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FBI Given New Evidence on Murder of Till

The Department of Justice and FBI now has names, dates and a complete guide to witnesses and evidence in the still unpunished murder of 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till, it was revealed yesterday in the Baltimore Afro-American, the Negro weekly. The

data was sent to FBI director J. Edgar Hoover by James L. Hicks, Afro reporter, who dug up the facts while covering the Till murder trial in Sumner, Miss., last September.

Hicks in his letter directed the FBI to the common-law wife of Henry Lee Loggins, as the first witness who could testify as to the whereabouts of her husband during the Till trial. "If you question this woman," Hicks wrote, "she will tell you that at one time shortly before the death of Emmett Till a man named Levi ('Too Tight') Collins lived with her and Loggins in the little house there in Glendora. . . . She will further tell you that at one time shortly before the murder trial at Sumner, the 'white folks' came and took both 'Too Tight' and Loggins."

Hicks letter revealed that the

Loggins and Collins worked for J. W. Milam, one of the two white men freed on charges of killing Till.

The FBI would find that Loggins and Collins were taken "to the Charleston jail" and that they were assured "they were going to be kept there for about two weeks and that they were not going to be harmed," Hicks informed Hoover.

Hicks also gave the FBI information as to where persons could be reached who will swear that they were told by Loggins that "he was on the murder truck the night Emmett Till was killed." And the reporter also told how to contact a Negro minister to whom Loggins "confessed being on the murder truck."

There are people in a Glendora cafe, Hicks wrote, who will testify Collins told stories that the "hole in Till's head was not a bullet hole but a hole drilled in his head with a brace and bit by one of the white men."

If the FBI is looking for an "in" in the case, Hicks reminded Hoover, they have it in the fact that Collins and Loggins, as material witnesses, were "prevented by law officers from testifying."

Hicks' letter points out that there are persons in Glendora who will tell of Loggins' having said that there were "four white men—instead of two—" who were involved in the kidnaping and murder.

On his second trip to Mississippi to cover the grand jury hearings on the kidnaping charge against Milam and Roy Bryant, Hicks informed Hoover he had helped Alonzo Bradley leave Mississippi for Chicago. Bradley is the husband of Mrs. Amanda Bradley, one

of the witnesses against Milam and Bryant in the murder trial. After his wife testified, Bradley went back to his home on the estate of Leslie Milam, brother of the then defendant, and was ordered off the plantation. He had refused to testify in the trial, although he and his wife had witnessed the same incidents she testified to.

Bradley, writes Hicks, has gathered more information and could tell "some other things which would be of great help to you if you are investigating the Till murder."

In closing his letter, Hicks offered his personal help in any way the Department of Justice and the FBI deemed advisable.

curled their trunks while taking bows.

Bulganin and Khrushchev drove 90 miles into the jungles of Uttar

Pradesh, or India, where they were among the richest feudal landowners in the world.

The two Soviet leaders appeared to enjoy every minute of their

Pakistan.

They also visited poultry exhibitions and held baby chicks in their hands for photographers.

Yugoslavia Nails Lies About What Tito Told Dulles

Yugoslavia has branded as "false and distorted" reports which appeared in American newspapers claiming that President Tito had agreed with Secretary of State Dulles on "liberation of the people's democracies of Eastern Europe."

The Yugoslav government radio charged the Western newspapers deliberately tried to "persuade the public that Yugoslavia had agreed to the idea of changing the status of the East European countries by force."

The Yugoslav Radio flatly denied the American press inventions, that Tito "accepted the American thesis on the attitude toward the Eastern European countries."

"These interpretations," the Yugoslav statement continued, "are wrong and biased, because this was not discussed at Brioni, and the question connected with the East European countries was not presented in this way."

assent:

"We arrived at the joint accord that it is necessary to recognize the importance of the independence of those Eastern European countries, non-interference from abroad in their internal problems and the right of them to choose according to their free will their economic and social order."

Yugoslavia as well as the peoples' democracies of eastern Europe recognize that the actual interference that goes into their internal affairs is in the efforts of refugees who are seeking to overthrow the social and economic regimes of those countries by force and violence. These terrorist refugees operate under John Foster Dulles' brother — Alien Dulles.

