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Georgia's Latest Lynching Fits Familiar Pattern of Dixie Terror

BY VERNON D. JARRETT

IRWINTON, Ga. (ANP). Georgia's latest bid for the nazi Iron Cross awards fits perfectly into the routine pattern of racist terror launched during reconstruction.

Another Negro has been murdered. No one knows who did it. The federal government "investigates" to see if it has the authority to "investigate." The governor goes on record in favor of "law and order." The murderers are still free. Crispus Attucks rolls over in his grave—again.

Bourbon lynch-murder victims usually fall in four broad groups. He is "too familiar" with white women; too active politically; "too wealthy" for a black man, or he has the courage to fight a white man.

The lynching of Calif Hill, jr., 28, in this town of 500 was over the last mentioned "affront" to white superiority.

The plot is simple:

1. Negro gets best of tussle with white man.
2. Negro taken to jail.
3. Sheriff leaves jail accessible to lynchers.
4. Lynchers "overpower" jail, murder Negro on country road.
5. Sheriff unable to identify lynchers.
6. Coroner's jury declares victim killed by "hands unknown."
7. Sham investigation opens and closes at same time.
8. Local authorities say Negro

was "trouble maker, anyhow."

Here in Irwinton, Sheriff George Hatcher and the 28-year-old Negro had engaged in a rift at a Negro cafe. Hill made the sheriff look bad before other Negroes, but he was finally subdued and taken to jail. But the sheriff left the keys to Hill's cell on the table in the dining room of his jail-home. Hill was kidnaped while the sheriff's family "slept."

Hill was found near a creek around 7 a. m., the next day a battered man with bullet holes in his neck and heart. A six-man coroner's jury joined the ancient ritual with the old Ku Klux Klan hymn: "He came to his death by gunshot wounds, being shot through the head and heart by hands unknown."

Before Hill, it was Isaiah Nixon, Negro veteran who voted. Before Nixon it was Robert Mallard, who was prosperous. Before Mallard it was the Georgia massacre of two Negro veterans and their wives. And so the story goes. Who will it be next?

Meanwhile, let's get excited about democracy in Greece and Turkey.

Union Night Services

Beginning Sunday, June 12, Mt. Zion Baptist church, 12th and F Streets, and Quinn Chapel AME Church, 9th and C, will hold their Sunday night services together, alternating between churches.

Thru the Knothole

By Vernon Jarrett.

SAN DIEGO. (ANP). It was a great day for democracy here in the triple-A Pacific Coast league when Big Luke Easter, Orestes Minoso, John Ritchey, Luiz Marquez and Frank Austin matched speed and bats in a three-game series between the San Diego Padres, Cleveland Indian farm team, and the Portland Beavers. The legendary First Baseman Easter, who was leading the league with a .400 batting average and 18 homers at the time, ramed out only one hit, a double in the first two games but came back in the third to bat three for four. Padre Leftfielder Minoso, on 24-hour recall option from the Indians, had hit safely in his 13 straight game. Both Minoso and his Spanish speaking pal, Leftfielder Marquez of Portland, chased up, down and across the garden like madmen to convert extra-base hits into easy outs, and Catcher Ritchey of the Padres displayed flashes here and there of Roy Campanella.

In the Triple-A International League Montreal pitcher Dan Bankhead has racked up his fourth straight win. In his 8 to 2 win over the Rochester Red Wings, he showed improved control by walking only three men and giving up only five hits. Bankhead's infant son slept through the game in his mother's arms as his former Memphis Red Sox daddy hurled his best game of the season. Rumor has it that even if Bankhead doesn't make the grade as a pitcher, Manager Clay Hopper wants him around, because he's one of the best batters on the team.

In the American Association, another triple-A league, St. Paul Centerfielder Jim Pendleton, who never played baseball until he entered the armed forces is leading the circuit in stolen bases with a big 17. His teammate Second Baseman Schenz is the closest thing to him with the Saints. He has seven to his credit. Pendleton was bought by the Dodger farm team from the Chicago American Giants of the Negro American league.

The first meeting will be at Quinn Chapel at 7:30 p. m., with Rev. W. I. Monroe delivering the sermon. The Mt. Zion choir will sing.

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Friday, June 10, the missionary society of Quinn chapel will be host entertainers for the Omaha area of the Nebraska conference branch missionary society which will meet in Lincoln for its third quarterly inspirational meeting. Missionary workers and mission supporters from over Nebraska will be represented.

Mrs. Frances Cloud, Omaha, area supervisor, and Mrs. Mary Kidd, Kansas City, Kans., Nebraska Conference branch president will preside. Mrs. Oscar Harriott, Kingston, Jamaica, now living in Lincoln while her husband attends the university, is on the program for a talk about missions in Jamaica.

Reasons Bunche Refused State Job Told By Editor

NEW YORK. (ANP). Thursday's Herald Tribune front-paged a story that Dr. Ralph Bunche rejected Truman's offer of a state department post because of the capital's Jim-Crow practices.

Further, the paper editorialized on the affair, which had been generally believed by persons close to Dr. Bunche as the real reason he refused the highest honor yet accorded a colored citizen.

It would be pretty difficult for him to bow to Jim-Crowism after having enjoyed the freedom accorded him elsewhere and having accepted honors as an international figure. The ignominy of Washington's separatism they say, was too much to impose on his family and he is said to have told Dean Acheson of the state department that the economic difference could not outweigh the lack of freedom Washington im-

posed on members of his race. The editorial spoke of the far reaching effects of this decision and how it humiliated the United States in the eyes of the world.

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