

Can Such Things Be?

The *Montgomery Advertiser* last week urged the arrest of a white man who clubbed a Negro woman with a baseball bat on a downtown street in the Alabama city during the racial tension there. All day, an *Advertiser* editorialist said, the telephone rang with calls from anonymous readers berating the paper for its stand for justice.

Julius Duscha, writing in Thursday's *Washington Post*, commented that as of that time, no arrest had been made. This was despite the fact that the *Advertiser* had carried—and had made available to press associations—a photograph of the disgusting incident, and had also printed the man's name. Duscha said the man is "well known to Montgomery police."

What an advertisement for Montgomery!

There must be many people in Montgomery who are sick about this incident. Certainly many Southerners are revolted by such incidents as this, and the unprovoked torture of a Texas Negro citizen. As long as such incidents occur because of racial feeling, there is no need to ask where advocates of stringent federal civil rights laws get their arguments. They are supplied *gratis* by such Southerners as the Montgomery bat man.