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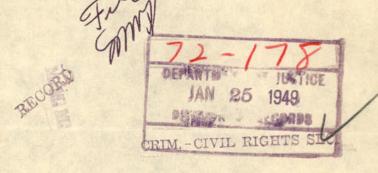
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148 Lincoln Street, Savannah, Georgia RIMINAL LIVISION

January 19, 1949

Mr. Tom Clark, Attorney General. Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:



I am writing you a few lines in reference to this gang of killers that we have here in Georgia, going around calling themselves Ku Klux and shooting down people with nothing being done about it - except a mock trial. Another case where two brothers went to a negro's house. September 8th, the night of the Primary Election, called the negro to the door and shot him down because they had warned him that they thought it best for him not to vote, and he had voted regardless.

The law-abiding citizens of the State of Georgia are in constant fear because they don't know when they too will be swooped down on by this gang, and they have no protection by the law IN THE STATE OF GEORGIA. It seems to me there should be some kind of Federal law protecting the people in the South from such atroscities.

Hoping this matter will be brought by you to the Congress of the United States and get a law passed that will forbid and protect the people from such gangs of killers m anders as this.

Sincerely, sir,

On MAR 4 1949

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Shortly thereafter, Sheriff Mc-Crimmon said, Nixon was visited by the Johnson brothers.

### **Fires Controlled** On West Coast

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 6 .- (P)-Blackened crews of firefightersaided by dying winds-apparently have controlled two brush fires which burned over an estimated 15,000 acres in rain-hungry southern California.

But a new --- e of the gusty winds could yet peril an area of beautiful some 500 Orange county. The homes-in Silverado Canyon-were only a few miles east of the north rim of Black Star Canyon, still the hottest battleground. Some 2,000 residents in Silverado Canyon were alerted to flee if need be.

The U. S. Marine air base at nearby El Toro also was prepared to fly off its planes, including a squadron of jets, should the winds

come again.

In Los Angeles county, the fire in pretty Topanga Canyon of the Santa Monica mountains had covered nearly 3,000 acres and destroyed at least 24 homes. county blaze Orange through some 12,000 acres, but only destroyed five cabins.

There were no deaths and only

a few minor injuries.

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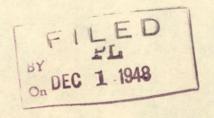
Dear Mr. President:

Enclosed you will find an item from
The Atlanta Journal, dated November 6, 1948,
regarding the late election. I do not know
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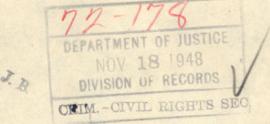
I write this to you in the hope that you can do something about having a full and impartial investigation of the incident made.

I prefer that my name be unpublicized.
Sincerely and respectfully yours,

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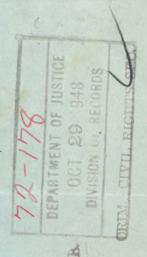
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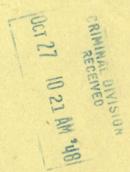
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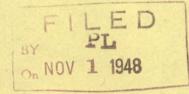
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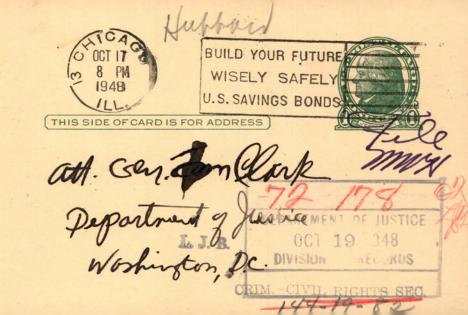
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Mrs. Nixon hasn't recovered from staggering blow.

### Inside Story of the Murder of Isiah Nixon

### Widow, 25, Tells Courier How Husband Was Slain in Ga... Because He Voted

(This is the first in a series of two articles written by Courier Staff Correspondent A. M. Ri-

By A. M. RIVERA Jr.
(Staff Correspondent)
ALSTON, Ga. — "My children scattered like a covey of birds," scattered like a covey of birds," said Mrs. Isiah Nixon, 25-year-old widow, in describing the Sept. 8 slaying of her youthful farmer and turpentine worker husband by two white Georgia gunmen.