Molotov referred to them at Geneva as "scum of the earth." All the socialist countries, including Yugoslavia, are in agreement that the activities of the terrorist refugees is gross interference into the internal affairs of the countries in question.

Jail Religious Leader, Unionist in Cyprus

NICASIA, Cyprus, Nov. 23. — British security forces at Limassol today arrested John Cotsapas, a member of the Ethnarchy Council of Archbishop Makarios, with five of his six sons.

The sixth son had been arrested several days ago when weapons and explosives were found in his car.

A prominent medical doctor and a trade union secretary also were arrested at Limassol today.

Invite Leading British Theatre Groups to USSR

MOSCOW, Nov. 23. — Plans are under way to bring the Stratford Shakespeare Memorial Theater or the London Old Vic Theater to Moscow for a tour next fall, a Soviet official said today.

Vladimir Yakovlev, vice-president of the Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries, also disclosed that invitations had been issued to a British ballet troupe, and to conductor Arthur Bliss and the London Symphony Orchestra.

Yakovlev said the USSR has invited a delegation of British museum officials to Moscow and has asked Britain to put on an exhibition of British paintings in Moscow.

Yakovlev also said a Soviet ballet group was prepared to tour Britain if invited.

British Foreign Office Drops Its Good Manners

London, Nov. 23. — The British foreign office made a studied effort today to end the practice of good manners in East-West relations.

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Hicks Writes Letter Hoover To Brownell,

(An open letter to U.S. Attorney General Herbert Brownell and FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover.)

NEW YORK

Gentlemen:

As an American, I have been deeply disappointed that the arm of the Federal government, headed by your respective offices, has not seen fit to enter into the murder of 14-year-old Emmett

Till of Chicago.

As a citizen interested in following the case, I have recently picked up rumors that at long last either one or both of your offices may finally intervene and investigate the case.

And as a newspaperman interested in simple justice, I submit herewith to your high offices certain information on the case which I know to be true.

I feel certain if aggressively pursued, it will prove to the world that four white men, aided by two colored men, killed Emmett Till and threw his body into the Tallahatchie River.

HERE ARE the facts in detail: The key to the murder is a little city called Glendora, Miss., about seven miles South of Sumner, Miss.

Send an FBI agent to Glendora. Tell him to find Reid's Cafe, located in the heart of the colored section of town. It's not hard to find.

Tell him to stand in front of the front door of Reid's Cafe, facing the door. On the right, at three o'clock on a watch dial, there will be located a small one-room shack about 40 yards from the cafe.

Tell your agent to knock on that door. Inside he will find a mother with three young children. Her name is Mrs. Henry Lee Loggins. She will tell you that she is not married to Henry Lee Loggins, but that she is his common-law wife and that he is the father of all three of her children.

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MRS. LOGGINS works for J. W. Milam, one of the defendants in the Till murder trial. She picks cotton on his plantation. Her husband, Henry Lee, drives a cotton picker for Milam.

If you question this woman she

will tell you that at one time shortly before the death of Emmett Till a man named Levy (Too Tight) Collins lived with her and Loggins in the little house there in Glendora.

Too Tight also worked on the Milam farm.

She will further tell you that after Till was killed and shortly before the murder trial at Sumner, "the White folks" came and took both Too Tight and Loggins.

If you ask her where they took them, she will tell you that they told her that they were being taken to the Charleston jail at Charleston; that they were going to be kept there for about two weeks and that they were not going to be harmed.

Remember that name — the Charleston jail, for it is important. But just for the moment turn your attention again to Glendora.

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STAND NOW directly in front of Mrs. Loggins' little shack. If you face the door on your right, directly at "three o'clock" will be a doorway leading into a brick building. This is the back door of a building on the main colored street.

Knock on that door. Inside you will find that this is an undertaker's parlor and the home offices of one of the many burial societies owned by colored people in Mississippi.

Talk to the people there. I'm not at liberty to call their names. But if you shop around you will be directed to other people who will tell you how to locate the father of Henry Lee Loggins.

Go to Loggins' father. Press him. He will be reluctant to talk and when you finally hear his story, you will easily understand why he is reluctant to talk.

BUT WHEN you finally get his story, he will tell you that his son Henry has confessed to him that he was on the murder truck the night Emmett Till was killed.

He can tell you that his son has named to him the four or more white men—instead of two—who were involved in the kidnapping or murder.

