

NOTICE OF MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service for Harry T. Moore, NAACP leader in Florida who was killed by a bomb blast in his home on Christmas night in Mims, Florida, will be held at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon, January 6, at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church; Lenox Avenue at 120th Street. Speakers include Walter White, NAACP executive secretary, Thurgood Marshall, NAACP special counsel; Shad Polier, chairman, executive committee, American Jewish Congress; Max Lerner, New York Post columnist; and Rev. O. Clay Maxwell, pastor, Mt. Olivet. The public is invited to attend this service in memory of a man who gave his life in the fight for equal rights for Negro citizens.

TIME: 3 o'clock, Sunday Afternoon, January 6, 1951

PLACE: Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Lenox Avenue at 120th Street

Department of Branches

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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December 28, 1951

Dear Pastor:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is sponsoring a memorial service for Mr. Harry T. Moore, of Mims, Florida, on Sunday, January 6, 1952 at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 120th Street and Lenox Avenue at 3 p.m.

As you know, Mr. Moore was killed by a bomb exploded under his home Christmas night. Mr. Moore who was Florida State Co-ordinator of Branches and Secretary of the Brevard County Branch sacrificed his life for bettering the conditions of Negroes in the South. The purpose of this meeting is to protest this type of terrorism.

Will you please announce this meeting at your service this Sunday and on January 6. A reading notice is enclosed for your convenience. We are also requesting you to urge the members of your congregation and their friends to come out to this meeting in memory of so gallant a fighter as Mr. Moore and also as a protest against this dastardly act.

Among the speakers will be Walter White and Thurgood Marshall, who will have just returned from Florida, who will give a first hand account of the situation there.

We are sure of the fact that with your support and the support of your congregation much can be gained from this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Walter P. Offutt, Jr.
Walter P. Offutt, Jr.
Church Secretary

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Enclosure

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

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December 31, 1951

MEMORIAL MASS MEETING TO PROTEST
FLORIDA BOMBINGS
JANUARY 6, 1952, SUNDAY AT 3 P.M.
MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
120th STREET AT LENOX AVENUE, NYC

Dear Sir and Brother:

At this very moment the entire nation is aroused and disturbed by the brutal murder of Harry T. Moore, State Coordinator for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Florida, who died as a result of a bomb blast which wrecked his home and also seriously injured his wife on Christmas Night.

This killing of the NAACP official is a continuation of the recent pattern of terror in Florida, including the bombing of Jewish Synagogues and Centers, the bombing of a Negro Housing Project, and the attempted bombing of a Catholic Church.

NAACP leader, Harry T. Moore, was murdered in Florida because he spear-headed the fight to defend the innocent victims of lynch law and mob violence. Throughout the Nation a series of memorial mass meetings will take place on Sunday Afternoon, January 6th. On that day in 61 cities throughout America many thousands of people of all races and creeds will gather together under the auspices of the NAACP to express their identification with the continuing fight to realize the ideals of democracy and social justice for all Americans.

On Sunday, January 6th at 3 p.m. at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, 120th street at Lenox Avenue the New York memorial meeting will take place. Addressing this meeting will be Walter White, who will present the results of his on-the-spot investigation, Thurgood Marshall, Charles S. Zimmerman, Manager of the Dressmaker's Union Local 22 of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union of America and Hubert Warner, Vice-President of the National Maritime Union, C.I.O.

It is most important that there be a large scale participation of trade unionists in the New York protest meeting. We urgently request that the officers of your union notify the membership of this meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Herbert Hill

Herbert Hill
Assistant Field Secretary

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NAACP.

FACT SHEET ON HARRY T. MOORE

Harry T. Moore, State Coordinator of NAACP Branches in Florida, was killed as the result of a bomb blast which wrecked his home in Mims, Florida on Christmas night. His wife, Mrs. Harriet Moore was seriously injured and died on January 3. Mr. Moore's death came less than two months after Samuel Shepherd was killed and Walter Irvin (defendants in the Groveland Case) was seriously wounded by Sheriff Willis McCall while they were being brought from the penitentiary to Lake County for re-trial as ordered by the U. S. Supreme Court.

