

Nation Aroused Over Florida Bombing

Protests To Murder Of NAACP Leader Flow In From Several Organizations Urges Action

New York—C. B. Baldwin of the Progressive Party, today sent a wire to President Truman demanding the appointment of a special commission to investigate the outbreak of violence in Florida which led in the bomb murder of Mr. Harry T. Moore, NAACP leader, at his home in Mims, Florida.

Baldwin also demanded the firing of Attorney General McGrath and FBI Director Hoover for their failure to act in the series of outrages that led to the killing of Mr. Moore. Baldwin's wire to the President follows:

"The brutal murder of Mr. Harry T. Moore, state coordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and the violent destruction of his home at Mims, Florida, is a direct result of the failure of your Department of Justice to prosecute the mounting violence against Negroes and Jews that has taken place in the state of Florida over the past few months. Nor would it have taken place if Congress had passed the anti-lynch legislation promised by both Democratic and Republican Parties.

"It is obvious that state officials will simply go through the motions of investigating as they did after the barbarous slaying of Mr. Samuel Shepherd at the hands of the sheriff in whose custody he was. And it is now equally obvious that neither your Attorney General, Mr. McGrath, nor your Director of the FBI, Mr. Hoover, is either competent or willing to make the necessary investigation and carry through the prosecution of those responsible.

"If your own officials had stepped in resolutely after the killing of Mr. Shepherd, or after the bombings of Negro and Jewish homes, the murder of Moore would not have taken place. The Department of Justice and particularly the FBI now have the largest staff and persecute men and women for their political opinions. But the FBI does not seem to be able to spare the men to protect innocent citizens from violations of their civil rights and murder.

"Mr. President, we of the Progressive Party demand that you fire Mr. McGrath and Mr. Hoover for their reckless and wanton failure to act. On November 18, after the slaying of Mr. Shepherd, we urged you to appoint a commission of eminent citizens, Negro and white, armed with sufficient powers to investigate and prosecute the perpetrators of these vicious crimes against the Negro people. The brutal murder of Mr. Moore now makes this action all the more urgent.

"We also urge upon you that in your Annual Message to the State of the Union you demand the passage of the anti-lynch, anti-poll tax and FEPC legislation which both your party and the Republican Party have promised the Negro people."

Union Aroused

NEW YORK — Immediate action in apprehending the guilty parties in the bomb-death of Florida Negro Leader, Harry T. Moore, has been demanded by Albert J. Fitzgerald, General President of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE).

The union leader has wired Governor Warren demanding "immediate and complete investigation in the brutal murder" of the Negro leader. Mr. Fitzgerald added, "This investigation must lead to the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties."

Text of the wire to Governor Warren follows: "We demand immediate and complete investigation in the brutal murder of Negro Leader Harry T. Moore, Florida State Coordinator of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This investigation must lead to

the apprehension and conviction of the guilty parties. The murder of Moore is evidently part of a planned reign of terror which, in recent months, has seen the shooting of Walter Irvin, the slaying of Samuel Shepherd, the bombings of Negro housing developments and Jewish synagogues. As Governor you have the power to end this reign of terror, restore law and order to the State and protect the lives and liberty of the minorities who contribute to your state's welfare."

Signed: ALBERT J. FITZGERALD, General President, UE.

Negro Trainmen

NEW YORK — It was learned at the International Headquarters of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in New York City that A. Phillip Randolph, International President, sent the following telegram to President Truman at Independence, Missouri, calling upon him to establish a commission of prominent and distinguished citizens to investigate the lawlessness and terrorism against Negroes and Jews and especially the lynching by bombing of the Negro leader, Harry T. Moore of Mims, Florida, on Christmas night because of the fight that he made against the murder of Negroes by white officials of the law.

The telegram is as follows: Respectfully implore you to promptly appoint a Presidential commission of distinguished citizens to comprehensively investigate the lynching by bombing of Negro leader Harry T. Moore of Mims, Florida, on Christmas night. Such a commission should be charged with the responsibility of exhaustively studying the present reign of terror in Florida against Negroes and Jews.

