



The Color of Law

If San Francisco, Then Everywhere?

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A scenic landscape featuring a mountain peak, a river, and a sunset over a body of water. The mountain peak is prominent on the left side, with a waterfall cascading down its side. The river flows through the center, winding its way towards the right. In the background, a large body of water is visible, with the sun setting on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds, and the overall atmosphere is peaceful and serene.

AMOS 5:24

**24 But let justice roll
down like waters, and
righteousness like an
ever-flowing stream.**

and that said cohabitation commenced the... 20th... day of

November 1864

William A. White C. C. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WARREN COUNTY.

May the 29th A. D. 1866.

Before me, WILLIAM A. WHITE, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, personally

appeared *Wm. Buxton*

and *Agnes Dutch* residents

of said county, lately slaves but now emancipated, and acknowledged that they do cohabit together as man and wife,

and that said cohabitation commenced on the ... day of

September 1840

William A. White C. C. C.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WARREN COUNTY.

May the 29th A. D. 1866.

Before me, WILLIAM A. WHITE, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, personally

appeared *Allen Hender son*

and *Betty Key Bullock* residents

of said county, lately slaves but now emancipated, and acknowledged that they do cohabit together as man and wife,

and that said cohabitation commenced the ... 5th... day of

and that said cohabitation commenced the... 12th... day

of *January* 1814.

William A. White C. C. CLERK.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WARREN COUNTY.

May the 29th A. D., 1866.

Before me, WILLIAM A. WHITE, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, personally

appeared *Thomas Dutch*

and *Ann Bullock* residents

of said County, lately slaves, but now emancipated, and acknowledged that they do cohabit together as man and wife,

and that said cohabitation commenced the ... 18th... day

of *December* 1859.

William A. White C. C. CLERK.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

WARREN COUNTY.

May the 29th A. D., 1866.

Before me, WILLIAM A. WHITE, Clerk of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for said County, personally

appeared *Randal Martin*

and *Hillie Sims* residents

of said county, lately slaves but now emancipated, and acknowledged that they do cohabit together as man and wife,

and that said cohabitation commenced the ... 15th... day of

December 1853

People

This is a story about people.

Our Decisions

Influence People's Lives and
Ultimately Our Lives

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
WARREN COUNTY.

May the 29th .. A. D. 1866.

Before me, WILLIAM A. WHITE, Clerk of the Court
of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of said County, personally
appeared *Allen Henderson* ..
and *Betty Key Bullock* .. residents
of said county, lately slaves but now emancipated, and ac-
knowledged that they do hohabit together as man and wife,
and that said cohabitation commenced the *5th* .. day of
January .. 18*64*

William A. White .. C. C. C.



Color

Old Latin colos, originally "a covering" (akin to celare "to hide, conceal")

"reason or argument, that which hides the real character of something" 13th century.

"inherent property of matter, that quality of a thing or appearance which is perceived by the eye alone," from late 14th century

Pictures We Paint

“To wave a white flag”

“As white as a ghost”

“To tell a white lie”

“As black as coal”

“Black eye”

“Black market”

“Black sheep of the family”

“Feel blue”

“Out of the blue”

“Catch someone red-handed”

“To paint the town red”

“Red hot”

“Roll out the red carpet”

“The grass is always greener on the other side of the fence”

“Green thumb”



Law

- **Ordinance, rule prescribed by authority, regulation;**
- **Righteousness, equity**
- **Quality of being fair**

Just

Suggests by derivation a written law, but presumes that the law is a right one, or that there is above it, and if necessary, overruling it, a law of God





Justice

Justice is the end of government. It is the end of civil society. It ever has been and ever will be pursued until it be obtained, or until liberty be lost in the pursuit.