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ALSTON, Ga.-Sheriff R. M. McCrimmon told The Courier last week that Johnny Johnson and his brother, Jim, alleged slayers of Isaiah Nixon, here Sept. 8, were being held without bond in a jail nearby pending action by the grand jury.

thirty miles off U. S. Highway 1, Mrs. Nixon told this reporter of the events that led up to her husband's death.

Small, honey-colored mother of six, the youngest of whom was just two weeks old at the time of the fatal shooting, the youthful widow appeared last week still too stunned to realize the realities of the tragedy which had befallen

During the course of our interview, held in the kitchen of the four-room frame farmhouse, Mrs. Nixon, registered only one sign of emotion. That was when I



Nixon's son, Hubert, points to bullet hole in door.

asked her about her courtship hadn't seen him. Then they and romance with young Nixon.
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mother of the slain man, "go on honey, and tell him—he wants to help us," the young widow recalled that "it was love at first sight, I guess."

Mrs. Nixon's eyes became moist, her voice heavy and a big tear rolled down her cheek to alert us that she preferred not to share these memories however she did. these memories, however, she did these memories, however, she did say that after they first met, she and Isiah "went together six months" before they were married eight years ago in Uvalda.

We asked Mrs. Nixon to describe the events leading up to the death of her husband. She

began her story:
"It was early in the evening "It was early in the evening just before dusk, Sept. 8, when Johnny Johnson and his brother, Jim, drove up to the fence and asked me if I had seen Avon (a relation of theirs), and I told them that I had not, and then they asked me if Isiah was home. I told them that he was here in the kitchen. They told me to ask him to come out. Isiah came out to the edge of the porch and they to the edge of the porch and they asked him if he had seen Avon and he also told them that he

asked him to come out to the gate and he did. As soon as Isiah reached the gate the Johnsons reached the gate the Johnsons started cursing him and Isiah began backing up. Then Johnny Johnson got out of the car and jumped the fence and began

shooting my husband with a pistol. At the sound of the first shot the children playing in the yard suddenly realized what had happened and they scattered like a covey of birds, some ran to the barn, some went under the house and some took off to the

Mrs. Nixon's conversation was interrupted from time to time by various animals of the farm, one various animals of the farm, one chicken perched in the window, another stood in the door with a hound dog peering at the interviewer. In the midst of these activities Mrs. Nixon nursed fourweek-old Isiah Jr., rendered fatherless by the brutal slaying.

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"Two more shots rang out and my husband, who had not seemed to feel the first shot, stumbled and fell in a heap at the porch steps after the last of three shots," Mrs. Nixon said. "The men who did the shooting drove away without paying any attention to the rest of us. We picked up Isiah and carried him into the house and put him to bed. Then Isiah's mother, who shows with us, walked the three railes to town to get a taxi. We carried him to the hospital in Dublin. "Isiah lingered from Wednesday night 'til Friday morning. He was conscious until the end but he didn't seem to want to talk "Two more shots rang out and

he didn't seem to want to talk about the shooting."

Mrs. Nixon was hesitant to assign a motive for the killing. She stated that although her husband had voted in defiance of local authorities, some other Negroes had voted also. She did not excirculating in some quarters here that Isiah's death was an aftermath of an earlier quarrel with the Johnsons.

Although Mrs. Nixon displayed little emotion in recounting the events that precipitated her husband's death, she nevertheless held her dead husband's name sake, four-week-old Isiah Jr., close to her breast the whole

The baby, oblivious to the life about him, nestled securely in his mother's arms giving no outward indication of any realization of the tragic irony that prevailed on every hand.
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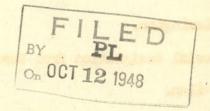
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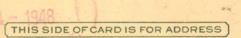
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September 29, 1948

Mr. Herman Katsen 509 West 155th Street New York, New York

Dear Mr. Katsen:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 24, 1948, relative to the alleged shooting of Isaiah Nixon in Georgia earlier this month. You request that the Department take immediate action in connection with the incident.

You may be assured that the Department is giving the matter careful consideration and that appropriate action will be undertaken if it appears that Federal statutes have been violated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

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President Harry S. Truman The White House La de B Washington D.C.

Dear President Truman:

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Isaiah Nixon, a Negro of Alston, Georgia, was shot and killed in the presence of his wife and six children on the night of Sept. 6, after casting the only Negro vote in the county primary. Sheriff McCrimmon states that Nixon had been informed at a polling place that he had the right to vote but was advised not to try it. That night M.A. Johnson, a white man, went to Nixon's house and shot him. These facts are a matter of record and seem not to have been questioned.