My belief is a Presidential statement by you at this time of setting up such a commission and expressing your determination to rid our country of this blot and disgrace upon its life and good name will have far-reaching effect in deterring future lawlessness and terrorism. It will put confidence and hope in the hearts of Negroes and Jew in Florida in particular and the nation in general that they may expect that their rights and life will not be trampled upon and taken away by any form of organized hoodlumism or the breakdown of the machinery of local justice.

Seems clear to millions of Negroes, Jews and other American citizens that the constituted Florida state authorities are incompetent to deal with the present emergency. Moore was killed and his wife critically injured while he was performing in the noble democratic tradition of alerting his fellow Negro citizens to their responsibilities as citizens in a democratic nation. The manner of his death is a forceful and glaring evidence of the hold that cancerous, undemocratic elements have on the State of Florida.

Lynching of Moore cannot go unchallenged without serious damage to the noble American democratic traditions both at home and abroad. Urge prompt and forthwith action by you to assure justice and to effectively disarm Communist propaganda which will see the manner of Moore's death as another good chance to misrepresent the true United States of America which is shocked and chagrined at the latest Florida killing of an American Negro.

N. C. NAACP

CHARLOTTE — Kelly M. Alexander, President, North Carolina Conference of NAACP Branches and member of the national board of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said today that "The Christmas night bombing of the home of Harry T. Moore, NAACP State Coordinator, in Mims, Florida, which resulted in his death, wrecking his home and also seriously in-

cluding his wife will not in any way relinquish the work of the NAACP throughout the South.

The legal programs against social and civil wrongs, political injustice, discriminatory and segregative practices will be redoubled with a stronger determination to win for all Americans equality and justice. NAACP leaders and state organization in the south will not be intimidated by acts of violence that are weakening our democratic way of life and making mockery of the Bill of Rights, Constitution of the United States and the United Nations Charter of Human Rights.

These old methods used to frighten the Negro people in the South are obsolete. The South must realize that the old Social Order is passing away, and a new Social Order is being born, and it is the task of every true American to see that the new one is better than the old, that it is a genuine democracy.

CIO Protests

Washington, D. C.—Demands for quick action to prosecute the perpetrators of a series of violent attacks on members of minority groups in the state of Florida, which culminated in the murder of Harry T. Moore of Mims, Florida, was demanded by the CIO this week.

CIO Secretary - Treasurer James B. Carey, who heads the organization's Committee to Abolish Discrimination, called for immediate investigations by the federal and state government, and for Congressional action to strengthen civil rights legislation. Carey sent telegrams to President Harry S. Truman, Governor Fuller Warren of Florida and four members of Congress: Senator Ernest W. McFarland (D. Ariz.); Senator Robert A. Taft (R. O.); Representative John W. McCormack (D. Mass.) and Representative Joseph W. Martin (R. Mass.).

Carey's wire to the President: "We strongly urge you to insist that the federal government take action to run down the murderer of Harry T. Moore in Florida and to call upon Congress to enact legislation that will put an end to the series of violent outrages against individuals and minority groups that have disgraced the country in recent weeks. In the meantime we ask you to direct the Attorney General to use all the facilities at his command to restore law and order in Florida. The people of the nation will back you to the limit in these endeavors."

Carey's wire to Governor Warren: "The lawless outrage that has taken the life of Harry T. Moore and maimed his wife has shocked all decent people. This brutal incident and other recent murders, bombings and assaults threaten to make law and order in your state a tragic farce. They constitute an affront to the decent people who live in your state or visit it. It is idle for you to talk about investigation through local law enforcement machinery when the nation knows that it does not function adequately in your state.

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"We call on you to use all the great powers of your office to bring the perpetrators of this foul murder, the slayer of Samuel Shepherd, and the Miami Temple bombers to justice. The people of this country are determined that life and liberty be fully protected in Florida, even if it requires all the resources of the National Government to do it."