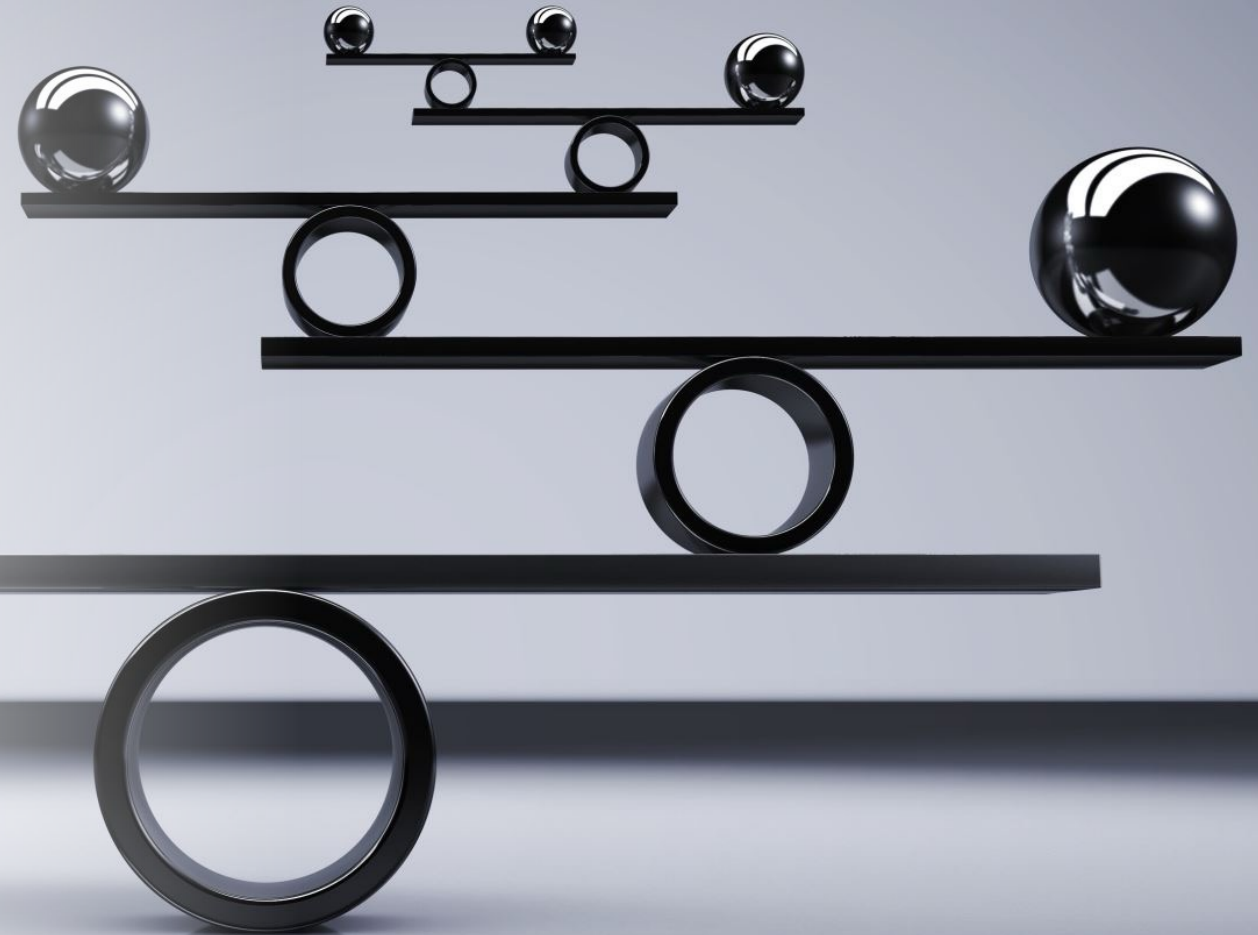
["The Federalist," No. 51]

Ethics and Justice

Ethics and justice are deeply intertwined concepts.

Here's how ethics influences our sense of justice:

