

lynch-murder of Emmett Louis Till, 14-year-old Negro of Chicago, Illinois, which occurred in Tallahatchie County, Mississippi;

WHEREAS the trial, which resulted in acquittal of those charged with his death can well be regarded as a travesty, so far as the fundamental principle of the American trial by jury is concerned;

WHEREAS this is the third such flagrant killing of a Negro in recent weeks in Mississippi;

WHEREAS the open opposition to the Supreme Court ruling with regard to integration of public schools and the reign of terror currently sweeping Mississippi and other sections of the South should be construed as an act of defiance of our government itself, and in the words of Thurgood Marshall, Chief Counsel for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, "..... Our government is either strong enough to deal with this defiance, or weak enough to be unable to survive as a world power."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that our federal government, through the Department of Justice act immediately to protect the lives and property of citizens in Mississippi and other states, where the forces of bigotry and race hate would deny these rights.

We the undersigned urge that the Attorney General intervene in this situation immediately;

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