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Woman Who Fought School Prayers

Tax the Churches,

Mrs. O'Hair Urges

By Peter Winterble
Washington Post Staff Writer

Madalyn Murray O'Hair was wearing her familiar flower-print sack dress.

She looks just like she did in 1963 when litigation she initiated wound up as a Supreme Court decision banning compulsory prayer and Bible reading in public schools.

Madalyn Murray O'Hair is on a new crusade. She's out to make organized churches in the United States pay taxes on their corporate operations.

She says that tax evasion is being practiced every day "by every organized church in the country."

Mrs. O'Hair (she recently married an American expatriate painter, Richard O'Hair) has spent the past several years collecting data that she says will help prove her point.

They include her statements that a major bank is owned by a religious sect, that a railroad is owned by a church, and that office buildings and land are owned by churches who never have to pay taxes on them.

She feels that the public should not be forced to support, in effect, a particular church just because the public wants to buy a particular product—like a train ride or office space.

The argument makes sense to many people, she says, but the real obstacle is the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment, which reads in part:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

"Is selling steel for a profit and not paying taxes 'the free exercise of religion?'" she asks.

She said she feels the churches keep quiet on major

issues because they are "afraid of losing their tax-free position, among other things."

"Show me a church that has come out against the war in Vietnam, or that has begun a really significant project for social good—the kind we need right now."

"I'll show you that there aren't any," she adds.

But she also says she is not against the good work that churches "could do if they tried."

"If the Baptist Church wanted to register Negro voters in this country, it could get them all registered in six months," she says.

Her goal is to secure the "basic human freedoms that should be guaranteed to any human being—freedom from religion as well as freedom of religion," she states.

But the public, Mrs. O'Hair says, often disagrees—usually because of her previous fight against compulsory prayer in schools.

She does, in fact, say: "I would like for all religion to be compulsory study in schools, for children from the 5th to the 12th grades."

She recommend studying the "history, literature and the psychopathology of religion," to the end that "any kid will reject it out-of-hand by age 12."

Whether her views will gain mass acceptance during her lifetime is "questionable," she says. But she adds that she is "nevertheless dedicated to them," and will fight to the end.

The end—or the beginning—may be in June, when she will know whether the Supreme Court has accepted her appeal of a Maryland court case against the Roman Catholic Church.

In it, she charges the Church should be paying taxes of up to \$6 million on its holdings and operations.

The case was rejected by the Maryland Court of Appeals, that State's highest tribunal.

"You know what one of those judges cited in his opinion on the case?" she asks.

"He (it was Judge Reuben Oppenheimer) says, in effect, that the church should be allowed to carry on business tax-free because it is an institution dedicated to the good of man and it helps in integration."

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Mrs. O'Hair Fights Now Over Taxes

Madlyn Murray O'Hair is on the bandwagon again, this time fighting for a Supreme Court decision that would separate church and state—especially in the realm of tax-free operation.

Mrs. O'Hair told a group of 250 listeners at Howard University's Cramton Auditorium last night:

"I have dedicated myself to the field of the separation of church and state."

She gained national attention in 1963 when a suit she initiated wound up as a Supreme Court decision against prayer and Bible-reading in public schools.

This time, she says, the stakes are different—to the tune of millions of dollars of tax money that she feels churches should be paying in taxes.

She told the audience that the Bank of America is owned by the Society of Jesus of the Roman Catholic Church; that the Mormons own a controlling interest in the Union Pacific Railroad, and that the Baptists own a 22-story office building in Chicago that they write off as tax-free because of a chapel on the 22d floor.

"Besides the fact that these religious sects do not have to pay a penny tax on their holdings, it grieves me to think that a citizen of this country is forced to aid a particular church just because he does business with a particular company," she said.

These and other facts, she said, are to be published soon in an article entitled "Let Us Pay."

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Atheist Suing Her Kinfolk

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 4 (UPI) — Atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair, contending all the money contributed for her "Free Thought Society" is not reaching her, wants legal action against members of her family.

She said yesterday she has asked the Post Office Department and the police in Honolulu, Hawaii, to stop her brother, son and two lawyers, who live in Honolulu, from soliciting funds for her.

She is carrying out a court fight against tax exemptions for churches. "I've lost my family, my business, my home, everything, but by God, at this point I'm too involved to see anything ruin it."

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Claims Persecution**Ex-Mrs. Murray Asks
Court Halt Extradition**

AUSTIN, Texas, Oct. 23 — (UPI)—A charge by Madalyn Murray O'Hair that Maryland officials are pressing an extradition order against her only for "purposes of religious persecution" brought a court demand to the State of Texas to explain why it is holding her.

Mrs. O'Hair, devout atheist who has called herself "the most hated woman in the world," applied for a writ of habeas corpus yesterday in a 15-minute appearance before District Judge Tom Reavley.

REAVLEY heard her petition and then issued an order to Travis County Sheriff T. O. Lang to appear before him Nov. 22 to defend the extradition order. It was not known if Maryland officials would try to come to Texas to help defend the request, which Texas Gov. John Connally signed last week.

In her application, Mrs. O'Hair said the Maryland officials "are attempting to use the extradition process in bad faith and for private purpose of religious persecution."

Mrs. O'Hair filed the suit which led to the Supreme Court's ban on mandatory prayers in public schools. Since the decision, she said, she has been subjected to much religious persecution.

SHE IS wanted in Baltimore on charges of assaulting a policeman. Her son, William Murray, 19, was released recently after serving less than 30 days on a six-month contempt of

court jail term. Assault charges against him were dropped by Maryland authorities.

The outspoken atheist, who has another suit before the U. S. Supreme Court seeking to do away with the tax-exempt status of religious groups, Monday married for the second time. Her husband, Richard O'Hair, 52, is a retired artist she met in Mexico earlier this year.

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Appeal Made For Atheist

An American Civil Liberties Union attorney today called for the dismissal of criminal charges against professed atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair on the grounds the indictments were made by a grand jury whose members professed their belief in God.

In the wake of the landmark Court of Appeals ruling which struck down actions by grand and petit juries who used the "belief in God" oath, Fred E. Weisgall called for dismissal of the nine charges. The dismissal move was couched in a motion filed in Criminal Court.

Mr. Weisgall, chairman of the legal panel of the A.C.L.U.'s Maryland chapter, held that as an atheist the former Mrs. Murray was improperly indicted by a grand jury that had sworn its belief in God.

Up to now, judges of the Su-

preme Bench have been holding such motions under consideration awaiting clarification of the appeals court ruling.

Authorities said yesterday that Mrs. O'Hair has a clear right to seek dismissal of the pending charges, but may face reindictment.

Mrs. O'Hair, now in Texas fighting extradition to Maryland, wired Mr. Weisgall and asked him to file the motion in Criminal Court.

She is being sought on charges of assaulting police officers and on a contempt of court conviction adjudicated while she was in Hawaii. The conviction, which carries a one-year sentence, may be struck down if she returns here, authorities speculated.

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Praises 'Justice for All'**Murray Fined \$100,
Is Freed of Charges**

With \$100 and verbal salutes to citizenship and the American judicial system, William Joseph Murray 3d, 19-year-old son of Baltimore atheist Madalyn Murray, today settled his legal score with Maryland.

Murray forfeited bond on two of four traffic charges pending against him in Ellicott City People's Court, was fined \$100 on a third, and the state chose not to prosecute the fourth.

Judge John L. Clark found the defendant guilty of driving on a revoked driver's license, in June of last year, but yielded to an eloquent plea against a jail sentence presented by Murray's two attorneys, Joseph H. Kaplan of Baltimore and Charles Reese of Ellicott City.

