

# N. A. A. C. P. IN FIGHT TO OUST BRUTAL COPS

## Move To Indict Alabama Policemen Who Slew 24-Year-Old Youth

BIRMINGHAM—The local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has engaged Atty. A. D. Shores to lead the legal fight to bring to justice members of a lynch mob who killed O'Dee Henderson, 24-year-old steel worker within the confines of the Fairfield police station here 10 days ago.

According to Dr. Charles A. J. McPherson, secretary of the branch, the lynching of Henderson, which is said to have been accomplished with the aid of outsiders who helped local police officials to beat the youthful steel worker to death, is the culmination of a long series of brutal acts perpetrated by local police against Negro citizens.

Coincident with the announcement, Dr. McPherson stated that more than 1,000 new members joined the N.A.A.C.P. in the recent membership drive, the largest in the history of the branch.

"This shows," he said, "that Negro citizens here are determined to organize and put a stop to the lynchings which have plagued our people so long. And it is important to point out," he added, "that many white citizens here are working with us in the fight for full citizenship."