

U. S. CAN'T ACT IN RECENT LYNCHINGS

Gov't. Powerless To Intefere Says Att'y. General

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NEW YORK, July 22—The federal government is powerless, two recent lynchings in Georgia under the law to act in the and Mississippi, United States Attorney General Hamer Cummings said Thursday.

Cummings made the statement in a telegram dated July 18 which he sent to Senator Robert F. Wagner at Albany, New York, where the latter is attending the New York State Constitution convention.

The attorney general's telegram, a reply to one sent him by Wagner July 12, asking the U. S. Department of Justice for an immediate investigation of the Rolling Fork, Miss. and Arabi, Ga. lynchings on July 6 and 9 respectively follows:

In absence of any federal statute dealing with lynchings, Department of Justice is powerless, under the law, to take any action, with reference to the deplorable crimes to which you refer in your telegram of today.

Officials of the NAACP here interpreted the attorney general's telegram as showing conclusively the necessity of a federal statute dealing with lynchings, since the U. S. Justice Department chief admitted that no action can be taken by the government in cases involving lynchings without the au-

thority of a federal anti-lynching bill.

Senator Wagner, co-author of the Wagner-Van Nuys anti lynch bill, which was filibustered death in the last session of Congress, said in his telegram to Attorney general:

News reports in recent days carry the tragic story of two lynchings in rapid succession at Rolling Fork, Mississippi, and Arabi, Georgia. With all the earnestness at my command I respectfully urge an immediate investigation of these lynchings by the Department of Justice, to ascertain violations of the Fourteenth Amendment. Prompt action in this respect will tend to forestall a new wave of lynching during the adjournment of Congress.

In a statement issued to the press at the same time he sent his telegram to Cummings, Senator Wagner said, The anti-lynching bill will be re-introduced (in the next session of Congress, and I am confident it will be enacted into law.

Victims of the two lynchings, which marked the first such crimes in 1933 were Tom Green, 48 year old blacksmith of Rolling Fork, Miss. who was shot down by a mob after he had killed his white plantation boss in an argument over wages; and John Dukes, 60, whom an Arabi, Ga. mob burned to

MAYOR LA GUARDIA PRASISES J. W. JOHNSON

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NEW YORK, July 21st—Because greatness in man is a quality that does not know the boundaries of race or creed... the whole nation mourns the tragic death of James Weldon Johnson, Mayor Fiorello H. La Guardia said here Thursday in speech broadcast over WYNC New York's municipal radio station.

The mayor was the chief speaker in what he described as the city's official memorial tribute to one of its distinguished citizens, a poet, novelist, diplomat and former secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Praising Mr. Johnson as a leader in the Negro's second emancipation the mayor added: As executive secretary of the NAACP he was in the forefront of the battle for the Negro in every part of the United States. His work will forever stand as a true symbol of man's fight against prejudice, and for the eternal values of truth, justice and equity.

death to avenge the fatal shooting of a white town constable, who sought to arrest Dukes on a charge of drunkenness.

In connection with two lynchings in Mississippi and Georgia within a period of 72 hours, the NAACP has written Governors E. D. Rivers of Ga. and Hugh White of Miss., reminding them of their telegrams sent last January to Senator Kenneth McKellar, of Tenn., pledging to do everything in their power to wipe out the crime of lynching.

Senator McKellar solicited the telegrams from southern senators in their fight against the federal anti lynch bill then before the Senate. The NAACP has also written Senator McKellar pointing out that although the governors promised to act against lynching, nothing has been done thus far by them. This is but one more in the long list of instances, wrote the association, where the states, through their highest as well as lowest officers, have refused to act against

lynching; and this inaction but adds to the already overwhelming proof that only federal action has any chance of checking mob violence.

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"UNDER THE BAMBOO TREE" By James Weldon Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson and Bob Cole

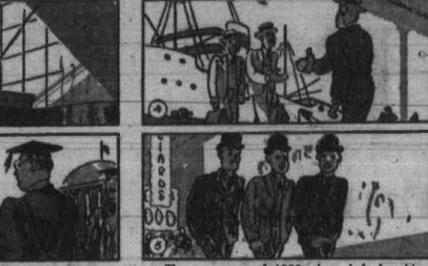


The recent tragic death of James Weldon Johnson separated brothers, who had been composing songs for two generations. The elder was, besides, an outstanding lecturer and leader of his race.



Walking up lower Broadway, J. Rosamond hummed a negro spiritual, and Bob Cole was quick to see that it had popular possibilities.

BIRTH OF A SONG



They were born in Jacksonville, Florida, educated in Atlanta University, Atlanta, Ga. J. Rosamond went to Boston to study music, James Weldon became principal of the Stanton School in Jacksonville.



