

U. S. Asks La. Federal Court To Help Negro

The Justice Dept. asked the Federal Court in Shreveport, La., to order white businessmen to stop harassing a Negro, Francis Joseph Atlas, 56, who appeared before the Civil Rights Commission last September and told about his difficulties in registering to vote. Since he made the appearance, he said, the businessmen refuse to gin his cotton.

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For his first nationally televised press conference in Washington, President John F. Kennedy quietly scrapped a long standing White House policy. It was: to ignore veteran correspondent Alice Dunnigan at press conferences.

For two years, grandmother Dunnigan bobbed up and down at press conferences to get the eye of ex-President Eisenhower. She was skipped, passed over, and ignored. Even reporters noticed the snubbing and jokingly told her "to save her strength." She was regarded as an agitator by conservative newsmen.

Cause of the obvious slight was a question Mrs. Dunnigan asked Ike regarding a reported "retiring" of Negro Assistant Labor Secretary J. Ernest Wilkins. The ex-Presi-



Briefing newsmen before historic conference, Associate Press Sec. Andrew Hatcher moves quietly through gallery.