Carey's wire to the Congressional leaders: "We demand that you institute at once in Congress such investigative and punitive measures as will bring to justice the murderer of Harry T. Moore in Florida. It seems quite evident in this and in other similar incidents in that state that many American citizens are outside the protection of the law.

"The failure of Congress to act on this whole question of civil rights in this and other recent sessions is a contributing cause to these outbreaks of violence in Florida. Your inaction apparently has been interpreted by certain public officials and public enemies in Florida as a license to hold the lives and rights of people in low regard."

Omegas Join

Miami, Fla. — One thousand delegates, attending the 38th Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., composed of 17,000 members, passed a resolution here today, in which they, in an unprecedented move decried the recent killing of Harry T. Moore of Mims, Florida, and in the name of democracy urge President Harry S. Truman and other responsible leaders throughout the country to spare no pains and lose no time in apprehending the culprits.

The resolution, as adopted, also posted \$1,000.00, to be added to the growing fund for the apprehension and conviction of those responsible for this barbarous crime. Judge L. E. Thomas, speaking at the 40th Founders' Day. "The 38th Grand Conclave of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity representing more than 17,000 college men scattered throughout the 48 states and the District of Columbia of this Union and in many foreign countries of the world is shocked by the sad news of the recent assassination of Harry T. Moore, of Mims Florida, which is another act in a studied campaign of lawlessness and terrorism directed against certain racial and religious minorities in Florida. The barbarous and villainous perpetrators of these acts of violence have gone unapprehended and unpunished.

This Grand Conclave in session calls upon the president of the United States, the Governor of Florida, the Mayor of Miami and responsible officials of Mims, Florida to use the full powers and influence of their respective offices to bring the vicious criminals responsible for these outbreaks of violence before the bar of justice.

We call upon the decent law abiding element of Florida (which is legion), the organized Christian Community, both Protestant and Catholic, the Jewish Community, the Labor organizations, the Business and Trade Associations, to become articulate in demanding from their elective officials equal protection of the law for all citizens, regardless of race, religion or national origin for that is the

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We call upon the citizens of color of Florida to remain resolute and firm in their struggle to eliminate from our American way of life, all forms of discrimination and segregation, and we pledge to them our support in this perennial struggle to eradicate every badge and in decision of a second class citizenship. We would remind the cowardly and fiendish hoodlums that neither bombs hurled in darkness nor death itself will divert us in our struggle to make America the spiritual arsenal of democracy thereby insuring her survival in this vicious world struggle.

To the task of making America free and strong this Grand Conclave re-dedicates itself and pledges its resources and leadership in every town and hamlet of this country.

In implementation of this message, the Grand Conclave offers a reward of one thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the persons or persons responsible for the murder of Harry T. Moore.

SYMPHONY SLATES PARIS APPEARANCE

NEW YORK — The Boston Symphony Orchestra, one of the world's great musical organizations, has accepted an invitation from the Congress For Cultural Freedom to make its first appearance in Europe next Spring, it is announced today by Nicholas Nabokov, Secretary-General of the Congress and George E. Judd, the orchestra manager.

The aggregation of 104 players will give three concerts in Paris in May, as a major contribution from the United States to the Paris Exposition of the arts which is aimed at focusing the attention of the world upon the vitality of the cultural achievements by free men during the first half of the 20th Century. The festival will open in the French capital on April 28th and will last through the month of May.

Charles Munch, the musical director of the orchestra, has invited his colleague Pierre Monteux to share with him in conducting the concerts.

Conceived by intellectuals and financed by philanthropic interests, the Paris exposition of the arts is a dramatization of the efforts of the Congress for Cultural Freedom to assert the existence of a vital culture in the free world, and to demonstrate the validity of freedom of work and expression. To this end the Paris cultural cavalcade, which bears the title "Masterpieces of the 20th Century," will parade undisputed bests in the fields of symphony, opera, ballet, drama, art, literature and philosophy.