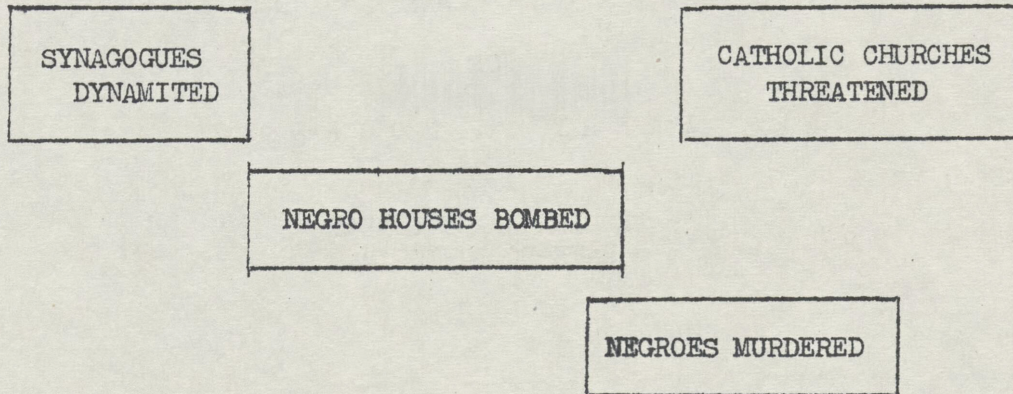
Mr. Moore had been spearheading the campaign throughout Florida to bring about the indictment and prosecution of McCall. He had served as executive secretary of the Florida State Conference NAACP from 1946 to 1951. From 1939 to 1946, he was State President, and prior to 1939 he had been an officer and leader of the Brevard County (Fla.) Branch.

Mr. Moore was also executive secretary of the Progressive Voters League of Florida (no connection with the Progressive Party), which was organized primarily to stimulate registration and voting among Negroes and to secure unrestricted use of the ballot.

In his position as Executive Secretary and officer of the State Conference, Mr. Moore fought for equalization of teachers' salaries; attacked mob violence and police brutality, and conducted many investigations of injustices suffered by colored people throughout the state.

The NAACP has offered a reward of \$5,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the Moore murderers. Demands have been made upon the Department of Justice for a special grand jury in the case.

SUGGESTED LEAFLET #2



These are samples of the ever increasing news captions appearing in the press during the past few months.

THE LATEST OUTRAGE WAS THE BOMB MURDER AT MIMS, FLORIDA OF HARRY T. MOORE, AN OFFICIAL OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE. MR. MOORE WAS BLOWN TO DEATH IN HIS BED.

WHERE WILL IT END? Nobody knows...But this one thing we all know...this type of Facist terror can spread swifter than a forest fire.

Today it is Jewish and Catholic houses of worship that are desecrated. Now it is Negroes who are being murdered. Today the reign of terror is in Florida. BUT TOMORROW??? Who can say?

THIS CRISIS TRANSCENDS Race and Creed and Color. This is a challenge to all America.

COME TO THE

MEMORIAL SERVICE
FOR
HARRY T. MOORE

SPEAKERS

(List name of speakers)

sponsored by the _____ Branch NAACP
(Time, date and place)

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January 4, 1952

Dear Pastor:

This is just to tell you how much the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People appreciates the interest you have expressed in the bomb-killing of Harry T. Moore on Christmas night and to remind you of the:

HARRY T. MOORE MEMORIAL SERVICE
 TO BE HELD AT THE
 MT. OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
 120th STREET AND LENOX AVENUE
 ON
 SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1952
 AT 3 P. M.

Mrs. Harriett Moore, wife of Mr. Moore, bomb-killing victim, died on Thursday, January 3, as a result of injuries received in the Christmas night bombing of their home.

Will you please announce this service to your Congregation and urge the members to be present.

Sincerely yours,

Walter P. Offutt, Jr.

Walter P. Offutt, Jr.
 Church Secretary

Dear Member: You are urged to attend

A MEMORIAL MASS MEETING TO PROTEST FLORIDA BOMBINGS

SUNDAY, JANUARY 6, 1952, 3:30 P.M.

MOUNT OLIVET BAPTIST CHURCH
120th St. & Lenox Avenue

Speakers: Walter White
Thurgood Marshall
Shad Polier, & others

Sponsored by: National Association for the
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