THE LAWYERS noted that young Murray has been separated from his young wife and 9-month-old child because of being "unlawfully held in Baltimore City Jail these past 31 days on an illegal contempt citation."

Speaking for himself and his associate, Judge Philip Sybert, Judge Clark said, "We are rather moved by the plea, and we feel badly that he spent 31 days in jail on charges that were without substance."

Murray, a free man, said afterwards: "There is no doubt that the Howard County trial was a fair one. Baltimore City, the United States and the State of Maryland also have proved that there is definitely justice here for all of us."

HIS MOTHER, who announced her remarriage yesterday in Austin, Texas, is presently fighting extradition to Maryland, where she faces contempt-of-court charges.

What his mother does is her own business, young Murray said today.

He said he would try to further his education with the idea of ultimately entering the legal profession.

Commenting that his immediate concern is "just trying to become a good citizen," Murray took a swipe at the Students for a Democratic Society and its protest against the war in Vietnam staged Saturday at Johns Hopkins University:

"THIS IS a very dangerous thing that is undermining America," he said, and declared he would have no part "in anything of that nature."

Murray declined to say where he will live.

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Goldberg Optimistic Over U.N.'s Future

NEW YORK (AP)—Arthur Goldberg, U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, says he is optimistic about the future of the world organization because man's instinct "is survival not destruction."

Goldberg, speaking at his installation last night as a trustee of the Institute of International Education, said he saw no alternative to the U.N.

Mrs. Murray Wed to Artist



Madalyn Murray

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—Mrs. Madalyn Murray, a professed atheist whose test case brought the U.S. Supreme Court ban on compulsory school prayers, was married yesterday to Richard F. O'Hair, a retired artist.

The met six months ago in Mexico, where Mrs. Murray had fled to avoid extradition to Maryland. They were married by Justice of the Peace J. H. Smith, who called the ceremony "an interesting experience."

Mrs. Murray, 46, is free under \$1,000 bond as she fights returning to Maryland. She said "religious persecution" is behind the extradition move.

Gen. LeMay to Get Trophy

NEW YORK (AP)—The Collier trophy for outstanding achievements in aeronautics was awarded yesterday to retired Air Force Gen. Curtis LeMay.

Look Magazine, co-sponsor of the award with the National Aeronautic Association, said Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey would present the trophy to LeMay Thursday.

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Madalyn Asks Texas Asylum

AUSTIN, Tex. (UPI) — Mrs. Madalyn Murray, an avowed atheist whose lawsuit led to abolition of prayers in public schools, pleaded with the State of Texas yesterday to grant her asylum and mercy.

The Baltimore, Md., divorcee filed a bill of particulars with Secretary of State Crawford Martin yesterday in advance of her extradition hearing today.

In San Antonio, American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) lawyer Maury Maverick said he will appear at the hearing today and said Mrs. Murray plans to "tell her story directly to Martin."

Mrs. Murray has been in San Antonio since she was deported from Mexico about 10 days ago.

She is sought in Baltimore in connection with an assault on Police Sgt. Charles Kelley June 20, 1964. Mrs. Murray contends the extradition will lead to mistreatment and possibly to her death.

She contested extradition because, she said, of the "improper motive" of Maryland authorities. "This astonishing request for extradition over a simple misdemeanor is actually motivated by religious persecution," she said in her brief.

"There is no state in this great United States of America which can surpass Texas in the area of political dissent and religious liberty," Mrs. Murray said in a plea directed at Martin and Gov. John B. Connally.

"I now turn to that Texas heritage and ask mercy . . . I ask for asylum. I ask for the greatest right an American can have—the right to be left alone."

Mrs. Murray is free on bond in San Antonio. She also faces a one-year contempt sentence in Maryland.

Martin said he had no objection to Mrs. Murray's attending the hearing, although it is rare for a defendant to do so. Maverick said he received Martin's word that Mrs. Murray would be allowed to return to San Antonio without arrest after the hearing.

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Mrs. Murray Freed Hours After Arrest

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 26 (AP)—A writ of habeas corpus motion today opened jail doors for Madalyn Murray, the Baltimore atheist who sparked the legal fight against compulsory school prayers.

State District Judge Archie Brown set bond on the writ about 3 p.m. (CST), less than 24 hours after Mrs. Murray was jailed last night after a flight from Mexico which deported her.

The motion was filed by Maury Maverick. He said he had assistance from the American Civil Liberties Union.

The judge instructed her to stay in the San Antonio area till the case is disposed of.

She said she would fight extradition to Maryland because "I fear for my life."

Baltimore officials have asked that she be brought to Maryland to face charges of assault and disorderly conduct that stemmed from a scuffle with police more than a year ago.

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Mrs. Madalyn Murray, winner of the legal battle which ended prayers in U. S. public schools, and Richard O'Hare, an expatriate living in Mexico, had announced wedding plans before her deportation was ordered.

Mrs. Murray Apprehended

BALTIMORE, (AP) — Baltimore atheist Madalyn Murray was apprehended in San Antonio, Tex., last night as she stepped off a plane from Mexico City, Baltimore city police said.

She is wanted in Baltimore on charges of assault and disorderly conduct stemming from a scuffle with police more than a year ago.

Lt. Joseph A. Cravelle of the Baltimore police said "extradition proceedings are under way." He said Mrs. Murray was using the name Madalyn Evelyn Mays, her maiden name.

A boy of about 9 or 10 accompanied her and police said they believed this was her youngest son, Jon Garth. He gave his name as John David, Lt. Cravelle said.

San Antonio police said Mrs.

Murray refused to say anything.

Mrs. Murray apparently arrived in San Antonio on an earlier flight than expected and did not wait for her official deportation from Mexico.

Mexico had announced yesterday it was expelling her, and that she faced prison if she returned again, but as the hour for her deportation neared she disappeared.

Mrs. Murray has been the center of controversy since her legal battle resulted in the 1963 Supreme Court decision banning official prayers in U.S. public schools.

Mexican officials gave no reason for the deportation order but warned her she faced imprisonment if she returns.

She and several members of her family went from Baltimore

to Honolulu and later to Mexico.

She was deported a week ago for being there under a false name, but returned under her real name and settled in Valle de Bravo, Mexico.

At the time, she and Richard O'Hare, a retired American painter and serviceman, formerly from Chicago, said they planned to settle in Valle de Bravo and marry in mid-October.

O'Hare said yesterday the marriage plans are definitely off, and that he planned to remain in Valle de Bravo, where he has been for the past five years.

Mrs. Murray was picked up again Friday night by Mexican government agents and brought to Mexico City. O'Hare went there with her.

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Mrs. Murray loses radio free time bid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The Federal Communications Commission today rejected a request from atheist Madalyn Murray that she be granted free time on 15 Honolulu radio stations to answer their religious programs.

The F.C.C. held that the stations "acted reasonably in good faith" when they refused to make time available to her.

Mrs. Murray, who brought the lawsuit that resulted in the Supreme Court's decision banning public school prayer, has moved from Baltimore, Maryland, to Honolulu to escape what she charged was persecution because of her beliefs.

F.C.C. Chairman E. William Henry and two other commissioners filed a concurring opinion that the broadcasters had not expressed viewpoints on "con-

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troversial issues of public importance" which warranted equal time for atheists.

Commissioner Lee Loevinger dissented.

He said the F.C.C. was assuming "the role of supervisor of religious programming" in violation of the Constitution.

Instead of answering the request, he said, the F.C.C. should have dismissed it for lack of jurisdiction.

"I cannot join in singing hosannas to fairness and freedom by the cheery light of the fire that burns the heretics," Loevinger said.

Mrs. Murray argued that the fairness doctrine required the stations to grant her time.

