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Youth Dismissed In Coast Lynching

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 15 (U.P.)—A charge against Anthony Cataldi, 18-year-old farm youth, of participating in the San Jose lynching, was dismissed at his preliminary hearing here today on the motion of Deputy District Attorney Herbert Bridges.

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Priest Charges Radio Inflamed Mob to Hang 2

Air Censorship Prohibits
Public Confidence,
Commission Hears.

(Associated Press)

Two Californians came out of the West yesterday to tell the communications commission that radio was responsible for the San Jose lynching last November and that "censorship" makes it impossible for the public to "have as much confidence in radio programs as they have in newspapers."

The commission heard the first statement from Father Cornelius Deeney, professor of political science at Santa Clara College. S. Howard Evans, representing the Ventura Free Press, made the latter assertion.

The lynching to which Father Deeney referred was that of Thomas H. Thurmond and John M. Holmes, confessed kidnaper-slayers of Brooke Hart, a 22-year-old former Santa Clara student.

The Jesuit educator said few persons "thought of taking the law into their own hands" after capture of the two men until a Los Angeles station 400 miles away announced a mob was marching toward the San Jose jail.

"That was the first inkling most people of that district had of the proposed lynching," he continued. "When they heard the announcement, hundreds dashed from their homes to join the mob."

As a result, he added, police were helpless and the mob succeeded.

Evans, after saying that the present system of licensing "makes broadcasting unsound and unfair," added:

"The pretense of a free commercial competition on the air has misled many listeners into believing that they can have as much confidence in radio programs as they have, for instance, in newspapers."

"As a matter of fact, broadcasting is subject to a censorship which makes such confidence unjustified."

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THOMAS H. THURMOND
JOSE M. HOLMES
BROOKE L. HART - VICTIM
KIDNAPING

Holmes Family Renews Fight For Damages

New Suit Filed on First Anniversary of San Jose Lynching

On the first anniversary of the day when lynch law reared the city of San Jose into a carnival of death, the family of one lynching victim yesterday renewed its efforts to collect damages from Sheriff William J. Ewig, his bondsmen and deputies.

Memories of that hate-inspired mob which stormed the County Jail and dragged the slayers of Brooke Hart to public and ignominious death in St. James Park were revived with the filing of the suit by the family of Jose M. Holmes. In company with Thomas H. Thurmond, just one year ago last night, Holmes was beaten into unconsciousness and his nude body hurled to a fire.

FIRST ACTION FAILS

It was the defeat of the test and defense of the ancient County Jail against the howling mob of 20,000 that prompted the Holmes family last April to ask damages of \$1,000,000, naming as defendants Governor Robert Ewig and more than 100 others connected in one way or another with the case.

The original action failed when demurrers were sustained for various reasons. In connection with Governor Ewig, for instance, it was pointed out that his public condemnation of the lynch mob was made after the lynching and therefore could have had no effect toward checking the mob.

ASKS DAMAGES

Now the Holmes family, in its new action within seven weeks of the statute of limitations for civil cases by a matter of hours, are asking \$25,000 in damages which is the sum for which Sheriff Ewig is bonded by the Columbia Casualty Company, also named as a defendant. Other defendants in the new action are Edward Loren and John White, deputies under Ewig, and the city of San Jose.

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**U.S. Quashes Indictment
Against 2 Lynched Men**

U.S. Attorney John C. ...
Grand jury indictment, charging
they sent threatening letters
through the mails, was dismissed
against two dead men today. The
men were John M. Holmes and
Thomas H. Thurmond, who were
lynched in the sweltering trial on
charges of kidnaping and killing
young Beulah Hart.

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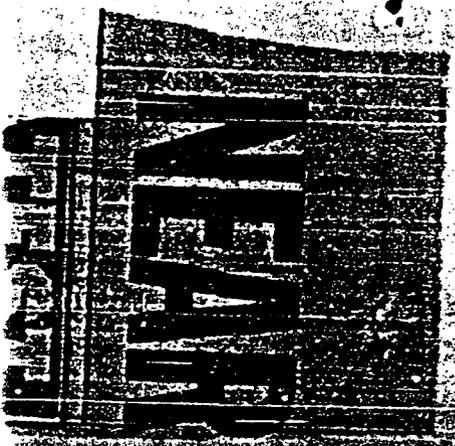
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WILL 2 IN HART CASE

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Re: **ROSLA E. THORND**
JOHN HIGGS
HOOVER L. HART
Kidnaping.
San Francisco, Calif.; dated 10/16/58.

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KIDNAPERS

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2 IN HART CASE, RETURN

No: THOMAS H. THOMPSON

JOHN BOLLES

ROBERT L. HART - Victim.