But don't stop with the testimony of Henry's father. Ask him about the minister. Ask him to give you the name of the colored minister to whom Henry has also confessed being on that murder truck.

NAACP OFFICIALS have pleaded with this same minister to come forward and tell his story but he is afraid and will not do so. Get the name of this minister from Loggins' father.

If he will not give you his name, as a last resort, I will call an NAACP official in Clarksdale and beg him to release me from an "off the record" confidence and give it to you myself.

This NAACP official has literally begged the minister to tell the world what Loggins told him but he will not do so.

Go back now across the short space to the home of Mrs. Loggins. You can talk more intelligently now and when she discovers that you know something she will tell you more.

ASK HER where her husband, Henry, is. She will tell you that but that he does not come home he is on the Milam farm daily every night. Ask her where you can put your finger on him.

Then ask her when was the last time she saw Too Tight Collins. See if she will not tell you that she has not seen him since Oct. 10, the date on which a Chicago newspaper released him and sent him back to Mississippi.

Too Tight is still in Mississippi working for J. W. Milam.

Ask her where Too Tight's father is. She will point south and tell you that he is on a plantation just three miles away on the Eaglet farm. He can tell you a lot more about the strange actions and mysterious disappearances of his son since the death of Emmett Till.

Now, before you leave Gledora, drop into Reid's Cafe. Talk to some of the cotton pickers

hanging around there. Listen to them tell you of the big talk that has been made by Too Tight since he came back South from Chicago.

Listen to them tell how Too Tight boasts that the hole in the Till's boy's head was not a bullet hole, but a hole drilled in his head with a brace and bit by one of the white men.

GO THEN ON up to Sumner, just seven miles North and drop into Jesse Griffin's place. Talk to the guys up there and hear the same thing from the cotton pickers who hang around.

Ask them to tell you, as they told me on my second visit to Sumner, how Too Tight sat around in the tavern and related how at one time during that fateful morning he was on the back of the truck with Emmett Till and they found that despite the punishment, the boy was still not dead.

Now remember, I asked you to remember the name Charleston jail. Go to the Charleston jail and find there a young colored woman named Sarah who is serving a life term for killing a rival woman about her husband.

Sarah is a "trusty" at the jail. She is rather young, not too bad looking and she cooks for the inmates of the jail. If you investigate Sarah closely, you will find that "cooking" is not the only thing she does for the men in the jail.

She also performs other services for them, including serving the sheriff.

FOR HER services. Sarah is given certain privileges which she does not wish to give up. Therefore Sarah will be reluctant to talk.

But make Sarah talk and she will tell you that during the Sumner murder trial when Sheriff H. C. Strider was saying that he could not locate Too Tight Collins, actually Collins was, at that time locked up in the Charleston jail.

I have been informed that Federal Government is looking for an "in" through which to get into the Till murder case. I'm also informed that one of the ways the Federal Government can get into the case is by proving that at the time of the murder trial key witnesses were prevented by law officers from testifying.

I submit that Too Tight Collins was a key witness. I submit that Sarah can prove that Collins was in jail during the trial. And I ask you: If Collins was in the Charleston jail, who put him there? A law officer, of course. And who is the principal law officer? Sheriff H. C. Strider.

ONE FINAL word. Mrs. Mandy Bradley is a courageous woman and took the stand to testify as to what she saw and heard during the killing of Young Till. But her husband, Alonzo Bradley, was not so courageous.

He was there with his wife and saw and heard all she heard and saw. But he was afraid to testify.

After Mrs. Bradley testified against J. W. Milam, we got her out of Mississippi. The night after she testified Alonzo Bradley went back to his home on the Milam farm—a foolish thing to do in Mississippi.

J. W. Milam came to his shack and ordered him to leave at once. Alonzo Bradley left. For days he scouted around in Mississippi, trying to raise enough money to get to Chicago and join his wife.

On my second trip to Mississippi I contacted Alonzo Bradley and helped him to get out of Mississippi. He is now in Chicago with his wife.

