

WITNESSES SAY LYNCH MOB KILLED NEGRO WOMAN HAVE ESCAPED FROM LYNCH

Sees Defeat Of Proposed Changes In Tax Cut Bill Millikin Makes Prediction

WASHINGTON—(AP)—Senator Millikin, Republican, Colorado, predicted today the Senate will turn down proposals to hike income tax exemptions and apply community property laws generally at this session.

Millikin, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, said he feels that such changes more properly belong in a general revision than in a bill to tax-payers immediate relief.

Senator McClellan, Democrat, Arkansas, introduced the proposals yesterday as a substitute for the committee's own measure which would pare levies 30 to 10.5 per cent in various brackets and cut some \$4,000,000 off one year's tax receipts.

Proposals: His two amendments, which he estimates would save taxpayers \$3,400,000,000, would: Increase personal exemptions to \$750 for single and \$1,000 for married persons and keep the present \$500 exemption for each dependent. Present law recognizes this right only in the nine community property states of Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Washington. A state bill adding Oregon as the 10th became effective July 5.

McClellan estimated his exemption amendment would save the taxpayers \$3,000,000,000 and remove eight to nine million persons from the tax rolls. He figured the split-income proposal would save another \$400,000,000.

He said the taxpayers in the community property states saved \$176,000,000 last year by dividing incomes and thus paying smaller taxes. This advantage should either be extended to all states, he said, or wiped out.

News Staff Photos Of Persons And Places In Northampton 'Lynching' Case



Traveling in a chartered plane News Staff Photographer Bill Sumner went to Jackson yesterday afternoon to make these pictures at the scene of the lynching of a young Negro by a band of masked white men. The Negro was taken from the jail but no trace of him has been found. At left above is Jailer A. W. Edwards shown at the door of the jail. Next is Sheriff J. C. Stephenson who took charge of the search. The Northampton County Jail, upper right, and lower right the jail cell from which the Negro was taken. The plane was flown by Haskell Deaton Flying Service.

'Lynchings Will Not Be Tolerated' In North Carolina

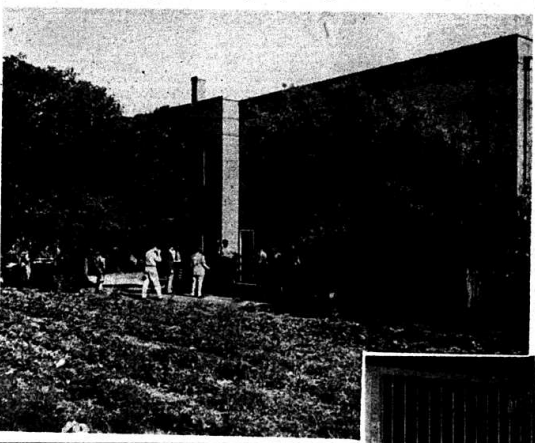
RALEIGH — An official statement by Governor R. Gregg Cherry cited North Carolina's record of dealing sternly with mob violence and pledged the full assistance of all state law enforcement agencies in the search for the body of Godwin (Buddy) Bush and the identification of the men who took him from the Jackson County Jail.

"North Carolina has not had a lynching since July 30, 1935, and we have set a precedent in this state for the punishment of white men who form mobs and mistreat Negroes. No such incident has passed in this state for many years without also asked the State Highway Patrol to give every assistance in the search for the guilty parties.

"I have asked Sheriff J. C. Stephenson to make me a report in writing of his findings in this instance," the Governor added.

Persons responsible being punished. PERSON MOB SENTENCED. The Governor recalled two recent cases of mob violence in North Carolina. In Person County in 1942, the Sheriff and the State Highway Patrol stood off a mob and later arrested several participants. Five white men served prison sentences on charges of unlawful assembly. In Cherryville in 1941, a Negro was killed in a fight between a group of white men and Negroes, and four white men drew long prison sentences.

"I cite these instances as an indication of our determination here in North Carolina not to allow this sort of thing in our State. We have set and are setting this precedent. For 15 years North Carolina had seen no such shameful thing as has just happened at Jackson. This is a civilized state. Lynchings will not be tolerated within our borders," the Governor concluded.



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Governor Cherry Orders Full Investigation

The record referred to by Governor Cherry is considerably better than that of most Southern States. For instance, according to the records of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, North Carolina has had 99 lynchings between 1882 and 1946. 84 of them Negroes and 15 white victims. The state of Mississippi, on the other hand, has a record of 573 lynchings in the same period, according to Tuskegee.

The Person County incident cited by Governor Cherry is believed to have been the first instance in the South in which members of an unsuccessful lynch mob were sentenced on charges of unlawful assembly.

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The Howard woman, in her sworn statement, said she was unable to say whether or not a man who ran behind her house was a Negro or a white man. Neither could she identify any of the persons gathered around the jail.

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Woman Says Man Fled Alongside Her House

Bullet Is Found In Shack Wall

By TOM PESPERMAN
Charlotte News Staff Writer
JACKSON—Strong indications that a terrified Negro, facing certain death at the hands of a lynch mob, made a desperate gamble with death, broke away from his captors, and sped into the darkness of the night as a bullet whizzed by his ear highlighted the continuing investigation into the whereabouts of Godwin (Buddy) Bush.

