they believe that periodically the FBI monitors their telephone conversations [redacted].

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham (157-352) (RM)
- 2 - Knoxville

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Approved: _____
Special Agent in Charge

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Date 1-8-79

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Subject JUNE MAIL *Bap bomb*

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November 20, 1963

Airtel

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

J U N E

From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

BAPBOMB

Reur Forms FD-143 submitted in connection with the installation of [REDACTED] (RAC) and [REDACTED] (RAC).

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Bureau will record installation dates as 11/7/63 for both tesurs. Advise telephone numbers. Also advise status of technical surveillance on [REDACTED]. If installed, advise time and date of installation, symbol number and telephone number.

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In addition, advise status of any surveys being conducted for any additional tesurs listing names, addresses and telephone numbers.

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Date: 8/24/64

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Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1025) ATTN. Electronics Section,
FBI Laboratory
FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-352-SF-2)
SUBJECT: BAPBOMB "JUNE"

RE: TECHNICAL EQUIPMENT - "BAT"

There is being forwarded under separate cover by Registered Mail one "BAT" with two External Microphones.

As previously advised, this "BAT" was altered with intent to exchange it for the "BAT" that was recently discovered; however, this was not possible.

The "BAT" and microphones are being returned for disposition by the Bureau and need not be replaced.

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No reply [redacted]

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Special Agent in Charge

Sent _____ M _____

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SLIP [redacted]

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
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COVER SHEET

SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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 TO DIRECTOR AND SAC BIRMINGHAM
 FROM SAC PHILADELPHIA 152450

SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH, BOMBING OF, BIRMINGHAM,
 ALABAMA, SEPTEMBER 15, 1963. RACIAL MATTER.

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 LHM FOLLOWS.

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The Attorney General

September 17, 1963

Director, FBI

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- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS
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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
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This information has been furnished to the
 Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the
 President.

157-1025

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
Assistant Attorney General

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 AND FIELD OFFICES
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The Attorney General

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the unauthorized disclosure of which could be prejudicial to the defense interest of the Nation. Information contained in Philadelphia teletype 9/15/63. By separate letter the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has been advised.

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- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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September 17, 1963

BY COURIER SERVICE

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Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
 Special Assistant to the President
 The White House
 Washington, D. C. 20501

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Dear Mr. O'Donnell:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

BY COURIER SVC.
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 COMM-FBI

This information has been furnished to the
 Attorney General.

EX-103 REC 66 157-1025-40
 Sincerely yours,

157-1025

D. Edgar Hoover

1 - 100-3-116 (CPUSA) - Negro Question - Communist Influence in
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the defense interest of the Nation. Information contained in
Philadelphia teletype 9/15/63. By separate letter the Attorney
General, Deputy Attorney General and Assistant Attorneys
General Marshall and Yeagley are being advised.

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Via AIRTEL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
ATTENTION: CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION

FROM: SAC, Philadelphia (157-858) (P)

SUBJECT: RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963.
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Birmingham)

Agency G-2, ONI, OSI (CRD-15)

Date Forw. 9/18/63

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Remytel 9/17/63.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies of a self-explanatory letterhead memorandum.

Information copies disseminated locally to intelligence agencies.

The LHM is classified "CONFIDENTIAL" inasmuch as disclosure of information obtained from [redacted] could reasonably result in the identification of a confidential informant of continuing value and compromise the future effectiveness thereof.

- 3 - Bureau (ENCLS. 8) (RM)
- 2 - Birmingham ((ENCLS. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Philadelphia
- 1 - 157-858
- 1 - 100-47106 (Communist Influence in RM)

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Approved: [Signature] Special Agent in Charge

Sent [redacted] Per [redacted]

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It should be noted that by airtel dated 7/16/63, with an accompanying LHM, entitled "RAM; IS - C," the Bureau was advised of the background of RAM and this communication also identified [REDACTED]

The Bureau will be kept advised.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

September 17, 1963

In Reply, Please Refer to
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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
BAPTIST CHURCH, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.,
SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

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Characterizations of the ICC, YSA, and CAMD
appear in the Appendix.

The SWP has been cited by the Attorney General
of the United States pursuant to Executive Order
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RACIAL DEMONSTRATION,
BOMBING OF SIXTEENTH STREET
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The Philadelphia Inquirer of September 17, 1963, Final City Edition, on Page Six carried a story regarding a statement by Philip B. Savage, Tri-State Director of the NAACP that this organization was proposing a special memorial service to be held at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 21, 1963, in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, in memory of the victims of the Birmingham church bombing. Savage also offered the services of the NAACP to expedite the channeling of contributions to the Birmingham church for its rebuilding.

All informants not identified in the Appendix have furnished reliable information in the past.

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RE: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA CHURCH
BOMBING SYMPATHY MARCH,
PORTLAND, OREGON, 9/22/63,
INSTIGATED BY CORE
RACIAL MATTERS
(OO: Portland)

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Special Agent, 115th INTC Group, Region III, _____
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BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA CHURCH
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PORTLAND, OREGON, SEPTEMBER 22,
1963, INSTIGATED BY CORE

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The Oregonian, Portland daily newspaper, in an article in the edition on September 22, 1963, reported regarding the contemplated march under the caption, "Mayor Calls For Prayer For Birmingham Victims." This newspaper article was noted to be similar to the press release referred to above and outlined the proclamation by Portland Mayor Terry Schruck regarding "Sunday as a day of recognition and prayer for victims and families of the Birmingham, Alabama church bombing last week," and outlined the program scheduled for the march and public meeting.