This political murder, committed in a state in which a governor has just won the primaries on a platform of "white supremacy", is not an isolated act of violence but an element in a pattern of behavior well known and accurately pictured in the report of your Committee on Civil Rights, as illustrated by the following quotations. "Vital to the integrity of the individual and to the stability of a democratic society is the right of each individual to physical freedom, to security against illegal violence, and to fair, orderly process." (page 20) "The decade from 1936 through 1946 saw at least 43 lynchings. No person received the death penalty, and the majority of the guilty persons were not even prosecuted."
"The almost complete immunity from punishment enjoyed by the lynchers is merely a striking form of the broad and general immunity from punishment enjoyed by whites in many communities for less extreme offenses against Negroes. Moreover, lunching is the ultimate threat by which his inferior status is driven home to the Negro. As a terrorist device, it enforces all the other disabilities placed upon him. The threat of lynching always hangs over the head of the southern Negro."

The Report has been widely circulated and generally praised and you have made "civil rights" an issue in the current presidential campaign. Such an "issue" becomes mere hypocracy if political murder goes unpunished. If the local authorities are unable or unwilling (as now appears to be the political temper in Georgia) the Attorney General should be directed to bring the murderer to

fustice.

NAACP 991 Prevost Street San Jose 10 California



Attorney General Clark Washington D.C.

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September 29, 1948

Mr. J. M. Anderson 148 Lincoln Street Savannah, Georgia

Dear Mr. Anderson:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 23, 1948, relative to the alleged shooting of Isaiah Nixon in Georgia earlier this month. You request that the Department take immediate action in connection with the incident.

You may be assured that the Department is giving the matter careful consideration and that appropriate action will be undertaken if it appears that Federal statutes have been violated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL Assistant Attorney General

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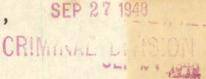
INSP'TD AND MAILED COMMUNICATIONS SEC. SEP 29 1948 AJ 148 Lincoln Street, Savannah, Georgia.

September 23, 1948.



Mr. Tom Clark, Attorney General, Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:



You will find enclosed clipping from the Morning News of September 12th, of a killing that took place at Mt. Vernon, Georgia.

I don't think there has been any move made to run down these murderers, and I don't have any idea that there will be since they got the man they were working for nominated for the next Governor of Georgia. Many more criminal acts along this line have been perputated on the citizens of Georgia by threats and burning of fiery crosses around the voting precincts the night before the election on September 8th, which frightened thousand of people away from the polls who feared the same fate which happened to this unfortunate citizen.

I trust that the Federal Government will take this matter up and run down these criminals because if it is left to the State there will be nothing done about it. This unlawful gang of criminals that call themselves Ku Klux are responsible for such acts. And those who would take action in such things are afraid to because of the fear they have they might be taken out, killed, or maimed or any such action as committed by these unlawful criminals.

I sincerely trust you will take this matter in hand so that the South does not further deteoriate, I am,

Very respectfully yours,

J.M. Anderson.





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BY HOWARD C. HEYN

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 11 (P).—Douglas Fairbanks, an inveterate reader of history, likes to seek out lesser known sidelights for elaboration on the screen. He credits this taste to his early schooling in England and France, but his late father's penchant for historical romance in pictures may have something to do with it.

The first picture Fairbanks made as a producer was "The Exile," in 1946, based on the twelve years of exile King Charles II of England spent in Holland during the Cromwell regime. Hundreds of books have been devoted to Cromwell's England, but far less has been written about Charles' years

of poverty prior to restoration.
Fairbanks' latest film, "The
O'Flynn," has to do with Ireland in
1798. It isn't generally known, he
says, that Napoleon actually staged
an abortive invasion of Ireland, striking for a back door to England.

Most of the film's action is set in Dublin, where Ireland's vice-roy held court, and at Castle Knockmore, or the east coast, where 600 French troops landed under command of Gen-

eral Humbert in 1798.
Fairbanks' next picture, "The Caballero," will deal with early California. He has three more stories in preparation, all based on historical

"Too many films are created out of whole cloth," he declared, "Any school history book provides untold possibilities. I think I'll stick to history ancient or recent, until a better source of material comes along."

After all, history can be fictionized too, if he tires of fact. And it's the public domain.

