CRY OUT, AMERICA!

FOR SWIFT JUSTICE TO END

“WHITE SUPREMACY” MURDERS
WEREWOLVES OF "WHITE SUPREMACY" STRIKE IN AMERICA WHILE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE STANDS IDLY BY

1. War Veteran Moses Greene, a Negro, was wantonly murdered by two deputy sheriffs on his farm near Ellenton, S. C., on September 9, 1945. The two left the scene without any explanation to Green's widow, or to another eye-witness, for their action. It is clear, however, that they expected—and have received from the state—immunity from punishment because they were deputies and their victim was a Negro.

2. On October 11, 1945, Jesse James Payne, a Negro lad, was taken out of the jail at Madison, Florida and lynched. The Sheriff had the only key to the jail. He admitted it was constantly in his possession. Whoever took Payne out of jail used a key. Two Madison County Grand Juries refused to act on the case. Governor Millard F. Caldwell has refused even to suspend the Sheriff.

3. War Veteran Sam McFadden, a Negro, was lynched by three men, one a local police chief, on October 21, 1945, in Summerville, Florida. No direct motive for this lynching is known. An investigator for the Governor of the State presented a clear case against the three men to the Grand Jury, which, on November 13, refused to return any indictment.

The three cases above all come under the direct jurisdiction of the Department of Justice, whose duty it is to enforce the Federal Civil Rights Law. In 1945, the United States Supreme Court, in the Screws case, made it absolutely clear that the Civil Rights Law applies in any case where a person is deprived of his civil rights by an officer of the law, on account of race, color or creed.

All three cases have been brought to the attention of Attorney General Tom Clark not by one person, but by thousands of individuals and organizations which have demanded that he act. In response, the Assistant Attorney General has conceded there is a prima facie case under the law, by answering that he is looking into the question.

BUT THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE IN ALL THIS TIME HAS NOT ACTED

And MEANWHILE

Facts of the following similar cases have come to light:

4. St. Claire Pressley, Negro war veteran just discharged, stepped off the train at Johnsonville, S. C., November 17, on his way home to nearby Hemigway. A police officer arrested him on pretext of his possible implication in a minor disturbance a few days before, marched him down the street with a pistol in his ribs while Pressley offered no resistance. Suddenly the officer pulled the trigger, killed Pressley. The officer has been reported "suspended" from the force.

(An ILD representative returning from the South reports: "In the Georgia county where I went, it is openly admitted that the landlords have set a policy of killing the first Negro veteran who returns to any community, as a warning to all other Negro veterans. This is generally understood down there to be a Southwide pattern, at least in rural communities.

5. In Union Springs, Ala., on October 7, 1945, Edgar Thomas, a local Negro merchant, was shot down and killed in his store by Police Officer Dewey Bradley and another officer. Thomas had been overheard discussing race problems—a forbidden subject for Negroes in many Alabama communities.

Not long after, Ed Day Gary, Negro veteran, was escorting his father, who had been drinking, home. Another officer arrested the father, told Gary to come for him next morning. Bradley followed Gary to his parked car, ordered him to get out of it. As Gary stepped out, Bradley shot him in the eye. Gary went to Veterans' Hospital at Tuskegee to have the eye removed.

Finally, Bradley went to disarm a Negro, Jesse Hytawer, who was quarrelling with his wife. Hytawer on demand gave Bradley his knife, whereupon Bradley started to beat him unmercifully. A white bystander remonstrated. Hytawer told Bradley he had given him the knife, asked why he continued to beat him. In total response, Bradley shot Hytawer through the heart.

6. Reports of similar cases come from the vicinity of New Orleans, La. This homicidal strain of the "white supremacy" virus has spread to Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle, New York and other places, where Negroes have been wantonly shot down by police officers, confident that no prosecutor would permit them to be punished.

The fact that most of the cases cited only came to light "accidentally" is significant. Without vigilance by a Department of Justice devoted to its duty, the "white supremacy" killers feel safe to carry out their pogroms throughout the deep South at least in many areas who dare to speak don't care, those who care are intimidated by threat of being murdered themselves.

IT IS TIME FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA TO FORCE THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE TO ACT. THE DEPARTMENT HAS THE POWER TO ACT IN THESE CASES. THE POWER OF THE PEOPLE CAN MAKE IT GO TO WORK.

More thousands of communications from organizations, individuals, must pour in on

ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CLARK
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to force him into action. Send letters and resolutions to him demanding that his Department act NOW to stop these lynchings and lynch-murders, by full prosecution and punishment under federal statutes of the law-enforcement officers responsible for the lynchings and lynching-murders of Jesse James Payne, Moses Greene, Sam McFadden, St. Claire Pressley, Edgar Thomas, Jesse Hytawer, and for the assault on Ed Day Gary.

If the Department were on the job, the guilty would be punished and these lynchings and lynching-murders would be stopped.

The people of America have a duty to put the Department of Justice on the job.

Act today, and inform us of your action.
We will send you more leaflets to give to your friends and co-workers, on request.

Tell us what your organization, your friend, your neighbor, has done—or let them tell us.

On one of the response coupons attached, tell us of your own action. On the other.

Demand action. Prosecution, in the case described in this leaflet.

WASHINGTON, D.C.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM CLARK

Communications going to:

Start now, and don't stop until there is definite action by the Department getting

of Justice to do its public American duty.

The power of the people must be brought into play now, to force the Department

of Justice, under the Constitution, to act.

The U.S. Department of Justice has not acted.

State and local authorities have refused to act.

The Department of Justice has a mandate to do, in each of the recent shocking murders and lynchings described in this leaflet, the

murder and lynching come under that law.


Don't let the "White Supremacists" Destroy America!