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The Oregon Journal, Portland daily newspaper, on September 23, 1963, contained an article captioned, "600 Rally To Protest Bombings," which reviewed the events relating to the meeting at the Vancouver Avenue Baptist Church and the march to the Federal Building steps in downtown Portland. It identified one of the speakers as Reverend Eugene Boyd, pastor of the Solid Rock Baptist Church, and identified other speakers previously named in the press release announcing the meeting. The article noted that the meeting had been organized by the Portland FSNCC and the Youth Council for the NAACP, and pointed out that the marchers had picked up 200 signs distributed at Dawson Park, one block from the church, for their parade to the downtown area. The marchers were described as having filled the street for the length of about one block.

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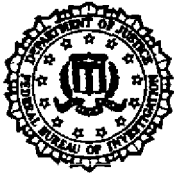
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Portland, Oregon

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September 23, 1963

Title	BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA, CHURCH BOMBING, SYMPATHY MARCH, PORTLAND, OREGON, SEPTEMBER 22, 1963, INSTIGATED BY CORE
Character	RACIAL MATTERS
Reference	Letterhead memorandum dated September 23, 1963, at Portland, Oregon.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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The Attorney General

September 18, 1963

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Director, FBI

- 1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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A confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past has advised that on September 16, 1963, the Communist Party, USA, over the signature of its General Secretary, Gus Hall, sent a telegram to President John F. Kennedy at the White House. The text of the telegram is as follows:

"Brutal murder of six Negro children yesterday in Birmingham demands immediate action and Federal troops to protect lives of American citizens against lawless insurrection, terror, and calls for the arrest of Wallace and others responsible for murder and bombings. Federal authorities must take power of Government away from such bloody hands. Failure to act vigorously in this crisis will not be tolerated by justice loving Americans. You can no longer ignore the growing popular demands for arrest of Wallace and those who incite racist violence and defiance of United States Constitution. Action must be taken to dissolve the Klu Klux Klan, the White Citizens Councils, the American Nazi Party, the National States Rights Party, and all racists terrorists. We demand Executive Orders and a complete program of Federal action to smash the resistance of segregationists in Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, and elsewhere in the South, for the full establishment of constitutional liberties immediately to all Negro Americans and the establishment of new genuinely democratic government in those states in accord with the United States Constitution. Nothing short of these minimum measures will constitute adequate response by you to the challenge of the Birmingham bombing outrages.

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(Unsubs, Bombing of 16th St. Church
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The Attorney General

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You, President Kennedy, are held personally responsible for the lives and property of American citizens against racists terror under your authority under the Constitution. Gus Hall."

- 1 - The Deputy Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. J. Walter Yeagley
Assistant Attorney General
- 1 - Mr. Burke Marshall
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Date: October 31, 1963

To: Director, FBI (157-1025) ATTENTION: FOREIGN LIAISON SECTION

From: Legat, Ottawa (157-2) (P)

Subject: BAPBOMB
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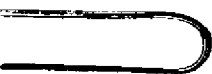
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To: SAC, Birmingham (157-352)

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From: Director, FBI (157-1025)

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Within 30 days of receipt of this communication, this installation should be re-evaluated and in the event it has not produced productive information, it should be discontinued.

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SUBJECT: BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
SIXTEENTH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH
BOMBING/SEPTEMBER 15, 1963

PUBLIC SOURCE INFORMATION

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Bombing reward hits \$43,000 mark

Fund-raising campaign conducted by Birmingham religious leaders has boosted the City Council's \$50,000 bombing reward to more than \$43,000.

Persons of all faiths have pledged more than \$25,000 to the fund since Saturday, according to John H. Buchanan, chaplain of Birmingham Baptist Hospitals, and John Turner, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent.

The Council is backing a drive to raise cash and pledges totaling \$50,000 to be given as rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons responsible for the bombings here of two homes, a motel and a store.

Slightly more than \$18,000 has been pledged to the reward fund, besides the pledges made by the religious leaders.

A separate \$5,000 reward has been offered by A. C. Gaston, a Birmingham Negro businessman, in connection with the recent fire-bombing of his home.

DRS. BUCHANAN and Turner, who appealed last Saturday to an inter-faith group for aid in raising the reward money, predicted the goal would soon be surpassed.

"We have good reason to believe that men of goodwill of all faiths will boost this total to more than \$50,000 by the end of this week," they said.

"Let us all rally and make the reward fund \$100,000 instead of the \$50,000 asked by the City Council."

Dr. Buchanan said, "The response of the God-tearing people of all faiths is simply saying to the lawless element that engages in bombing under the cover of darkness that they will no longer tolerate such acts."

Dr. Turner said, "The religious people of all faiths have proved by their response that they can be counted on."

THE MINISTERS SAID they were not asking for cash but for pledges to be honored when the bombers are arrested and convicted.

Dr. Turner said anyone wishing to contribute to the reward fund may either contact him or Dr. Buchanan or telephone City Hall, 223-5431, Extension 266.

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Top Federal Officers Help

Justice Dept. To Lead Probe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16 (AP)—The Justice Dept. ordered three top aides of Atty. Gen. Robert F. Kennedy into Birmingham, Ala., today to spearhead a full investigation of a Negro church bombing that killed four children.

Outside bomb experts were also being brought in to aid the Justice Dept. officials and FBI agents who will assist local authorities in making the check.

Asst. Atty. Gen. Burke Marshall, who was the key figure in mediating the civil rights violence that hit Birmingham last April, will fly to the Alabama city, a Justice Dept. spokesman said.

He heads the department's civil rights division.

Also making the trip are Joseph Dolan, assistant deputy attorney general and John Nolan, the attorney general's administrative assistant.

The spokesman said the FBI moves in automatically to assist in investigations of violence like the Birmingham bombing, but he said the department in this case had specifically directed a full investigation.

He would not comment on how many agents will be involved.

Marshall presumably will report any findings to Atty. Gen. Kennedy, who in past similar situations has kept his brother, President Kennedy, informed.

