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## ANTI LYNCH BILL BROUGHT IN SENATE

Five-Year Jail Term for Negligent State Officers and \$1,000 Fine Against Lynching Counties Imposed by Costigan-Wagner Measure.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—A federal anti-lynching bill sponsored by Senator Edward P. Costigan of Colorado and Senator Robert F. Wagner of New York was introduced in the senate yesterday.

The measure has been changed considerably from the old Dyer bill, but the general provisions are the same.

Under the bill a federal penalty of five years' imprisonment or a \$5,000 fine or both might be placed upon any state officer who failed to exercise diligence in protecting those in his charge from mob assaults, or who neglected to do his part in apprehending and convicting lynchers.

For any state officer to countenance such crimes affirmatively would be made a Federal crime punishable by imprisonment of from five years to life.

The Federal courts would have jurisdiction to try and punish, in accordance with the law of the State where the injury was inflicted, all persons participating therein where the State instrumentalities of justice gave ample evidence of their inability or unwillingness to enforce their own law.

Any county in which a person was put to death by a mob would forfeit \$1,000, which might be recovered in a suit in the name of the United States for the use of the family or dependent parents of the victim, if any, and otherwise for the use of the United States.

It is provided also that both the county in which the victim is seized and the one in which he is lynched shall be liable.

Announcement will be made in ample time of the hearings on the bill so that persons who wish to be heard can submit material. Announcement will also be made of the members of the committee which will consider the bill.

Meanwhile, Walter White, N. A. A. C. P. secretary, who is here in conference on the bill, urges all friends of this legislation to write Senators Costigan and Wagner, registering approval of the bill and thanking them for sponsoring it. These letters will serve to indicate to the senate the widespread interest in this legislation. Mr. White also telegraphed President Roosevelt thanking him for designating lynching in his message to congress as one of the crimes calling "on the strong arm of government for their immediate suppression."

## WHITE SUBSTITUTE FOR NEGROES WHEN INJUNCTION IS ISSUED

WASHINGTON, D. C. January 8.—The New Negro Alliance, an organization of young Negroes, organized to secure employment for Negroes in those establishments where the majority trade is colored, was restrained by court order last week from picketing Kaufman's Department Store on Seventh Street northwest. Kaufman's is a large department store, located in a Negro neighborhood. No sooner had the injunction been issued than the Young People's Socialist League, white, began to picket the store with signs reading, "Negroes do not buy where you cannot work" and "Jobs Jobs, Jobs." They could not be stopped until the management of the store went into court and secured another injunction. This was impossible until the holiday rush had ceased.

## Lynch Boy Tell Sheriff To "Come Get Body"

Columbia, Tenn. —(CNS)—The body of Cord Cheek, 20-year-old Negro whom the grand jury had refused to indict following his arrest for an attempted attack on an 11-year-old girl, was found hanging from the limb of a tree near here December 15.

The sheriff said he received an anonymous telephone call that he could find a "dead Negro at the forks of the road" and to "come and get him."

The alleged attempted attack on the child occurred about a month ago.

## DR. PITTS INDICTED FOR MAIL FRAUD

Philadelphia Jan. 8.—(CNS) "Dr." Walter L. Pitte, alias Voice Publishing, alias The Observer, alias Mayer Distributing Company, and so forth, has been indicted on ten counts for the use of the mails to defraud. His accomplice Adelaide Dabney was also indicted.

Many patrons throughout the country paid the "Doctor" his three-dollar fee for the privilege of securing a "delayed number" that he guaranteed to "hit."

Representatives from the Pittsburgh Courier, Pittsburgh Criterion, Afro American, Washington Tribune, Norfolk Journal and Guide, were called as witnesses to prove publication of the "Doctor's" Love Powders, Lucky Incenses, Number Dust, and other advertisements.

Assistant U. S. Attorney E. Washington Rhodes, editor of the Philadelphia Tribune, was in charge of the grand jury that returned the indictments.

## CHURCH TO GET MILLION DOLLARS IN RENT

NEW YORK CITY, January 8.—(CNS)—St. Philip's Protestant Episcopal Church which at one time was situated downtown in New York City but for the past twenty-five years has worshiped in a new church edifice in 134th Street, Harlem, is said to be the richest Negro church in the world. As the result of a real estate deal that disposed of the downtown property the church is soon to collect about \$1,000,000 in rent.

The church has rented for the ten years to Louis B. Lipman the row of the six-story apartment houses at 107 to 145 West 135th St., which the congregation has owned for more than twenty-five years. There are 250 rentable units of four and five rooms in the buildings in addition to stores. The ten buildings have a frontage of 400 feet on the street. Mr. Lipman will alter the property. The church corporation is more than 100 years old.

