

PRESS RELEASE FROM THE "WASHINGTON MOBILIZATION TO FREE WILLIE MCGEE"

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THURSDAY, MARCH 15th  
11 A.M.

With the grant of a stay-of-execution to Willie McGee by Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black, J. S. Zucker, Secretary of the Washington Mobilization to Free Willie McGee, issued the following statement:

"This fine action of Justice Black is not only a tribute to the Supreme Court Judge, but an even greater tribute to the millions of people in America and throughout the world who have voiced their protest of the planned legal-lynching of this innocent Mississippi Negro and made it possible for Justice Black to render this decision.

But Willie McGee's life is still endangered. It now becomes necessary for the people to convince President Truman to act under the powers invested in him by the Federal Civil Rights Law and instruct **intervene to** his Attorney General to free Willie McGee. Only thus can Truman show he is not a party to Southern lynch-justice. Thousands of such letters of protest from the people can free Willie McGee just as they have today saved his life.

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"The action of Judge Black in turning the life of Willie McGee over to the hands of Southern lynch-law endangers the lives of millions of Negroes in the South. This step, unless halted by the people, establishes a pattern of judicial frame-up which will affect whites as well as Negroes.

However it is not too late to save Willie McGee from the March 20th murder that is planned for him by the State of Mississippi. President Truman has the power to halt this travesty on the rights of the Negro people. The more than one thousand people who are today gathering in Washington to protest McGee's scheduled execution call upon all freedom loving people to telegraph their plea for McGee's life to President Truman at the White House. Picket lines and demonstrations must continue in every major city of the nation.

The vigil around the White House will continue until victory. We raise the slogan, "Willie McGee Shall Not Die!"

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