

NAACP Wants Murder Of Negro In Miss. Investigated

Slain Man Had Been Threatened Because Of Political Activities

NEW YORK

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People today urged the U. S. Department of Justice to investigate a murder which occurred in Mississippi on Aug. 13 to determine whether the Negro victim was shot "as a result of a conspiracy against his exercise of the right to vote."

The request was embodied in a letter dispatched to Attorney General Herbert Brownell, and signed by Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel.

An NAACP investigator of the killing has disclosed that the murdered man, Lamar Smith of Caseyville, Miss., "had received several threats on his life if he did not slow down on his political activities," the letter relates.

Smith "had been very active in the political circles of Lincoln County," the message points out. He was a registered voter and exercised his voting rights in the Mississippi Aug. 2 primary.

The letter says that Smith "was shot Saturday morning, Aug. 13...on the Court House lawn of the Lincoln County site, and in spite of the large number of persons who normally congregate there on every Saturday, the officials have not been able to locate one person who saw the incident."

Today's letter was the latest in a series of requests on the part of the NAACP for federal action on a worsening racial situation in Mississippi. That state has been described by Association officials in recent months as "a jungle of race hatred and terror."

Federal action regarding Mississippi first was requested by the NAACP in May after a Negro minister in Belzoni, Miss., was shot and killed following a warning to remove his name from the list of registered voters. This he refused to do.

The Association again asked for federal intervention in the Mississippi situation earlier this month when three Negro residents of Lowndes County received death threats through the mail containing the phrase "If you are tired of living, vote and die."

of the complexion of skin. An untouchable attitude toward dark-skinned individuals and groups prevails, for there is segregation in employment, in business, and even among children in state-supported tax schools—a flagrant violation of our Constitution.

We, the members of the Mountain and Catawba Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Conventions, in session at Statesville, North Carolina, do hereby welcome and uphold the Supreme Court's decision against such un-Christian and foolish practices of segregation. We commend the Justices for their Christian outlook and will in every way abide by their decision.

The only solution to the inward pain between the races in our land can be found only when we begin to integrate—not in part, but in full. Segregation is evil, un-Christian, harmful, and ungodly. Our churches stand ready to fight this evil with every possible Christian method.

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HAPPY MOMENT IN BEAUTY CULTURISTS' LEAGUE'S HISTORY
A highpoint in the history of the National Beauty Culturist's League's history was realized Sunday, Aug. 14, when the nationally known organization dedicated its National Shrine

and Hall of Fame at its national headquarters in 25 Logan Circle, Washington, D. C. Above, Mrs. Cordelia Greene Johnson, right, head of the League for sixteen years, unveils mural with the assistance of artist Lucile D. Roberts,

who was commissioned to do the painting depicting the development of the beauty culturist profession. Later in ceremony, the NBCL opened its Hall of Fame, which honors sixteen pioneers in the field of beauty culture.

Durham People Benefited By Agencies Serving Community

Are you one of the more fortunate or less fortunate citizens of Durham? Most people earn their own living, conduct their own affairs, and cherish their independence, but approximately two-thirds receive direct service of some kind, from one or more community agencies. The needs of Durham people fall into these groups:

1. Emergency needs, such as the loss of employment, death of the wage earner, sickness, or accident.

2. Long-term needs, such as old age, chronic disease, physical handicaps, or mental illness.

3. Rehabilitation needs, such as family discord, personality disorders, or juvenile delinquency.

One of the principal functions of the Council is to quicken awareness of community problems and develop by fact finding an understanding of how agencies are dealing with these problems. This is done by sponsoring public meetings and forums, maintaining a speaker's bureau, distributing studies and reports, and getting publicity through the press, radio, and

other media. Community understanding of welfare needs and services is also developed through cooperation with other organizations and matters of general civic interest.

In 1932 a small group of interested citizens met as the result of the suggestion of Dr. Howard E. Jenson and Dr. John S. Bradway of Duke University at the Duke Legal Aid Clinic to discuss various health and welfare problems and to form a permanent organization to study and to develop ways and means to solve these problems.

The Durham Social Planning Council has achieved many goals; some of these accomplishments are as follows:

1. The Council worked for and stimulated citizens groups and social agencies to organize a Community Chest.

2. The Council worked for the establishment of a juvenile court.

3. The Council periodically published a directory of social and health agencies. However, the last directory was published in 1952.

4. The Council made the "Durham Survey" in May, 1944.

5. The Council made "A Survey of the Child and Family Welfare Services of Durham," in July, 1948.

6. The Council conducted studies of the social needs of specific areas in Durham, such as the "Marvin Alley Report," a study of the conditions on Marvin Alley, and the "Driver Avenue Report," a study of the general characteristics of the Driver Avenue Area.

7. The Council made the study and compiled the report on the "Educational Planning Council of Durham City Schools," January, 1945.

8. The Council completed in 1954 a self survey of all health and welfare agencies in Durham. This project was commonly known as the "Social Audit."

9. The Council completed in 1955 the "Family Budget Guide," for the purpose of developing a minimum standard of living costs for a family in Durham.

The Durham Social Planning Council has many goals for the coming year and some of the projects which have already been started are as follows:

1. The Council is making the "Survey of Emergency Needs in Durham; the availability of Funds for this purpose; and to whom this information will be most valuable."

2. What is the Need For a Master Plan of Recreation in Durham, (Publicly and Privately.)

3. The Council is developing a director of health resources.

4. The Council will study the degree of mental health problems in Durham County.

5. The Council will study the need for hospital and medical facilities for the chronically ill in Durham County.

The recommendations and action which the Council will take will depend upon the findings of these studies and other surveys will be made as the need arises.

The Durham Social Planning Council is a member agency of the United Fund; therefore, it is financed by the United Fund. If the United Fund meets its goal, the services of the Council and the

Catawba Baptists Pledge Support In Struggle For Integration

STATESVILLE

Because of the increased amount of tension, the arising, conflicting debates, and the recent upheavals caused by the Supreme Court's antisegregation Decision of May 17, 1954, and because of certain unethical attitudes taken on account of this decision, the 1955 session of the Mountain and Catawba Missionary Baptist Sunday School and Training Union Conventions make the following statement:

Even in the infancy of the Christian Church Peter had a sort of discriminatory attitude toward people of other races. He did not want to mingle with them nor have anything to do with them. Of course, this attitude was wholly un-Christian and it was because of this unfair policy that God sent to him a vision of a sheet descending from heaven, whereupon were all manner of creeping things and beasts of the fields and birds of the air. After being asked to speak freely of them, Peter called the sheet's contents "vile and unclean." He was converted from this attitude, however, when the Voice which spoke to him said, "What the Lord hath made clean, call thou not common or unclean."

The United States has often been referred to as a Christian nation, founded upon the principle that "all men are created equal." Unfortunately, however, much of Peter's narrow judgment still prevails in our great land.

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