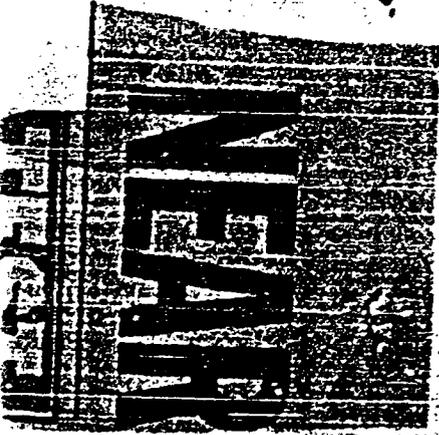
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middle of the San Mateo highway bridge. They stopped and played a game of cards for a while. After looking the party over, they turned back with their arms crossed and dropped in the water.

In a few minutes, five by five, they started allegedly firing and shouting at the party in the water. Another man was shot above the boy near the spot where the body fell.

Attention reported that they had been out for some time. A determination was made to determine whether the attacks were blood.

Partial cooperation of the prisoners came from ten wood-peddlers who were Chief of Police J. N. Mack that they heard the night that disappeared. The wood-peddlers claimed that they were in the vicinity but found no trace of the persons they heard falling. They did not mention hearing any shots fired.

Holmes, a driver and smiling for his wife and two children, by his father, Maurice Holmes, a tailor, and by his mother, Mrs. Holmes, who had been in the hospital for some time.

MAY EXPLOSION

From Langdon it was heard that Holmes probably could replicate the explosion in which he detonated a mine that destroyed the Lindbergh and the Porter kidnapping cases in almost every phase. In all cases, the victim was killed before rescue was demanded.

The kidnapping of a justice from the father of the victim, Mrs. Holmes, who had undergone an operation several weeks ago, was reported in a news item. The father, who had been in the hospital, was brought to him, as all provisions.

HARNESS BUSINESS BOOMED

SALT, Ore.—Business of harness makers in the vicinity of Valley View, including the harness shop of J. H. O'Leary and C. A. Bush, has boomed. The harness shop has been doing a large business since the day of their start as result of the sale of their skins as result of the harness business.

Re: UNKNOWN SUSPECTS
BROOKS HART - Victim.
Kidnaping.

Ransom Set At \$40,000 In S. F. Call

Brooke Hart, Son of
Leading Merchant, Dis-
appears After
Business

Father Telephoned by
Abductors From Ho-
tel Whitcomb

Brooke Hart, 22-year-old son of one of San Jose's wealthiest merchants, was being sought last night as the victim of a \$40,000 kidnaping plot.

The youth, son of Alexander J. Hart, and a partner with his father of the Hart Department Store, disappeared shortly after he left the company's place of business about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

DAN GETS PHONE CALL

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night Hart senior received a telephone call demanding \$40,000 for the safe return of his son.

The call was traced to a telephone pay booth in the Whitcomb Hotel here, Police hounded in the hotel, but could find no trace of the kidnapers.

Hart told police a man's voice on the phone after demanding \$40,000 said further instructions would be forthcoming on the money.

CALLER HANGS UP

Immediately after their brief conversation the caller hung up the receiver of the pay booth.

Hart communicated with the police. For at least every effort was made to locate the youth without the use of force. Hart's disappearance.

Meanwhile Police announced they had sent out a search party and a newspaper search party.

The San Jose Police Department is looking through the phone records of the Whitcomb Hotel for the number of the pay booth.

Rich San Jose Man Kidnaped

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youth came from the father they joined in with a will.

Many of them took out their cars and patrolled the highways. The youth drove away from the store to his own Studebaker roadster, bearing the license number, 1-N-1081.

Doubt the youth was driven here in the car was expressed when the ransom demand call was traced to the Hotel Whitcomb.

CAR NOT SEEN

At the hotel here no employee remembered having seen the car and could not recall any suspicious appearing persons using a telephone booth there.

The Hart family is rated one of the wealthiest in San Jose.

Hart Sr. is a contributor to various hotels and other interests.

Police said when young Hart failed to appear for dinner at 7 no particular anxiety was felt. As time went on members of the family concluded he had another engagement, but they waited for word from him in vain.

And then came the telephone message.

"Your son is kidnaped. We will want \$40,000 for his safe return. You will receive further instructions in the morning."

From the attitude of the police it was believed that the kidnapers had demanded money. The Police Department tried its best to observe secrecy but the news leaked out and then there was nothing to do but admit it.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Gurnea
- Mr. Harbo
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Lester
- Mr. Quinn
- Mr. Nease

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BOY: BODY SOUGHT

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FOR HART

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San Francisco Boy Drugged
As 2 Kidnappers Admit
Hawking Victim