She made the demand as president of the Freethought Society of America and as president of the International Freethought Society.

The broadcasters argued that "freethought" was not sufficiently controversial issue of public importance in their listening areas to warrant a hearing on their facilities.

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Believed to Be in Mexico Hawaii Court Orders Murrays to Appear

The deputy attorney general in Honolulu Circuit Court Saturday notified State's Attorney Charles E. Moylan Jr. that Mrs. Madalyn Murray, Baltimore atheist, must appear

Andrew O. S. Lee told Moylan that Mrs. Murray and her 18-year-old son, William J., who are charged with assaulting three Baltimore policemen and contempt of court, are now believed to be in Mexico.

He noted that the Murrays were released in custody of their attorney, Hyman Greenstein, pending a ruling by the Hawaii Supreme Court on their extradition.

THAT TRIBUNAL has ruled that the two must be returned to Baltimore.

Moylan stated that if they do not appear in Honolulu Saturday he will confer with the FBI concerning the possibility of securing fugitive warrants against them.

The charges resulted from a melee at the Murray home in the 1500 block Winford Rd. in June, 1964.

The Murrays had been ordered by Judge Joseph G. Finerty to "cease and desist" from all contact with 17-year-old Susan Abramovitz who, the girl's parents charged, was induced to leave home and give up her Jewish faith.

William Murray married the girl shortly before the trouble.

POLICE WERE sent to the Murray home to prevent them from taking the girl away. Mrs. Murray allegedly kicked Patrolmen Robert Cristy and Allen Deiweller and Sgt. Charles Kelly and threatened Patrolman Cristy with a tear gas pen.

Her son was charged with assaulting Patrolman Aaron Jones and Sgt. Kelly. Contempt and disorderly conduct charges were also filed against the two.

The Murrays jumped \$12,000 bail and fled to Hawaii before prosecution of the offenses.

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Greenstein to Murray: Go Face the Music

William Murray, 19-year-old son of atheist leader Mrs. Madalyn Murray, was advised yesterday by attorney Hyman Greenstein to return to Maryland from Mexico to face assault charges.

Greenstein said he no longer will represent Mrs. Murray in her legal problems. She and her son are believed to be in Mexico City.

Greenstein said Mrs. Murray's brother, John D. Mays who lives here, contacted him yesterday to inquire if he still was Mrs. Murray's attorney.

Mays told Greenstein he had received a telephone call from William in Mexico. Young Murray wanted to know if he could return to Hawaii, Mays said.

The youth also asked if Greenstein would continue to represent Mrs. Murray in her church-state tax suit in her former home state of Maryland.

Mrs. Murray, who launched the court battle which saw the U.S. Supreme Court ban prayer in public schools as unconstitutional, is suing to force churches to pay taxes on their property and businesses.

"I told Mays to tell Bill I no longer was interested in representing them," Greenstein said. "I told him to tell Bill they had been released by the court in my custody and had embarrassed me and abused the trust the court and myself had placed in them."

"I also urged that Bill should go straight to Maryland to face the charges against him. I said he was too young to be running away from this thing for the rest of his life."

Mrs. Murray fled to Hawaii last year from Baltimore with her mother, brother and sons. She and William Murray faced assault charges stemming from a police visit to their Baltimore home.

Police went to their home with a court order to remove William's girl friend, a teenage girl who was living with the Murrays. William and the girl later were married.

Maryland sought to extradite them from Hawaii to face the assault charges and they hired Greenstein to represent them both in that matter and in the tax suit. They were released in Greenstein's custody pending outcome of the extradition attempt.

Greenstein said yesterday the only money he has been paid by Mrs. Murray was to cover his expenses, including a trip to Baltimore.

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**Mrs. Murray
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Madalyn Murray, who is fighting extradition from Hawaii to face criminal charges in Baltimore, Maryland, reportedly is in Mexico.

Her extradition case is still being considered by the State Supreme Court.

At the time Circuit Judge Ronald B. Jamieson ordered her extradited, he also allowed her to remain free without bond but released her to her attorney's recognizance.

Her attorney, Hyman Greenstein, could not be reached today to confirm the report she is in Mexico. His office said he is on the Mainland and would not comment on the report.

Mrs. Murray is wanted in Baltimore to face assault and battery charges.

She came to Honolulu a year ago with her family for "religious asylum" after she won her suit before the U.S. Supreme Court, banning prayers in public schools.

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Russian Magazine Scores Baltimore In Murray Case

By STEPHEN E. NORDLINGER
(Moscow Bureau of The Sun)

Moscow, June 25 — A Soviet magazine deplored today the treatment by Baltimore of Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray, the avowed atheist who successfully challenged prayers in the public schools.

In an article "Freedom of Conscience American Style," the magazine said:

"It is remarkable that no official state institution came to the defense of the family persecuted by fanatics."

In Monthly Publication

The article appeared in *Science and Religion*, a popular atheistic monthly published by the All-Union Society of Knowledge.

According to the magazine, Mrs. Murray fled with her two sons

to Hawaii last year to escape a "real siege" by her neighbors.

No mention is made by the magazine of the alleged scuffle between Mrs. Murray and some policemen which led to charges being brought against her.

She left Baltimore for Hawaii before the trial. Maryland is attempting to extradite her to face the charges.

"Madalyn Murray herself, unlike her religious opponents, did not display any intolerance toward believers. Her Presbyterian relatives who lived with her visited church regularly and she respected their views," the magazine said.

The article said that Mrs. Murray sought court protection against attacks on her children but that "judges in Baltimore remained deaf to her complaints."

In addition to the harassment of the Murray boys, the magazine told its readers that all the windows in the Murray home were broken, flowers and bushes in her garden destroyed by neighbors and her car damaged by vandals.

"It is impossible to list how many anonymous, insulting and threatening letters the persecuted woman received, the article said.

"Mrs. Murray could not stand the persecution and was compelled to leave with her children for Hawaii."

Tax Exemptions Cited

The magazine contended that churchmen opposed Mrs. Murray not because of her court fight against school prayers, but because she brought a suit against the churches' "Holy of Holies"—tax exemptions.

"At the present time, church property and church incomes obtained from commercial activity widely performed by religious organizations are not taxed," the article said.

"Some state laws create the broadest opportunities for churchmen's enrichment: Religious organizations can buy lands and then rent them to private persons without paying any taxes," it said.

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Mrs. Murray Raps Denial Of Passport

Madalyn Murray, who brought the suit that led to the Supreme Court's decision on prayers and Bible reading in public schools, claims she has been denied a passport because of her views on religion.

The State Department says its refusal is a matter of law, not religion. A Department spokesman said passport renewal was refused "at the specific request of the deputy attorney general of Hawaii."

The Department says it acted under Title 22, Sec. 51.136 of the Code of Federal Regulations, which states that "passport facilities, except for direct and immediate return to the United States, shall be refused to a person when it appears to the satisfaction of the Secretary of State that the person's activities would (a) violate laws of the United States. . ."

Maryland has filed extradition proceedings against Mrs. Murray, who left for Hawaii July 23—because of what she said was police persecution—after being sentenced to jail in Baltimore for contempt of court. She was convicted in absentia of assaulting police officers.

The Department spokesman said "if she gets permission from the court, we'll issue the passport."

In a letter to The Washington Post, Mrs. Murray claimed that religious persecution was involved in the refusal of her passport.

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Murray-to-Japan Move Faces Test

Madalyn Murray, the Baltimore atheist who fled to Hawaii with her family last summer, appeared likely today to encounter a roadblock in her reported desire to leave the islands for Japan.

The possibility that she may not be granted permission came to light when State's Attorney Charles E. Moylan Jr. disclosed he had received a letter from a Hawaiian official who said he had urged that the Murrays not be granted passports.

