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No One Can View Cynthia

By JAMES L. HICKS BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

The family of 14-year-old Cynthia Wesley stoutly refused permission to let her casket be opened for public viewing here Wednesday as an estimated 10,000 Negroes and whites prepared to attend the funeral of this city's last three bomb victims.

Cynthia's head was blown off by the bomb blast. A Birmingham Negro undertaker, however, reportedly performed such

Bombing Brought Sorrow To Relatives Here

For the Herman Robertsons of Harlem's Lenox Terrace Apartments, the bombing Sunday of a church in Birmingham wasn't another explosive episode "Back Down There" in the Negro fight for freedom. It was a personal tragedy.

It couldn't have been more real — or more terrifying — if it had happened at 135th St. and Lenox Ave., on the doorstep of the Robertsons' home at 2185 Fifth Ave.

For the Robertsons, both natives of Birmingham, lost their 14-year-old niece, Carol, who was one of the four youngsters killed when 15 sticks of dynamite exploded in the 16th Street Baptist Church.

The desperate hours came for them when Mrs. Robertson first heard news of the bombing Sunday afternoon over her radio.

"All I heard then was of the bombing... but I felt something

was wrong... I didn't know why but I started crying... I knew that was the church Carol attended... recounted Mrs. Robertson, still not fully awakened from the nightmarish tragedy.

"My husband," said Mrs. Robertson, tracing the desperate hours, "he said he didn't think Carol went to church that day."

Carol was the daughter of Alvin, Robertson's brother. It was apparent his belief was a frantic expression of hope.

But his hope was his wife's fear.

From that moment, just short-

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67 Cars At Carol's Funeral

By JAMES L. HICKS BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

Hundreds of white people joined thousands of Negroes here Tuesday and Wednesday to pay their last respects to four little Negro girls whose lives were snuffed out here Sunday in the bomb blasting of the 16th Street Baptist Church which injured 20 others and set off rioting in which two other Negroes were killed.

The whites joined hands with

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New Yorkers To March On City Hall October 13th

By JAMES BOOKER

Charging that Negroes are accepting no compromise with their demands, an estimated 50,000 New Yorkers will march on City Hall on Sunday, Oct. 13, to demand more jobs in the construction industry and to dramatize the local civil rights issues, James Farmer, CORE national director, told the Amsterdam News this week.

The City Hall March will be the forerunner to local marches CORE and other groups are planning in key cities throughout the country to dramatize local civil rights conditions and discrimination against Negroes in jobs, housing, and schools, Mr. Farmer said.

The CORE leader, who flew to San Francisco and Los Angeles early this week to help plan similar demonstrations on the West Coast, said the demonstrations would be followups to

the historic March on Washington.

"As the nationwide tempo of these demonstrations is increased, CORE will set up a series of workshops to train leaders to conduct peaceful protests against discriminations. Our first such workshop is being opened in Brooklyn," Farmer said.

More Time The New York demonstration had originally been scheduled for Sept. 29, but has been postponed until Oct. 13 to give groups who

participated in the March on Washington more time to coordinate the demonstration.

In addition to the civil rights groups, leading ministers and

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"Glad To See You", Said Cop

By JAMES L. HICKS BIRMINGHAM, Ala.

A high ranking police official told this Amsterdam News reporter here Monday "I'm glad to see you in Birmingham."

When I recovered from the shock of his words I told him that I was glad that he was "glad" I was in Birmingham!

Then I asked him why. It all happened at City Hall where I had been forced to go in order to get my New York press credentials validated by the police of the City of Birmingham like all other reporters are forced to do here.

In accordance with instructions

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Jackie To Head Boxing Body?

Former major league baseball star Jackie Robinson will be the next chairman of the New York State Athletic Commission, the Amsterdam News has learned from highly reliable sources.

Sources close to the Governor reported that Mr. Rockefeller is extremely anxious to have the 44-year-old former sports star in his official state family and has alerted top Republican officials to find a new job for Gen. Melvin L. Kruelewitich, the present chairman of the State Athletic Commission.

