

# HOLDS HEARING ON ANTI-LYNCHING BILL

## Packed House Hear As Time Eight Witnesses At Senate Office Bldg.

## Connally Tries To Offer Scare At Hearing

WASHINGTON, D. C. With eight witnesses testifying, three of them from Texas, two days of hearings on the Wagner-Van Nuys-Capper, federal anti lynching bill closed here Wednesday, February 7, in the Senate office building caucus room before packed audiences, which included a goodly number of college students.

The names of the witnesses, in the order of their appearance before the Senate sub-committee conducting hearings on the bill, were as follows:

Dr. Arthur Raper, secretary of the Interracial Commission, now on leave to do research work for the Carnegie Corporation; the Rev. Gresham Marmion, assistant rector of Saint Albans P. E. Church, Washington, D. C. and a native of Texas; Dr. George F. Porter, president of Wiley Junior College and the Rev. E. C. Estell, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church, both of Dallas, Texas; R. B. Groves, of Houston, Texas; Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP; Arthur B. Spingarn, president of the NAACP, both of New York; Dean William H. Hastie, of the Howard university law school, Washington, D. C.

Despite the fact that he had let it be known that he intended to have a large number of witnesses from the South to testify in opposition to the bill, Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, arch foe of anti lynching legislation, presented no witnesses, but contented himself with vicious attempts to browbeat and intimidate persons who testified for the bill, and the use of slanderous language against Negroes.

Senator Frederick Van Nuys, chairman of the Senate sub-committee, conducting the hearings, announced after adjournment of the hearings on Wednesday, that resumption of testimony would be subject to the call of the committee.

He told Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, that he would do everything possible to bring a report on the bill speedily. Senator Van Nuys, in answer to criticisms of his allowing Connally a wide latitude in attacking witnesses, said he made no effort to check the Texas senator in order that everything might be placed into the record.

Senator Warren Austin, of

Vermont was the only member of the committee who was absent throughout the hearings. Other members of the committee present in addition to Van Nuys and Connally were: Senators Matthew M. Neely, of West Virginia; and Alexander Wiley, of Wisconsin. Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York, and Senator Van Nuys, and Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas were present, co-authors of the bill.

Senators Wagner and Neely were praised by the NAACP for their vigorous action in standing up for the rights of witnesses before the onslaughts of Senator Connally.

As the first witness before the committee on Tuesday, Doctor Arthur Raper aroused the wrath of Senator Connally, when the rector director of the Interracial Commission asserted that when a Negro kills a white man in the South, most southerners believe that no matter what the provocation the Negro has no right to kill a white man and therefore has no chance of being freed of such a crime.

Expressing angry amazement that a southern white man could make such a statement, Senator Connally plagued the witness with detailed questions to his salary, who sent him to testify, and who paid his expenses to and from Washington. In an effort to discredit Dr. Raper's testimony, and to prove that the states are capable of combating the crime of lynching, without the aid of Federal legislation, Connally placed in the record, figures on instances of prevented lynchings. He announced that this information was supplied him by Mrs. Jessie Daniel Ames, president of the Southern Women's Association for the Prevention of Lynching.

**EPISCOPAL RECTOR TESTIFIES**  
Opening his testimony with the statement, "I have come here as a Christian to testify," the Rev. Gresham Marmion, assistant rector of St. Albans P. E. church in Washington, told the committee of his experience in attempting to put down a lynching in Eagle Lake, Texas, in 1936, by standing on the running board of his automobile and appealing to the mob to let the law take its course. For trying to save the lives of the two Negro boys, who later died as victims of this lynch mob, Dr. Marmion said he himself was threatened with being lynched.

The Episcopal rector said he was pastoring a church in Eagle Lake at the time. "When I got there," he said, "the mob had the rope around the neck of one

## As Time Marches On

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leeward,  
And I too heard its sibilant roll.  
Felt the urge to go forward,  
Knew the feeling more than  
well.

