

AN EDITORIAL

The *Afro-American* goes into mourning for the death of a Free State.

30 Days A. L.

On December 4, 1931, just one month ago, Salisbury, Maryland's lynch town, took a wounded man from the town hospital, dragged his body to the court house, strung it up to a tree in front of the main entrance, cut it down, soaked it in oil and burned it while some 2,000 white persons—men, women, children—cheered, shouted and approved.

Police, firemen, citizens recognized the ring-leaders, but no one has been arrested, no one indicted, none punished.

Salisbury itself and its lynching shore supporters are greatly shocked and peeved that their "little demonstration" has created nation-wide interest.

Officially, it is the hope that agitation for punishment of the lynchers can be quieted so that the whole thing "will blow over."

Will known murderers be left to walk the streets of Maryland?

Will this state become a national by-word for lawlessness and mob spirit?

Will Governor Ritchie, campaigning for the Presidency, be heckled from the out of state audiences: "How about the fellow they lynched in Salisbury?"

Or will the properly constituted authorities in this state do their duty and put the mob leaders in jail?

Thirty days A.L. (after the lynching) and not a single arrest made.