Robinson, the first Negro in baseball's Hall of Fame, met with Gov. Rockefeller in his New York offices last Wednesday

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See New Harlem Bank By January

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Organizers of the proposed Freedom National Bank for Harlem hope to open by January 1, Irving B. Altman and Dunbar S. McLaurin, two of the members of the group's organizing committee, told the Amsterdam News after receiving preliminary approval of the new bank from the U.S. Comptroller of the Currency.

Officials of the banking institution, which would be the first commercial institution sponsored by a predominantly Negro group in the state, indicated that they were moving ahead with full steam as a result of the preliminary approval, considered the major hurdle.

The new bank, which has an

initial capitalization of \$1,500,000, is offering 60,000 shares at \$25-a-share to the public, but already Mr. Altman indicated that hundreds of persons have applied for shares. Persons seeking to buy shares should write or call the organizing committee, which has temporary headquarters at 317 W. 125th St., or UN 5-2250. Preference is being given to Harlem residents.

Name Site Mr. McLaurin indicated that the bank, which has an interracial organizing committee, hopes to occupy quarters at 275 W. 125th St., which have been just vacated by the Manufacturers Hanover Bank, which moved into larger quarters. The new group plans extensive alterations and remodeling to make the bank a first-class structure, McLaurin said.

Mr. Altman, a retired bank executive who spent 20 years as a vice president and cashier of the Merchants Bank of New York, and is expected to be the chief executive officer of the Freedom National Bank, said that the preliminary approval is the government's way of indicating satisfaction as to the need of such a bank and its endorsement of the sponsoring group.

Formal chartering will come

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Fight Pool Room On 125th St.

By GEORGE TODD

A proposed billiard parlor to be opened at 109 W. 125th St. brought objections from some business people and religious leaders in the area this week resulting in the withholding of a license by the City.

At a hearing Tuesday in the Department of Licenses at 80 Lafayette St., James Corines, executive assistant to the commissioner, heard the testimony of two complainants who said they were opposed to the club

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Mr. Richmond, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Rev. Dr. Gardner Taylor, and Whitney Young, president of the National Urban League, were the principal speakers at the luncheon launching a drive for \$300,000 for an emergency budget for a special New York Commerce and Industry Committee to aid the League's program.

Mr. Richmond urged busi-

Prayer For Lost Souls



SOUL FORCE — A Birmingham, Ala., youth kneels on a glass-strewn sidewalk opposite the 16th Street Baptist Church to pray for racial peace and justice in the aftermath of Sunday's bombing of the church which took the lives of four youngsters and brought injury to 16 others.

(UPI Telephoto)

Nation Joins In Mourning; Kennedy On Spot On 'Bama

President Kennedy stood square on a racial spot this week to provide federal protection for Negroes in Alabama as thousands of Negroes and whites in more than 100 cities throughout the nation were planning to hold memorial services on Sunday, Sept. 22, in a national day of mourning for the six freedom-seeking children murdered in Birmingham, Ala., last Sunday.

"If no federal protection can be found for the Negroes in Alabama and elsewhere in the South, the links of that chain will be extended to the national government, because helplessness in Washington is an invitation to lawlessness in Birmingham," the ten chairman of the March on Washington said in an appeal to President Kennedy demanding federal action.

"When people cannot look to their government to defend them they will take steps to defend themselves," the leaders charged in a threat of possible violence from Negroes.

In Washington, however,

spokesmen for the President and the Attorney General said the Federal government was powerless to send troops into the tension-torn city of Birmingham.

and disgust were being expressed by Negro leaders and liberal whites over the wanton murders. Roy Wilkins, NAACP executive secretary, warned that Negroes may be forced to meet force with force.

Similar warnings were made by leaders of the National Urban League, CORE, SNCC, NALC, and scores of other groups, all blaming Alabama's Gov. Wallace for helping to incite the reign of racial terror in the deep South state.