1. Moral Framework
2. Value Judgments
3. Social Norms
4. Law and Policy
5. Conflict Resolution



THE IMPACTS OF INJUSTICE



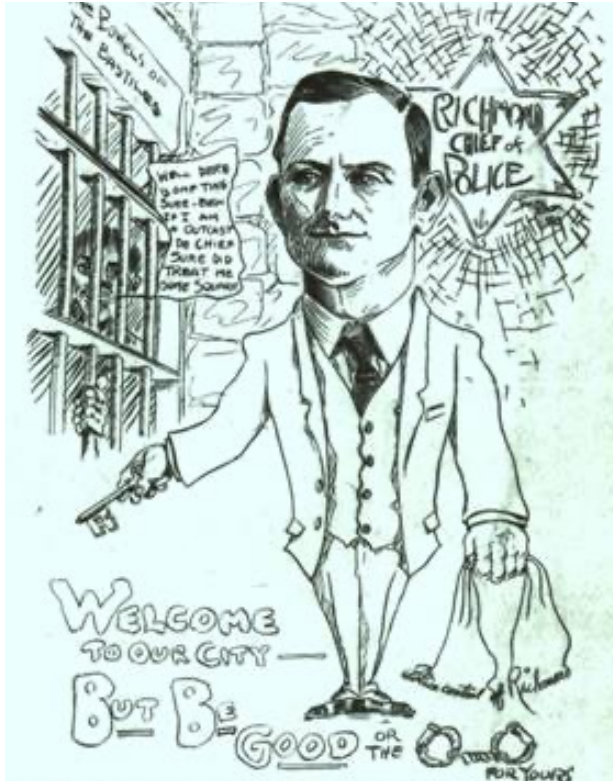
Physical

- **Malnutrition**
- **Diabetes**
- **Heart Disease**
- **Infectious Diseases**
- **Hypertension**
- **Cancer**
- **Disproportionate Morbidity**
- **Health Disparities**



