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# Prepare State Civil Rights Bill for Legislature

# MURDER for PROFIT! RIGHTS KILLERS SELL STORIES

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## Mississippians Set to "Tell All"

MURDER FOR PROFIT is fast becoming the State of Mississippi's most lucrative "get-rich-quick" scheme. Providing, of course, the victims are Negroes or their sympathizers.

The VOICE has exclusive information to the effect that at least six of the 21 white men arrested by the FBI on Dec. 4 in connection with the wanton slaying of three civil rights workers near Philadelphia, Miss., last summer are arranging to sell eye-witness accounts of the killings for a reported \$25,500.

Three more of the suspected conspirators are said to have made a deal with a national magazine for publication of their "memoirs" following earlier revelations that noted Negro author Louis Lomax and free-lance writer Bradford Huie are already working on the stories of three others.

For obvious reasons, the identities of those willing to "spill their guts" for a price are being kept secret until—as widely predicted—all the suspects have been tried and dutifully acquitted by a jury of their Mississippi peers or otherwise placed beyond the pale of prosecution for their alleged crime due to legal technicalities.

Lomax told City News Service last month that he had been informed by civil rights groups in the south that one of the suspected killers was willing to talk. Lomax said he subsequently spoke to the man, who confirmed he would tell the whole grisly story for \$10,000.

ACCORDING TO LOMAX, his prospective informant is convinced he will not be convicted

for the crime, saying, "None of my white fellow citizens will convict me for killing a nigger and two nigger lovers."

As reported by City News Service, Lomax indicated the man felt it was a "badge of honor" to have participated in the torture murder of James Chaney, a Mississippi Negro, and the deaths of his two white companions from the north, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner, last June 21.

Lomax said his prospective informant appeared upset because two of his alleged fellow conspirators had already arranged to sell the story to Huie, who "ghost-wrote" a sensational eye-witness account of the murder of Emmett Till several years ago.

Indicating that he intended to meet with the man outside Mississippi prior to his trial, Lomax said he hoped to tape the "confession" at that time and may have the book completed before the case even comes to trial.

Asked if he had any compunction about turning \$10,000 over to an admitted killer, Lomax said his main purpose in writing such a book would be to encourage Negro voter registration in Mississippi and other southern states. He said once Negroes are given freedom to vote in Mississippi "the situation will begin to clear up" because they have the potential numerical strength to elect public officials who will assure equal protection under the law throughout the state and in many counties.

"I probably won't make a dime off the book," (See MURDER, page 11)

## HUMAN RELATIONS, NAACP OFFICIALS GATHER SATURDAY

A JOINT MEETING of members of the Southern Nevada Human Relations Commission and NAACP officials has been scheduled for Saturday (Jan. 9) to frame a state civil rights act for submission to the forthcoming session of the Nevada Legislature.

Also sitting in will be Bob Bailey, chairman of the Nevada Commission on Equal Rights of Citizens, and possibly some of his commission members.

The Saturday conclave was set last Monday when the SNHRC met with the Legislative Commission of Clark County at the invitation of Assemblyman Vernon Bunker, chairman of the local delegation to the Legislature.

At the Monday meeting in the Clark County Court House, which was attended by Legislative bill drafter Russ McDonald, SNHRC chairman Bill Deutsch revealed that his organization had already prepared a proposed state civil rights bill based on the better features of acts already in force in other states.

However, Deutsch announced that the bill would not be presented to McDonald for final writing until it had been thoroughly reviewed and found acceptable by the local branch of the NAACP. That will be the object of Saturday's meeting according to Deutsch.

"We do not want this to be a 'one-man show,'" (See LAW, page 3)



PETER AND PINKY--Young members of Mrs. Margaret Simmons' (rear) Special Education Class at Kit Carson School proudly display pair of rabbits they have adopted as pet following month-long study of animal habits. From left: Denise Horton, Rosie Alston, Morris Miller, Frederick Blanche, Larry Davis, Rayfer Walker, Shelly Turner, Jeffrey Turner, Jerry Lawson, Charles Brooks (partially hidden) and David Cook.

## Kit Carson Kids Adopt Peter and Pinky Rabbit

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT!

Peter Rabbit and his sister, Pinky, are now members of the Special Education class conducted by Mrs. Margaret J. Simmons at Kit Carson School. Anyone doubting this fact will be convinced by dropping in at the school and taking a look.

Mrs. Simmons' pupils climaxed a month-long study of animals suitable as classroom pets with trips to the Tropical Pet Shop on Decatur Blvd. and Dean's Pet Shop on East Charleston Blvd. After inspecting an assortment of fish, monkeys, dogs, cats, alligators, birds, turtles, lizards, hamsters, seahorses, mice--and rabbits--they decided to adopt Peter and Pinky.

Having previously learned what all kinds of animals eat and their habits, the children have had no trouble taking care of their new classmates. They really love it.

(Now won't they have a real ball if it develops that Pinky isn't Peter's sister after all, but actually MRS. Peter Rabbit?!?)