

# Georgia Lynching Reenacted by Activists

## Deaths unsolved after 59 years

(AP) - Civil rights activists marked the 59th anniversary of an unsolved lynching Monday by reenacting the brutal slayings of two black couples who were forced out of their car by a mob of white men and killed.

The scene was recreated with black volunteers acting as Ku Klux Klansmen, fireworks for gunshots and fake blood poured on for effect.

Lakeitha Lewis-Johnson, 30, cried during the re-enactment and turned away from the shouts of the Klan leader.

"My grandmother lived in that era," Lewis-Johnson said. "She'd be scared to talk about this, even as an old woman. It's a hurting feeling."

Activists said they staged the re-enactment to gain support for the prosecution of anyone who may have been involved in what they called the last mass public lynching in the United States.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, who joined religious and civil rights leaders at the rally, called for justice and urged those responsible



A group waits tied up in the woods Monday as they prepare for a re-enactment of the 1946 lynching at the Moore's Ford Bridge outside Monroe, Ga.

to come forward.

"You know who you are, and God knows who you are," Jackson shouted. "The police will not turn you in and the prosecutors will not pursue you, but the blood of the lynched cries out."

Roger and Dorothy Malcom and George and Mae Murray Dorsey were riding with a white farmer when they were killed on July 25, 1946, a few days after Roger Malcom got into a fight with a white man. The mob forced them out of the car, dragged them down a wagon trail about 50 yards from a bridge over the Apalachee River and shot them, according to an FBI report. The farmer was spared.

On Monday, a crowd of about 200 watched as the lynchings of the Dorseys and Malcoms were brought to life. The men fought as the women pleaded for their lives. Dorothy Malcom, who was pregnant, wrapped her arms over her unborn child.

No one was ever charged in the lynchings, even though the FBI's report named 55 suspects. State Rep. Tyrone Brooks said he knows of two living in Walton County, and a few others outside Georgia.



Scotland Yard released photos of the four suspects connected with the latest series of bombings in London.

## Attacks Won't Change Policy

### British Muslims fear discrimination

(AP)-Prime Minister Tony Blair said Tuesday that Britain would not "give one inch" to terrorists on his policy on Iraq and the Middle East, while police said two suspects in last week's failed bombings were emigrants from Somalia and Eritrea.

Blair made his comments after a rare meeting with opposition party leaders to discuss new anti-terror legislation aimed at preventing a repeat of the attacks and the July 7 suicide bombings that killed 56 people, including four attackers.

Asked whether the British-backed and U.S.-led invasion of

Iraq had fueled terrorist attacks around the world and in London, Blair said "there was no excuse or justification" for their actions of the bombers.

But a new poll showed that a majority of British Muslims surveyed believe Blair's decision to join the U.S.-led war in Iraq was one of the reasons behind the bombings.

The poll also said about two-thirds of Muslims surveyed after the bombings said they had thought about moving away from Britain because of fear of reprisals and discrimination.

## Unions Split, More Defections Possible

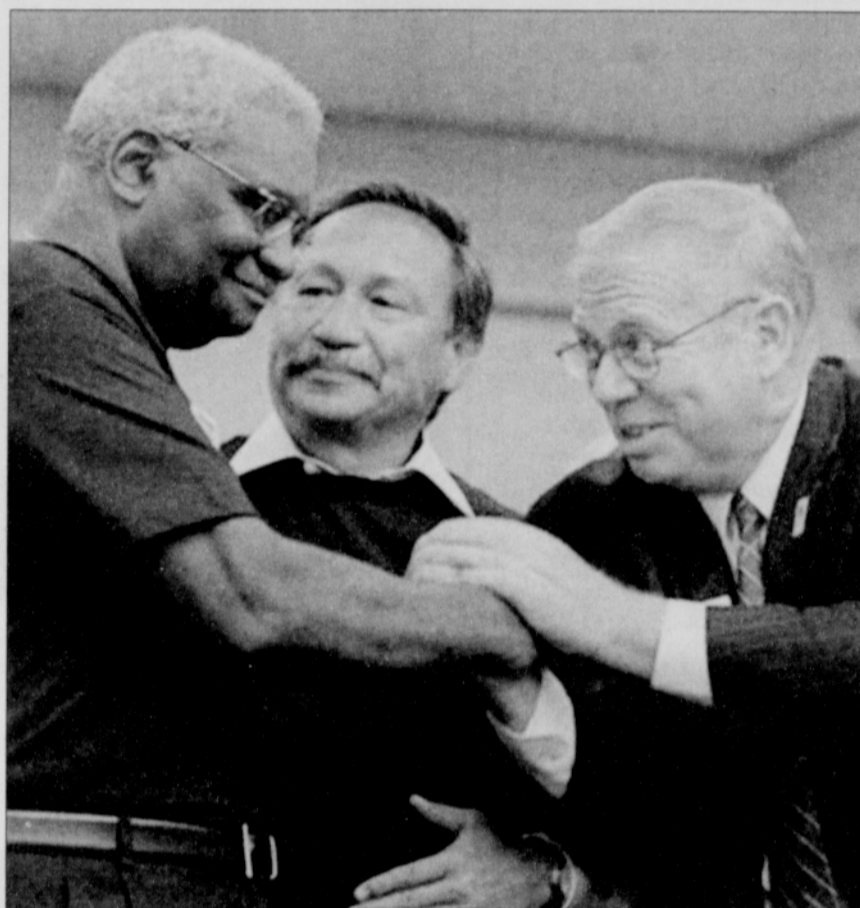
(AP) - Two unions representing 3.2 million workers - the Teamsters and the Service Employees International Union - bolted from the AFL-CIO on Monday. Further defections were possible.