There was no immediate comment from the week-end White House at Newport, R. I.,

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All Agencies In Bomber Hunt, Governor Says

MONTGOMERY, Sept. 15 (AP)—The text of Gov. George Wallace's statement on the Birmingham bombing: "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 Birmingham units of the Alabama National Guard now federalized have been alerted for Birmingham. "Col. Al Lingo 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 \$5000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for the bombing this morning."

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Clergymen to discuss bomb reward

Birmingham clergymen—Protestant, Catholic and Jewish—have been called to meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Baptist Building, 2020 20th St. South, to discuss proposal to join in raising the \$50,000 bombing reward.

The executive committee of the Ministers' Association of Greater Birmingham Thursday approved the call for the meeting.

DR. JOHN BUCHANAN, Birmingham Baptist Hospital chaplain and retired pastor of Southside Baptist Church, and Dr. John C. Turner, rector of the Episcopal Church of the Advent, presented the appeal to the association's executive committee. The Rev. Ernest Flaniken, the association's vice president, called the meeting in the absence of Dr. V. Landon Miller, president.

Dr. Buchanan told members of the executive committee that he felt it was time that the religious forces of Birmingham be mobilized to support law and order.

The discussion Saturday morning will center around an appeal that all clergymen present the matter to their congregations Sunday and ask for pledges to the \$50,000 bomb award fund.

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Miles President Calls For Action By Council

Dr. L. H. Pitts, president of Miles College said yesterday's church bombing "has pushed us right to the end of a very dangerous volcano."

Dr. Pitts said that more bombings were likely to occur "until the Mayor and the City Council take more positive steps."

"I think it is an opportunity for our Christian leaders, both Negro and white, to come together and move ahead to correct this situation," Pitts continued.

Christian Leaders

"I think the Mayor and Council could call the white and Negro Christian leaders together and involve the main economic powers of our community, and let these people speak.

"I think our people will follow the leadership of the people who are in power, if the leaders will only speak.

Pitts said that he did not think the desegregation of the public schools was the reason for yesterday's church bombing. He said it was "something else."

'Misguided' People

Pitts said that the people who bombed church were "not mean people, but poor misguided people."

Speaking of the racial problem in Birmingham, Pitts said, "It can't be solved by hope and prayer alone. It has to be stopped by people who want to tackle it together."

"I don't think Birmingham will move forward until there is a frank look by the powerful people in our city. Powerful leaders who could mold the people, if they would," Pitts said.

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Tragic Blast Ends Children's Sunday Lesson: 'The Love That Forgives'

BY JIM PURKS

Associated Press Staff Writer

"The love that forgives" was the Sunday School lesson at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. It was never finished.

A bomb exploded there and twisted the lesson into an experience of confusion, terror and death.

Who knows on what part the four Negro children were reading when they were killed, their bodies hit by flying glass and mortar?

Maybe they had reached the end of the lesson, with a Bible passage from Matthew: "But I say unto you, love your enemies."

The children were meeting in various parts of the church: some were in the basement, some in the main room, and others in an adjacent Sunday School building.

Clock Stopped at 10:25

The four killed were in the basement, where a clock is stopped at 10:25.

Shattered windows, large pieces of mortar, and a broken marble plaque commemorating the founding of the church in 1873 are mute testimony to the destruction there.

In one small room are patches of blood on the floor. At the end of a sharp piece of glass is more blood.

Up the steps, in the main room, where church services are regularly held for a congregation of 750, the clock is stopped at 10:22.

Glass is scattered on the wooden pews, over the piano and organ, on the pulpit. The organ pipes were left intact.

Telephone Ringing

Behind the pulpit is a little room — the pastor's — which is strewn with litter, twisted tables and mortar. A phone there rings constantly, answered by a church deacon.

"No, we don't know the names of who was killed. I'm going down to the hospital soon. Don't you worry," he says softly.

Outside, Negroes who like near the church stand around quietly, watching the parade of shotgun-armed policemen, firemen and newsmen as they step among shattered glass and stones.

M. W. Pippen looks first at the church and then his store, Social Cleaners, which he owns with his brother. The store damage runs in the thousands of dollars.

But the damage to his heart is more.

"My grandbaby was one of those killed," he says.

"Eleven years old. I helped pull the rocks off her. I got one of her shoes in there," he motions his head toward the inside of his shattered building.

"You know how I feel. I feel like blowing the whole town up."

"Weak-minded people, that's who brought it on."

Two other stores and a contracting company office were shattered by the blast. Apartment rooms above the stores were shattered. Their windows were knocked completely out. Four cars were destroyed by the impact and flying rocks.

Mattie Tinson, landlady of an apartment house located about five paces behind the church, said her huge wooden frame house was heavily damaged. Boarders swept broken glass off the floors as she talked.

Like Thunder

"It shook the house real bad. I thought it was a fire at first because there was a lot of smoke."

Miss Tinson said she thought a boarder living on the ground floor on the church side would have been killed had he been there.

"It sounded just like a clap of thunder, and then there was a big ball of smoke," another neighbor said.

A young Negro looks at newsmen from his porch. He is courteous, but his eyes are angry.

"What are y'all going to do about all this bombing? Looks like it's up to the colored folks to do something."

Groups of Negroes on the corners were dispersed and driven several blocks away by helmeted policemen, just to discourage any possible rioting. But they are quiet. They watch.

Negro Community Angry

The Negro community is angry now, police have no doubt. Many Negroes will tell you that. The police chief has asked for help from the State Troopers.

Said Capt. Jack Warren, who with three men, was the first on the scene after the bombing.

"The crowd came from nowhere. Man, they were mad, mad! I wouldn't have given you 15 cents for my life. I've seen a lot of these things. I begged them on the bullhorn; But it didn't do much good."