And Mr. Moylan said he expected to follow up the action of Andrew S. Lee, deputy attorney general of Hawaii, with "measures of my own." He added these measures would be disclosed later.

MRS. MURRAY and her son, William, 18, were convicted in absentia last June of contempt of court for violating an order not to associate with a girl the boy later married. Mrs. Murray and her son also had been convicted of assaulting a policeman.

Maryland extradition proceedings to have them returned here and the governor of Hawaii approved the move, but Mrs. Murray has appealed to the island state's highest court.

Presumably, Maryland officials would prefer to have these proceedings settled before Mrs. Murray and her family are granted permission to leave the islands.

She has applied for passports for herself, two sons, mother and daughter-in-law. Her destination was not revealed, but it has been reported she plans to go to Japan.

MR. LEE INFORMED Mr. Moylan that Miss Frances G. Knight, director of the U. S. Passport Office in Washington, had advised Hawaii officials the passports would be issued when the proper papers were forthcoming.

Mr. Lee said Mrs. Knight explained the passports could be issued because Mrs. Murray and her son had been convicted only of a misdemeanor—not a felony.

But the Hawaiian legal officer contended the U. S. Supreme Court had ruled that "every offense, from the highest to the lowest," should be considered cause for extradition.

He added that he had written to the Passport Office urging that the passports not be issued to the Murrays. If they were issued, he contended, it would be in violation of the constitutional section pertaining to extradition.

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Son Breaks With Atheist

HONOLULU, Oct. 22
 (UPD)—William Murray, 19, son
 of atheist Mrs. Madelyn Mur-
 ray, has accused her of "muck-
 raking" in her new Hawaii
 newsletter, "A Voice of Rea-
 son."

William told newsmen he ob-
 jects to an article entitled "New
 York atheist reveals plans to
 promote legalized prostitution,"
 and to a reprinted item praising
 the late Communist Elizabeth
 Gurley Flynn.

William said he split with his
 mother because of her "extre-
 mist views."

Mrs. Murray said her son has
 been under psychiatric care.

The Murrays arrived from
 Baltimore last June in search of
 what Mrs. Murray termed
 "religious asylum." They are
 fighting extradition on charges
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Atheist Files Complaint Against 15 Radio Stations

Atheist Madalyn Murray filed a complaint with the Federal Communications Commission yesterday charging that 15 Oahu radio stations had refused to grant her air time to discuss the "Freethought" philosophy of her sect.

Mrs. Murray filed the complaint as president of both the Freethought Society of America and of the International Freethought Society.

THE COMPLAINT alleged that the 15 stations, "after proper demand has been made upon them, have failed or refused to give time on a regularly scheduled basis for the expression of 'freethought' ..."

Her complaint alleged that this was a violation of FCC rules on controversial issues of public importance. She said the radio stations give from one hour per week to 28 hours per week to religion on a regularly scheduled basis, "affording both prime time and preferential cost rates."

The complaint said that not only the Freethought Society, but several others involved in similar views had been "systematically and thoroughly deprived of radio or television time" because of "the monolithic monopoly enjoyed, and artificially enforced, by the religious community ..."

MRS. MURRAY claimed there were 70 million persons who do not belong to any church in America and

that 5,400,000 persons indicated in the 1960 Census that they professed no religion at all.

"This is not an insignificant portion of the population which is denied freedom of conscience," she said, "since the 'right to

know' is being deprived to them."

Mrs. Murray asked the FCC to order the 15 radio stations to grant "prime time and the preferential rates afforded to religion" to her organizations and to her personally.

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Complains of Bills Here

Mrs. Murray Accuses Son of Stealing Files

Special to the New American
HONOLULU, Oct. 3 — Mrs. Madalyn Murray, an avowed atheist who fled to Hawaii from Baltimore with her family last June, has complained to police here that her son stole mailing lists and records of her Free Thought Society of America.

In another action over the Society she founded, Mrs. Murray has complained to the Federal Power Commission about her utility bills in the Baltimore office of the society, 2500 block N. Calvert St.

BILLING HERSELF as "that celebrated atheist who fought and won the battle to have prayer and the Bible reading removed from the public schools," she wrote the FPC that she is being charged for the gas, electric and water supplied to the society in the 2500 block N. Calvert St.

She charged that the offices were taken over by Lemoin Cree, who stated he is the new president of the organization, after she and her family fled to Honolulu to avoid criminal charges here.

Mrs. Murray said in the letter

that she is still the legal head of the society, and wants the utilities cut off. "We (atheists) have as much chance in Baltimore courts as a Negro has in Mississippi against the Klu Klux Klan," she said.

The FPC has no jurisdiction in the matter and has sent the letter to the State Public Service Commission.

MRS. MURRAY and her son, William, 18, are both fighting attempts by Maryland to have them extradited to face charges of assaulting Baltimore policemen.

She told the Honolulu police that William no longer lives with her. She said he entered her home last night and took the files without her permission, and that her 73-year-old mother tried to stop him.

Local police advised her to swear out a complaint and refused to take any immediate action.

MRS. MURRAY, 45, has filed suit in Honolulu courts to prohibit use of the pledge of allegiance in public schools as long as the pledge includes the phrase "under God."

And she has on file in Maryland a suit asking that churches no longer be allowed exemptions from real property taxes.

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State Answers Suit By Madalyn Murray

A State deputy attorney general filed an answer in Federal Court yesterday to Madalyn Murray's suit against the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The attorney, Kenneth K. Saruwatari, is defending R. Burl Yarberry, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Mrs. Faith Ai, principal of Lincoln School, both named in Mrs. Murray's suit.

Mrs. Murray complained that her 9-year-old son had been forced to say the pledge in daily flag ceremonies. She objected primarily to the words "under God" in the pledge.

Among Saruwatari's defenses:

1—There is no Federal question involved.

2—Yarberry and Mrs. Ai have nothing to do with the case because they do not make school rules and regulations.

3—There is no order re-

quiring pupils to repeat the pledge.

4—A three-judge court not be convened (as Mrs. Murray requested) because no substantial constitutional question is involved.

CLAIM

Mrs. Murray claimed that the 1954 Federal statute that added the words "under God" to the pledge and the "required recitation" of the pledge violate the religious freedom provisions of the First and 14th Amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

Her Honolulu attorney, Hyman M. Greenstein, filed her complaint in U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii on September 14.

Mrs. Murray, atheist from Baltimore, is awaiting an appeal to the Hawaii Supreme Court of an order to extradite her to Maryland on charges of assaults on policemen.

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New Suit Filed By Mrs. Murray

HONOLULU, Sept. 15 (AP)—Atheist Madalyn Murray, whose efforts led to the U.S. Supreme Court ban on prayers in public schools, filed suit yesterday against use of the words "Under God" in the pledge to the American flag. She asked that the 1954 act of Congress which inserted the words be declared unconstitutional.

Mrs. Murray specifically objected to Federal District Court that her younger son, Jon Garth Murray, 9, is required to recite the pledge that way. The boy attends Lincoln School.

Mrs. Murray fled Baltimore with her family last June claiming persecution, and has been awaiting an appeal to the Hawaii Supreme Court on an order she be extradited to Maryland on police assault allegations.

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Atheist Sues To Block School Pledge To Flag

The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag will be banned from Hawaii's schools if a suit filed yesterday in Federal Court here is won by Madalyn Murray, the nation's most vocal atheist.

The suit by Mrs. Murray and her son Jon Garth Murray, 9, a fifth grader at Lincoln School, was directed against Burl Yarberry, State school superintendent, and Faith Al, principal at Lincoln.

The Murrays have been Hawaii residents since June, when they fled their Baltimore home charging harassment by police and neighbors because of their attacks on religion.