In New York, as funeral serv-

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President Kennedy late Wednesday agreed to meet with the Rev. Martin Luther King and six other civil rights leaders on the racial crisis in Birmingham.

Throughout the nation, however, angry tones of bitterness

Says Bias Costs NY 750 Million A Year

Race prejudice in New York City is costing the New York business community more than \$750,000,000 a year in new income, Frederick W. Richmond, president of the Urban League of Greater New York, told some 150 business leaders at a luncheon Tuesday at the Four Seasons.

Mr. Richmond, Mayor Robert F. Wagner, Rev. Dr. Gardner Taylor, and Whitney Young, president of the National Urban League, were the principal speakers at the luncheon launching a drive for \$300,000 for an emergency budget for a special New York Commerce and Industry Committee to aid the League's program.

Mr. Richmond urged busi-

ness leaders not only to join the committee but to support it substantially "to insure that the disease of Birmingham from becoming violently apparent in New York."

Mayor Backs It The Mayor also urged support of the campaign, stressing that there was "an urgent need" to

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Selassie To UN

Ethiopia's Emperor Haile Selassie is expected to head a list of prominent African leaders who will visit the United Nations during the present session which opened Tuesday.

Selassie, who addressed the UN during a visit here a few years ago, is scheduled to arrive in the United States on Sunday, Sept. 29, and will spend a few days in Washington, where President Kennedy will give an official reception in his honor on October 1.

New York City will roll out the red carpet with a city reception for the Ethiopian leader on Thursday, October 3, and he will address the United Nations later the same week.

"They Didn't Know Where Her Head Is!"

By JAMES L. HICKS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — They didn't even know where her pretty little head is — they won't ever know!

They just took her crumpled little body with the stump of her neck on it and lowered it into her grave!

Wait a minute, New York — don't put this paper down!

Read this!

It is undoubtedly the most grisly story you have ever read in a newspaper — it certainly is the most grisly one I have ever written — but read it — read every word — read and remember!

Read — and remember why Negro Americans — why every DECENT American must work to cut the cancer of racial bigotry from the American way of life — as if the outcome of the entire struggle depended upon him alone.

This is for America — read it — and weep for America!

They identified her body by her new pink dress — because Cynthia Wesley, 14, no longer had a head. Her head was shredded off her body by the force of a bomb blast like a strong man would wring off the neck of a chicken.

Cute little Cynthia Wesley was a good Sunday School student and she was on time Sunday morn-

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In Birmingham

"They Don't Live, They're Tolerated"

By JAMES L. HICKS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — When I arrived at the spot where a bomb blew the head off a 14-year-old girl and smothered three others of her Sunday school classmates under the rubble and ruin of their church, the first person I saw was a six-foot trooper of the Alabama State police proudly wearing a crash helmet with a six-inch Confederate flag stenciled on both sides!

The sight of an arm of the law standing there wearing the emblem of slavery told me at once that little Cynthia Wesley, the headless dead girl, never really had a chance in Alabama — even if she had lived.

Cynthia didn't have a chance in life in Alabama — and neither did Carol Robertson, 14, Addie Mae Collings, 14, or little Denise McNair, just 11, all of whom died with her.

And for that matter neither does any other Negro have a chance at life if his life is lived as life is lived by Negroes in Birmingham today.

For when one is the very lowest man on the totem pole in the economy, as the Negro is in Birmingham, the only hope he has is the continuance of a state of law and order under which he can eke out his meager existence.

But when the very arm of that law and order joins with the economic power structure in an alli-

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Only 100 Names Go To Building Unions

The names of only some 100 non-white apprentice and journeymen aspirants reportedly have been referred to the building trades unions by the Brennan six-man committee from the total of 2,672 names of applicants turned over to it by the City Labor Department.

Peter Brennan, president of the 122-union Building and Construction Trades Council, and Donald Rogers, chairman of the six-man committee, were said to be unavailable for comment Tuesday, but a Brennan aide said about 100 names had been referred to several unions for possible admission to apprentice-

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