

**March 6, 1957,
Bridging the divide**

Lamar Weaver, an early supporter of civil rights, greets the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth and his wife, Ruby, in the whites-only waiting room at Birmingham's train depot, Terminal Station. One day earlier, the Alabama Public Service Commission ruled that the waiting rooms must remain segregated. Minutes after this photo was taken, police ejected Weaver from the waiting room, and he was attacked by a mob of more than 100 white protesters. The Shuttlesworths later boarded a train.

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The confrontation

Robert E. Chambliss, center, was among 100 white protesters who arrived later in an attempt to block Shuttlesworth from entering Terminal Station, according to published reports. Chambliss was convicted in 1977 of murder in Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church bombing, which killed four girls in 1963.

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**Finally,
an attack**

"This is a good day to die," Lamar Weaver recalled hearing as attackers hurled a brick through the window of his Cadillac convertible and tried to overturn the car outside Terminal Station. Weaver said he was later arrested for reckless driving, running a red light and striking a pedestrian.

He was fined \$25 and was told to leave Birmingham, which he did.

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April 19, 1956

During sentencing for the 1956 beating of entertainer Nat "King" Cole at Municipal Auditorium, which is now Boutwell Auditorium, Jesse Mabry, E.L. Vinson, Mike Fox and Orliss Clevenger cover their faces inside a Birmingham courtroom. Each received the maximum sentence of 180 days in jail plus fines. Cole was not injured but canceled several subsequent tour dates in the South and went home to Chicago.

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Oct. 28, 1958

Signs of segregation were common. At the Birmingham jail, the Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth encounters barriers as he posts bail after being arrested for sitting in the white section of a city bus.

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