#### Delegates Named

VIDALIA, Ga., Sept. 11.—Delegates have been named by the Vidalia Kiwanis Club to represent them at the district convention which is to be held in Savannah, October 10-11-12 this year, President Billie Warthen, A. B. Newton and Past President Gilbert Gibson are delegates. Alternates are Howard Threlkeld, W. B. Green and R. E. Ledford, Mr. Ledford is a past lieutenant governor of the Eighth Kiwanis division.



#### NEGRO REPORTED SLAIN FOR VOT

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Father of Six Allegedly Paid For Ballot With Life

MT VERNON, Ga., Sept. 11 (P) .- A negro father of six children was shot and killed because he insisted on voting in Georgia's Democratic primary election, Sheriff R. M. McCrimmon said today.

The negro was identified as Isiah Nixon, 28, of Alston, Ga. Sheriff Mc-Crimmon said the man died in a hospital at Dublin from three gunshot wounds received the night of election Wednesday.

McCrimmon said he was holding Johnnie Johnson, 22, an Alston logger, on a charge of accessory to murder and is seeking to arrest his brother, M. A. Johnson, on a charge of murder.

The sheriff said he was told Nixon went to a polling place in Alston Wednesday and asked if he could

Nixon was told, McCrimmon said, that he had the right to vote but was lis advised not to do so. He said Nixon cr insisted, however, and was allowed to m cast his ballot. an

McCrimmon said the two Johnson prothers went to Nixon's home that night and that M. A. Johnson fired are the fatal shots in front of the negro's siz wife and children.

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According to the sheriff, Johnnie wh Johnson said he and his brother went to the house to get Nixon to work for them and that his brother fired in self-defense.

fu Georgia's Democratic primary for t.h governor was won overwhelmingly by ta Herman Talmadge, who campaigned on a platform of "white supremacy" w) and opposition to President Truman's civil rights program.

The negro died in Claxton hospital at Dublin, the same hospital in which Talmadge was confined for several s days before the election when he re- at ceived a fractured leg in an automobile accident.

AMC: MWH:efr 72-178 6 72-19-11 September 28, 1948 L. J. R Mr. C. A. Scott Editor-General Manager Atlanta Daily World

210 Auburn Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Scotts

This will acknowledge your letters of August 23 and September 14, 1948, relative to the incident said to have occurred in the recent South Carolina primaries involving the Reverend Archie Ware and to incidents involving alleged activities of the Ku Klux Klan in connection with the intimidation of Negro voters at or about the time of the Georgia primary the early part of this month.

I wish to thank you for calling these matters to my attention. You may be assured that they are receiving the Department's careful attention and that appropriate action will be undertaken if it is ascertained that Federal statutes have been violated. The Department will be glad to have you inform it of any other details connected with these matters which may come to your attention.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL Assistant Attorney General

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Hon. Tom Clark, U. S. Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Early in August, I wrote you in reference to the purge of Negro voters in our state by the Tatmadge forces. Your assistant, Mr. Alexander M. Campbell, replied to that communication.

Enclosed herewith is a report of two incidents in connection with the voting on September 8, one of which I believe has already received your attention. Although a report of these incidents was set into type, we only actually published a brief account for fear of further intimidation of our people.

Nevertheless, we felt you should have as full information on these incidents as possible so we are enclosing a galley proof of all facts that we have regarding them.

It is encouraging to us to know that one of the attackers has been charged with murder and is being held in jail.

We feel this question of activities by the Klan in intimidating and murdering citizens for exercising their constitutionally guaranteed right to vote is a very serious issue to our nation as a whole, and if such a long and widespread program of purging and intimidating Negro voters had not been conducted in this state, it is possible that the primary results held here on September 8 could have been different.

Trusting you will use the power of your office to take whatever action possible to protect Negro rights to vote in our state, I am

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Sincerely yours,

C. A. Scott

Editor-General Manager

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#### One Dead, Another Wounded From South Georgia Voting

By WILLIAM A. FOWLKES

One Georgian was dead Saturday a'nd another suffering wounds as the result of incidents in the September 8 primary voting in Montgomery County, according to reports made Friday to the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The dead man was listed as Isiah Nixon, 31, a turpentine worker, who passed at the Claxton Hospital in Dublin Friday morning. He had suffered gun shot wounds of the abdomen, reportedly inflicted at his home when a group of white men attempted to get him off his porch their waiting car, asking him how he voted in Wednesday's elect-

The first report of brutalities in Montgomery County, which adjoins Telfair, traditional home and strong hold of the late Eugene Talmadge and his gubernatorially victorious son, was brought to Atlanta Friday by D. V. Carter, and Alston farmer, who bore marks about the head. hands of a tremendous and beating.

