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Frank Ditto, 36, chairman of the Oakland Committee for Community Improvement, and two others were arrested last night in the McClellan school playground between marches on Mayor Daley's home at 3536 Lowe av.

It was the second night in a row that Ditto, who lives at 3939 Drexel blvd., had led marches past the mayor's home as the marchers shouted that they wanted more recreation. Two were arrested Wednesday night.

### Charge He Hit Cop

Commander Howard Pierson of the Deering district said that Ditto struck Policeman Joseph Curtin when Curtin rushed into the playground to prevent a fight after Ditto struck a white youth. Curtin struck back and handcuffed Ditto, who was

charged with assault, disorderly conduct, and resisting arrest.

The others arrested were Timothy Barcey, 18, of Detroit, who said he had been in Chicago one day, and Theodore Howard, 19, of 811 E. 77th st. Both were charged with disorderly conduct. They and Ditto are scheduled to appear Aug. 15 in South Boys court.

### Played Ball for a Time

Ditto led a group of 33 persons, including 15 juveniles, into the playground about 5:20 p.m., when it was unoccupied. They played ball, then marched back and forth past the mayor's home for 45 minutes, then returned to the playground, in which white youths by this time were playing ball.

Police refused to let the demonstrators break up the ball game. Witnesses said Ditto's group began throwing the

youths' ball into an alley, and finally Ditto grabbed the ball and knocked one youth down. Commander Pierson said that was when Curtin intervened.

### King to March Today

The Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., head of the Southern Christian Leadership conference, said last night that he will lead a march on three real estate agents in the Chicago Lawn community today.

Speaking to more than 1,500 persons at a civil rights rally in the New Friendship Missionary Baptist church, 844 W. 71st st., King said the march will be led on the Mark Realty company, 3018 63d st.; the Rio Realty company, 2733 63d st.; and the Halvorsen Realty company, 3145 63d st.

King asked both Negroes and whites to participate in the

march and urged whites to stay with his civil rights movement.

"If he [the Negro] is to be free, he needs the cooperation of white persons of good will," said King. "I won't go along with the philosophy that all white persons are evil. I know some evil black people. I call upon our white brothers to stay with the movement."

In addition to King and his aids, others attending the rally included Al Raby, head of the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations and Mahalia Jackson, noted gospel singer.

In other action yesterday, Edward Marciniak, director of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations said the commission has begun special investigations of real estate firms in the Chicago Lawn and Belmont-Cragin communities

which were picketed by King's groups last week.

At a press conference, Marciniak said the investigations were prompted by "allegations in the press and other media." He said he has received no specific complaints of violations by realty firms of the city's fair housing law in the two areas.

In answer to a question, Marciniak said the commission had asked civil rights leaders in charge of the marches into the southwest and northwest side communities for complaints, but that none had been received thus far.

"We request those who encounter a violation of the fair housing ordinance to file a complaint," said Marciniak. "We urge everyone who has knowledge of discriminatory real estate practices to report them to us."

