

Stop This Murder!

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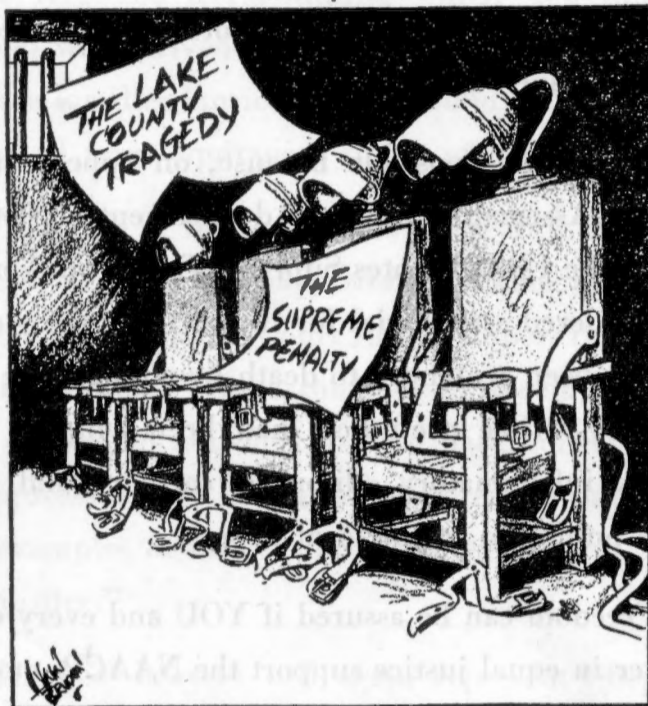
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Freedom can be assured if YOU and every other believer in equal justice support the NAACP, morally and financially, in its efforts to secure full justice in the new trial.

The Florida court sentenced Samuel Shepherd and Walter Irvin to death and imposed the life sentence upon 16-year-old Charles Greenlee for the alleged rape in 1949 of a young white housewife, who

submitted no supporting evidence or witnesses to back up her evil accusations.

Meanwhile, Ernest Thomas, a fourth man accused of the crime, was lynched by a deputized mob following a reign of terror during which 400 innocent Negroes were driven from the community, the homes of three families burned to the ground, and their livestock and farm equipment stolen or destroyed.

The role of the local press in creating an atmosphere in which it was impossible to render justice was castigated by Supreme Court Justice Robert H. Jackson in these words: "These convictions, accompanied by such events, do not meet any civilized conception of due process of law . . . This case presents one of the best examples of one of the worst menaces to American justice."

NAACP lawyers will again represent Shepherd and Irvin in the new trial. Sustained by the Supreme Court decision, they are now in a better position to win release from the Death House for these innocent victims of race hatred and mob terror.

But freedom requires faith and money as well as legal skill before the bar. The NAACP asks you for

your confidence and your contribution to the defense of the Groveland youths and other victims of brutal injustice.

If you would stop the murder of these young Americans, one of them a veteran of World War II, give now and give generously.

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