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In Memory Of  
HARRY T. MOORE  
18 - 1951

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Dear Branch Officer:

We are sure that you and all of the other officers and members of this great Association will be deeply shocked and grieved as we are in the National Office over the wanton murder of Harry T. Moore on Christmas night, 1951. As a result of a bombing of his home by the same hoodlum-anti-Negro-anti-semitic forces which have been conducting a reign of terror in Florida for the past several weeks, we lost a valliant soldier in the cause.

Mr. Moore ~~was~~<sup>has</sup> long ~~been~~ associated with the NAACP as Executive Secretary of the Florida State Conference of Branches <sup>and</sup> for many years <sup>as</sup> ~~and~~ Secretary of the Brevard County, Florida Branch. He was one of the early fighters in <sup>the</sup> teachers salary suits and lost his job as a result of his efforts to improve the economic condition of Negro teachers in that State. For years he hammered away incessantly at police brutality and lynching and other inequalities in the State of Florida. He organized the Progressive Voters League of Florida and worked through that organization and NAACP to increase registration of Negroes, to make possible increased political opportunities which were rightfully due all citizens of the State.

Mr. Moore lost his life because of his valliant fight in the Groveland case. First, it was the murder of Samuel Shepherd and wounding of Walter Lee Irvin. Secondly, there has been the bombing of Negro homes and Jewish synagogues. All of these incidents are a part of a vicious, well-organized plot not only in Florida but in cooperation

with other forces in this country which are working to prevent the extension of civil rights to Negroes and to stop the progress that is being made toward civil and human rights.

We must not take this lying down. When a leader of the NAACP falls in action, thousands must take his place. We can only do this by increasing the support to the organization financially and membership-wise and demanding that the government take appropriate action to apprehend those guilty.

To this end we call on you to take the following steps:

1. Send message of sympathy to the family.
2. Wire President Truman protesting this outrage and urging immediate action by the Department of Justice.
3. Wire Attorney General J. Howard McGrath urging his department to investigate the situation immediately.
4. Wire Governor Fuller Warren of Florida telling him that this latest in a series of shootings, bombings and murders in Florida must not be whitewashed. The State of Florida must act to apprehend the guilty.
5. Send copies of your letters and telegrams to the National Office.

Sincerely yours,

GLOSTER B. CURRENT  
Director of Branches

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