On the road back from the NCC and Kentucky cagers tilt, we mused of the gigantic strides the old alma mater (NCC) has taken. It was our puny powers of expression to define the thrill one feels upon viewing the growth and spirit which has come to the institution. That seething vibrant something that has found its way into the mob of its followers. Dean A. Elder looking every inch "the dean" Dean J. Taylor hustling and bustling as per usual. All the great and near great—successfully and nearly successful seemed to have voted the basketball game was the thing to do—Spotted in the throng; Mrs. Mable V. Bryant of Henderson, N. C. who teaches in the High school there and Miss Hattie Bailey, the "Tanky" Thompsons, the "Moose" Baileys, Mrs. F. G. Burnett and daughter, Principal F. G. officiated with rollicking "Pete" Williams of Raleigh, N. C., rooting long and loud we heard the voice of G. W. Cox—"little Napoleon" of N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Company, and others. The game was a thriller from tip-off to final gun, with five minutes to play NCC came from behind tied the score and then won.

### COLLEGE PRESIDENT HEARD

Dr. George F. Porter, president of Wiley Junior College, threw a bombshell into the hearing when he answered Senator Connally's challenge to "name a single unpublicized lynching in 1938," with the reply, "My own."

Dr. Porter pointed to the fact that he was injured when he was thrown bodily down the steps of the Dallas, Texas courthouse in 1938 by a mob after he had insisted on his constitutional right of serving on a jury. The crowded caucus room, applauded the college president's answer. Dr. Porter was the last witness to be heard on Tuesday.

### BAPTIST PASTOR TELLS EXPERIENCES

The Rev. E. C. Estell, pastor of St. John's Baptist Church in Dallas, Texas was the first witness to take the stand on Wednesday. He told, from actual experience, of lynchings which he himself witnessed.

A heated exchange of words took place between Senators Connally and R. B. Groves, the next witness, on the question of disfranchisement, when the Texas senator challenged Groves with the statement that "You can vote in Texas in general elections can't you?"

Admitting this to be true, the witness pointed out, however that "the white democratic primary, which practically constitutes an election, and, from which I am excluded, is in Texas."

### CONNALLY VS WHITE

Reading a prepared statement in which he included a devastating report on a lynching survey conducted by the white Southern Methodist university, of Dallas, Texas, and a record of lynchings in the United States for 1937 through 1939, Walter White, executive secretary of the NAACP, locked horns with Senator Connally almost as soon as White took the stand.

In an attempt to discredit these lynching records, Connally demanded to go over them before having the committee pass upon their inclusion in the record.

The Texas senator defended the lynching records put out by Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama, as more reliable than those of the NAACP. White replied that the Association's investigators, branches, and contacts with newspapermen all over the country enabled the organization to get at the facts of unreported lynchings as well as publicized lynchings in a manner which Tuskegee Institute was unable to do.

The NAACP secretary accused.

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The hour you wasted just yesterday,  
That will not come back again today;  
It is gone with the wind.  
The kind deed you failed to do—  
Will haunt you eternity through;  
It is gone with the wind.  
The kind friend you did some wrong  
When he no longer was strong.  
This will haunt you like a hellish sin;  
Play not for tomorrow—T O O LATE THEN  
BECAUSE IT TOO GOES WITH THE WIND.—W. S.

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### AND TIME DRIBBLES ON—

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## Offers Flight Scholarships To Airmen

CHICAGO, (ANP) — Thirty flight scholarships are being offered Negro pilots by the Federal government preparatory to appointment as army air corps flying cadets, it was revealed here this week.

To be eligible for a scholarship a young man must successfully complete the ground school course covering several aviation subjects at the Chicago training center. Ground classes will be given in the evening at Wedell Phillips High school with Miss Willa Brown, the race's leading aviatrice, in charge.

