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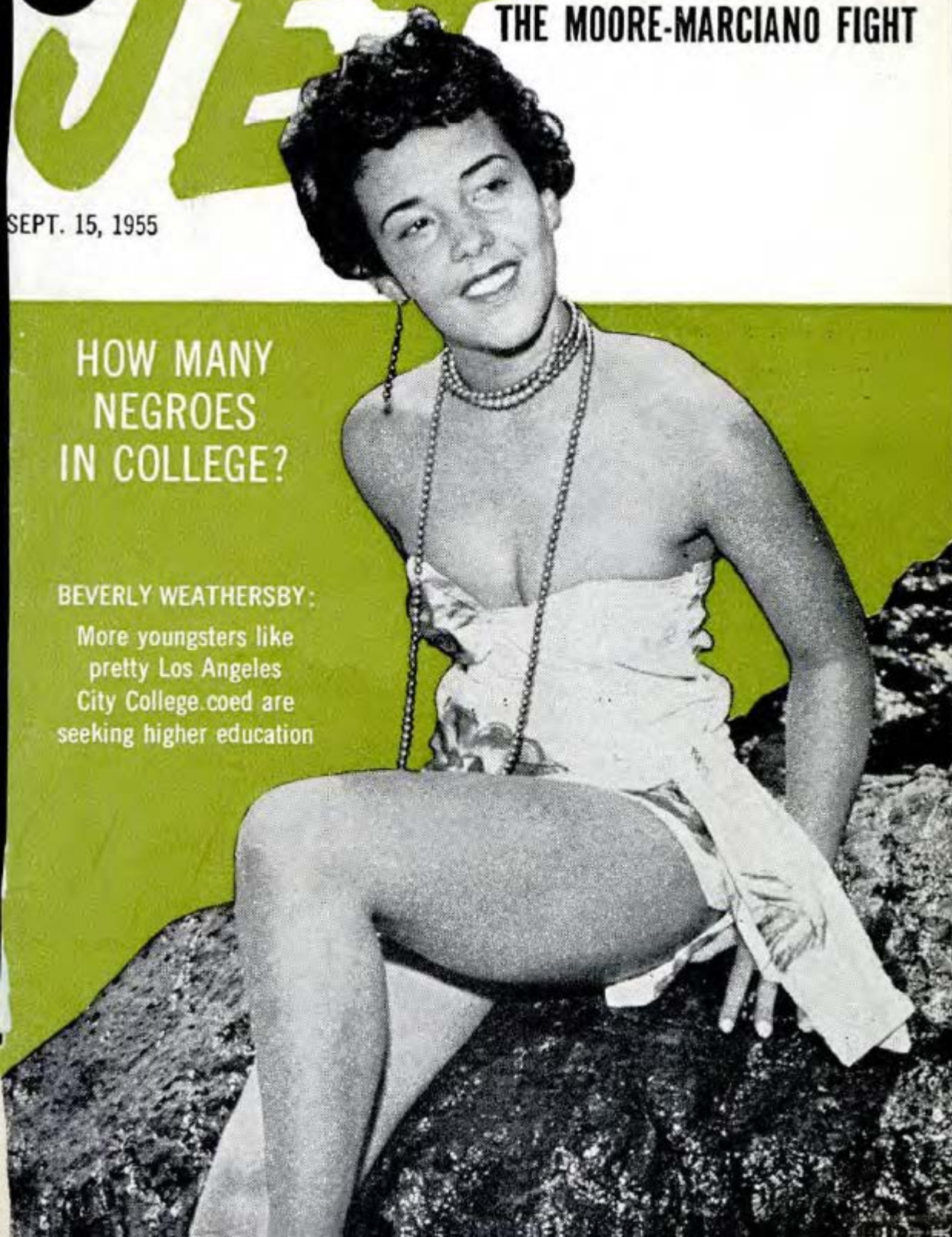
STRANGE FACTS BEHIND  
THE MOORE-MARCIANO FIGHT

SEPT. 15, 1955

HOW MANY  
NEGROES  
IN COLLEGE?

BEVERLY WEATHERSBY:

More youngsters like  
pretty Los Angeles  
City College coed are  
seeking higher education





## NATION HORRIFIED BY MURDER



*Mrs. Mamie Bradley and slain son, who was slated to enter 8th grade in Chicago this fall. He was her only child.*

Aroused by America's first lynching in four years — the kidnaping and murder by three Mississippi white men of chubby, 14-year-old Chicagoan Emmett Louis (Bobo) Till because he whistled at a white woman — leaders of both white and Negro groups demanded

“stern and immediate” action against the “barbarians.”