HER OPPOSITION to the Pledge of Allegiance is directed against the words, "under God" which were added by an act of Congress in 1954.

The phrase, "one Nation under God is offensive and objectionable" to Mrs. Murray since it violates her beliefs and "is in violation of the petitioner's right to be free from religion," the suit charges.

Her attorney, Hyman M. Greenstein, asked that a three-judge court be convened to hear the matter as was done last month in the case concerning reapportionment of Hawaii's Legislature.

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This portion of the petition will go to the senior judge of the Ninth Circuit in San Francisco, who is empowered to name two Mainland jurists to hear the case with a Federal judge from Hawaii.

GREENSTEIN said yesterday he believes this is the first challenge of its type against the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was another action by the militant Mrs. Murray that resulted in the U.S. Supreme Court ruling outlawing prayers in public schools.

Since then—and before—the 45-year-old divorcee has

been involved in dozens of court matters, most often as the plaintiff.

SHE WAS A defendant, however, when she brought young Garth, his brother Bill, 18, Bill's wife Susan, 17, and her mother, Mrs. Bonna Mays, 73, to Hawaii.

Left behind in Baltimore were charges of assaulting police, the result of a brawl when officers came to question Susan.

The girl's parents had accused Mrs. Murray of inducing Susan to give up the Jewish faith and move to the Murray home.

Maryland's plea for extra-

dition was granted in Circuit Court here but Mrs. Murray remains free while her case is on appeal to the State Supreme Court.

THE FREETHOUGHT Society of America, which once helped finance her court battles, sent letters to its members restating its advocacy of atheism but drumming Mrs. Murray out of the group.

The letters, signed by Lemoin Cree, society president, described their former

This is the Pledge of Allegiance recited daily in Hawaii's schools:

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

associate as a "belligerent and unpredictable person" and deplored the fracas which led to the Murrays' flight from Baltimore.

Greenstein said this had seriously reduced Mrs. Murray's funds and that she

was in the process of forming a new "free thought" group with headquarters here.

He was accompanied to the Federal building yesterday by Mrs. Murray, her mother and Garth.

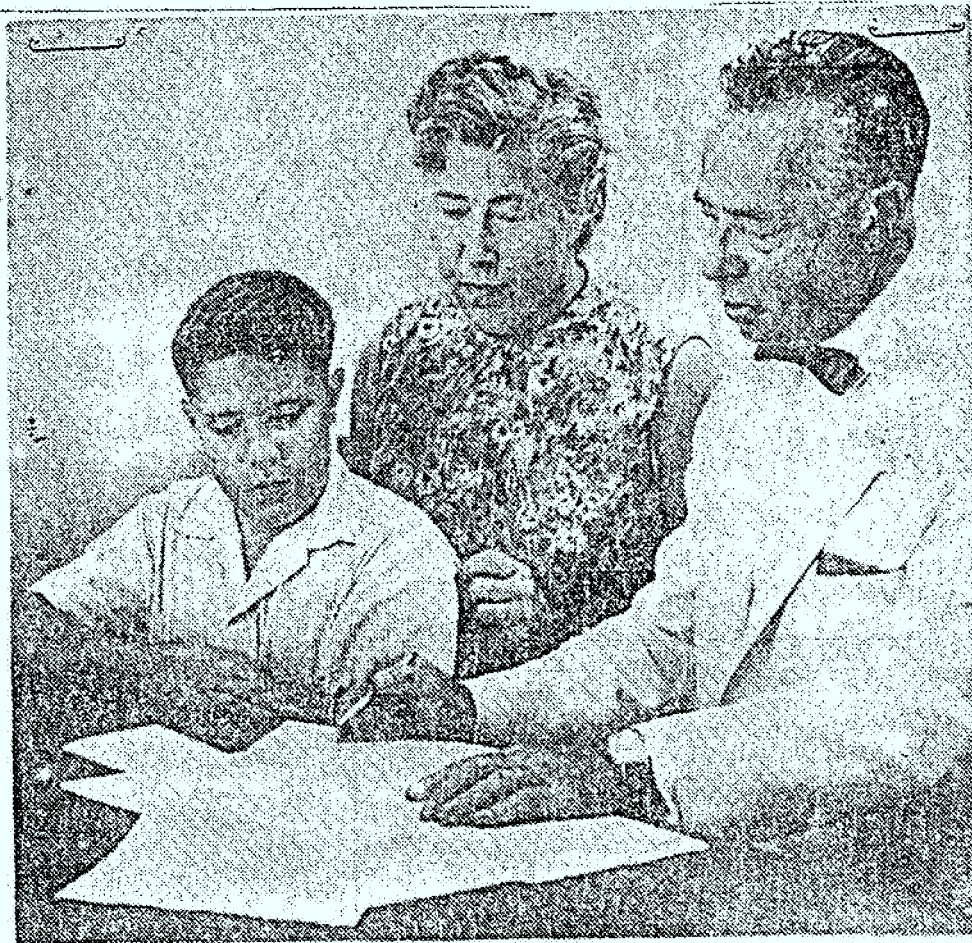
GARTH SAID he liked school and Mrs. Murray pointed out that in sharp contrast to his experiences in Baltimore, there had been no incidents of any kind since he enrolled.

"There's a real aloha spirit here," she said. "Even if it does become possible for us to return to Maryland, we all want to stay in Hawaii."

The potential blockbuster of all Mrs. Murray's actions is pending in Maryland and is expected to wind up in the U.S. Supreme Court.

This would force cancellation of the tax exemption now enjoyed by church-owned property in almost every governmental jurisdiction in the United States.

Concerning the suit filed yesterday, School Superintendent Yarberry withheld comment until he is served court notice, probably today.



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Greenstein discusses suit with Mrs. Murray and her 9-year-old son, Martin.

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Murrays Will Appeal Order For Extradition

Atheist Madalyn Murray and her 18-year-old son, William, were released on their own recognizance yesterday as they began their legal battle to escape extradition to Maryland. The court fight may last as long as two years.

Circuit Judge Ronald B. Jamieson at first ordered the Murrays returned to Maryland.

When their attorney, Hyman M. Greenstein, gave notice he would appeal the ruling to the State Supreme Court, Jamieson released them on the grounds that Greenstein be responsible for their future court appearances.

Greenstein said after the hearing it might take two years for the State Supreme Court to rule on the appeal.

Greenstein said if he receives an adverse ruling he will appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

THE MURRAYS, flanked by four attorneys, arrived at the entrance to the Judiciary Building at 8:45 a.m.

The lawyers included Greenstein's three assistants—Stuart M. Cowan, James G. Jung Jr. and Don Gelber.

Ten minutes before the 9 a.m. hearing, the group moved into the bailiff's office where Detective Kinney Harris formally arrested See MURRAY on A-2, Col. 1.

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Mrs. Murray and William.

Greenstein charged in the petition that indictments against the Murrays by the Baltimore Grand Jury were invalid. He said the Maryland Constitution does not permit atheists to hold public office, be a judge or juror or testify as witnesses.

JAMIESON AGREED that this was "obviously against the United States Constitution" but said it was up to the Murrays to challenge it in the Maryland courts.

"Most sensible people will agree," Jamieson said, "that it is impossible to have religious freedom without complete freedom to believe or disbelieve or to profess belief in the existence or non-

existence of a God.

"If it does not include the right to be an atheist," he continued, "it is not complete religious freedom."

Jamieson said he was "fully conscious of the fact that people have been subjected to injustice because of public clamor or hysteria or prejudice, but to deny extradition in this case is not the way to deal with this problem."

