

Anger over lynching

with

Negro leader calls for pickets at White House

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NEW YORK, Sept. 11—"Immediate and dramatic action"—including "a picket line around the White House"—was called for today by New York City Councilman Earl Brown to secure justice against the lynchers of 14 year old Emmett Louis Till in Mississippi.

The Harlem Negro leader's appeal for action in his Amsterdam News column voiced rising indignation in the Negro community at refusal of the Eisenhower administration to intervene in the Till lynch murder.

"More press releases by any organization stating how shocking young Till's death is, or even mere verbal demands upon the U.S. government for action won't do the trick of saving future Tills from Dixie lynch mobs," Brown wrote.

He attacked the silence of President Eisenhower and his Administration which, he said, did not intend to do anything about "states rights," and also bitterly criticized the Democrats, "whose tongues the Dixiecrats obviously have."

PICKETING URGED

"In the sum," he said, "we know that the power and majesty of the U.S. Government, as well as the power of both of its political parties will not be employed to enforce the law of the land where colored citizens are concerned. . . .

"It seems to me that it would be a good idea for Negroes all over the country to hold monster mass meetings in protest against the murder of the Till boy. Then they ought to throw a picket line around the White House demanding at least moral support from the President in their time of . . . (Continued on back page)

FRENCH AIRMEN REVOLT AGAINST AFRICA SERVICE

PARIS, Sept. 11 (UP) — Four hundred French airmen called back from civilian life because of the fighting in North Africa refused to board a troop train today and shouted, "Leave Morocco to the Moroccans."

The men were assembled on a platform of the Gare de Lyon, one of Paris' biggest stations, to board a 13-car troop train bound for Marseille.

"We don't want to go," they hollered.

The airmen pushed and shoved air police who tried to herd them aboard.

Police reinforcements rushed to the station, evacuated 100 civilians from the platform and blocked the exits.

The airmen still refused to board the train and they finally were marched away from the station. The train rattled away empty.

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an editorial

Do not speak of the "free world." Speak of Mississippi.

- In Mississippi a child is lynched, his boyish body horribly mutilated.
- In Mississippi a minister of the gospel is murdered in broad daylight because he would not remove his name from the voters' list.
- In Mississippi half the population is robbed of its franchise by terrorism and murder.
- In Mississippi men and women and children are threatened with death and starvation if they speak for the U.S. Constitution.

And what does the mighty Government of the United States, self-proclaimed leader of the "free world," do about all this? Nothing!

The Rev. George W. Lee was murdered on May 8. Last week, fully four months later, an official spokesman for the Justice Department said the matter still is being investigated, and if—if it is found the murdered man's civil rights were violated, the Justice Department will seek to determine "what action can be taken on the basis of the evidence and the law."

The Mississippi primaries took place on August 23. There was no attempt by state officials to conceal the wholesale denial of the right to vote to Negro citizens. These officials boasted of their intent.

But the Justice Department says it is "investigating," and if . . . violations are found . . . then maybe . . . there will be action.

Emmett Louis Till, the 14 year old boy from Chicago, was kidnaped on August 28, and his mutilated body was found on August 31.

Here the Justice Department "investigated" quickly, and reached conclusions promptly. The conclusion: the case is not within the department's jurisdiction!

Can the Justice Department wash its hands of this innocent boy's blood? Can the Federal Government turn its back on the reign of murder and terror in Mississippi?

We do not deal with scattered violations. In Mississippi, there is a well-organized conspiracy, conceived and supported by the most influential citizens of the state, to subvert the Constitution by murder and terror.



OVERWHELMED BY GRIEF, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of Emmett Louis Till, 14 year old boy lynched in Mississippi, is assisted by Bishops Louis H. Ford (left) and Isak Roberts as she leaves Chicago church for procession to the grave.

In Mississippi, a sinister movement, known as the White Citizen's Council, was launched with the avowed aim of nullifying the 14th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, as interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court in the decision against segregation in public schools.

The reign of terror is designed to frustrate the Constitution. Roy Wilkins of the Natl. Assn. for the Advancement of Colored People spoke the stark truth when he said that Mississippi "has decided to maintain white supremacy by murdering children."

And the Justice Department becomes an accessory.

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