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LANDLORD TO KEEP RENTING TO BOOKSTORE HIT BY KLAN

BALTIMORE (AP)—Mayor Theodore R. McKeldin won a pledge from a landlord yesterday to continue renting to a bookstore which has been the target of violence by the Ku Klux Klan.

The store specializes in civil rights and left-wing literature.

"I am extremely distressed about the action of the Ku Klux Klan, and that the increasing trouble which the Klan has caused the owner of this store has now forced cancellation of his lease," McKeldin said earlier yesterday.

The mayor conferred with Melvin Weinman, main owner of the building housing the store, and afterwards Weinman said he would rent to the store's proprietor "as long as my insurance company agrees."