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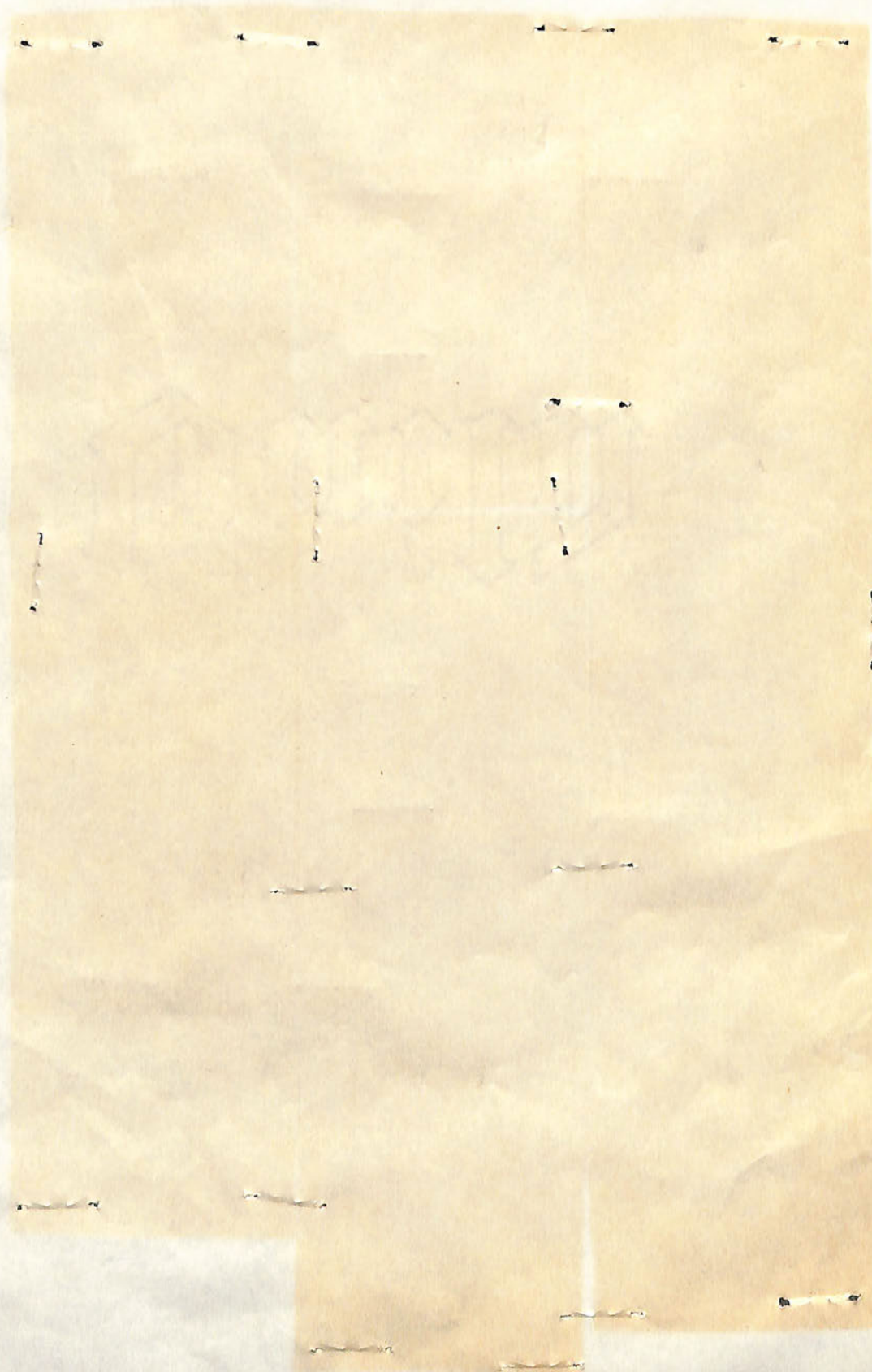
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There is one more man you should talk with. His name is Frank Young. On the night we rounded up witnesses in Mississippi, Mr. Young was one of the colored men who came forward to the office of County Supervisor Townsend at Drew, Miss.

He told us he had knowledge of the murder but before he talked, he wanted to first talk to Dr. T. R. M. Howard and get assurances that he would not be harmed.

He made this statement in the offices of the county supervisor. He knew when he came there that he had been asked to come for only one purpose—to tell what he knew of the murder of Emmett Till.

Unfortunately, when Frank Young came in Dr. Howard was not there. He hung around and waited until after 4:30 a.m., until finally the white woman who had brought him in off her plantation grew tired and took him back.

