

## Send Letters, Wires Today

# Free-the-Ingrams Campaign Gaining Nationwide Support

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Hundreds of Americans last week responded to the campaign launched by The Pittsburgh Courier in its Nationwide effort to free Mrs. Rosa Lee Ingram and her two sons.

A report leaking out of the Georgia prison, where Mrs. Ingram and her sons are now confined, said the 40-year-old widow and mother of fourteen children broke into tears when it was whispered to her that a new campaign had been launched in her behalf.

### **LONG TIME IN JAIL**

Mrs. Ingram and two of her sons have spent almost a year in five Georgia prisons while their case has been carried through several State courts. Convicted for the self-defense slaying of a share-cropper, the three Ingrams were sentenced to die. Later, the sentences were commuted to life imprisonment.

Mrs. Ingram's other children, most of them tots, are now living in a shanty on a farm near Americus, Ga.

The Courier, in launching its Free-the-Ingrams campaign, called on Americans throughout the Na-

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# Campaign for Ingrams Grows

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tion to send messages by letter or wire to members of the Georgia State Board of Pardons and Paroles and out-going Gov. M. E. Thompson urging them to review the Ingram case and either pardon or parole the three prisoners.

## **WHERE TO SEND**

Letters and wires should be addressed to the Governor and members of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles. Members of the Board are Edward B. Everett, chairman; Mrs. Helen W. Coxon and Grover C. Byers.

Acting Governor Thompson, under a new Georgia law, cannot take action in the Ingram case unless he receives a recommendation from the Pardons and Paroles Board. He does, however, have the right to sit with the Board members when they are reviewing cases.

The Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles is considered fair, and The Courier believes it will review the Ingram case if properly urged.

One of the first persons to send a letter to the Board in behalf of Mrs. Ingram and her sons was Mrs. Lelia Clark of Pocohantas, Va. In her fervent plea, she asked freedom for the widow and her sons.

Meanwhile, NAACP attorneys, headed by Thurgood Marshall, are mapping further defense plans for the Ingrams.

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