Two developments today gave Federal, State and local law enforcement officers good reason to believe that the frightened Negro had won his gamble with death... that the bullet fired after him by one member of the mob had missed its mark... and that the lynch-mob, fearful of creating too much of a stir, had abandoned their plans and fled in some quick way.

(1) A Negro woman, Rosa Howard, who lives across the street from the jail where Bush was in custody, she saw a man break away from a crowd in front of the jail and flee along the street. She also said she saw one man in the crowd fire a single shot in the direction of the lynch mob, and then enter one of the automobiles and drive away.

(2) An examination of the premises produced a bullet, embedded in a small wooden building directly in line from the jail, and a footprint in the damp earth, apparently made by a lynch mob member.

No arrests had been made by the time the Howard woman was interviewed. She said she was sure there were no clues as to the identity of the masked man who removed Buddy Bush from the Jackson County Jail at 7 A. M. yesterday, or to the whereabouts of the Negro.

Officers had not abandoned their search for a body, but they were on the alert for any news that would lead to the lynch mob. This view was shared by Solicitor General E. A. Tamm, who said, "I do not think Godwin was lynched. I hope we can prove it some day."

Footnote Written To Famous Feud

WILLIAMSON, W. Va.—(AP)—In the heart of the hill country where Alvin Karpis and the McCoy's shot it out with guerrilla guns, lawyers today were drafting a footnote to the historic feud.

Allen Hatfield, 51, yesterday was convicted by a Circuit Court jury on charges of voluntary manslaughter in the death of Hubert McCoy, 28, and Charles W. Ferguson, 30, May 27 for arguments on a defense motion to set aside the verdict, which carries a one to five year penalty.

Both men are descendants of the fighting families. Hatfield, former police chief of nearby Malespan, and McCoy, a former state legislator, were the two men who fought the battle of the Red Bank in 1892.

Unanimous Vote Democrats Elect Blythe & Horton

MR. HORTON
NEW ORLEANS—(AP)—The Alabama Democratic Party yesterday elected a new national committee member, and Joe Blythe of Charlotte was elected national committeeman.

As recommended by the governor, Wilkins P. Horton of Pittsboro last night was named chairman. He was mentioned prominently as a candidate for the next governor's race until his nomination as party chairman was offered by the governor.

Horton was nominated by another former lieutenant governor, Reg. I. Harris of Person, a member of the state house of representatives. State Senator D. W. Ward of Traven seconded the nomination.

Mother Weak President Stays On In Missouri

By ERNEST B. VACCARO
GRANDVIEW, Mo.—(AP)—President Truman's physician said today that he would not be warranted in advising the Chief Executive to return to Washington at this time in view of the critical nature of his mother's illness.

Charles C. Ross, after talking with Brig. Gen. Wallace H. Graham, told reporters the young medical officer feels that the patient's condition is such that he would not be warranted in advising her son to return at this stage.

The disclosure of Gen. Graham's view came after it was generally known here that the President had abandoned all thought of returning to the White House in the absence of any decided change for the better.

Battle Fought By Students

BALTIMORE—(AP)—Embattled students at Johns Hopkins University fought off 250 invaders from the University of Maryland with sticks, stones, fists and fire hoses early today in a fracas umpired by 200 policemen.

Eleven of the battlers wound up in jail on disorderly conduct charges. Magistrate Reuben Cavin reprimanded them after hearing but dismissed them all in ample time to be on hand when the starting whistle blows for a "croosh" lacrosse game at College Park this afternoon.

Objective in the battle was a 400-pound bronze terrapin which Hopkins students swiped off the Maryland campus early yesterday in reprisal for a paint-daubing a few hours earlier on Hopkins buildings and sidewalks in midtown Baltimore.

Sugar Stock Is Sued In Maintenance Suit

LOS ANGELES—(AP)—A large suit to establish maintenance rights was filed yesterday against John D. Spreckels III.

She asked division of some \$1,000,000 in shares and community property. Mrs. Spreckels alleged that her husband had transferred to her May 18, they were married in Las Vegas, Nev. in April, 1946, and have no children.

She said she became frightened, and left the window after the cars pulled away from the front of the jail.

Pie-Smashing Waitress Freed

JACKSON, Miss.—(AP)—A 30-year-old waitress who couldn't resist an urge to smash a chocolate pie in her boss' face, was free today on a charge of assault.

Yesterday morning there had been rumors that Negro had been spirited away from a jail in Northampton County, but preliminary efforts by The News and the Associated Press to verify the reports were without result.

Then, shortly after 1 P. M., stories originating at Murfreesboro and at Raleigh gave the first sketchy details. A quick examination of the maps and telephone consultation with Civil Aeronautics Authority officials established that there was an adequate airport at Roanoke Rapids, some 20 miles from Jackson, where the suspected lynching took place.

WEATHER
Partly cloudy and warm today, through Monday with scattered thunderstorms and afternoon and evening showers.

THE NEGRO RELEASED
See NEGRO MAN who was freed from the jail where he was held in Rich Square.