THEY PROMISED that Frank Young would take the witness stand the following day. But he never did. Mr. Young has not been mentioned in connection with the trial since.

What did Frank Young have to tell?

He is easy to locate. Just go to Drew, Miss., to the offices of County Supervisor Townsend. Mr. Townsend can pick up the telephone and call the plantation on which Mr. Young works and the white woman he works for will bring him in.

That's the way they did it that night.

And, finally, go to Henry Lee

Loggins. Ask Loggins if it is not a fact that on the Saturday before the recent indictment proceedings he was scheduled to go to St. Louis on a trip, financed by a Chicago newspaper, and that on arrival there, was supposed to tell all he knew about the Till murder.

ASK HIM if it is not a fact that he was taken by reporters on a round of goodbyes to all his girlfriends and that finally he was taken to his home to say goodbye to his mother.

And ask him if it is not a fact that his mother broke down and begged him not to go. And ask him if it's not a fact that he then decided to call the whole thing off, returned the spending money he had been given and stayed in Mississippi where he is now.

Ask him if it is not a fact that he has admitted that he is afraid to tell all he knows about the Till murder because he himself was an accomplice in the crime.

If there is any additional service I can be to you two gentlemen, if and when you decide to go or send someone to investigate this murder in Mississippi, I stand ready at any time to help in whatever way possible.

Respectfully,
JAMES L. HICKS

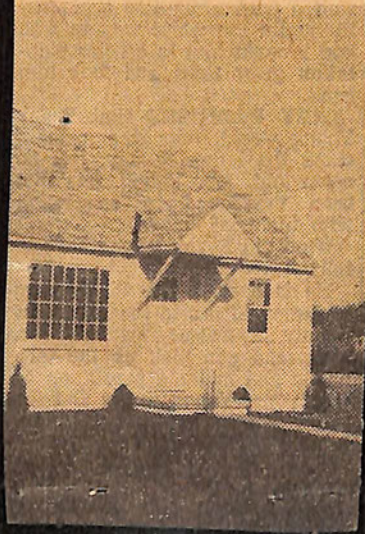
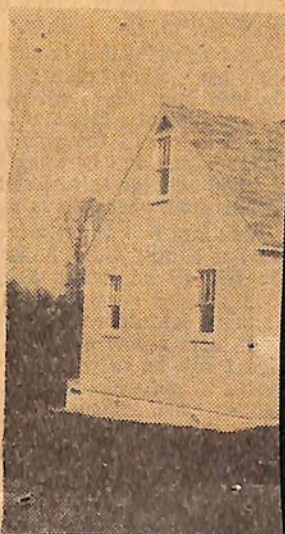
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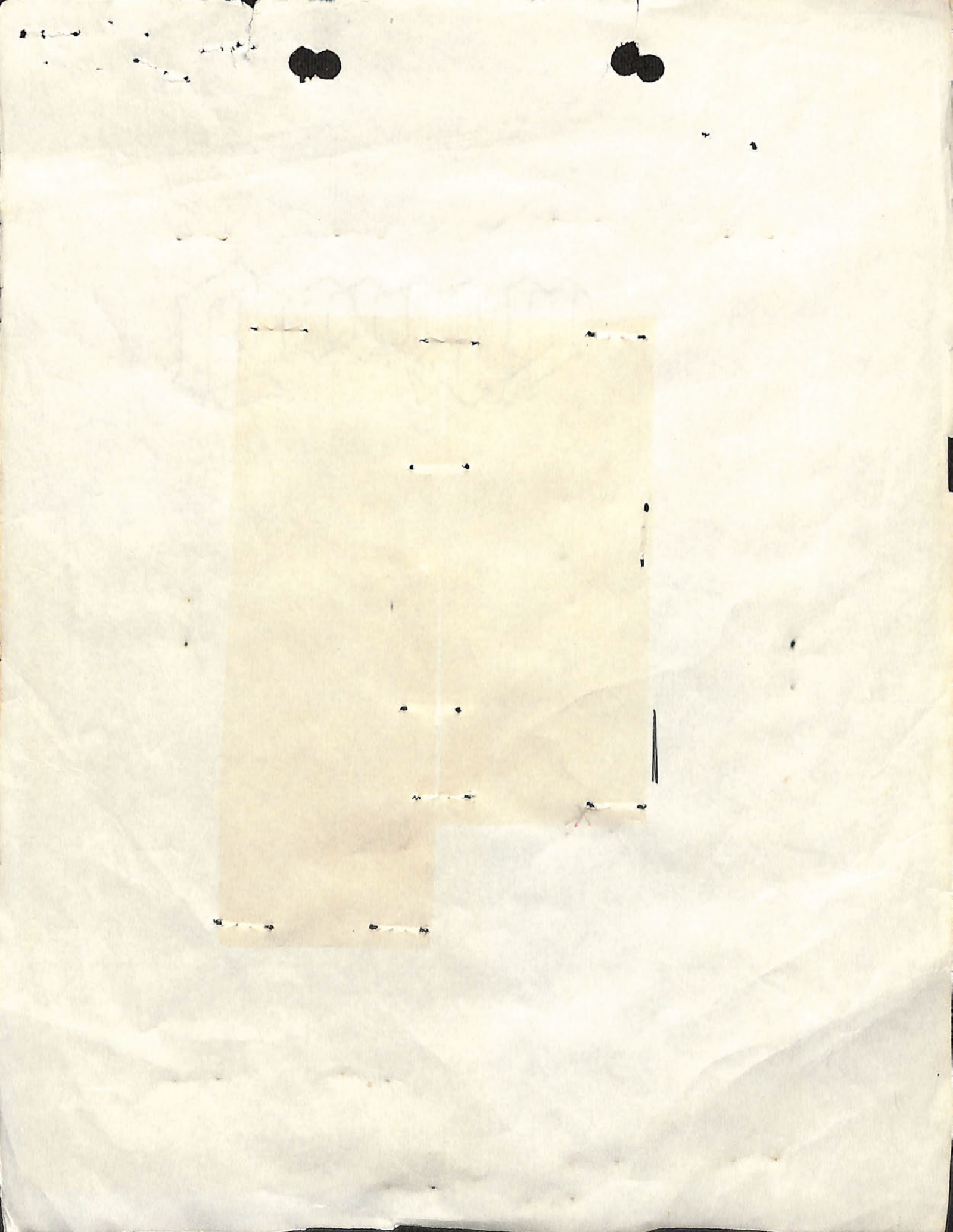
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Report That Missing Witnesses In Emmett Till Murder Are Found