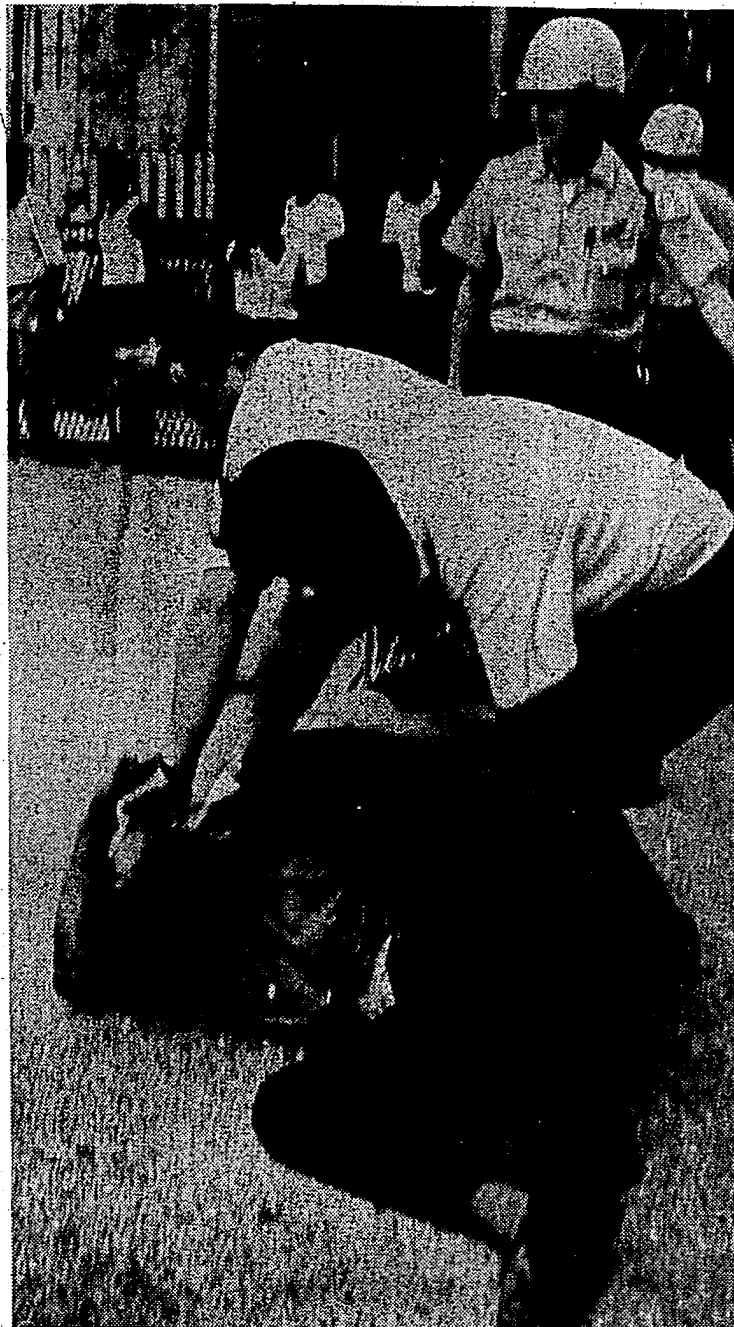
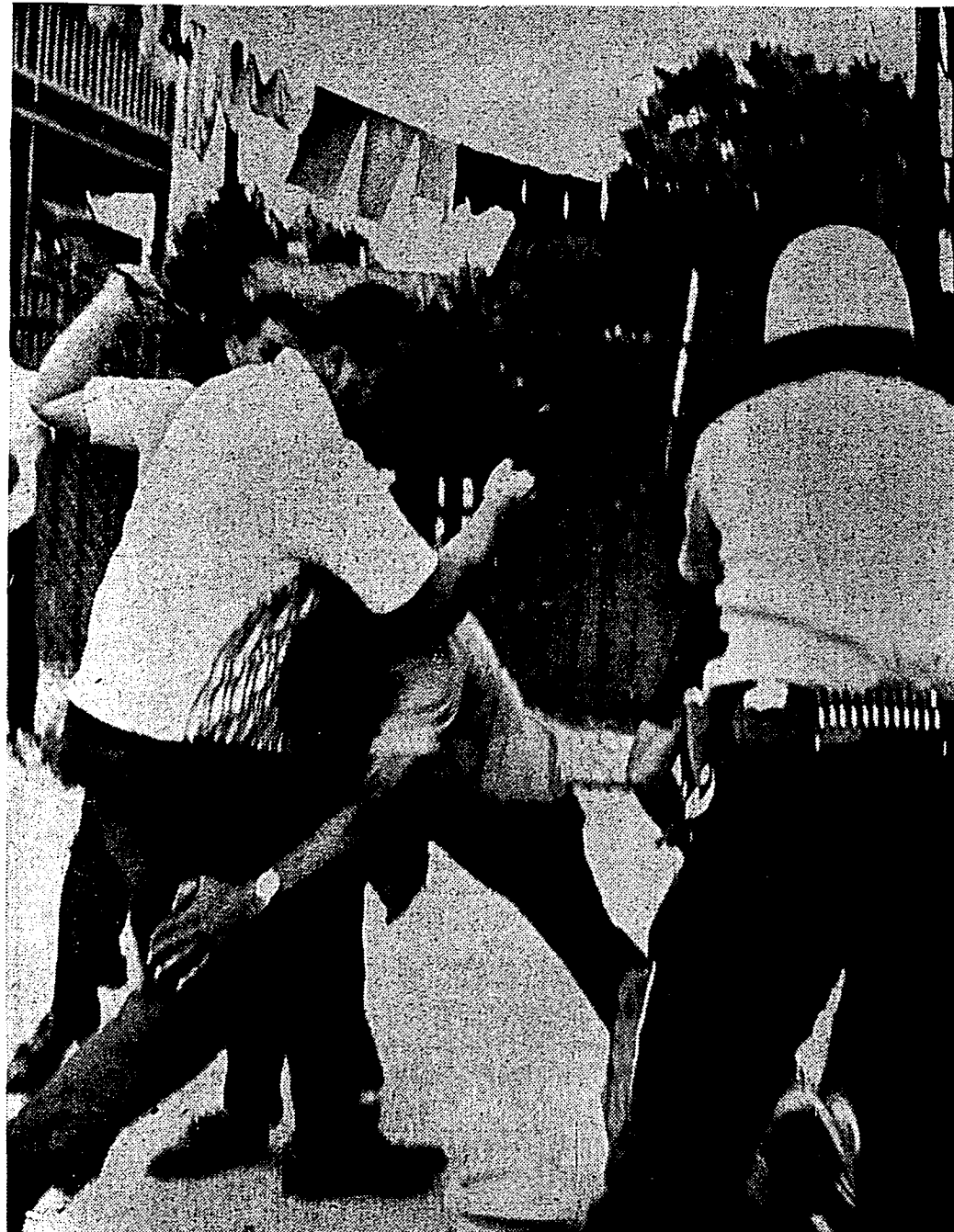
At the press conference of the Commission on Human Relations, Marciniak said the recent marches into white communities have had three effects thus far—namely, to alert communities to the demand for housing, "to increase resistance to freedom of housing," and to alert Negroes to a need for "shopping for housing."

### Cites Negotiated Policy

Marciniak reported that since the fair housing ordinance was adopted in 1963, 30,000 rental units have been operated by real estate brokers under a nondiscriminatory policy as a result of settlements in 241 complaints.

Eighteen persons arrested Wednesday night during a civil rights march on a northwest side real estate office were ordered to pay fines of up to \$100 after a hearing in Jury court.

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An unidentified Negro in a group led by Frank Ditto scuffles with white men on McClellan school playground, 3527 Wallace st. Left: The marcher attacks two white men. Center: It's a losing battle. Right: After being handcuffed, the Negro is held down by police who had broken up the fight. He was among three persons,

including Ditto, who were arrested on the playground on a night which also featured marches on Mayor Daley's home at 3536 Lowe av. Ditto, 36, is chairman of the Oakland Committee for Community Improvement. (Story on page 10)