U. S. DROPS CASE AGAINST GI SLAYER

WASHINGTON — (ANP) — The government has nolle prossed the case against a white police officer who had killed a Negro soldier on July 3, 1943, it is learned.

The ruling of the U. S. Supreme court in the famous Screws case which held that "willful intent" had to be evident in order to prosecute a state officer would not support the charge of violation of the civil rights statutes in the killing of Willie L. Davis by James Mitchell Bohannon chief of police for the town of Summit, Ga., it is understood.

This shortcoming has once again underlined the need for national legislation to protect persons where the uniform of the United States military.

The department of justice had filed an information on October 9, 1944 against Bohannon who shot Davis without provocation while "acting under the color of law." The incident occurred at a Negro roadhouse on the outskirts of Summit to which the police officer had been called to restore order.

The federal government had taken jurisdiction because the slain man was deprived of his life action was one of those authorized by Tom C. Clark, attorney general who at the same time was in of the criminal division.