

# GRAND JURY REPORT ON TWO MURDERS AND I.L.D. ACTIVITY MAY BE FINISHED THURSDAY

At Adjournment 83 Witnesses Had Been Excused Leaving 38 Others Yet To Be Examined In Sweeping Investigation

## LIST OF WITNESSES INCREASED BY SIXTEEN OTHER PERSONS SUMMONED

Governor Ritchie Declares He Will Make No Reply To Communist Organization's Request For Impeachment Of Judge Bailey; Declines Further Comment

State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey intimated Wednesday afternoon the Grand Jury may complete today its investigation of the two murders here on December 4 and its probe of alleged communist activity which preceded the crime.

At adjournment Wednesday afternoon 83 witnesses had been heard. There remained 39 persons who had been summoned to give testimony. Sixteen other witnesses had been summoned during the night bringing the list of persons from whom the grand jury sought information to 121.

Meanwhile, in Baltimore, Governor Albert C. Ritchie stated he would make no reply to the telegram of the International Labor Defense League asking for the impeachment of Judge Joseph L. Bailey who, with Judge Robert F. Duer is presiding the court here which will hear the grand jury's report.

The sixteen new witnesses summoned Tues. night were: Dr. H. A. Barnes, Miss Mary Massey, a nurse, Fred A. Grier, Jr., Harry Waller, Marion Brown, John Crowell, John Martin, Sr., John Martin, Jr., L. Carroll Hopkins, Loran Niblett, from Salisbury; Thomas Webster, Russell Webster and "Fats" Wilson, Somerset county.

Four other colored men, representative of their race in Salisbury, were summoned, Randolph Ralph, Daniel J. Elzey, Roger Jennings, George Farlow.

Of the witnesses heard by the grand jury thus far, Sheriff G. Murray Phillips, and chief of police N. K. Holland were questioned at length. Sheriff Phillips was in the room for about an hour and 15 minutes before the adjournment yesterday afternoon and Chief Holland was questioned for about an hour this morning.

From the list of witnesses summoned, it is believed the grand jury is going thoroughly into the communist agitation preceding the murder of Daniel J. Elliott, prominent lumberman by Mathew Williams, negro employee, who several hours later was hanged, as well as a probe into the two crimes in order to find the instigators.

Attorney General Lane and Deputy Attorney General Anderson continued to assist Mr. Bailey in the examination of witnesses summoned before the grand jury.

Questioned in Baltimore Governor Ritchie said he would make no comment upon the demand of the communist organization for removal of Judge Bailey.

The charge, made by Louis Berger, secretary of the I. L. D. asserted the judge diverted attention from the death of Williams to the probe of communism.

Judge Bailey said today he had not received a purported telegram from Berger, the text of which Berger made public in Baltimore yesterday. The communication which the organization's secretary said was sent to the Judge charged the grand jury now conducting the investigation is a "lynch jury."