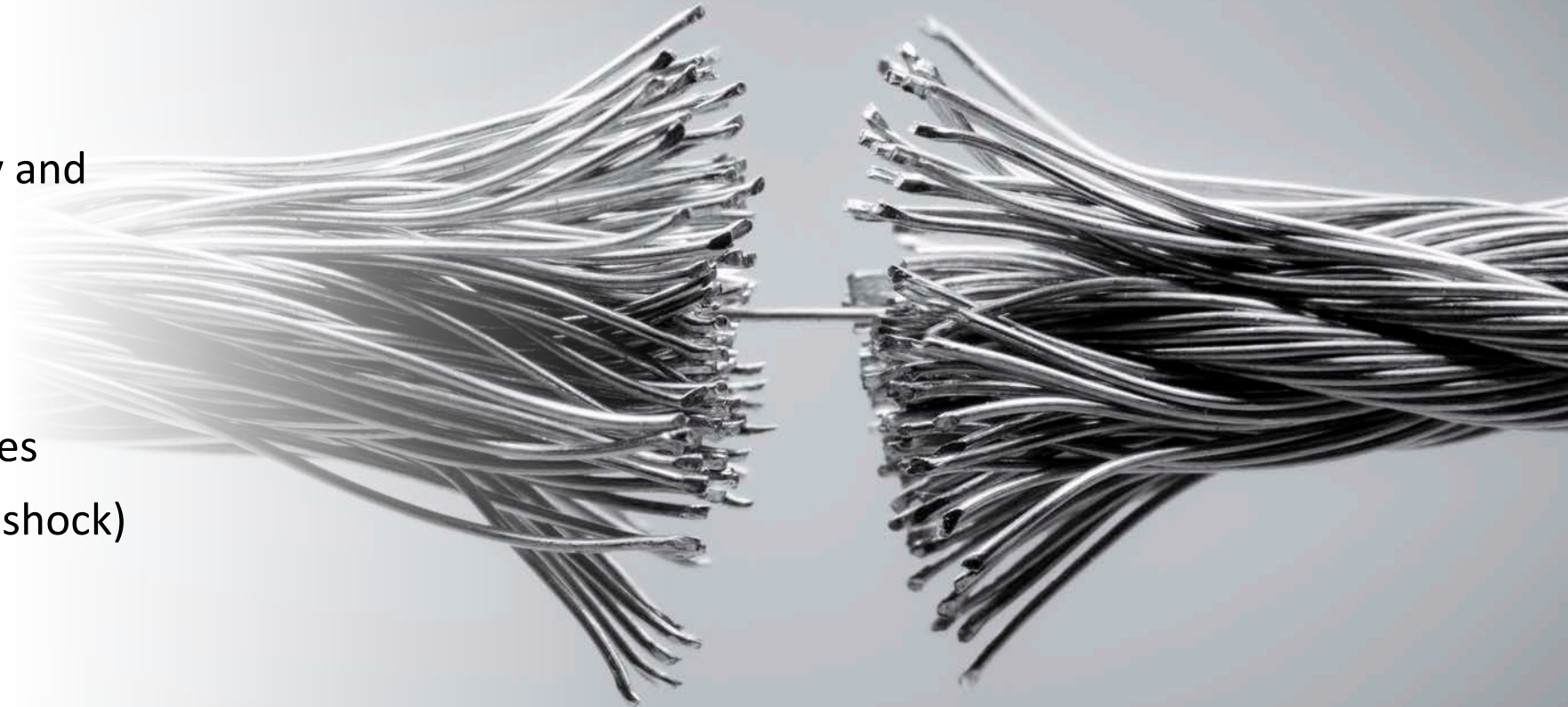
Social

- “To ensure that no African Americans migrated to Richmond unless they were essential to the war effort, the city’s police stopped African American men on the street and then arrested and jailed them if they couldn’t prove they were employed.” (pg. 8)



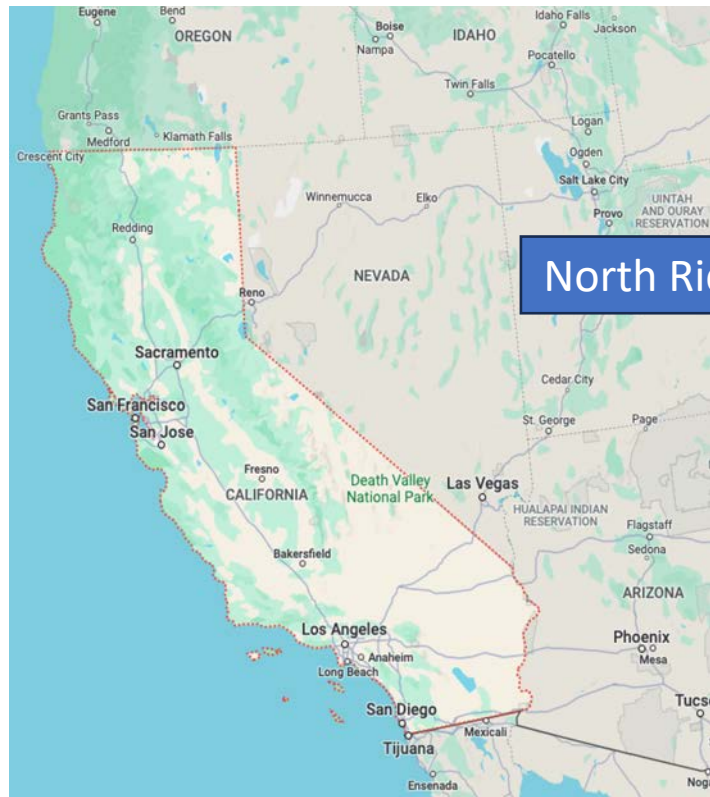
Social

- Breakdown of community and family structures
- Loss of social networks
- Loss of resources
- Separation from loved ones
- Serial displacement (root shock)
- Disintegrated villages
- Cultural loss
- Loss of Social Capital