LEROY COLLINGS, one of the missing men reported to have been witnesses to the kidnap-murder of Emmett Louis Till, was found in Mississippi last week and questioned in Chicago on his knowledge of the brutal slaying.

Collings disclosed to Col. Euclid L. Taylor, general counsel of the Chicago Defender, that he was transported out of the area a day after young Till was abducted by J. W. Milam one of the defendants in the murder trial.

Collings who was brought to Chicago by Taylor, said he and the other man, Henry Loggins, were driving a truck on "a gravel hauling job" for Milam, during the trial when they were sought.

Taylor said that Collins "frequently contradicted himself and stubbornly refused to disclose all the information he has about the case." He refused to discuss the case at all without conferring with Loggins in person. Taylor said that they had arranged for him to talk with Loggins in Sumner, Miss., by phone from the Defender office but Collins was adamant.

He also denied knowing Mrs. Amanda Bradley, a trial witness who testified to hearing screams in the barn of Leslie Milam, brother of the accused man, on the morning of Till's murder. On

being confronted with Mrs. Bradley, Collings readily admitted that he had known her for years.

Loggins, the other man who was found in Chicago, is reported to have returned to Sumner.

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MOSES WRIGHT, uncle of the murdered boy and whose heroic testimony at the trial identified Roy Bryant and J. W. Milam as the kidnapers, had to flee his home in Money, Mississippi after three carloads of white men visited his cabin following the murder-acquittal of Bryant and Milam. Warned that the men were coming, Wright, along with his three sons, escaped from the cabin with only personal belongings before the men arrived and reached Chicago.

He indicated that he would return for the kidnaping trial of Bryant and Milam but "is not thinking" about returning to Mississippi to live.

Meanwhile in Greenwood Mississippi, Bryant and Milam were released on \$10,000 bail to await action of a Nov. 7 grand jury in Greenwood on charges of kidnaping young Till.