The summer of 1899, they left for New York City to interest producers in some songs they had written. They were taken up by many celebrities, including the famous vaudeville performer, Bob Cole.

From ASCAP Files By Joseph R. Fiesler and Paul Carruth



They soon formed a partnership with him and created many songs and frequently made the rounds together.



The Johnsons and Cole were the songwriting sensations of the world in the first decade of the century.

When the American Society of Composers, Authors and Publishers was formed in 1914 the brothers were able to protect their copyrighted songs against infringement by commercial users of music.

CALVIN IS 36; CHECKS 5 HITS ON 1938 PHOPHECY

NEW YORK, Floyd J. Calvin, editor of Calvins Newspaper Service, was 36 years old on Wednesday, July 13. Mr. Calvin took time out to check up on his third annual forecast of events made last January 1, and found that in the first six months of the year he had scored five direct hits out of the ten forecast-made. The five events which came true are: Joe Louis kept the heavyweight championship; Hollywood is employing more colored talent (see The Brat now playing, New York has won jobs in the public utilities interviews and meter readers with Consolidated Edison company, Richard Wright author of Uncle Tom's Children, is the new literary sensation, and Philip Jones was recently appointed Assistant Attorney General of New York, confirming Point 10: Expect more high Negro Federal and State appointments.

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Charles Houston Leaves NAACP New York Office

Staff Correspondent

NEW YORK, July 22nd—Charles H. Houston, who has been special counsel of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People since July 1, 1933, today ended work in the New York office to resume private law practice in Washington, D. C., with his father, William L. Houston, in the firm of Houston and Houston.

At one time the law firm consisted of William L. Houston, Charles H. Houston and William H. Hastie, but Charles H. came to New York to work with the NAACP. Mr. Hastie was named federal judge in the Virgin Islands, and William L. was appointed special assistant to the attorney general of the U. S., leaving the office without senior partners.

During his work with the NAACP, Mr. Houston has had

supervision over all legal work, with special emphasis upon the campaign in the courts against inequalities in public education. The financial grant to the NAACP to carry on this work was not renewed this year, and although some groups are making special contributions so that the work will not cease entirely, the amount is not sufficient to maintain the legal activity on the same scale as in the past three years.

Mr. Houston will retain his title of special counsel and will continue to advise the NAACP on legal matters, as well as act as a liaison officer between the New York office and national affairs in Washington. Thurgood Marshall, who has worked with Mr. Houston on NAACP cases, will have charge of legal affairs in the New York office. In commenting on Mr. Houston's work, Walter White, NAACP secretary said:

Mr. Houston began his work with the NAACP long before he joined the staff in New York. He gave us invaluable counsel and assistance, without remuneration. Since joining the staff, he has laid before the country and the courts in brilliant fashion the inequalities

POPE BLESSES CATHOLIC INTERRACIAL MOVEMENT

NEW YORK, His Holiness Pope Pius XI in a private audience granted to the Rev. John LaFarge, S. J., Chaplain of the Catholic Interracial Council recently, expressed his keen interest in the Catholic Interracial Program in the United States and his approval of the work of those who are collaborating in it, the Interracial Review, organ of the Council, made public on Saturday.

While in Rome, Father LaFarge, who is also author of Interracial Justice at the request of the students of the Institute Massimo, celebrated Mass for their brethren, the colored Catholics of the United States and for those who are working for the colored Catholics.

suffered by the Negro and has sought uncompromisingly for redress. We regret greatly that circumstances dictate his return to Washington, but we will not be wholly deprived of his services, for he will still be available for consultation and aid, with some field work in nearby territory, as his time will permit.

NAACP COLLECTED \$48,000 SPENT \$49,000

NEW YORK, According to annual report just made public the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People collected from all sources \$48,548.61 last year, and spent \$49,313.87, leaving a deficit of \$765.26.

YALE MAN SAILS TO TRAIN PREACHERS IN SOUTH A.

NEW YORK, (Special Rev. J. Roosevelt Coan, former professor of theology of Morris Brown, Atlanta, Ga. and holder of the M. A. degree from Yale university sailed on Wednesday for Cape Town, South Africa, from where he will proceed inland to Wilberforce Institute, the A. M. E. school at Evaton, near Johannesburg, to become dean of the School of Theology. The Institute is under the principalship of Prof. Amos J. White, Harvard graduate and former Wilberforce university instructor, who sailed last June a year ago at the request of Bishop R. R. Wright, Jr., who supervises the A. M. E. work in South Africa. Bishop Wright was notified by Rev. Coan early in May that he would go to the African work.

In seeking to build up Wilberforce Institute in South Africa, Bishop Wright says that the big cost of sending African students to America for education has made that plan impractical. It costs about \$1,100 for one student to come from African to America and spend a year in study, while that sum will educate ten students in South Africa.

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