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THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

If the effort now being made to force the Wagner-Van Nuys anti-lynching bill to the background succeeds, it will deal the most staggering blow to the more than twelve million Negroes in this country since the Never-to-be-forgotten Dred Scott Decision.

The last session of Congress voted an agreement to consider the bill second only to farm legislation at its next meeting. Exponents of the bill did not have to accept the terms, but could have forced the body to remain in session until the anti-lynching bill was properly disposed of. Instead they agreed to a postponement of the measure in order that its members, overburdened with a long session, might get relief through an adjournment.

Now comes the announcement that consideration of the bill will not follow the farm legislation, but that the government reorganization bill will take precedence over the Wagner-Van Nuys measure. It not only appears that the anti-lynching bill has been shoved to the background, but that the president has sanctioned such a move.

All of these measures are important, but when it is considered that for more than twenty-five years Negroes and many white people in America have struggled to stop mob violence and lynching in this country, and that the crime is still a favorite pastime, any delay in passing the measure is a delay against safeguarding the constitutional rights, the peace and safety of every American citizen. When the measure was being debated in the lower house a mob went on a rampage in Mississippi and lynched two Negroes by heating irons red-hot and applying them to the screaming bodies of their victims.

The Mississippi episode was the signal for the governor of that state to order the usual immediate investigation to bring to justice those responsible for the crime. Up until now the lynchings have not been apprehended. This is most always the case when mobs go on a rampage, and proves conclusively that local and state governments do not intend to deal as they should with mobsters.

The spirit of right and justice which the present administration has maintained throughout must not be marred at this late hour. Mr. Roosevelt should assure the Negroes of America that he is not in accord with the present attempt to postpone consideration of the anti-lynching bill. He should use the influence of his office to the end that Congress will act to rid this nation of the crime of mob violence.

A SERIOUS INDICTMENT

George S. Schuyler in a release published in a large number of Negro newspapers last week accused educated Negro leaders of giving little or no assistance to the organization of Negro workers in vast labor movements of the past year.

We quote here from Mr. Schuyler's article, published in the November issue of the Crisis.

"Their desertion of the struggling Negro workers in this crisis constitutes one of the most shameful chapters in our recent history," the article declares. "The new position Negro leadership has won in the past year has been in spite of the old leadership. It has been won with new leadership militant young men and women from the ranks of labor and guzzled black veterans of the pick and shovel and the blast furnace."

This is a serious indictment of educated Negro leaders and is worthy of careful consideration. If Mr. Schuyler's charge are true, and certainly a casual glance makes them appear to be true, then there is something wrong with the kind of education Negroes are getting.

Frankly we feel that Negroes who have had an opportunity to rub their heads against a college wall ought to shoulder the responsibility of leading the race out of economic chaos. They ought to lead the struggle against not only discrimination within the ranks of organized labor, but all along the line of racial conflict.

It has been our opinion for many years that the average college educates Negroes away from the rank and file of their own kind, so much so that when they are forced to work with their own kind they are a misfit.

The psychological effect which years of study about the accomplishments of other races, and the failures of his own race is bound to play havoc with whatever self respect a Negro might have had prior to entering the college.

It appears to us that our colleges are going to have to set up a course that will train the men and women who come under their influence to become real leaders of their own people and not worshippers of other people.

Negro moving pictures, football games, business enterprises and what not have been maintained for the most part by the illiterate, and not the intellectuals of the race. It has been the untrained Negro who has had race pride enough to put up with the short comings of Negro businesses until they could walk. It is not hard for anyone to see that if the large Negro insurance companies banks and other businesses in their beginning had been forced to depend on Negro intellectuals for existence there would be none of them today.

Last Week's Best Editorial

THE MOB SPIRIT

The lynching record in our country from Reconstruction Days to the present time constitutes one of the blackest chapters in the nation's history. It has brought upon our head the just criticism and contempt of the world.

For years, efforts have been made by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, in co-operation with other organizations and individuals of both races, to secure the enactment of a Federal anti-lynching law; and a bill of this nature will come up for deliberation at the next session of Congress, November 24. Citizens are urged to send letters and telegrams to their representatives in Congress, asking them to support the legislation.

The mob spirit is not confined to the South, but in lesser degrees is present in all sections of the country, including Michigan. Only last Sunday, the lynching of a Negro in the Suburbs of Detroit was prevented only by the quick and loyal action of deputy sheriffs, who rushed to the scene of the disorder and saved the life of the accused man. The mob had laready secured gasoline and a rope and were preparing to lynch the victim, when the deputies arrived and took him to the Wayne County jail.

The alleged criminal, according to reports was charged with having assaulted a white woman, the wife of an Arkansas man residing in this locality. The irate husband it is said, was the leader of the mob and expressed regret that the Negro was not lynched.

We have no sympathy for rapists, whether colored or white. The should be punished, but the punishment should be administered by the courts and not by mobs. Rape of a woman by a white man is just as reprehensible as the outrage of womanhood by a colored criminal. Each is equally guilty and deserving of punishment; but when a colored man is charged with this offense, the press and public sentiment are inclined to paint the crime blacker when the criminal is white.

Only last month in the Court of Judge Ed. Jeffries, a white man was tried and convicted for criminally assaulting a young woman of his race. The crime occurred last December, but very little was published about it and no mob was formed when the prisoner was arrested and identified.

The young girl in the case worked down town until past midnight each night, and would take a but to the suburbs of Detroit, where her father was accustomed to meet her and escort her home.