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Editors of The Falmecan, Florida A. and M. College student newspaper, recently met to plan for the Second Annual Florida A. and M. College Interscholastic Press Workshop at Falmecan Jan. 17 to 19. Left to right, Ebenezer Edwards, associate editor, Miami; Rupert Seale, managing editor, Lexington, Kentucky; Charles J. Smith, III, workshop director; Walter Lang, Jr., editor-in-chief, Gainesville, Fla.; Dorothy Perthone, society editor, Jacksonville; James Wyatt, associate sports editor, Norfolk; James D. Marshall, associate sports editor, Tampa; and Billie Morris, III, associate editor, Tallahassee. Some 65 students from Florida and nearby states are expected to attend.

"FIDDLING" WITH PERSONAL PREJUDICES

(Continued from Page Two) A dismissal must indeed be among the most puny, miserable wretches breathing. They are so narrow and bigoted that, even though the country hovers on the brink of a terrifying war, they must still discriminate among those who are called on to give their last full measure. They are fiddling with their personal prejudices while any day Washington may be burning.

Spiritual Insight

"No Room For Him"
By REVEREND HAROLD ROLAND
Pastor, Mount Gilead Baptist Church

"I am not alone . . . the father is with me." St. John 16:33.

The new year stretches out before us as a vast unknown future. No one can tell what this unknown future holds for him. You cannot tell what the next minute to say nothing about the next hour; tomorrow, next week may hold in store for you. You do not know what the future holds for you as it unfolds itself and becomes the living present. Only an All-Knowing God can tell what the next hour will bring forth. But blessed are those who can say with Jesus as he faced his unknown future under the very shadow of the cross. He did know that he was going to walk by faith. He did know that whatever that tomorrow would bring forth that the Father would be with him. He did know that he could not drift beyond the love and care of his Heavenly Father.

Let us face the unknown future of this new year as the master faced his dark unknown future as he came near Calvary with its deepest loneliness and agony. The master faced that unknown future unafraid. The Master faced a dark and troublesome future of desertion, denial, insults, persecution, crucifixion and even death itself. I see Jesus, facing a dark and un-

known future, turning to his disciples and says to them: "Ye shall be scattered and leave me alone: and yet I am not alone, because the father is with me. . . . You will desert me. You will leave me in the hands of cruel enemies but I want you to know that I am not alone. The Master could face that dark and troubled future unafraid because he had one assurance: "I am not alone, the father is with me. . . . We all have this same certain assurance as we face this unknown future of this anxious, troublous New Year.

In this unknown future some many of us must say my hour has come. Some must face the stubborn fact that our hour will come this year as this unknown future unfolds itself and becomes a living present. Somebody's hour is set on the clock of time — somebody's hour is marked in the book of life. Somebody's bounds have been set. How will you face your hour? Whose hour will come? What does this future hold for you? This unknown future holds joy, health, success for some. And then for others of us this unknown future holds disappointment, grief, failure, burdens, heartaches and maybe a fond farewell to this vale of tears. But whatever your lot may be as this unknown future unfolds itself and becomes a living present may you face it with courageous faith and say:

"I am not alone . . . the father is with me . . ."

Let the invisible companion God, walk with you in this way and you too can face this unknown future courageously. God will be your companion in this uncertain journey. His fortune may be one step away. Trouble is in the very air we breathe. Truly we need the invisible companion who is the sovereign power of Heaven and earth. Let him walk with you in this unknown journey of the New Year! I would walk with him who brings light out of darkness and victory out of seeming defeat. Let us walk in the company of the Eternal and we can face and endure what ever life may bring as our share or allotment as this unknown future unfolds and becomes a living present. Take God as your companion for this journey, you can say at mid-day or the darkest hour of the midnight: "I am not alone . . . the Father is with me . . ."

Let us face this unknown future determined and unafraid. Remember there is but one way and that is to walk with God by faith as this unknown future of the New Year unfolds and becomes the living present. Then, and only then, can you say on the brightest heights or the darkest depths: "I AM ALONE . . . THE FATHER IS WITH ME . . ."

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