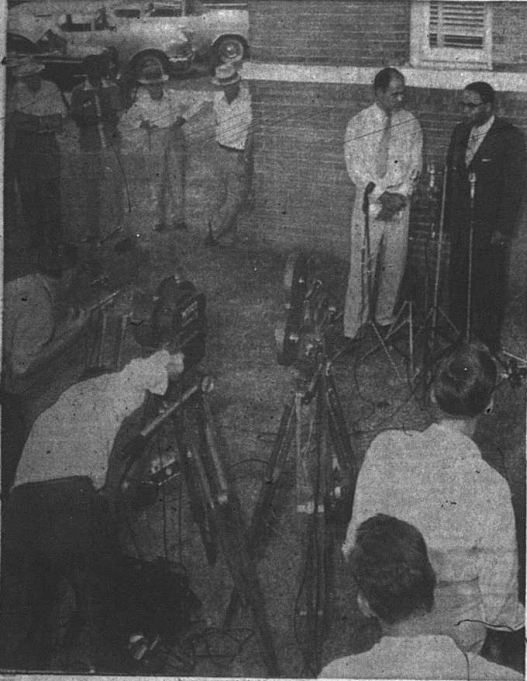
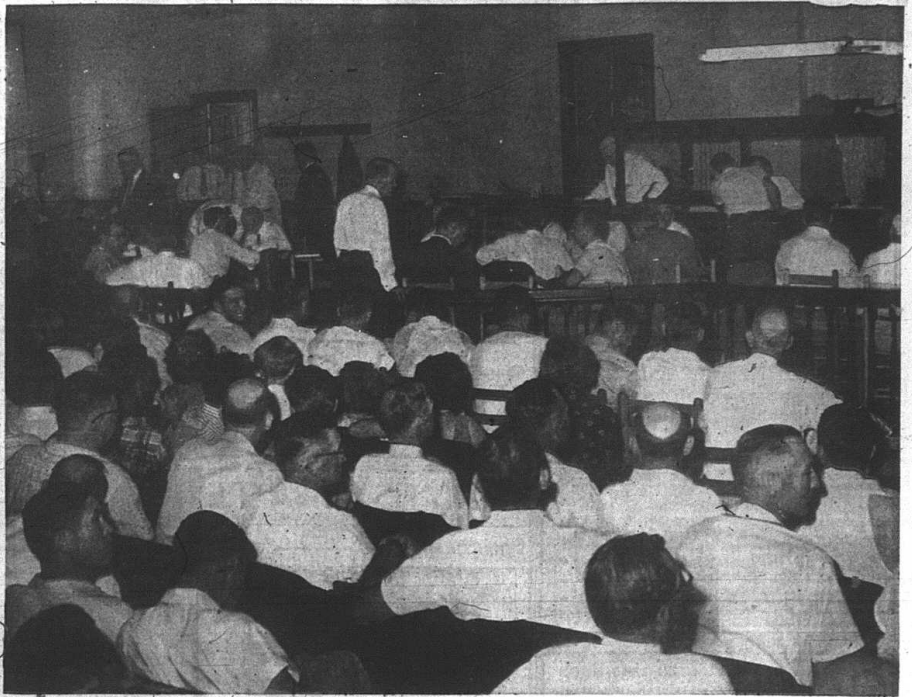


Stark Drama Descends Upon Otherwise Sleepy Town In Lynching Case



TELEVISION CAMERAS REEL AS Congressman Charles Diggs of Michigan is interviewed on a nation-wide hookup after he arrived in Sumner, Miss., Tuesday morning. Diggs, who wired the judge of his scheduled appearance, said he was present at the trial as an observer. Diggs later lunched with Mrs. Mamie Bradley, mother of the murder victim.



THIS IS A CROSS-SECTION VIEW OF THE crowded courtroom in Sumner, Miss., where the murder trial of Emmett Louis Till is being held. Two white men have

been accused of the brutal murder. In the background, left, is a table occupied by a battery of five defense lawyers. A press table for white newsmen is to the

right. Many of the persons in the foreground are friends of the two defendants.



REPRESENTATIVE CHARLES DIGGS of Michigan talked briefly to Mrs. Mamie Bradley after he arrived in the Sumner County Courthouse Tuesday as an observer in the murder trial of Mrs. Bradley's 14-year-old son.

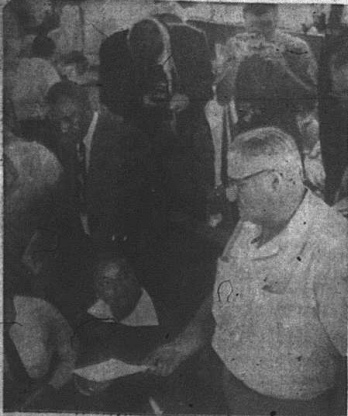


ARGUS STAFFER STEVE DUNCAN talks to Tommy Wiggins, 8-year-old Sumner, Miss., lad employed as a runner for members of the Negro press corps covering the sensational Till murder trial.

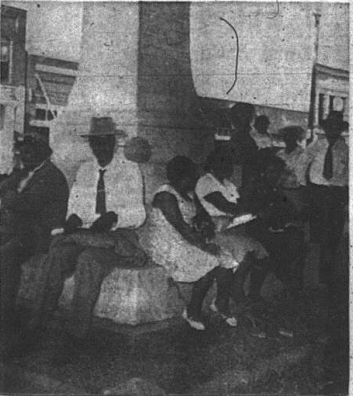


NEGRO NEWSMEN COVERING THE TILL murder trial were provided this inadequate press table when the case opened Monday, although white reporters were given much better facilities. A larger table was provided the next day at the request of the Negro reporters.

From the left, are Simeon Becker of Ebony Magazine; David Jackson, Ebony photographer; James Hicks of the Afro-American; L. Alex Wilson, Tri-State Defender; Mrs. Nannie Mitchell Turner and Steve Duncan, Argus.



TALLAMATCHIE COUNTY SHERIFF H. C. Strider issues a subpoena to Mrs. Mamie Bradley following her dramatic arrival in the courtroom where the trial of her murdered son was in progress.



RESTING WHEN TILL MURDER TRIAL was recessed during the noon hour are these spectators. Most of the Negro spectators at the trial were from out of town.



THIS IS A PICTURE of the brutally beaten, decomposed body of 14-year-old Emmett Louis Till, Mississippi's latest lynch victim. Two white men are on trial for his murder.



EMMETT LOUIS TILL is shown here with his mother, Mrs. Mamie Bradley, in one of the few pictures the woman has of Mississippi's latest lynch victim.