Alabama Police
Chief Fires
Fatal Bullet
Claim Veteran
Removed Sign
In Street Car

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A Negro ex-Marine was slaughtered in Dixie this week for defying Jim Crow.

Honorable - distinctly a respected Timothy Hood of Bessemer, Ala., was shot five times by white streetcar conductor W. B. Weak because he tried to move a Jim Crow sign.

Hood was later finished by a single shot in the brain fired by chief of police G. B. Fant of Brighton, Ala.

The slaying was called "justifiable homicide."

The needless killing of Hood occurred in Brighton when the ex-Marine boarded a street car and moved the sign separating Negro from white passengers.

Killed for Passing
Police Chief Fant said he heard shots outside his home near the street car line and rushed out to find motorman Weak lying on the ground. Fant's implication was that the motorman had been "apparently shot or wounded" as one of the newspapers here described the killing.

Weak, however, later admitted that he had fired five shots at the veteran. Three bullets, one from Fant's gun, were later found in Hood's body.

Fant then trampled Hood down to a nearby house and found him wounded. The chief arrested the veteran and placed him in a police car. Fant, who later fired a single shot into Hood's brain, claimed that Hood had reached for a weapon.

A preliminary report from Bessemer J. T. McCollom stated "justifiable homicide."