ELECTION WORKER Carter said that he had been hired to carry Negro voters to the separate voting place on the outskirts of Alston, a small, rural town some distance from KKK-fa-mous Mt. Vernon. He reported he mous Mt. Vernon. He reported he had carried several voters to the polling place early Wednesday morning. One of the group had been told by the candidate for sheriff, Claude Sharp, according to Carter, that it was "best not to vote." The group went on and voted bowever.

voted, however.
On his next trip in his pickup truck, Carter said he noticed the sheriff driving toward him in the latter's light car, on Carter's side of the road. Only quick turning in the opposite direction prevented a clash. As he left the polls, where his wife voted, Carter said he had driven a short distance when he saw his brother-in-law and stopped for a chat, whereupon a car containing two white men drove up quickly and blocked the road.

BEATEN IN TRUCK

The white man, whom Carter knew, asked him to get out of his truck that he might talk to him, but Carter chose to remain in his car, he said. When he continued to refuse to get out, the white man drew a blackjack and a pair of steel knuckles from his pockets and proat Carter while the ceeded to beat Carter other white man held a cocked shotgun on him from the vantage point of the perpetrator's car, the victim said. Three beatings were administered while he was admon-ished not to carry any other Negroes to the polls. A strong call of "Lord, stopped the beating Mercy

was Carter's expressed opinion The victim, bloody about the add, face and body, was allowed drive home. The manager of the inhead,

head, face and body, was allowed to drive home. The manager of the polls was informed of the incident and advised that police be called, but none came to the scene. Carter got first aid treatment from a state doctor residing in the nearby community and left the next morning for Atlanta where he received additional treatment and reported to authorities.

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FEARS FOR RELATIVES

Carter expressed fear for his wife and ten children whom he left behind. He said his father-in-law, Charlie Sharpe, was one of the larg st landowners in Montgomery Coun-ty. Carter had worked for the Thompson forces in Montgomery

county, he said.

Not knowing that Nixon had died in Dublin, Carter reported the fol-lowing factors about the mob-mur-

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morning at the sepa Wednesday separate poll med his duties place and performed his duties as a turpentine worker during the day, going home late in the afternoon. Around sundown, he was standing on his porch when a passenger car drove up quickly and two men leaped from the vehicle, on of them with a shotgun in hand. They deleaped from the vehicle, on of them with a shotgun in hand. They demanded that he come off the porch and get into the car, in the meantime asking him who he voted for that morning. Completely caught off guard and confused, Nixon was trying to answer the rapid-fire questioning when a third man jumped from the car, leaped over the ed from the car, leaped over the yard fence and began shooting. yard fence and began shooting. Three pistol pellets entered Nixon's

'REBEL' YELL
After Nixon fell, mortally wounded, the leader of the group gave what was described as a loud "rebel" yell and large number of armed white men appeared from the ed write men appeared from the surrounding woods, raining down shots on the Nixon house. The group drove away. A neighborfriend of the wounded man rushed him to Dublin's Claxton Hospital, about 60 miles to the north.

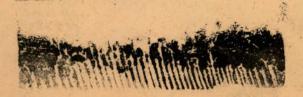
Nixon remained in critical condition until death came Friday morning.

Chief Agent Foltz, of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said Sat-urday that the matter had been re-ported to the Department of Just-ice in Washington for further action

Sheriff R. Montgomery County Sheriff R. M. McCrimmon said late Saturday Montgomery that he was holding Johnnie Johnthat he was holding Johnnie Johnson, 22-year-old white Alston logger on a charge of accessory to murder and is seeking to arrest his brother, M. A. Johnson, on a charge of murder in the slaying of Nixon. The sheriff confirmed that the shorting appeared to be the result. The sheriff confirmed that the shooting appeared to be the result of Nixon's insistence on voting in the primary. The Johnson man claimed they went to the house to get Nixon to work and that his brother fired in self defense.

Nixon was the father of six children

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September 28, 1948

Mr. Bernard Handelsman 240 West Fourth Street New York 14, New York

Dear Mr. Handelsman:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 14, 1948, relative to the alleged shooting of Isaiah Kixon in Georgia earlier this month. You request that the Department take immediate action in connection with the incident.