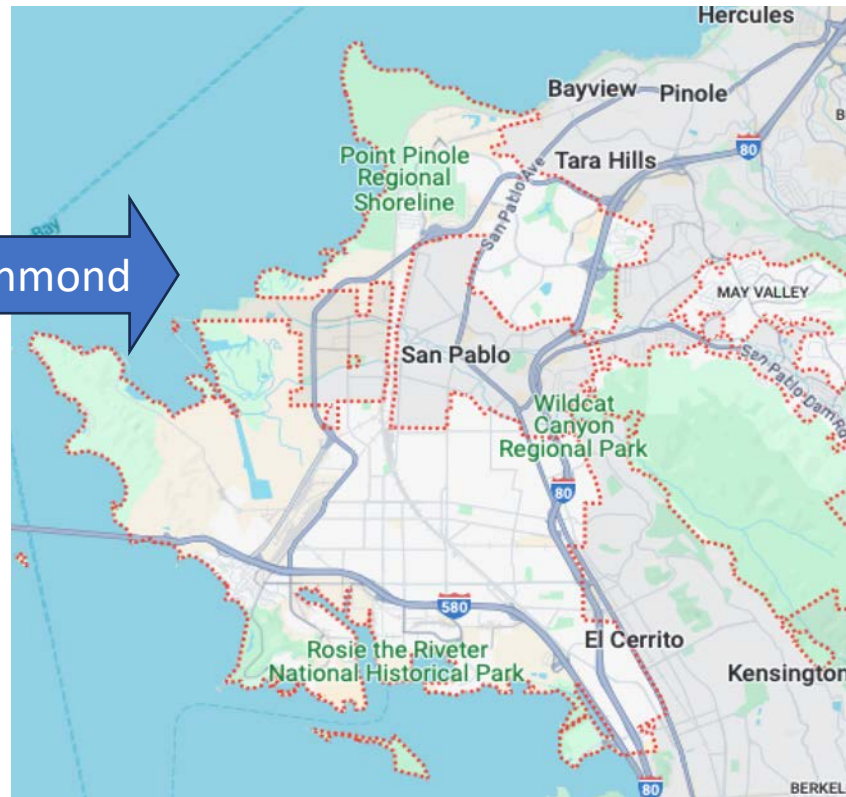




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North Richmond



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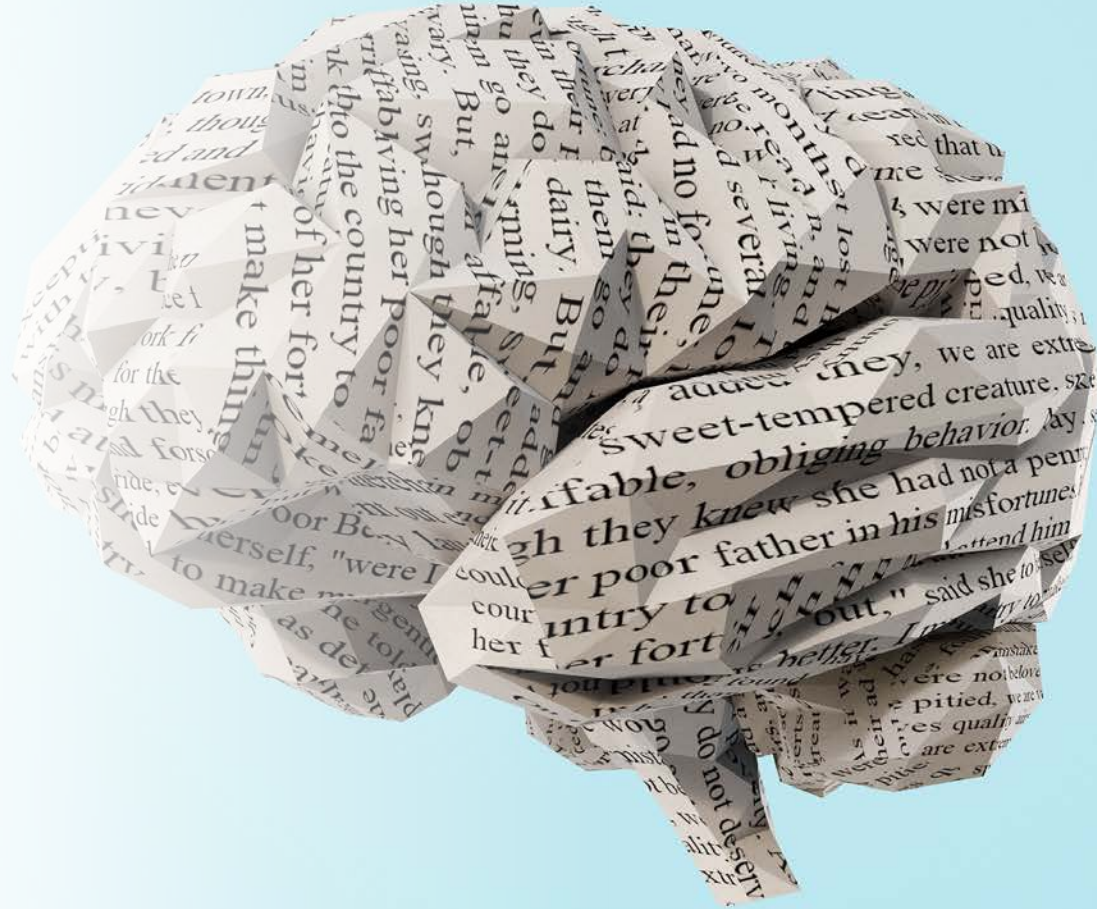
North Richmond

- If a town is unincorporated, it means it does not have a local government. Unincorporated communities exist “by tradition.” These communities typically do not have elected officials at the town level.
- A town or township may wish to incorporate to have greater local control and autonomy. Police, trash collection, local government and zoning boards are four examples of ways incorporated towns have autonomy. When a town is incorporated it also has greater control over finances. This gives the town control over its tax revenue which can then be used for services.