GREENSTEIN made a 20-minute argument that Jamieson should grant a writ of habeas corpus and dismiss the extradition proceedings, but this was denied.

"The Murrays did not flee from justice," Greenstein said. "They flew from injustice."

Greenstein said that Maryland laws against atheists are in violation of the 1st, 5th, and 14th Amendments to the Constitution.

Greenstein said the Murrays had been tried in absentia in Baltimore, had been found guilty and were sentenced to jail on contempt of court charges. He said Mrs. Murray was sentenced to a year in jail, and fined \$500 and her son had been sentenced to six months.

HE SAID THAT under Maryland law a person convicted of a misdemeanor can be sentenced to any number of years in prison, at the discretion of the presiding judge.

Greenstein said there are cases in Maryland where persons convicted of petty offenses have been sentenced to 10 and 20 years in prison.

"Though there may be justice in Maryland for people other than the Murrays," Greenstein said, "there is no justice for the Murrays. They fled for fear of their lives."

Greenstein said the State of Maryland was conspiring to punish Mrs. Murray for her religious beliefs and her success in getting a ban on school prayer throughout the country.



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Mrs. Murray watches Greenstein read warrant of arrest. Center, son Bill.

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Greenstein Set To Contest Setup Of Maryland Courts

Hyman M. Greenstein, attorney for atheist Madalyn Murray, said he will file a motion in Circuit Court today "challenging the entire judicial setup of the State of Maryland."

Greenstein, who is to appear at 9 a.m. today for an extradition hearing for Mrs. Murray and her son, William, said the entire Maryland court system is unconstitutional.

GREENSTEIN said he will file an application for a writ of habeas corpus this morning simultaneously with

Mrs. Murray's arrest.

Governor John Burns Friday signed an extradition warrant for the arrest of Mrs. Murray and her son. The State of Maryland is attempting to extradite them on charges that they assaulted several police officers in Baltimore.

Greenstein said that in his request for the writ he will charge that in Maryland no person may serve as a judge, juror, or witness unless they profess to believe in God.

"IN MY opinion," Green-

stein said, "this means that if the Murrays are taken back to Baltimore they will not even be permitted to testify in their own defense. They will thus be denied due process of law."

"It appears quite clear that not one Maryland court is legally constituted. There are thousands upon thousands of persons in the United States who do not believe in God. And under the Constitution they should be permitted to sit as jurors, grand jurors, judges, and to testify as witnesses."

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Murray Hearing Set Tuesday

Honolulu, Aug. 15 (AP)—A hearing to determine whether atheist Madelyn Murray and her son, William, 18, will be extradited to Baltimore has been set for Tuesday in Circuit Court here.

State Deputy Attorney General Andrew S. O. Lee said extradition warrants will be served on the Murrays at the court appearance.

Hawaii Gov. John Burns yesterday turned down a request by the Murrays's lawyer, Hyman Greenstein, of Honolulu, that the warrants be withdrawn.

The State of Maryland has requested extradition of the Murrays. They face charges of assaulting Baltimore police officers.

"Judicial Matter"

"Mrs. Murray's case is a judicial matter, and as such it should be settled in the courts," said the Governor after a 30-minute meeting with Greenstein Friday.

Greenstein said if Mrs. Murray and her son are arrested, "I will have papers ready for a writ of habeas corpus challenging the propriety of the extradition request."

Mrs. Murray said she expected the Governor to decide as he did, and added: "Boy, he's not going to get involved in any way."

"Gentle And Ladylike"

Mrs. Murray said she will be "gentle and ladylike" when they come to arrest here. "They will have to carry every inch of the way. I will not eat a bit of food while in jail."

Greenstein said his client would fight extradition to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary. "It may take two to three years," he said.

The warrants were signed Wednesday but were held up pending Greenstein's return from Baltimore.

Mrs. Murray and her son were sentenced to jail terms in Baltimore July 22 for contempt of court. They fled Baltimore the following day because of what Mrs. Murray termed police persecution.

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Murray Hearing Set Tuesday

Honolulu, Aug. 15 (AP)—A hearing to determine whether atheist Madelyn Murray and her son, William, 18, will be extradited to Baltimore has been set for Tuesday in Circuit Court here.

State Deputy Attorney General Andrew S. O. Lee said extradition warrants will be served on the Murrays at the court appearance.

Hawaii Gov. John Burns yesterday turned down a request by the Murrays' lawyer, Hyman Greenstein, of Honolulu, that the warrants be withdrawn.

The State of Maryland has requested extradition of the Murrays. They face charges of assaulting Baltimore police officers.

"Judicial Matter"

"Mrs. Murray's case is a judicial matter, and as such it should be settled in the courts," said the Governor after a 30-minute meeting with Greenstein Friday.

Greenstein said if Mrs. Murray and her son are arrested, "I will have papers ready for a writ of habeas corpus challenging the propriety of the extradition request."

Mrs. Murray said she expected the Governor to decide as he did, and added: "Boy, he's not going to get involved in any way."

"Gentle And Ladylike"

Mrs. Murray said she will be "gentle and ladylike" when they come to arrest here. "They will have to carry every inch of the way. I will not eat a bit of food while in jail."

Greenstein said his client would fight extradition to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary. "It may take two to three years," he said.

The warrants were signed Wednesday but were held up pending Greenstein's return from Baltimore.

Mrs. Murray and her son were sentenced to jail terms in Baltimore July 22 for contempt of court. They fled Baltimore the following day because of what Mrs. Murray termed police persecution.

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MRS. MURRAY

Attorney Says Life In Danger

Mrs. Madalyn Murray has reason to fear for her life if she is returned to Maryland under extradition papers signed yesterday by Governor Burns, her attorney said last night.

Hyman M. Greenstein, representing the militant atheist in her civil and criminal battles, was called in Baltimore by The Advertiser after Burns ordered the extradition of Mrs. Murray and her 18-year-old son, William.

It was understood that the extradition papers will not be forwarded to Police Chief Dan Liu until Greenstein returns so Mrs. Murray can be represented by the counsel of her choice through all proceedings.

GREENSTEIN told The Advertiser he will fight the extradition.

He said he had asked Burns for a hearing before the papers were signed, but this had not been granted.

Greenstein said that after talking to residents of Baltimore, he agrees with Mrs. Murray that her life is in danger if she returns.

"She is being persecuted for her non-belief," he said. "She is a very hated person here."

"SHE FEARS for her life if she is sent back here (to Baltimore), and from what I've seen of the community I think there's real substance to her fears. And I feel she couldn't get a fair

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trial anywhere in the State of Maryland."

Greenstein said he would return to Honolulu tonight or tomorrow to prepare a fight against the extradition.

"We think we will be able to show evidence this is not just a routine action," he said. "This is a form of religious persecution."

Maryland seeks Mrs. Murray's return on eight charges of assaulting policemen who went to her Baltimore home last June to serve a court order on her daughter-in-law Susan, William Murray's wife.

MRS. MURRAY brought the suit that led the U.S. Supreme Court to ban prayers in schools. Her latest battle is to deprive Maryland churches of tax exemptions, and Greenstein is handling that case for her.

It has been estimated that churches and business they operate would lose billions of dollars throughout the country if Mrs. Murray's suit is upheld by the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Murray and members of her family fled to Hawaii in late June. They live in a rented home in the Punchbowl area.

A BALTIMORE judge found her and her son guilty in absentia on assault charges last month.

Greenstein said Mrs. Murray could be jailed for many years if she is returned to Maryland, even though the charges against her are misdemeanors instead of felonies.

"In more modern areas of the United States, a misdemeanor is an offense punishable by not more than a year in jail," Greenstein explained.

"But Maryland still has the old English system of 'common law misdemeanors.' This goes back to the 16th or 17th Century. Under it, a judge has the discretion to sentence her for as long as he wants.