The exodus came in a dispute over what dissidents see as AFL-CIO President John Sweeney's inability to halt declining membership and over the future direction of the labor movement. Critics say the union should shift its emphasis from electoral politics to finding new members.

Because the AFL-CIO has played such a major role in supporting Democrats over the years, the rift is producing unease among top Democrats who have seen the control of both Congress and the White House slip from them in recent years.

Sweeney called the defections and boycott of this week's AFL-CIO convention in Chicago by the United Food and Commercial Workers union and "UNITE HERE" - a "grievous insult to all the unions." Labor officials expect UFCW and Unite Here to leave the AFL-CIO later.

Prior to Monday's split, the AFL-CIO had 13 million members.



"UNITE HERE" union executive Edgar Romey (far left) is congratulated by other union representatives after on press conference Sunday in Chicago announcing a split from the AFL-CIO. (AP photo)

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## NAACP Asks for Scrutiny of Bush Pick

### Nomination of conservative casts doubt

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People expressed serious concern over President Bush's nomination of Washington, D.C. Circuit Court Judge John Roberts to replace U. S. Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor.

The NAACP urged the Senate to insist that Roberts is forthcoming during his confirmation hearings on questions about states' rights, individual rights, affirmative action, women's rights and workers' rights.

"We call on the members of the



Hilary Shelton

Senate to get clear answers on where Judge Roberts stands on issues such as equal opportunity programs (including Affirmative Action), criminal justice and juvenile justice issues, continuing inequities in public education, housing discrimination, freedom of speech, voting rights and the death penalty, especially for the mentally retarded or juvenile offenders," said Hilary Shelton, Director of the NAACP Washington Bureau.