After finishing the ground course, flight scholarships will be awarded on final grades in a competitive examination should the applicant possess the other essential qualifications. Twenty of the awards will go to those who are unmarried, citizens of the United States, between 18 and 25 years old, with two years of college training, no solo flying experience, and who are physically fit to pass the army medical examination. Requirements for the other 10 are identical except the applicant is not required to have two years of college.

Candidates from any section of the nation are eligible if they move to Chicago and enroll in the ground school course. A small fee will be required, it was pointed out, but not more than \$40 will be charged for the entire course of ground and flight training.

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## 1939 All-American Band

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How they rate:

**FIRST BAND**  
**TRUMPET**  
Louis Armstrong  
Erskine Hawkins  
Harry James (white)  
Ickx Stewart (Ellington)  
Muggsy Spanier (white)  
Roy Eldridge

**TROMBONE**  
Tommy Dorsey (white)  
J. C. Higginbotham (A r m strong)  
Jack Teagarden (white)  
Lawrence Brown (Ellington)  
Juan Tizol (Ellington)  
Trumme Young (Lunceford)

**ALTO SAX**  
Johnny Hodges (Ellington)  
Benny Carter  
Jimmy Dorsey (white)  
Willie Smith (Lunceford)  
Charlie Barnet (white)  
Eddie Barefield (?)

**TENOR SAX**  
Coleman Hawkins  
Chu Berry (Calloway)  
Lester Young  
Joe Thomas (Lunceford)

**CLARINET**  
Benny Goodman (white)  
Barney Bigard (Ellington)  
**PIANO**  
Teddy Wilson  
Count Basie

**GUITAR**  
Charlie Christian (Goodman)  
Floyd Smith (Kirk)  
**DRUMS**  
Gene Krupa (white)  
**BASS**  
John Kirby  
Artie Bernstein (white)  
Pops Foster (Armstrong)  
Bobby Haggart (white)

**MALE VOCALIST**  
Bing Crosby (white)  
Bill Kenny (Ink Spots)  
**GIRL VOCALIST**  
Ella Fitzgerald  
Billie Holiday  
**BEST INSTRUMENTAL SOLO**  
Lionel Hampton (Goodman)  
Sidney Bechet  
**BEST HOT BAND**

Count Basie  
Duke Ellington  
**ALSO RECEIVING VOTES:**  
**TRUMPET:** Red Allen, Ziggy Elman, Hot Lips Page, Cootie Williams, Taft Jordan. **TROMBONE:** Joe "Tricky Sam" Nanton. **ALTO SAXES:** Scoops Carey, Benny Goodman. **CLARINET:** Buster Bailey. **PIANO:** M a r y Lou Williams, Boz Z u r k e. **DRUMS:** Lionel Hampton, Cozy Cole, Sonny Greer. **BASS:** Wellman Braud, Walter P a g e.

Jimmy Blanton, Freddie Taylor, Vernon Alley, Milton Hinton. **MALE VOCALIST:** Pha Terrell, Bon Bon, Cob Calloway. **GIRL VOCALIST:** Avis Andrews. **E S T INSTRUMENTAL SOLOIST:** Eddie South, Count Basie, Louis Armstrong, Charlie Christian, Benny Carter. **BEST COMPOSITION:** In the Mood, Moonlight Serenade, Sergeant Was Shy, All the Things You Are. **BEST BAND:** Benny Goodman, Glenn Miller, Jimmy Lunceford, John Kirby.



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Other Bonds and Stocks (Market Value)	596,219.00
Real Estate	73,184.08
First Mortgages on Real Estate (None Past Due)	26,227.05
Agents' Balances (Not over 60 days)	53,744.11
Interest Accrued	8,739.29
Other Assets	4,201.80
	<b>\$1,834,894.75</b>
L I A B I L I T I E S	
Reserve for Unearned Premiums	\$455,961.00
Reserve for Losses in Process of Adjustment	69,837.70
Reserve for Taxes and Other Liabilities	45,000.00
Capital	\$ 200,000.00
Net Surplus	\$1,064,096.05
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