

DECISION MAY COME TODAY IN SHO' LYNCHING

Last Witness Will Be Heard; Investigation Made From Three Angles

SALISBURY, Md., March 18 (AP).—The end of the long line of witnesses from whom the Wicomico county grand jury has heard evidence in its four day investigation of the December 4 lynching of Matthew Williams, negro, appeared in sight today and definite action was expected before nightfall.

But six witnesses remained to be called from a list of 122 as the investigation was resumed this morning in the court house room overlooking the scene of the lynching—the village green.

Both State's Attorney Levin C. Bailey and Attorney General William Preston Lane, Jr., predicted that all evidence would be in before noon and the jurors would make their decision in the early afternoon.

A three-sided study has been made—an investigation of the lynching, a probe of the negro's murder of Daniel J. Elliott his white employer and a query into reports of communist activity on the shore before the killing of Elliott.

The long list of witnesses included peace officers of the state and county and city, doctors, and nurses, businessmen, fishermen and negroes living in the area. No inkling of their stories filtered from the tightly closed door of the inquisitorial body.