You may be assured that the Department is giving the matter careful consideration and that appropriate action will be undertaken if it appears that Federal statutes have been violated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL Assistant Attorney General

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240 West 4th Street New York 14, 91.91. September 14, 1948

Mr. Tom Clark, attorney-Teneral Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: a Negro citizen of Georgia, Isaiah Nixon, was shot recently because he tried to exercise his inalienable right as a citizen, the right to vote. His murderer, J. a. Johnson, is at large. It is unlikely that the state of Georgia will prosecute Johnson.

Deorgia is still in the United States. I propose that your office take immediate action on this case, because it is the duty of our federal government to protect all its citizens, not excepting those who are black and live below the Mason - Dixon line.

Olley truly yours,

Bernard Landeloman

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September 28, 1948

Miss Anne Saxe 319 East Twenty-Fourth Street New York, New York

Dear Miss Saxe:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 14, 1948, relative to the alleged shooting of Isaiah Nixon in Georgia earlier this month. You request that the Department take immediate action in connection with the incident.

You may be assured that the Department is giving the matter careful consideration and that appropriate action will be undertaken if it appears that Federal statutes have been violated.

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Respectfully.

For the Attorney General

ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL Assistant Attorney General

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Mr. Barney Schwarts 3500 Auchentorely Terrace Baltimore 17, Maryland

Dear Mr. Schwartz:

This will acknowledge your letter of September 12, 1948, relative to the alleged shooting of Isaiah Nixon in Georgia earlier this month. You request that the Department take immediate action in connection with the incident.

You may be assured that the Department is giving the matter careful consideration and that appropriate action will be undertaken if it appears that Federal statutes have been violated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

On SEP 30 1, D 1948 ALEXANDER M. CAMPBELL Assistant Attorney General

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Attorney General Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Isaiah Nixon, a Negro of the United States, a citizen of the land of the free, was shot down in cold blood for attempting to vote. What to you expect to do about it????

I, also, am of a minority group and
I watch with terror the indifference of our
officials. I know the American people everywhere
are watching, too.

Sincerely, DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE SET 15 1948

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Dear Mr. President, SEP 16 18 Clipping MB September 12,199 I am sending you thist soews item, which appears on the front page of The Bultimore (md.) sunday sun, st tells of the murder of a negro, whose crime was, that he insisted on excercising one of his constitutional rights the right of suffrage, gouranteed to him by the Hourteenth amenment to our consti tution. (Pardon me, the zifteenth amendment.)
now, sir, when you assumed the duties and responsibilities of your office, constitution. I demand, that you do so, sir, even if you must place the south under military occupation and military law, as it was so placed during the reconstruction Beriod of our history streems, that is the only way, that our american constitution can be enforced, in toto. This must be done, even if the south must be recupied a century or a millenium. Either this, or allow the south to seed from our union of states and reestablish its as things have been since rutherford Haze's time, the 14th and 15 th amendments to our constitution, which are distateful to the White south, have neither OF NUSTON enforced or abolished. They have surry stopps remained a dead letter.

How can s, mr. President, respect the law of the land, if the state governments in, at least,

one section of our federal republic, floute it? so, mr. he dent, & demand that you do your duty as President of these united states or resign your office. sincerely, mr. Barney schwart, 3500 auchentoroly Balk 17- Med. 

#### Insisted On Vote, Negro Is Shot To Death In Georgia

Mount Vernon, Ga., Sept. 11 (AP). A Negro father of six children was shot and killed because he insisted on voting in Georgia's Democratic primary election, Sheriff R. M. Mc-Say Crimmon said today.

The officer said he had arrested one man, who declared the shooting was in self-defense.

The Negro was identified as Isaiah Nixon, of Alston, Ga. Sheriff McCrimmon said the man died in a hospital at Dublin from three gun shot wounds received the night of the election Wednesday.