Capt. Warren said many Negroes started throwing rocks at his men, but none were hit. A Negro civil defense captain came along just in time to help calm the angry crowd," he said.

"We could have had a terrible thing."

The Rev. N. H. Smith, Negro minister and general secretary of the Alabama Christian Movement for Civil Rights, stood on the steps of the church about noon. The community was now quiet.

"I think the attitude of the Negro community would change if someone were apprehended and punished for these dastardly acts."

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His sermon that day at the New Pilgrim Baptist Church? "The Seven Deadly Sins. The seventh, "seeding discord among brethren."
A bomb went off. Four are dead. Thousands are angry. As before, citizens of Birmingham—called the "Magic City"—wait to see what will happen.



FOR VICTIM—Birmingham firemen and policemen helped ambulance personnel clear the way through the debris of the bombed-out Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday, in an effort to bring victims and survivors out of the rubble. Four persons were killed and more than a score injured in the blast.



SURVIVORS—A grieving Negro family gathered outside the bombed 16th Street Baptist Church yesterday. From left are an unidentified Negro man; M. W. Pippin, operator of a cleaning establishment across the street; Mrs. Bernard Jones, and W. J. Coke. One of the victims of the blast, 11-year-old Denise McNair, was Mr. Pippin's granddaughter.



WHERE BOMB WENT OFF—A law enforcement officer inspects the broken timbers and debris in the rubble of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where a dynamite bomb killed four persons yesterday. The bomb ripped out the wall of the building, as shown above, and scattered glass and wreckage into the street.



GUARD CHURCH—Officers of the Birmingham police and the Jefferson County sheriff's office, wearing "hard hats" and carrying riot weapons, guarded the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday, after a 15-stick dynamite bomb killed four persons during services. Other officers, from outlying municipalities, were brought into the situation to help maintain order.



STAINED GLASS SMASHED — The explosive force of a 15-stick dynamite bomb killed four persons and smashed the windows of the 16th Street Baptist Church yesterday. The picture above, a figure of Christ in a stained glass window, shows pieces of the figure—including the face—blown out.

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City Council Hits Bombing

The Birmingham City Council met in emergency session yesterday to cope with the city's crisis and passed a strongly worded resolution in sympathy with parents of four children killed in a church bombing. They pledged the total strength of the city to the capture and punishment of the criminals who bombed the Negro church.

Meeting with the council were Sheriff Mel Bailey, Police Chief Jamie Moore, State Public Safety Director Al Lingo and Mayor Albert Boutwell.

Rumors of a curfew ordinance were squelched by all the enforcement leaders who agreed that personal appeals by leaders over radio, TV and newspapers would have a much greater effect.

Chief Moore said, "I think the appeals would have a much better effect than a curfew because people do not appreciate being told when and where they can go."

Sheriff Bailey said, "A curfew would only irritate the people and would create a condition that would take more men than we have."

George Seibels, chairman of the Public Safety Committee, suggested that instead of the proposed curfew ordinance that Chief Moore, Mayor Boutwell, Sheriff Bailey and other leaders make their appeals directly to all the people of Birmingham to return to their peaceful pursuits.

Al Lingo, who just arrived in Birmingham with 150 State Troopers, told members of the council his men would re-enforce the local officers so that cars may patrol the trouble spots throughout the city.

Meanwhile, all white persons are requested to stay clear of Negro communities.

The text of the council statement:

"The mayor and Council of the City of Birmingham express the profound sorrow of the entire community to the families who have lost their children in today's tragedy.

"It is time for every one of our citizens to wake up to the reality that resorting to savagery is not a solution to any problem.

"This is not simply a legal or political question but an issue which must strike at the heart and conscience of every person in this state.

"We pledge the total strength of the city to the capture and punishment of the perpetrators of this crime.

"In addition to our relentless purpose to pursue these criminals, we repudiate mob action and individual disorderly conduct of every kind, and call upon the citizens, both young and old, to return to the good order and serenity which are essential for the peace and security of all of us.

"The horrified indignation of our community at this barbaric and senseless atrocity can best be expressed by the unanimous and continued determinations of every citizen not only to bring these criminals to justice but to make certain that no such crime is ever again perpetrated here."

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State Offers \$5000 Reward

FROM PRESS REPORTS

MONTGOMERY, Sept. 15—Gov. George Wallace today posted a \$5000 reward and ordered state troopers to investigate the bombing of a Negro church at Birmingham in which four persons were killed.

Wallace directed state troopers to look for a car seen near the bombing.

The action was announced from the executive mansion about an hour and a half after the dynamite bomb shattered the 16th Avenue Baptist Church during Sunday school hours.

The governor said he was "keep[ing] in touch with the situation" through state troopers at the scene.

Wallace said he was notified of the bombing by Al Lingo, commander of the state highway patrol.

"I hope they catch them," the governor said.

"From the description of the men in the car they're looking for they could be white, black or Mexican," he said.

In a later statement, Wallace said "we are going to protect the lives and safety of all our people, both white and colored."

"This is no time for inflammatory statements and we don't need any more from outside agitators who thrive on tragedies such as occurred in Birmingham.

"However, when calmness returns, we should all take a realistic look at just what is causing all the violence in this country from the front steps of city hall in New York to the streets of Los Angeles including Cambridge, Md., High Point, N. C., Danville, Va., Chicago, Ill., Philadelphia, Pa., and Washington, D. C."

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Boutwell Requests Aid From Wallace

Mayor Albert Boutwell, his eyes filled with tears and his voice shaking with emotion, called for help from Gov. George Wallace.

After a meeting with Police Chief Jamie Moore, Boutwell came out of his office in the tall, white city hall building only three blocks from the church that was bombed, and announced to reporters that Wallace had promised 300 state troopers.