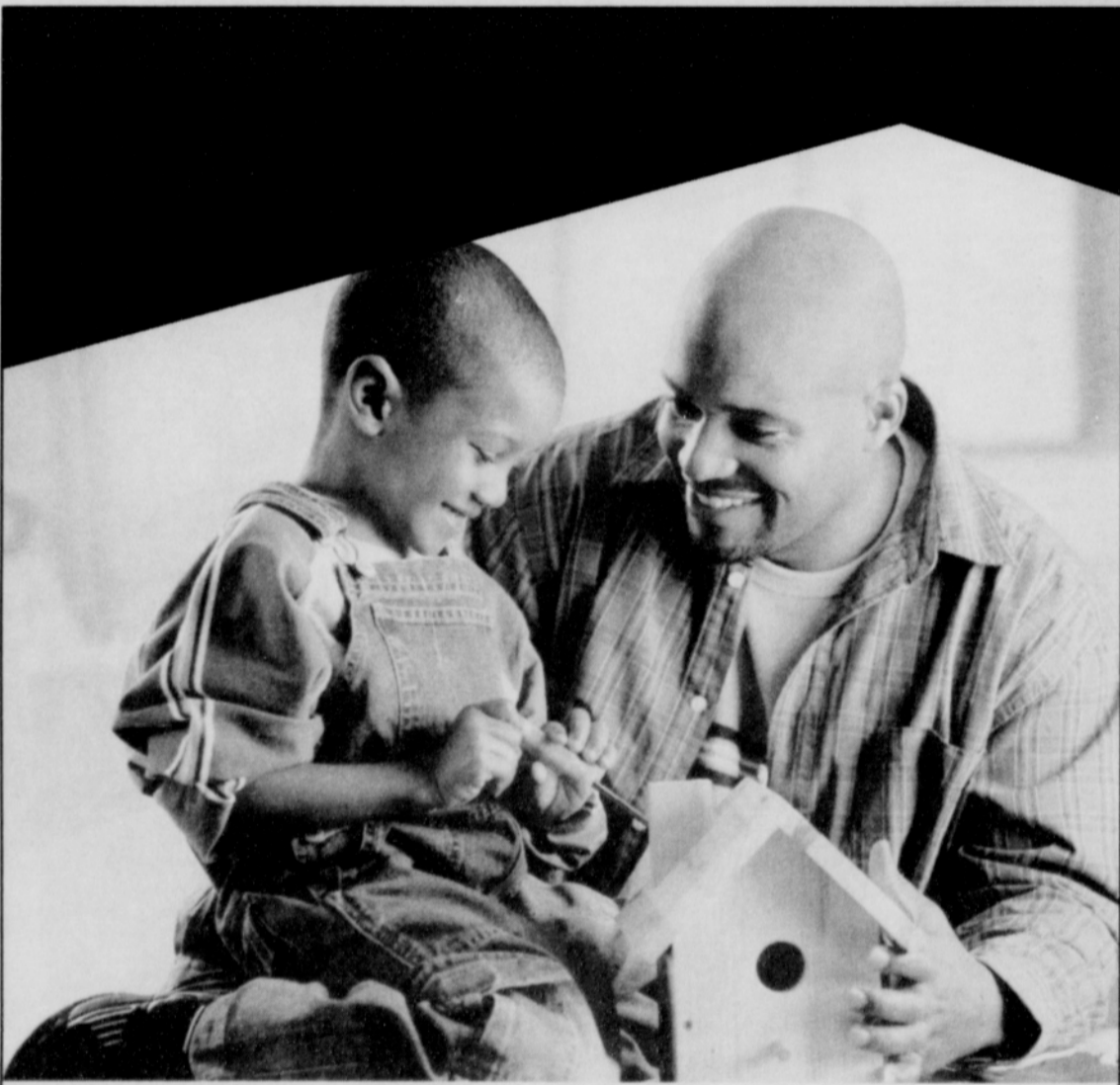
Moreover, Shelton said the Senate should thoroughly review all

memos that were drafted by Roberts when he worked in the Reagan and Bush Sr. White House and the U.S. Justice Department.

In nominating Roberts, President Bush moves away from diversity on the high court. With the retirement of Justice O'Connor, there will be only one woman justice.

"We had hoped President Bush would nominate a consensus nominee similar to Justice O'Connor," said Shelton. "We don't know where Roberts stands on crucial legal and constitutional issues."

The NAACP is asked its members to write their senators to make sure that these difficult questions are asked of someone who has a questionable history on issues of importance to the NAACP.



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## Heat Brings Risks to Elderly

### Help urged during hot weather

As temperatures rise above 90 degrees in the Portland area, older adults and persons with disabilities are particularly at risk for heat-related illnesses.

Hot weather can place a dangerous strain on the heart, and can exacerbate other medical conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, and circulatory and respiratory problems.

Officials at Multnomah County's Aging and Disability Services Division urge family members and neighbors to check on their elderly or disabled friends and relatives during the hot weather.

Some tips for combating the

heat include keeping air circulating with fans, taking cool sponge baths and going to an air-conditioned building, like a local senior center, the library or the shopping mall.

Other tips include wearing loose-fitting and light-weight clothing, and if going out, wearing a hat. People are advised to drink water often, not waiting to get "thirsty." Avoid coffee, tea and alcohol, hot food and heavy meals. Limit physical activity and direct exposure to the sun.

For more information, call Multnomah County's Aging & Disability Services Helpline at 503-988-3646.

## Jane Fonda Opposes Iraq War

(AP) - Actress and activist Jane Fonda says she intends to take a cross-country bus tour to call for an end to U.S. military operations in Iraq.

Fonda said her anti-war tour in March will use a bus that runs on "vegetable oil." She will be joined by families of Iraq war veterans and her daughter.

"I have not taken a stand on any war since Vietnam," she said. "I carry a lot of baggage from that."

Fonda incited controversy in July 1972 when she was photographed sitting on a North Vietnamese anti-aircraft gun while on a tour of the country to drum up support to end the war.

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