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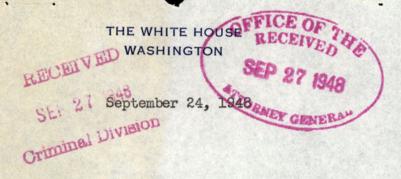
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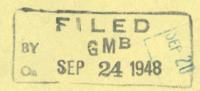
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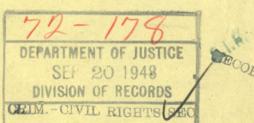
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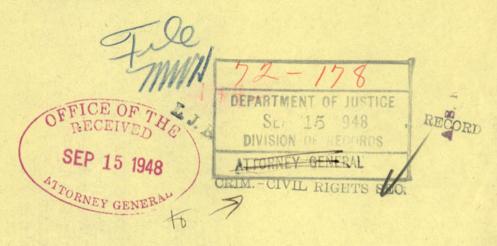
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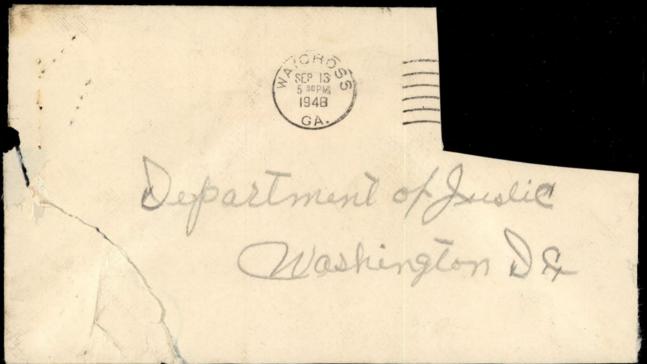
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Father of Six Allegedly Paid For Ballot With Life

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According to the sheriff, Johnnie Johnson said he and his brother went to the house to get Nixon to work for them and that his brother fired self-defense.

Georgia's Democratic primary governor was won overwhelmingly by Herman Talmadge, who campaigned on a platform of "white supremacy" and opposition to President Truman's civil rights program.

The negro died in Claxton hospital at Dublin, the same hospital in which Talmadge was confined for several days before the election when he received a fractured leg in an automobile accident.

### FAIRBANKS STARS IN IRISH PICTURE

#### Most of Film Action Is Set In Dublin

BY HOWARD C. HEYN

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 11 (P) .- Douglas Fairbanks, an inveterate reader of history, likes to seek out lesser known sidelights for elaboration on the screen. He credits this taste to his early schooling in England and France, but his late father's penchant for historical romance in pictures may have something to do with it.

The first picture Fairbanks made as a producer was "The Exile," in 1946, based on the twelve years of exile King Charles II of England spent in Holland during the Cromwell regime. Hundreds of books have been devoted to Cromwell's England, but far less to Cromwell's England, but far less has been written about Charles' years of poverty prior to restoration. Fairbanks' latest film, "The

Fairbanks' latest film, "The O'Flynn," has to do with Ireland in 1798. It isn't generally known, he says, that Napoleon actually staged an abortive invasion of Ireland, striking for a back door to England.

Most of the film's action is set in Dublin, where Ireland's vice-roy held court, and at Castle Knockmore, on the east coast, where 600 French troops landed under command of Gen-

troops landed under command eral Humbert in 1798.
Fairbanks' next picture, "The Caballero," will deal with early California. He has three more stories in preparation, all based on historical

fact.

"Too many films are created out of whole cloth," he declared. "Any school history book provides untold possibilities. I think I'll stick to history, ancient or recent, until a better source of material comes along."

After all, history can be fictionized too, if he tires of fact. And it's the mubble domain.

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#### Delegates Named

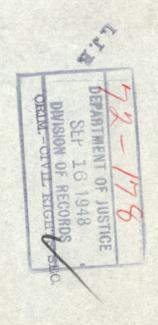
VIDALIA, Ga., Sept. 11.—Delegates have been named by the Vidalia Ki-wanis Club to represent them at the district convention which is to be held in Savannah, October 10-11-12 year, President Billie Warthen, year. President Billie Wartnen, A. B. Newton and Past President Gilbert Gibson are delegates. Alternates are Howard Threlkeld, W. B. Green and R. E. Ledford. Mr. Ledford is a past ieutenant governor of the Eighth Kingalis division. vanis division.

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OF THE COUNTRY WHERE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES

ARE BEING CONSISTENTLY AND RUTHLESSLY STAMPED OUT

DR GEORGE CANNON CHAIRMAN HARLEM WALLACE FOR PRESIDENT

COMMITTEE CHARLES COLLINS HOTEL AND RESTAURANT WORKERS

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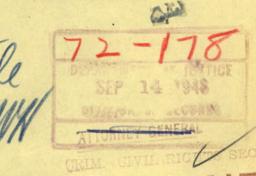
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