"It is a tragic event," Boutwell said of the bombing. "It is most sickening that a few individuals could commit such a horrible atrocity."

The occurrence of such a thing has so gravely concerned the public . . . at that point Boutwell's voice broke and he could not continue.

Boutwell and Moore sent the following telegram to the governor:

"In view of the tragic and horrendous events in Birmingham

am this morning, we anticipate a great deal of unrest. While the situation appears to be well under control of local law enforcement officers at this time, the possibility of further trouble exists.

"In view of our determination to leave no stone unturned in our efforts to maintain law and order, we appeal to you as governor of Alabama to use the power invested in you to help us maintain the peace and dignity desired by the people of this community and this state. Jefferson County Sheriff Me Bailey concurs."

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Leaders In Appeal For Order And Aid

Grim-faced civic leaders joined in a radio and television appeal for order last night in the wake of bloodshed and violence which rocked Birmingham after the bombing of a Negro church.

Mayor Albert Boutwell, civic enforcement and religious leaders said that "the head of every decent, good and law-abiding citizen was bowed in sorrow."

He said that this "great tragedy" was a shame which fell on the whole city and the nation.

Firm Pledge
A note of firmness entered the mayor's voice when he affirmed that "no stone will be left untouched . . . and no effort or expense spared" until the criminals are apprehended in yesterday's bombing of a Negro church which killed four children.

Dr. W. Landon Miller, president of the Birmingham Ministerial Assn. was the final leader to issue an appeal on a special half-hour program over television and radio.

He urged "every God-fearing person regardless of race or creed" to join in a noonday moment of prayer which would start today, and, for each day there-

after and continue through Sept. 22.

In asking all citizens to join in the mass prayer, he said that he was expecting "a spiritual miracle of brotherliness."

Earlier, a special appeal was made to both parents and school children not to participate in any demonstration today.

Also, citizens were cautioned about leaving their homes and were advised not to travel unless it was absolutely necessary.

Police Chief Inspector William Haley, Sheriff Melvin Bailey, Council President M. E. Wiggins, Councilman George Seibels Jr. and Alabama Highway Public Safety Director Al Lingo all appeared on the program.

The law enforcement officers, especially, appealed to anyone having any information about the church bombing to come to the police.

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Bomb Blasts Detonate Crowd Disturbances

Crowds surging into the streets and creating disturbances following bombings in Birmingham have become common, and more easily detonated. The first of such incidents began only one year ago.

In December of 1962 a bomb was thrown into the Northside Negro church, which had been formerly pastored by the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth.

Twenty-five Negro children who were practicing a Christmas play escaped uninjured in the blast, but heavy damage was reported to the church and the pastor's home across the street.

Immediately after the blast, an unruly crowd began to gather at the scene. Two parades of Negroes were arrested by policemen.

The first wide-spread rioting to follow a bombing incident occurred on the night of May 11, after two bombs—one at A. G. Gaston Motel and the other at the home of Negro leader A. D. King, exploded within 30 minutes. Crowds of persons, mostly Negroes, roamed city streets, setting fire to stores, homes and other establishments in the Kelley Ingram Park area.

The most recent dynamite bombing incidents in the Birmingham area occurred at the home of Arthur Shores, Negro attorney. The two bombings—one on Aug. 21 and the other on Sept. 5—touched off widespread rioting in which more than 1000 Negroes were involved.

Following the second bombing at the Shores home on Center St., one Negro was killed and 21 persons were injured. Damage was heavier in the first bombing, according to police reports.

The last bombing prior to the Sixteenth Street Church yesterday occurred at the home of A. G. Gaston, Negro businessman. Two incendiary bombs were thrown, with damage reported as being "light."

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CRUMPLED CARS—Cars outside the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church were crumpled like toys by the murderous dynamite blast which killed four little Negro girls in the church and injured many others. Bits of glass, some of it from blown-out stained glass windows, littered the sidewalk and street outside.

2 Negroes Killed In Incidents Here

Two Negro boys, one 13 and the other 16, were killed late yesterday afternoon in connection with racial troubles here.

Police said 16-year-old James Robinson, 622 28th-st. n, was dead on arrival at Hillman Emergency Hospital after being shot by a Birmingham policeman.

Officers said Robinson was among a group of Negroes throwing rocks at cars loaded with white teen-agers in the 800 block of 26th-st. n.

Detectives C. L. Pierre and M. E. Gullion reported the Negroes ordered to halt, ran from police up 26th-st, and turned into Eighth-alley. An officer fired a shotgun loaded with buckshot at the legs of the group, according to police. One of the shots struck Robinson, knocking him to the ground. Police said Virgil Ware, 13, was shot and killed by two white teen-agers on a motor scooter on Sandusky-rd. about the same time Robinson was shot.

An arrest order was issued for the white boys.

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POLICE INVESTIGATE—Birmingham police and sheriff's deputies, dressed in hard hats and carrying carbines, moved into the vicinity of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday to keep order and to investigate the dynamite blast which killed four little Negro girls in Sunday school.

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Cries Of Grief Follow Bombing

BY RALPH HOLMES

Minutes after a bomb left the Sixteenth Street Baptist church in shambles, a screaming, sobbing crowd of Negroes began digging in the rubble to find the injured church members.

One Negro man seeing a sheet covered body being taken to an ambulance, cried out in grief, "This is my sister, and she's dead." He pointed to the church and shouted, "I have another sister inside somewhere, but this one is dead."

The scene around the Negro church, which was a headquarters for the May Negro demonstrations, was that of mass confusion and almost panic on the part of many of the Negro onlookers.

In the 16th-st side of the church, three cars blocked the street, riddled with holes from flying rock, and smashed by the force of the blast.