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Not to Dry Up Earnings in South

in from the majority of southern states. Refusal of credit from banks, foreclosures of mortgages, non-sale of supplies to businessmen, refusal of basic food purchases, firing of teachers and dismissal of employees from city, state and private industries, publication of names of petition signers supporting the NAACP desegregation fight and many other actions designed to tighten the stranglehold.

The pattern of these actions has swept the majority of southern states but Mississippi and South Carolina are severest. In Orangeburg, S. C., virtual warfare has been declared on the Negro citizenry. Led by the Mayor of the city, the sheriff of the county, and local representatives of New York Life Insurance Co., Shell Oil, Standard Oil and Coca-Cola, actions have gotten underway for an open subverting of the Supreme Court and the Constitution of the United States.

Coca-Cola deliveries are discontinued to businesses whose owners or personnel have signed the NAACP petition demanding integration in the public school.

A barber shop owner who did not sign the petition was refused deliveries for his machine because a barber in his shop signed the petition.

TWO brothers, James and Roy Sultan were advised by representatives of Standard Oil to remove their names from the petition. When they refused, local credit was suspended and they were told that auto parts were available to them only on a cash basis. In another instance, delivery of gasoline to another operator of a Shell Oil station, located on a busy highway, was held up until after the busy Labor Day weekend.

Firings of signers of the petition and their relatives mounts. Bennie Brown, father of five small children, was ousted from his job with the city owned public utilities department because "fifty cents was missing and the walls weren't clean." The dismissals extend from principals of schools to cotton picking field-hands. Evictions in the area are also common with many tenants forced to leave completely.

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ONE of the most inhuman acts reported committed was the discontinuance of milk deliveries to a Negro family whose son suffered from a bleeding sickness (hemophillitis) which required milk as a part of a high protein diet. The family was able to acquire milk from elsewhere but continue to worry about the possibility of medication.

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An Editorial

TO THE CRIME of murder in Mississippi has been added that of tampering with witnesses. Two men—Levy Collins and Henry Lee Loggins—whom witnesses in the Emmett Louis Till murder trial placed in the truck that carried Till's body away, have been located by the Chicago Defender.

Collins has told the Defender that J. W. Milam, who along with Roy Bryant, was charged with Till's murder, removed the two witnesses from the area of the crime days before Till's body was discovered. Collins also denied he knew anything about events surrounding Till's death, but he was caught in a number of lies by representatives of the Defender.

Loggins has refused to speak to anyone.

Whether or not these two men know anything or not, it certainly gives the Department of Justice a chance to clear up the murder of Till which is still listed as "unsolved." Even if the Department of Justice has no "jurisdiction," as it repeatedly announces, the new revelations should spur it to track down the truth and let the nation know it.

ment of White People is organizing in New Jersey, and has made its first target of attack on Puerto Rican citizens living in the state. Numerous Puerto Rican residents have received cards "inviting" them to get out of the country.

Carmelo Vargas, a married man with three children, living in Newark, president of the Puerto Rican Committee for Civil Rights, received the threatening message written on the back of an application blank for membership in the NAAWP. The application states:

"I am a member of the white race . . . I do believe in separation of the Races of Mankind." The blank contains the slogan "Practice Racial Self - Respect . . . Fight Communism."

The Committee headed by Mr. Vargas was set up recently to protest police brutality against Puerto

ed an appeal "to all liberty and democratic loving Americans, to join in combatting this threat to the liberty of all, and to a decent democratic way of life."

2 PUERTO RICAN YOUTHS BEATEN, FINED \$50

Meanwhile, Judge Joseph Sugrue fined two Puerto Rican youths \$50 for "creating a disturbance"—thus continuing the unbroken record of Newark police court magistrates that testimony of police, regardless of its inconsistency and unreliability, is to always be accepted over that of citizens of minority groups.

The two youths, Angel Manuel Rivera, 19, and Carlos Martinez, 21, both of Newark, were brutally beaten by Newark cops, and then arrested on trumped charges. A cop claimed that the two were among a group of 15-20 persons who threatened him on Pennsylv-

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Uncle of Slain Negro Says He Fled Miss. Mob

NEW YORK, Oct. 4 (AP)—Mose Wright, uncle of a Chicago Negro boy slain in Mississippi and chief witness against two white men charged with murder, has told a New York newspaper he had to flee for his life following the trial.

