

Obviously, no help is to be expected from such an official. It will be up to Attorney General Lane, single handed, to find out who were the culprits. But even should he succeed, the difficulties are not ended.

He must get indictments from the grand jury; he must get convictions from the petit jury. This may be difficult. Many of the people of Salisbury do not realize that a shameful, reprehensible deed has been done. Their sympathies are with the lynchers. They regret only that the town is getting unfavorable publicity.

Just how the Attorney General will overcome this attitude sufficiently to get vigorous action from the juries is a problem. But it is a problem which the Attorney General must solve. The responsibility is now on the state, not on any one locality. It is the state's honor which must be restored. It is the state's decency which must be upheld.

It is a great responsibility Attorney General Lane has. He must retrieve Maryland's reputation. And he must do it regardless of the attitude—perhaps in spite of the attitude—taken by the people who are most concerned.