Across the street, windows and doors were knocked out of buildings and stores, leaving the area covered with glass and rubble.

Other houses adjacent to the church on 16th-st were damaged. Tommy Rand, clad in overalls and white shirt, told the growing crowd of shouting Negroes, "go home and pray for the men who did this evil deed."

Minister Jeered

"We must have love in our hearts for these men," Rand continued, only to be jeered at by a group of Negro youths gathered across the street from the church in a Negro laundry which was damaged by the blast.

One of the youths shouted, "We give love, and we get this." He was backed up by shouts of approval from other Negroes.

The auditorium of the Negro church seemed almost unaffected by the blast, except that some of the stained-glass windows were broken and cracked and the pulpit area covered with glass and other rubble.

The entrance on the Sixteenth Street side of the church seemed to have received most of the force from the bomb. A crater about three-feet deep and at least eight-feet in diameter was left in the doorway.

Time Bomb Suspected

The blast left most of the classrooms and stairways of the two-story building in shambles. Most of the injured and dead were taken from the classrooms where Sunday School was going on at the time of the explosion.

An unidentified Negro man told reporters that the blast must have come from a time bomb planted under the steps of the 16th-st entrance.

Police quickly roped off the area around the church and blocked off a six-block section around the blast area.

When Negroes began gathering in Kelly Ingram park, police quickly sent the crowd away telling them to go home.

Other Negro leaders told the constantly gathering crowd of Negroes, some silent with grief, and others shouting in anger, to go home and let police investigate the bombing, so they can give us justice.

In the midst of wailing police sirens and shouting, the low sound of the song, "We Shall Overcome," could be heard from the crowd surrounding the area.

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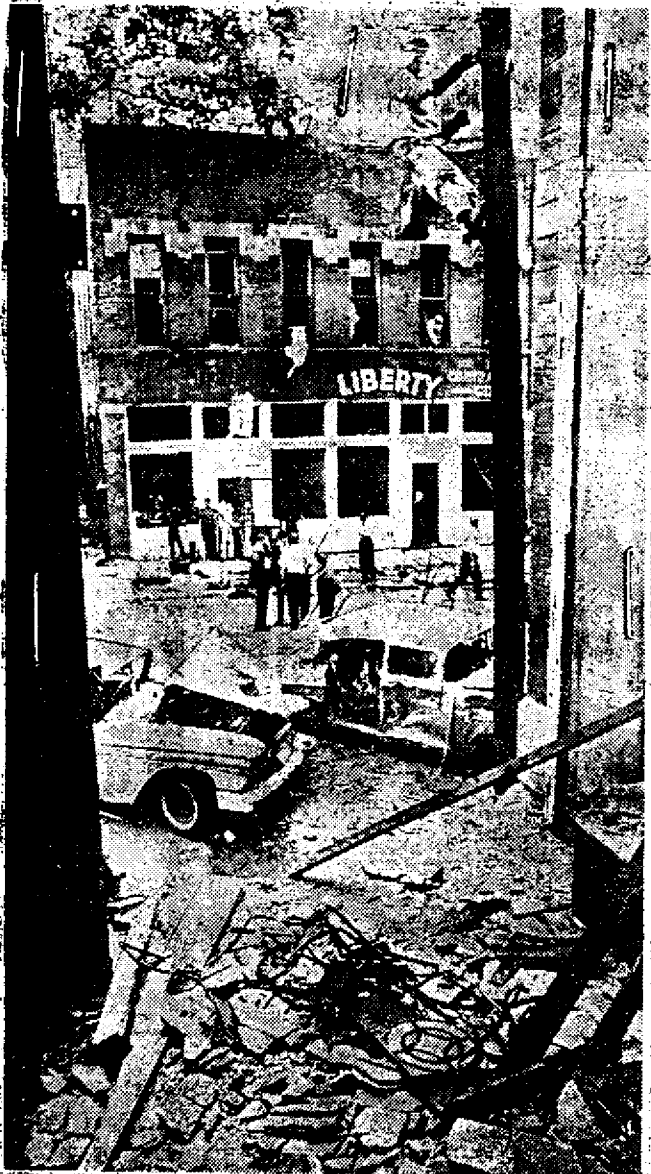
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DEBRIS—The murderous dynamite blast which wrecked the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church yesterday scattered broken glass, rocks and pieces of the building in front of the church. The blast crumpled several cars parked in front of the church. A utility company employe is shown repairing blasted lines.

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20th Bombing Here Against Negroes

The bombing of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church marked at least the 20th time in eight years that Birmingham Negroes have been bomb victims.

But yesterday was the first time anyone has been killed by the blasts. Four died, and the 13 injured was only seven less than the total injured in all the 19 previous bombings.

Since the bombings began in 1955, the main targets have been the churches, the home of the Rev. Fred L. Shuttlesworth and the homes of Negroes moving into a white section that came to be known as "Dynamite Hill."

12 Days Ago

The last dynamite bombing was 12 days ago at the home of Negro attorney Arthur Shores on "Dynamite Hill." That blast occurred while repair work was still in progress from a bombing at Shores' home two weeks earlier. Eight days ago a bomb was tossed into the Robinwood home of A. G. Gaston, prominent Negro businessman.

While the previous bombings caused no deaths and few injuries, three of the most recent set off rioting that led to one death, scores of injuries and widespread property damage in fires, looting and stonings.

Volunteer Negro guards captured several white men who allegedly threw a bomb at Shuttlesworth's church several years ago. They were acquitted. They were the only arrests.

Reported Bombings

The bombings since 1955:

December, 1956—home of the Rev. F. L. Shuttlesworth;

April 1957—home of Ashbury Howard, Negro labor leader, at Bessemer

April, 1957—Alec Temple, a church, Bessemer

July, 1957—incomplete Negro home on "Dynamite Hill."

