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May 22, 1946

Mr. Allen E. Walker  
Chairman of Platform Committee  
Republican Party of Florida  
Van Skiver Building  
Winter Haven, Florida

Dear Mr. Walker:

I have your letter of May 16th, with reference to the proposed meeting of the Republican Platform Committee at the Sun Juna Hotel in Orlando, Monday, May 27th, at 10:00 A. M.

At the present time it appears that I shall not be able to attend this meeting. We are now closing out our school term, and this is an extremely busy time for school teachers. On top of that, we are busy making plans for the Sixth Annual Meeting of the Florida State Conference, NAACP, which will be held in Panama City, June 7 - 9.

I trust, however, that you will have a successful meeting and that the spirit of liberalism will prevail.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore

Winn, Florida  
May 5, 1946

Rev. W. J. H. Black  
Member, Board of Directors  
200 Persoff Avenue  
Lake Wales, Florida

Dear Rev. Black :

During the month of February the Winter Haven Branch reported to us the case of Garfield Green, young Negro veteran, who was assaulted by a white civilian, Alvin Bush, assisted by five policemen. Green had a warrant sworn out for Bush, but we understand that it never was served. I wrote Atty. Alvin E. Walker, 225-26 Van Skiver Building, Winter Haven, and asked him about assisting with the prosecution of Bush. On February 26 I received the inclosed reply from Atty. Walker.

During the Regional Conference in Jacksonville this matter was brought to the attention of Attorney Carter of the National Legal Staff. Mr. Maxwell Coxon brought Green up to Jacksonville that Sunday morning to explain the matter in detail to Atty. Carter. For some reason Atty. Carter was reluctant to attempt to push the prosecution of Bush, and he suggested, instead, that the Conference and Florida branches send letters of protest to the city and county officials.

As you well know, I am not against making such protests. But it still occurs to me that we might get more direct, or more immediate, results if we got a reliable attorney to press the charges against Bush. Even if we fail to get a conviction, everyone will know that we are pressing for the thing that is right. A lawyer might be able to get that warrant served, at least. We had a similar case in Ft. Myers last year, when a local attorney helped to prosecute a white bus driver for hitting a Negro girl. The driver was convicted and given a suspended sentence of one year. The bus company also had to pay the girl about \$800.00.

Please go to Winter Haven when you can and talk with Atty. Walker about this case. See what he thinks about the chances of pressing the charges and having this warrant served. Also ask what his fee will be. If you know another lawyer in that county that you prefer, try him. You may tell Mrs. Kinsler that I asked you to go there to see about this matter. The Conference will pay your expenses.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore

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Mr. Harry F. Moore - An.  
NRA CP Books  
Box 4  
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Moore,

Your letter concerning the lynching remembered yesterday and its contents have been laid out. I went to Japan and obtained the desired information. This case is actually more savage than the Madison case.

It is the opinion that the familiarity which had existed between Mr. Roy and the man - black white woman caused her to be in the neighborhood. He was arrested by the City Police and Constable. He was found out for Japan, where he had been taken and beaten. He had been brutally beaten before he had seen the man. His penis had been cut off and placed in his mouth and he was being to die. The woman was defamed as a spy. I regard this as a case of lynching.

I am sending the information immediately to the Post Office and Fire Magazine. Can you see the familiarity which the Government is attempting to reverse this most brutal and barbarous act should be immediately sent to the United Press. Mr. Roy was being glorified at Japan. I shall tell you more tomorrow when I see you. Sincerely,  
Winton O. Parks



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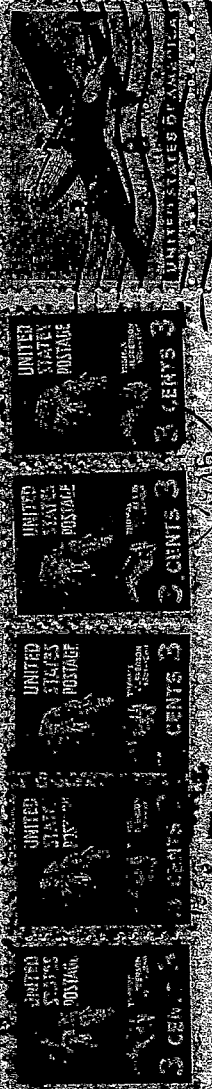


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