NAACP executive secretary Roy Wilkins wired Mississippi Governor Hugh White: “We cannot believe that responsible officials of a state will condone the murdering of children on any provocation.” Swamped with hundreds of similar protesting telegrams, Gov. White answered: “Mississippi does not condone such conduct.” Calling the Mississippi white people “horrified by the act,” white Greenwood newspaper editor Tom Shepherd described the killing as “nauseating” and “way, way beyond the bounds of human decency.”

The kidnaping episode came to a stark and shocking end when the youth's nude body, weighted with a 200-pound iron gin mill fan, was discovered by a fisherman in the shallow waters of the Tallahatchie River. The fan was wired around his neck.

Recovering the body, law officers found a “bullet hole one inch above his right ear.” The left side of his face was crushed to the bone.

Meanwhile, Leflore County police continued to hold



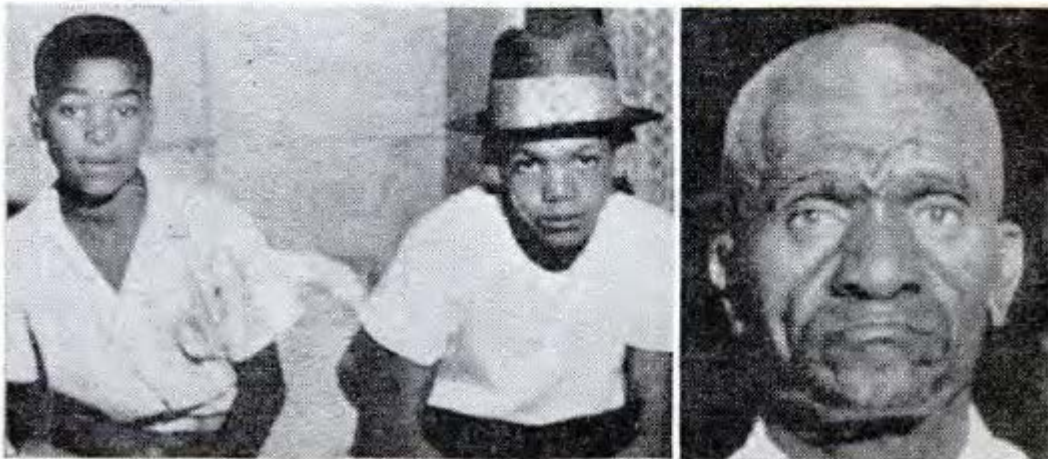
## OF KIDNAPED CHICAGO YOUTH

two white men (Grocer Roy Bryant and his half-brother, J. W. Milan) and pushed a search for the other members of the "lynch party," Mrs. Roy Bryant (who was whistled at) and another unidentified man. FBI officials said in Washington that they could not enter the case because it was "a local murder."



*Greenwood Sheriff John Cochran examines 200-pound gin fan that was wired to neck of boy's nude body.*

Recounting the boy's kidnaping from the home of his grandfather, 64-year-old Rev. Moses Wright, in Money, 17-year-old Wheeler Parker, one of the three Chicago cousins who were visiting in Mississippi, but



*Saddened by boy's murder are cousins, Simeon, 12, and Maurice Wright, 16, (l.) and 64-year-old grandfather Rev. Moses Wright. He was not told about "incident" in town.*



## Boys Never Told Grandfather About 'Incident'

who escaped after the crime, told JET:

"When the men came, swearing and all, Grandma tried to awaken Bobo and hide him outside. But the men stormed in and told her to get back in bed and shut up before they beat 'hell' out of her.

"Grandma knew about the 'incident' because we'd told her and not Grandpa, who would have gotten angry at us. We'd gone into town Wednesday and were watching some boys playing checkers in front of the store. Somebody said there was 'a pretty lady' in the store and Bobo said he was going inside to buy some bubble gum.

"After a while, we went in and got Bobo but he stopped in the doorway and whistled at the lady. She got angry and followed us out, then ran toward a car. Some one hollered, 'She's getting a gun' and we ran."



*Mrs. Bradley got first look at brutally battered son in undertaker's morgue. More than 600,000, in an unending procession, later viewed body (r.).*





*Close-up of lynch victim bares mute evidence of horrible slaying. Chicago undertaker A. A. Raynor said youth had not been castrated as was rumored. Mutilated face of victim was left unretouched by mortician at mother's request. She said she wanted "all the world" to witness the atrocity.*