"SHE DOES NOT have the protection afforded persons accused of misdemeanors in Hawaii or most of the rest of the country.

"This woman is entitled to asylum in Hawaii, and I'm going to do my best to see that she gets it."

Mrs. Murray conferred with Greenstein's partner, Stuart M. Cowan, after learning that Burns had signed the extradition papers. Then she and members of her family went to Waikiki Beach until dusk.

She refused to talk to an Advertiser reporter when she returned home, saying the newspaper had given her "a bad press."

But a member of her family said: "I expect Madalyn to fight this with everything she's got."

It was understood that Mrs. Murray blamed pressure by the Roman Catholic Church for efforts by Maryland Gov. Tawes to extradite her from Hawaii.

GREENSTEIN conferred Tuesday with Tawes in an unsuccessful plea to rescind the extradition request.

The order signed yesterday by Burns is a "Governor's warrant" ordering police to arrest Mrs. Murray and her son.

"It has been satisfactorily shown to me . . . that she fled from the justice of the State of Maryland and that she has taken refuge and is now to be found in the State of Hawaii," the order said.

"You are hereby commanded to arrest and temporarily hold the said Madalyn Murray wherever she may be found within the State of Hawaii," it added.

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Funds in Litigation

Mrs. Murray Renounced By Own Atheist Group

Other Americans, Inc., the atheist corporation that Mrs. Madalyn Murray founded purportedly to promote her views on separation of church and state, has washed its corporate hands of the militant atheist court papers revealed today.

The new litigation arose when the Maryland National Bank asked Circuit Court to determine the rightful owner of \$2,795.32 on deposit in the name of Other Americans.

ON JULY 1, Mrs. Murray had sought to close out the account from Hawaii. On the same day, Lenoin Cree wrote to the bank identifying himself as the president of the corporation and the only officer authorized to sign checks.

In answer to the bank's petition for the court to determine the rightful disposition of the deposits, Mr. Cree, through his attorney, Leonard J. Kerpelman, whom Mrs. Murray recently discharged, alleged that Mrs. Murray's action "which has come to be characteristic" of her, included making allegations which "are either gross exaggerations or completely without substance . . ."

IT CHARGED that her conduct at the court hearing on her scuffle with police "was such as to shame observers who were members of the defendant corporation . . ."

Financial matters of the corporation, the answer alleged, "have been left by defendant Murray in great disarray and confusion."

Mrs. Murray was accused of attempting to turn over corporate affairs to "one Willie Mae Mallory . . . (who) held herself out as an anarchist and an advocate of armed Negro revolution, neither of which ideals is in any wise connected with any aim of the defendant corporation to achieve complete separation of church and state in public affairs."

THE ANSWER charged that Mrs. Murray has shown "a growing tendency . . . of late months to associate herself with so-called 'lunatic fringe' personalities . . ."

The answer asked that the money be turned over to Mr. Cree as president of Other Americans Inc., and that Mr. Cree and Other Americans Inc., be designated plaintiffs in a "second step" action against Mrs. Murray in which an accounting of the funds of Other Americans spent by her would be sought.

IN A RELATED case in People's Court, Judge Carl W. Bachrach dismissed a suit in which Willie Mae Mallory, in behalf of the Free Thought Society of America, sought to evict Cree, his wife and infant, along with one Harvey Stoneburner, from property at 2502 N. Calvert St.

The plaintiff said she is resident agent for Mrs. Murray, who formed the Free Thought Society, and charged that Cree and others have no right to the premises.

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Mrs. Murray Claims City Residence

By T. Denton Miller

Mrs. Madalyn Murray's own statements to Baltimore's Circuit Court placed a new light on her present sojourn in Hawaii, which the State is seeking to end abruptly by extradition proceedings.

Her own words, filed in the pending religious taxation case which Mrs. Murray and her mother put before the court, are that she is merely "temporarily vacationing in Honolulu, Hawaii."

Some court officials feel her official statement that she is "domiciled and resides at 1526 Winford road," Baltimore, is at variance with other statements the well-known atheist made concerning her "flight" from Baltimore, and her efforts to defeat extradition to answer pending criminal charges of assault on policemen.

\$500 Fine

The effect of the statement on the impending jail sentence for contempt of court also is being weighed. Late last month Judge Joseph L. Carter imposed a one-year sentence and a \$500 fine on Mrs. Murray for contempt of court and imposed a six-month sentence on her son, William, for their disregard of a court order prohibiting their associations with the former Susan Abramowitz, 17-year-old girl who is now Mrs. William Murray.

Extradition questions are due to be discussed at a conference tentatively set for August 11 before Governor Tawes. The Baltimore prosecutor, William J. O'Donnell, Attorney General Thomas B. Finan and Hyman M. Greenstein, Honolulu lawyer, and Joseph J. Wase, Mrs. Murray's present lawyer in Baltimore, are due to attend that meeting.

In the taxation case, in which Mrs. Murray and her mother, Mrs. Bonna Mays, attack the constitutionality of the tax exemption given churches and parsonages under State law, Mrs. Murray is now represented by Mr. Wase. Her former attorney, Leonard J. Kerpelman, is seeking to have the court permit the Free Thought Society, atheist organization, and Lemoine Cree, who took over publication of atheist tracts after Mrs. Murray left Maryland, to become new plaintiffs.

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Mrs. Murray Ousted By Atheist Society

The Freethought Society of America with which Maryland atheist Madalyn Murray associates herself has cut all ties with her and her family.

This was announced in a newsletter to members and subscribers dated July 14 and written by Lemoin Cree, society president.

Cree noted that Mrs. Murray, now living in Honolulu, was formerly president and editor of the atheist organization.

But he said she was relieved of her offices after her flight to Hawaii.

He said she was "offered

the position of chairman of the board at a very liberal salary (\$10,000 per year.)"

He said, "Although it was clear that Mrs. Murray had alienated a substantial number of people from the organization, we felt that the members might be willing to support the organization if Mrs. Murray was only the figurehead for it and unable to drag it into her personal entanglements, and if it were put on a sound financial and intellectual basis with competent leadership."

Because of subsequent events concerning the Murays, however, he said:

"We have disassociated the Freethought Society of America and Other Americans, Incorporated, from any and all association with Mrs. Murray. We withdraw the offer of chairman of the board, and we cancel all arrangements we have made to help her and her family."

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MRS. MURRAY AND SON GET JAIL TERMS

Contempt Of Court Is Ruled In Marriage; Both In Hawaii

By GEORGE J. HILTNER

Mrs. Madalyn E. Murray, the Baltimore, atheist, was sentenced to a year in jail and fined \$500 and her married son, William Murray, 18, was given a six-month sentence yesterday for what Judge Joseph L. Carter described as "brazen and deliberate" contempt of court.

Mrs. Murray and her son are in Hawaii. They went there after they were freed on bail last month on other criminal charges. Efforts are being made to bring them back to Baltimore through extradition proceedings.

The mother and son were convicted of criminal contempt in failing to obey a June 2 order of Judge James K. Cullen to refrain from any contact with Miss Susan Abramovitz, 17, whose parents alleged that the Murrays induced the girl to leave home and give up her Jewish religion.

Mrs. Murray Consents

Testimony at the hearing yesterday disclosed that William and Susan were married in Frederick after the order of Judge Cullen was issued and that Mrs. Murray signed an order consenting to her son's request for a marriage license.

Evidence also showed that Susan was allowed to wed without parental consent because she filed a certificate of a doctor who wrote:

"I have examined Miss Susan Abramovitz and from her history believe that she is between four and six weeks pregnant."