On the night of the attack, her father was not waiting for her when she alighted from the bus, but a strange man approached and forced her to accompany him to a secluded spot, after blindfolding her, then he raped her and fled. She identified him by his peculiar voice. A neighbor woman, who, while caring for a sick child about 2 o'clock in the morning saw the man girl pass her window. She also identified him by his peculiar posture in walking. Yet, the public hardly knew that this crime was committed.

In another recent local case, a young white man was charged with having raped a little seven-year-old colored girl, but despite strong testimony against him, he was acquitted. He was white and had money; the child was colored and poor.

Rape is rape, no matter by whom it is committed. Still we live in a civilized country, in which every person, accused of crime has the right to a fair trial in the courts. Convicted rapists should be duly punished, but mobs have no authority to undertake the job. Let the law take its course.

—The Detroit Tribune.

MYSTERY SURROUNDS COTTON PICKER DEATH IN PENNSYLVANIA SECTION

HUMBOLDT, Tenn., Nov. 11.—(By DeWitt Bentley for ANP)—Travis Davis, 26, of Humboldt, was found dead early Monday morning one mile north of Tiptonville, Tenn., on U. S. Highway 51 near the territory in which cotton planters started a peonage campaign to "get out" their cotton Davis was a cotton picker on a plantation in that section at the time of his death.

Young Davis' body was discovered by his former sweetheart, Miss Lucy Given, who immediately notified Tiptonville police. When police arrived they found

Catholic Federation Pledges Interracial Aid

BOSTON —(C)—The National Catholic Alumni Federation, representing 300,000 Catholic college graduates pledged, in their biennial convention Saturday, to help extend spiritual and material aid to the American Negro. The convention also recommended that each of the sixteen principal chapters of the Federation appoint an interracial committee to correlate and direct all Catholic alumni activities to assist the Negro. Formation of a national interracial committee by the federation is planned later. It was revealed at the meeting that 300 Catholic priests and 1,110 nuns are working among Negroes. The Federation recommended that college-trained Catholics "afford every aid, spiritual and material, to those priests and religious who are devoting their lives in whole or in part to the welfare of the Negro. Likewise that they cooperate generously with those persons and groups of priests and laity who are laboring to create an apostolic attitude towards the Negro on the part of our Catholic laity, and that be the first to set an example of interracial justice and charity in their own persons and in their own communities, parishes and institutions of whatever they may come in contact with members of the colored group.

"That as Catholic alumni they strive to secure full opportunity to young colored men and women to become worthy American citizens, worthy Christians and worthy representatives of their race, by (a) using their influence in public or private to obtain proper living conditions for the Negroes in our towns and cities through adequate housing, recreational and health facilities, hospitals and charitable institutions, equitable treatment of public welfare and relief agencies, equal opportunities for employment as

well as for utilization and development of professional and technical abilities and full protection of their persons before the law and, especially, effective protection from mob violence; (b) making clearly known, as alumni, their will that our Catholic colleges, universities and other institutions of higher learning shall, as far as legally possible, extend full educational opportunities to properly qualified young colored men and women, that thereby a leadership may be formed which will be inspired by Catholic principles; and that they make the conversion of the American Negro the matter of their earnest and constant prayer."

The Federation's recommendations were prepared by a special committee headed by Gerard L. Carroll, New York attorney, and vice-chairman of the Catholic Interracial Council of New York. Mr. Carroll was elected a vice president of the National Catholic Alumni Federation at the convention.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA TO SPONSOR TRAINING CENTERS FOR REGISTRANTS OF U. S. EMPLOYMENT DIVISION

Vocational Guidance Seen As Important Feature of Job-Getting

RALEIGH, N. C. —Realizing that Alpha Kappa Alpha has social responsibility which it must maintain, the Raleigh chapter laid aside other matters and invited the recently appointed Senior Interviewer of the U. S. Employment Division, Miss Emily Mae Harper, as guest speaker for the first formal meeting of the year. Miss Harper whose

subject was "Possibilities for Improving Calibre in Domestic Service Registrants" revealed that "the creation of that leadership and of that intelligent fellowship" is the responsibility, in a large measure, of superior groups. "The U. S. Employment Service," Miss Harper said, "is a free service for any person seeking employment without restriction to job or class. It further, makes surveys determining employment trend and occupational opportunities."

Discussing the calibre of qualified and unqualified registrants, the speaker defined the following groups: (a) Physically infirm, (b) Inexperienced, (c) Untrained, (d) Hampered, and (e) Ageing.

The Chapter saw and grasped the opportunity to use six of its members' homes, where local Negro registrants (women) may serve a type of apprenticeship, during which time a work philosophy will first be built up. This philosophy will point out mental attitude both of registrant and the public—that attitude which is designed to so condition the employee that he or she will look upon work as a prideful vocation.

The president of the local chapter is Mrs. E. B. Holmes who presided. Mrs. Susie V. Perry was named chairman of the project to work with Miss Harper and the government agency which she represents.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority is the first local women's organization at which Miss Harper has appeared in this capacity.

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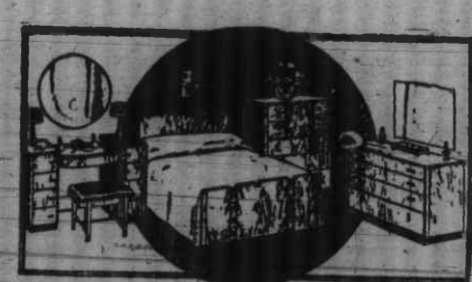
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