November, 1957—Negro home under construction, Bessemer.

December, 1957—blast that damaged five Negro homes on "Dynamite Hill."

May, 1958—home of Mrs. Dora Muldin, Birmingham.

June, 1958—Bethel Baptist Church, where Shuttlesworth was pastor

July, 1958—home of William Blackwell, steel company employe.

January, 1962—New Bethel Baptist Church, where Shuttlesworth was pastor.

January, 1962—St. Luke's Zion Church.

January, 1962—Trinity Church of God.

January, 1962—Four-unit apartment houses for Negroes under construction.

December, 1962—New Bethel Baptist Church.

March, 1963—home of Howard Robinson, Birmingham.

May, 1963—the Rev. A. D. King's home, Birmingham.

May, 1963—A. G. Gaston Motel.

August, 1963—home of Arthur Shores, civil rights attorney.

Sept. 4, 1963—Shores' home again.

Sept. 15, 1963—16th Street Baptist Church.

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Pastor Says—

All Was Calm—Then Chaos

"It all happened so unexpectedly that it took a moment to sink in," said the Rev. John Cross, pastor of Sixteenth Street Baptist Church which was bombed yesterday.

"When it turned into chaos," he added.

He said the Rev. Cross: "It was terrible. The blast ripped one child's head completely off.

"The four children who died must have been killed instantly. They were in the direct path of the explosion.

"The church's Youth Day was Youth Day at the church. We had about 80 youngsters gathered in our youth department. They were just beginning to reassemble for their closing exercise when the blast went off about 10:22 a.m.

"I believe the bomb must have been planted, probably before dawn, inside the east wall. I don't think it could have been thrown. It tore down the wall between the room in which it went off and that in which the children were reassembling.

"There was almost complete destruction at the site of impact. Window panes were shattered throughout the church.

"I went into the street to try to calm the people gathering there. Then I went to the hospital to help identify our dead and injured."

'It Was Horrible'
Mrs. Marnie Greer, Sunday school superintendent at the church, said:

"It was horrible, just horrible. One minute, a typical Sunday School day. The next, window glass and debris flying every-

where, people screaming and practically stampeding in their effort to get out.

"When we got out on the street we found many of the injured, blood streaming down their faces, walking about as though in a daze, waiting for the ambulances.

"Someone told me my husband had been hurt and taken to the hospital. I rushed there but they wouldn't let me in. They wouldn't let anyone in.

"It was such a brutal thing. All those children. They had just started reassembling for closing prayers. I was upstairs and they were so quiet down-

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Ministerial Group Asks Prayers Of City

BY LEONARD CHAMBLEE which tend to excite violence, hatred and bitterness.

"In humiliation before God" the executive committee of the Ministers Association of Greater Birmingham yesterday called upon "every God-fearing citizen, regardless of race or creed" to pause for at least a minute of prayer at noon every day this week.

The ministers, meeting in a special session, also endorsed the efforts of a group of laymen to raise funds to pay funeral expenses for the girls killed in the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing, to pay hospital expenses of the injured and to rebuild the church.

Their Statement

The complete text of their statement follows:

"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, whenever he is, for at least one minute of prayer. We request that churches toll their bells and radio and television stations co-operate 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."

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City Council Prays For Divine Aid

Preceding yesterday's emergency session of the Birmingham City Council, member Dr. John A. Bryan gave the following prayer:

"Almighty God, we humbly beseech Thee this day and hour to guide our thoughts and deliberations.

Direct our thoughts and decisions.

"Control our emotions. Keep hatred and prejudices out of the hearts and souls of the people of our great city.

"Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to Thee. Oh Lord, our strength and our Redeemer.

"We ask in Thy name, Oh God and Savior of all Mankind."

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Two City Leaders Deplore Bombing

Two Birmingham leaders yesterday issued statements deploring the dynamite bombing of a Negro church.

Birmingham Atty. Douglas Arant and William M. Spencer III, president of the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce, made the statements.

Said Mr. Arant:
 "The overwhelming conscience of this community has been shocked by the recent bombings, the worst and most heinous of which occurred today at the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church during religious services, resulting not only in the death of innocent children, and injuries to other people but also in great damage to church property not to mention irreparable damage to the reputation of our city and the morale of its people.

Necessary Steps
 "Our local government must take whatever steps are necessary to cope with this lawless situation. If, as the recent budget hearings seem to indicate, this means increased taxes to bring additional law enforcement personnel to assist our already faithful and overburdened police force, the necessary taxes must be levied without delay. The great mass of the people will support the council in this essential action.

Those responsible for these lawless acts have in effect issued a challenge to the constituted governmental authorities and to citizens

who believe in law and order. This challenge must be met and met now. The guilty must be apprehended and punished according to law and whatever steps are required to protect the law-abiding people of this community must be taken.

Not The Issue

"Whether you are for or against integration is not the issue," Spencer said. "When a company looks at a community and sees this violence they are not coming in here and it will make a bad employment situation far worse. "Anybody who has two grains of sense to rattle around deploring this sort of thing. This is the very kind of thing that plays right into the hands of those who are trying to push Civil Rights legislation through the Congress.

Average Citizen

"The average citizen of this area should realize how much it hurts them. It has had a very adverse effect on us nationally, because the very people we are fighting to get to come in here and give all our people jobs are just not coming in here. How can we, in all good conscience, ask people to come in here and give our people jobs and risk their money with the kind of situation we have here? This is the absolute opposite of the belief in life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness.

"It's hurt every single citizen of this area—black, white—it destroys the good names of all people of this area and the future of all our children."