The certificate was signed by Dr. A. Allan Spier, of the 1500 block Pentridge road, Baltimore, on June 15.

In obtaining a waiver from Chief Judge Patrick A. Hiltner by passing the usual 10-day period

of waiting for the marriage license, William Murray cited Susan's condition and also stated that he "desires to marry the said Susan Ruth Abramovitz before going into the armed services."

Susan's residence was given as Frederick.

All records pertaining to the marriage were offered into evidence by Samuel J. Fisher and Allan H. Fisher, Jr., counsel for the Abramovitzes. Mr. Abramovitz is a Baltimore anaesthetist. Frank Cannizzaro, Jr., assistant State's attorney, represented the prosecuting office at the trial.

Judge Gets Letter

In his June 2 order, Judge Cullen had temporarily placed Susan in the custody of an aunt and uncle, and had directed that she submit to an examination by Dr. Manfred S. Guttmacher, medical adviser to the Supreme Bench.

On the same day, Judge Cullen received a letter from Susan informing him that she did not wish to cause any more trouble and that she was planning to "leave this area permanently." Judge Cullen then cited Susan for contempt.

Sgt. Charles Kelly, of the Northeastern police district, testified that on June 20, he received a tip that Susan and William were at the Murray home in the 1500 block Winford road.

Sergeant Kelly told the Court he went to the home with two patrolmen and saw Susan in the living room. He testified she ducked behind a partition and shouted to William that the police were outside.

William Murray responded to a knock, refused to allow police to enter and locked the door. He suggested that police have a warrant the next time they come and boasted that he had "won the first round," the sergeant told Judge Carter.

Tape Recorder Used

Sergeant Kelly further related that Mrs. Murray and her mother then drove up in an auto and that Mrs. Murray went into the house but shortly came out with William and a tape recorder with which she attempted to engage the law officer in conversation about his appearance there.

William held the microphone close to the sergeant's face, but the sergeant answered Mrs. Murray's queries with affirmative or negative nods, it was testified.

Continuing, Sergeant Kelly said Mrs. Murray then shouted that

she intended to take Susan to Mrs. Murray's Calvert street office and that the policeman "better not stop me or I will do something drastic."

Sergeant Kelly said he was awaiting the arrival of a copy of the judge's order when he observed that the Murrays were attempting to get away with Susan.

Car Drives Forward

He testified that he ran to the scene and that, while attempting to open the locked car door, he was thrown to the ground when Mrs. Murray swerved the vehicle forward.

Mrs. Murray returned a short time later, and it was then that a scuffle occurred, causing the Murrays to face a series of criminal charges. The mother, son, Susan and Mrs. Murray's mother, also charged with a criminal offense, went to Hawaii June 23.

Two days later, Judge Cullen issued a contempt citation against the two Murrays.

Joseph Wase appeared as counsel for the Murrays yesterday only to challenge jurisdiction of the court. Mr. Wase, unsuccessful in that move, took no further part in the trial.

In final arguments to Judge Carter, Allan Fisher said the Murrays should be "severely punished" and urged a heavier penalty for Mrs. Murray on the grounds that she failed to invoke her authority in the direction of compliance with the court order.

"Instead, she not only scorned the order herself, but she openly encouraged its disobedience by her son," Mr. Fisher said.

Evidence Called Clear

"Her participation in the marriage proceedings, her harboring of Susan, her disgraceful treatment of the police and her leadership in the flight to Hawaii require no further discussion," the attorney added.

Judge Carter asserted that the evidence "very clearly" showed that the order of Judge Cullen had been violated.

"When you come into court, all parties have rights," Judge Carter went on. "Court orders should be respected. If they are wrong, there is always the right of appeal, but until they are reversed or set aside they should be respected."

"In this case, the Abramovitzes have rights. Their daughter is involved. Mrs. Murray has rights. The people of the State have rights, particularly when the dignity of the court is involved."

The law allows punishment of up to two years in prison and a fine of \$500.

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Judge Refuses Plea To Delay Hearing

Mrs. Madalyn Murray, Baltimore atheist, and her son, William, 18, were found guilty today of contempt of court and sentenced to jail. The Murrays are in Hawaii.

Judge Joseph L. Carter convicted the Murrays of constructive contempt of court for associating with the former Susan Abramovitz, despite a court order forbidding them to. The girl is now married to William Murray.

Mrs. Murray was sentenced to one year in jail and fined \$500. William Murray was sentenced to six months in jail.

Extradition Status

Judge Carter went ahead with the hearing despite objections by Joseph Wase, attorney for the absent Murrays, who challenged the court's jurisdiction.

The judge overruled the objections, saying that Maryland law allows the court to try such contempt cases in the absence of the defendant when he has failed to respond to a contempt citation.

Today's case grew out of an order issued June 2 by Judge James K. Cullen after Susan's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard J. Abramovitz, complained at the association of their daughter with the Murrays.

Judge Cullen directed the girl not to associate with the Murrays, and placed her in the custody of an aunt and uncle.

Before the order could be served on her, however, Susan disappeared. She later wrote Judge Cullen that she did not want to live with her parents or her aunt and uncle, and did not want to cause trouble for anyone.

Two weeks later she and William Murray were married in Frederick.

Marriage Record

Today, court officials from Frederick produced records, and testified that the marriage was performed without the usual 48-hour waiting period.

The records included a medical certificate issued by a Baltimore physician which said: "I have examined Miss Susan Abramovitz and from her history believe that she is between four and six weeks pregnant."

A statement by William Murray, placed in evidence, said that he wanted to marry Susan before entering the armed forces.

Longer Term Asked

Samuel J. Fisher and Allan H. Fisher, attorneys for Dr. and Mrs. Abramovitz, urged the court to impose a longer sentence on Mrs. Murray because, they said, she not only disregarded Judge Cullen's order of June 2, but encouraged disobedience by her son.

Maximum penalties would be a sentence of two years, and fine of \$500.

Six days after the June 16 wedding, police called at the Murray's former home in the 1500 block Winford road to serve a contempt warrant. There was a scuffle, and the Murrays were charged with assaulting the police.

A short time later, the Murrays and Susan flew to Hawaii. Authorities have taken steps to have them extradited and returned to Baltimore.

William J. O'Donnell, State's attorney for Baltimore, said today's contempt conviction would have no effect on attempts to have the Murrays extradited and returned to Baltimore.

Mr. O'Donnell said that officials in Hawaii are considering the extradition which was based on assault charges against the Murrays, and that no additional papers would be sent at this time because of today's conviction.

If Hawaii refuses to extradite on the assault charges, Mr. O'Donnell said, his office would consider whether it is possible to seek extradition of the Murrays to serve the sentences imposed today.

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Fight Pledged On Atheists' Extradition

HONOLULU, July 4 (AP).—A hard court fight against extradition to Maryland has been promised by the lawyer for Madalyn Murray, who fled Baltimore with her family for Hawaii after a scuffle with police over her new daughter-in-law.

The attorney, Hyman Greenstein, said he would carry the case to the United States Supreme Court, if necessary.

Reports were denied here that the daughter-in-law, 17-year-old Susan Abramovitz Murray, tried to fly back to her family. The report said she was dissuaded at the airport by her husband, William Murray, 18.

Young Murray said he and Susan went to the airport Friday night to see some friends leave. He denied emphatically his wife had any intention of leaving.

Efforts of Baltimore police to serve a contempt citation, based on the contention the young girl violated custody conditions by leaving an uncle and aunt, led to a scuffle and assault charges against the Murrays.

While under bond, Mrs. Murray, her two sons, the new bride, Mrs. Murray's mother and a brother flew to Hawaii. This prompted extradition moves by Baltimore's prosecutor and Maryland's Governor.

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