OPINION

Help Stamp It Out

Georgia has done it again. Georgia justice has made a mockery of law and order and lynchers have been freed again.

Last Nov. 20, Robert Mallard, salesman and owner of a farm supply store near Lawrenceville, Ga., was stopped on a lonely road at night and shot to death.

His wife, Mrs. Amy Mallard, who was in the automobile with him, described the mob as being composed of men wearing white hoods and robes.

At first Georgia authorities attempted to make it appear as though Mrs. Mallard had something to do with the death of her husband.

In an obvious effort to protect "the good name" of the Ku Klux Klan, the wife was jailed, held without charge and interrogated.

So were two young men, a 15-year-old girl and the 13-year-old daughter of the slain man. The only "crime" was that they happened to have been present when Mallard was killed.

It was only because of prodding by public opinion and the FBI that the widow and the men identified by the widow were finally charged with the crime.

The "trial" was a farce. In a matter of minutes an all-white jury in Judge Stanford's court found one of the accused not guilty and dropped charges against the second.

Before this happened, however, the widow was brought back and called as character witnesses for one of the accused, and, promptly, the judge gave him a "clean bill of health."

They stated also that they would not believe Mrs. Mallard's story because Mrs. Mallard's car was stopped by a mob of approximately 20 men which included the two on trial.

At the witness stand, Mrs. Mallard asked: "Why did they kill him?"

Why, indeed?

Why have Georgians lynched a total of 577 men and women since 1882?

Why did the State lead all others of the country in this atrocity in the years 1919, 1921, 1930, 1932, 1933, and 1936?

Only the State of Georgia has seen brutal lynchings in the history of the nation occurred in Georgia.

(As an example, in 1906, in Statesboro, Ga., a woman within a month of child birth threatened to swear out warrants for the arrest of members of a mob who killed her husband and eight other colored men.

(She was herself taken out and lynched, barged head downward while genitals and motor oil were thrown on her clothing and set afire. Her unborn child was then stomped forth and with his pocket knife opened her abdomen. The stomped forth and with fell to the ground and the mobster crushed its head into the mire with his heel.)

On the Day two Baltimoreans traveling through Georgia, en route home, found themselves in Statesboro, Ga., a mob of men beat, kicked and stomped them. They were unable to identify the white doctor who treated the husband's injuries requiring 52 stitches.

The wife was brutally beaten and kicked. They were unable to identify the white doctor who treated the wife's injuries.

Regarding this atrocity the white doctor who treated the husband's injuries, the former Eastern Shoreman wrote a letter to the president of Morgan College.

Why, indeed, should the State lead all others of the country in this category?

Why do the people of this State tolerate for such a brutal assault occurring in our town, "the capital of the State?"

"We people don't stand for this kind of thing and I personally, and the good people of my section are going to see that these men Ku Klux Klan (night riders) are punished."

State going to see that law and order are observed? Not likely. Why? Because, as the Baltimoreans found out, the "good people" of the State do not do this when lynchers in disguised mobs take the law into their hands and deny citizens their constitutional rights.

Why do they not do this when lynchers in disguised mobs take the law into their hands and deny citizens their constitutional rights? Because, as the Baltimoreans found out, the "good people" of the State are in the hands of the Talmadges, the Ku Klux Klan and the white supremacists.

"There is no place in this country for this kind of Georgia justice and the white supremacists."

The only way to change the situation is the enactment of laws which will make it impossible for the State administration of justice out of the hands of the Talmadges, the Klan and the white supremacists.

It is not enough to simply deplore "Georgia Justice," not enough, even, to point with scorn to the recent trial.

It is not enough for us to do anything about it, we are obligated to insist that we would do anything about it, we are obligated to insist that our elected representatives do anything about it.

Only the people of Maryland, if we would do anything about it,