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LINGO COMES IN—Alabama Public Safety Director Al Lingo, shown in uniform at Birmingham's City Hall, met with local law enforcement agents after some 300 Highway Patrolmen were brought into Birmingham to help keep order. To Lingo's right is Sheriff Melvin Bailey.

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Mayor Urges Citizens To Remain In Homes

Mayor Albert Boutwell, in a special statement issued following yesterday morning's bombing that killed four children at a Negro church, urged citizens to stay at home and to "pray and think."

The mayor said: "This morning's bombing was an atrocity against all humanity. My heart goes out to the victims and their families — and my heart goes out to all the good people of Birmingham who see this coming night with fear and with sorrow.

"The time is here . . . now . . . for this whole city to have no other thought but to capture the savage animals who committed this act, and others like it, and put an end to this terror.

In the meantime, the tragedy of this Sunday morning must not be compounded by more senseless trouble. Let every citizen who is not required, by absolute

necessity to be on the streets, to stay at home. Let every one of them pray and think.

"Tomorrow, I urge, as strongly as I know how, for the children of Birmingham to get about the business of their education and leave this fearful task to the School Board and their attorneys, and to our law enforcement officers."

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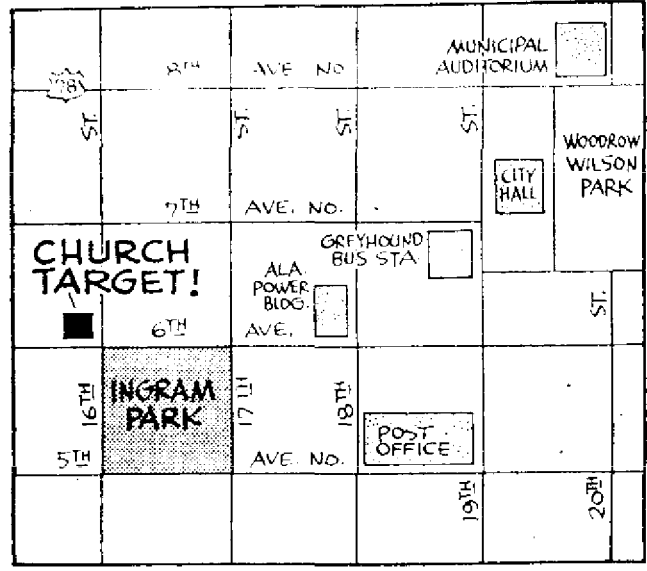
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WORRIED BOUTWELL—Mayor Albert Boutwell, wearing a worried expression, met in a special emergency session with members of the Birmingham City Council yesterday to discuss the dynamite bombing of a Negro church. At right is M. E. Wiggins, president of the council.



WHERE IT HAPPENED—The above map, drawn by Post-Herald Artist Phil Neel, shows the location of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, where a dynamite blast killed four Negro girls during Sunday school services yesterday. The map shows other locations in the city.

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Most Unspeakable Bombing

In the past, long series of dynamitings, Birmingham people have been able to say that at least no lives had been lost.

That no longer is true. In yesterday's bombing of the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church (Negro), the lives of four defenseless children were taken in the most unspeakable of all the outrages that has been visited upon this strife-torn city. At least 17 other people were injured.

So now murder has been added to the crimes of the bombers.

This bombing took place on holy ground—at a church while services were in progress.

Thus it is quite evident now, if it was not before, that the bombers have no compunction against offending against the laws of God. They do not hesitate to devastate a house of worship and to kill and maim the worshipers if it suits their purposes.

SOMEHOW, in some way, these dynamiters must be captured and made to pay a high penalty.

This is not just a racial matter. It is a matter of law and order that affects all of us.

For if these bombings continue, who is safe? Your church or your home or your place of business could be blasted.

We are all in this together. We all suffer from it. We all must work for a solution.

One encouraging factor is that the Federal Bureau of Investigation is working on these cases. They have an excellent record of solving even the most difficult cases.

Rewards for information concerning the bombings also have mounted to more than \$50,000 and someone with knowledge of the crimes may eventually come forward with information as a result of the amount of money offered. Governor Wallace has offered \$5000 reward from the state in this particular case.

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THE PEOPLE of Birmingham have striven to reach a solution to racial problems. But until these bombings are stopped—permanently—we will never have a full solution.

There was, apparently, some rock throwing by Negroes at police after yesterday's explosion, but at least it was ended soon though sporadic troubles continued. There also are reports of rock-throwing by Negroes at white cars during the nighttime.

These rock-throwers are going to have to be taken into custody and dealt with severely. The Negro leadership must impress upon their people that such actions will not be tolerated.

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Uneasy Calm Returns Here

Birmingham, torn by the morning bombing of a Negro church, began to resume normal activity late last night after the fire department answered at least six calls which were all believed to have been set.

The largest blaze broke out in the Birmingham Mop Manufacturing Co., at 1114 Fifth-av. s. Chief O. N. Gallant, said first reports indicated that the fire had been set. He estimated the damage at up to \$30,000.

Three fires that erupted in vacant houses in Ensley were linked by officers with deliberate attempts to harrass the fire department.

Officials said the houses were in the process of being torn down to make room for a new highway coming through that section.

A roofing company on Finley-av. and Center-st. was almost completely destroyed after it was sprinkled with gasoline and set afire.

Another Southside fire was on Morris-av. and Center-st. A Negro youth was seen running from the building shortly before the fire was discovered, residents said. Fire Dept. officials said that a gasoline can was found in the building.

Heavily armed police and state troopers patrolled the streets in efforts to discourage any further violence.

Streets around the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church remained sealed off as Federal inspectors moved in to sift for evidence.

Scores of reports involving rock-throwing, in which one Negro teenager was shot to death by police, poured into police headquarters until early morning hours.

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