

SALISBURY JURY BEGINS PROBE OF LYNCHING TODAY

102 Witnesses Summoned to
Testify in Regard to Mob
Violence Last December.

COMMUNISTS BLAMED
IN JUDGE'S CHARGE

Asks Full Inquiry Into Activi-
ties of "Outside
Organization".

SALISBURY, Md., March 14, (A) — A sweeping inquiry of all outside influences and contributing events was asked today by Judge Joseph L. Bailey in his charge to the Wicomico county grand jury shortly after it assembled to begin an investigation into the lynching of Matthew Williams, negro.

Not only did the jurist ask for a probe into the lynching of the negro who had shot and killed Daniel J. Elliott, prominent lumberman, but also he charged the jury to go into the events which preceded the hanging and the activities of an "outside organization" on the Eastern Shore.

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The investigation by the grand jury will start tomorrow with the summoning of the first of 102 witnesses called by state's Attorney Levin C. Bailey to testify.

City, county and state police, prominent residents of Wicomico, Worcester and Somerset counties, physicians, nurses and attaches at the Peninsula General Hospital are on the list of witness.

Attorney General William Preston Lane, Jr., will come here tomorrow to assist the state's attorney in presenting the evidence to the grand jury. They also will be assisted by Deputy Attorney General Anderson who with detectives from Baltimore have conducted a quiet investigation for several weeks during which they made stenographic reports of statements made by scores of persons who were questioned.

In his charge to the jury, Judge Bailey did not say the "outside organization" was the International Labor Defense league but remarks were so pointed that his designation of the communistic organization was not necessary.

Blames Communists

Frequently during his discourse, the jurist referred to "outside interference" in court procedure and "false accusations" made against officials and residents of the Eastern Shore preceding the Elliott murder and lynching. He tacitly laid the blame for the murder and the subsequent lynching on the activities of Communist organiza-