Psychological

- Anger
- Aggression
- Fear
- Terror
- Grief
- Shame
- Social Isolation
- Race Based Trauma
- Racial Battle Fatigue



Storytelling

“On one occasion in 1943, the USO proposed a service center for African Americans on property that was available in a white neighborhood. The local newspaper, the Richmond Independent, protested; a petition drive in opposition to the plan ensued, and the city council prevented the plan from going forward.” (pg. 7)

GER RACE LAW IN COUNCIL
New Segregation Ordinance Reported By Committee.

AIMS TO END NEGRO INVASION
Follows Line Of Old Ordinance, But So Changed As To Meet Decision Of Court Of Appeals.

A new ordinance designed to prevent the invasion of white neighborhoods by negroes was reported to the Second Branch of the City Council by Councilman Curtis, chairman on the part of the Second Branch of the Committee on Police and Jail.

The new measure follows in a general way the Dashiell segregation ordinance, but is revised so as to make it conform to so much as is known of the Court of Appeals' decision holding the West ordinance invalid, and also to fully protect the rights of all citizens, irrespective of color, acquired prior to the passage of the ordinance.

The Baltimore Sun (Baltimore, Maryland) • 09 Mar 1919, Sun

NEGRO INVASION HALTED
Stricker Street Residents Believe They Have Won Fight.

Residents of the 900 block North Stricker street are quietly, but with deep satisfaction, celebrating what they believe to be the conclusion of their fight against negro invasion of that section. The negro family in No. 929 has moved. They went out, it was stated by Mrs. H. Mitten, of 927, just as unobtrusively as they had entered. A wagon backed up to the front door about 6 o'clock Wednesday morning, and by 7 A. M. they were gone. The house is still vacant.

Mrs. Mitten felt particularly pleased over the denouement.

"They were beginning to get noisy at night," she said, "and, frankly, I never felt quite safe while they were next to us."

It was said the house had been purchased by a white person who has guaranteed the neighbors not to rent or sell it to negroes, but this could not be confirmed.

On top of the news concerning No. 929 came the information that the report as to the sale of No. 909 to a negro family was a false alarm. The former owner of that property has informed the residents of the block that she had not sold to

TO PREVENT NEGRO INVASION
Stricker Street Property Owners Organize.

In an effort to prevent invasion of negroes in the 900, 1000 and 1100 blocks of North Stricker street, white residents of those blocks banded together yesterday afternoon and formed the North Stricker Street Benefit and Protective Association.

Two negro families have invaded the 900 and 1000 blocks, and as many of the residents own their own homes, the prospect of colored persons becoming neighbors in increasing numbers has caused them to take steps for mutual protection. The trouble originated about two months ago, when a negro real estate operator tried to move into 929 North Stricker street. He had his furniture in the house when boys of the Klux Klan, raided the premises, smashed windows and doors and painted the steps a brilliant green. Placards were also placed around the house and the negro family moved.

Since then the police have been watching the house, and about a month ago another negro family moved into the same house. Last Friday a colored family moved into 1011 North Stricker street, and that was "the straw that broke the camel's back." The house-owners say they do not intend to resort to violence, but they do intend to go to the bottom

The Baltimore Sun (Baltimore, Maryland) • 12 Jan 1924, Sat

CONTEST INVASION CASE
Malie Tsatskis Against Ruling of Ration Body.

to contest the decision on Commission to revoke and her father, was voiced yesterday Ogden, their attorney, after have been ordered as an imbecile and "accompanying alien" from Poland in September.

"I also have engaged to aid me in persuading justice from committing justice as some of the would wish to see patient at the Kernan Industrial School for a. The father, with and their mother, th Pulaski street.

PLAN TO CHECK NEGRO INVASION IS INAUGURATED
Steps Taken To Consolidate Many Groups In Protective Move.

EFFECT OF INFLUX ON STREETS IS TOLD
Six Associations Represented At Gathering In Church.

Steps to consolidate protective and

AMOS 5:24

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like waters, and
righteousness like an ever-
flowing stream.**