Wright, now in Chicago, gave his account of the trial's aftermath in a telephone interview with the New York Post.

He was quoted as saying three carloads of white men paid a midnight visit to his cabin, just a few hours after the trial ended.

"But I had been warned they were coming," Wright told the Post. "So I put my three sons in the car and we hid out in the bushes near the cemetery.

"My neighbors said they (the visitors) drove up and shone their lights on three sides of the house. They kept calling out: 'Preacher, Uncle Mose, come on out here.'

"And when they didn't get any answer, they pulled out their searchlights and ransacked the place."

Wright said he and his sons, ranging from 12 to 16 years old, remained "in the bushes" all night and then spent all the next day trying to sell—with little success—their possessions.

They went back into hiding the second night, he added, and left afterward on the journey which finally took them to Chicago.

Meanwhile, the Chicago Defender, a Negro weekly newspaper, said today that Levy Collins, 22, one of the men sought for questioning as possible witnesses in the slaying of the 14-year-old Chicago boy, Emmett Louis Till, denied he had "any connection with or knowledge of it."

The newspaper said that Collins, during two days of questioning by the newspaper, "established alibis" for both himself and Harry Loggins, 24, in connection with the disappearance of Till. Collins and Loggins are Negroes.

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2 Witnesses in Till Murder Reported Found

J. W. Milam, one of the two white men acquitted in Mississippi's Emmett Louis Till murder case, took two long sought witnesses from Tallahatchie County a few days before there was an arrest in the case, according to a story appearing in the Chicago Defender, a Negro weekly.

One of the witnesses, Leroy Collins, 22, told the Defender that he and Henry Lee Loggins were driven in a car from Glendora, Miss., located in Tallahatchie, to Minter City, about 20 miles away in adjoining Leflore County. The trip was made, according to Collins, on Aug. 29, a day after 14-year-old Till was abducted and two days before Till's battered body was dragged from the waters of the Tallahatchie River.

Both Collins and Loggins had been identified by prosecution witnesses in the murder trial of Milam and Roy Bryant as having been present with the two defendants at the time Till was said to have been beaten. While authorities were searching for the two as material witnesses, they were working as truck drivers for Milam's brother-in-law on a road building job less than 50 miles away from the courthouse in Sumner. Collins told the Defender that he and Loggins worked in Minter City during the five days of the trial.

The two missing witnesses were found by the Defender with apparent ease and Collins was induced to come to Chicago. Loggins refused to leave Mississippi, and Collins denied he knew anything about the kidnap-murder, though he was said to have been seen with Milam and Bryant on the truck in which, it was testified, young Till was abducted.

Collins, according to information given the Daily Worker in a telephone conversation with the Chicago Defender, has left for Mississippi. Collins and Loggins have worked for the Milam family for the past four years.

prising a large majority of the human race. With great People's China standing in the background, the nations included India, Pakistan, Indonesia, Burma, the Philippines and practically all other European countries except Wall Street-bossed Turkey. They included, too, the most independent countries of Latin America, and of course, the Soviet Union and the European people's democracies.

On the side seeking to prevent a discussion of Algeria were all the imperialist powers affiliated to the UN—the U. S., Britain, France and Belgium—plus the many countries in close affiliation with, or under the thumb of the big imperialist states. The crucial vote clearly reflected the growing solidarity of the colonial and Socialist peoples of the world, which was so dramatically in evidence at the famous conference in Bandung.

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THE UN VOTE on Algeria is also not unconnected with the recent Geneva conference. The capitalist world, which is rapidly sinking into general crisis, is saturated with sharp and ever-sharpening internal contradictions and collisions. These include conflicts between workers and capitalists, among rival national capitalist groups and monopolies between the colonial and imperialist countries and among the imperialist powers.

So long as the U. S. brandishing the A- and H-bombs, was able to create a great war scare throughout the world, it was possible for the controlling imperialist groups to bridge over to a considerable extent at least these various internal capitalist contradictions.

The cultivation of an acute war hysteria and the erection of the Soviet Union into a mythical enemy served as a means of subduing the internal difficulties, especially the demands of the workers and of rival capitalist states—to the profit especially of Wall Street. But once the war fear was lifted, as it was at Geneva, then the internal contradictions can the more readily express themselves. All this is one of the elementary reasons why the imperialists, particular-

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