## NEW MILLION DOLLAR Y. M. C. A. HOLDS ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

New York City—(CNS)—"First Anniversary Week" of the new million dollar building of the One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Street Branch of the Y. M. C. A. was celebrated here last week starting January 1. Sunday January 7 the general celebration was concluded with greetings from the Board of Directors, delivered by Cleveland H. Dodge, New York millionaire, president of the Y. M. C. A. movement in New York City. The principal address was delivered by Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Howard University. Dr. Peyton F. Anderson, chairman of the Board of Managers presided.

## Events in the Lives of Little Men



## Congressman DePriest Hanged In Effigy

Miami, Fla. — (CNS) —Congressman Oscar DePriest of the first Illinois District was hanged in effigy here this morning, Friday, December 15. It was expected that he would arrive on a train from St. Petersburg over the Seaboard Airline Railway but the railway officials reported him in Tampa.

Police removed from a telegraph pole a dummy bearing the following sign: "Oscar DePriest, stay out of Miami. This is a white man's town." The identity of the persons who lashed the stuffed figure to the pole cross-arm remained unknown.

## NATIONAL EQUAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION ASKS ANTI-LYNCHING LEGISLATION

Boston, Mass. — (CNS)—The National Equal Rights League has sent a communication to President Roosevelt commending his denunciation of lynching and urges that he recommend Federal anti-lynching legislation in his message to Congress. The League asks for a general audience on this request.

"Because you call it plain murder and condemn all who condone it," said the message, "colored Americans, as chief victims, feel a bit safer."

## Rumor Untrue Of Attempted Suicide

Mrs. Greta Ladd Rooney, makes statement to Omaha Guide reporter, about the rumors of her attempting to jump into the Missouri River. Following is her statement:

"I don't understand how anyone could have started such rumors, it is not true. This is what really happened. I was with a party of my friends, and we had been to Council Bluffs, Ia. On returning from Council Bluffs, we stopped to pay toll. I got out of the car and walked over to the edge of the bridge, and my hat fell into the river. I screamed, and there seemed to be some excitement. I don't know what others thought, but I was not thinking of jumping

## Hitlers Press Asks For Lynching Data

New York, Jan. 5.—The Ullstein Press Service which serves all of the big newspapers in Berlin, Germany, has asked the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People for full information on the lynching record for 1933. They have been mailed the N. A. A. C. P.'s end-of-the-year statement together with the complete lynching record since 1886.

The Association's summary of American lynchings for 1933 has also been mailed to the London Daily Herald, Reuters, Ltd., the London Times, the London Daily Express, the London Daily Mail and the London Daily Telegraph. In previous years foreign newspapers and press services have shown keen interest in the Association's summaries of annual lynchings. A request for lynch data has also come from the Social-Demokraten of Copenhagen, Denmark, a labor daily newspaper.

## NEW USES FOUND FOR THE PEANUT

Washington — (CNS) —The startling revelation that when a person buys a bag of peanuts he is really buying a tube of shaving cream or a strip of linoleum, in rudimentary form, was impressed upon a group of Howard University students last week by Dr. George W. Carver, noted chemist of Tuskegee Institute. Dr. Carver demonstrated 100 products which the South's lowly "goober" has yielded to him in years of research.

Face powder and cheese, to name a few, not to mention synthetic rubber, milk, cream, butter, ice cream, instant coffee, complete with sugar and cream; lard, soap, ink, pickles and axle grease. Dr. Carver said he is now experimenting on the application of peanut rubber in the manufacture of automobile tires.

Although a specialist in by-products of the peanut, the Tuskegee scientist also has won fame for his production of 125 commodities from sweet potato base. Sweet potato flour, which he perfected, was used at the institute during the World War as a substitute for wheat flour.

From Alabama clay he has extracted multicolored paints, and he has made paper, rope cordage and straw matting from okra fiber. He is still at work trying to perfect a road-building material from cotton and asphalt.

## Mrs. Francis Cole Dies

Mrs. Frances Ruth Black Cole, of 2219 Grace St., who was shot in an altercation with her husband, James Cole, January 1, 1934, died Thursday afternoon at 1:00 P. M., at the Covenant Hospital.

## STUDENTS ACT UNEMPLOYED AROUSE ROTC CONVENTION IN SESSION

Washington — (CNS)—"Down with the R. O. T. C." as their battle cry and with the same emblazoned upon many banners more than 300 students (50 or more colored) recently marched through the streets of Washington to the White House, and demanded that President Roosevelt oust the R. O. T. C. from American colleges.

As an outcome of this movement an to counteract the campaign against the Reserve Officers' Training Corps recently launched by the National Student League in Washington, supporters of military training have called a "National R. O. T. C. Conference," to be held in Washington on January 27. It is sponsored by a group of patriotic societies which are bent on combating "a combined attack on the R. O. T. C. by communist, socialist and pacifist organizations."

## JACKSON TO TRANSIENT DIVISION

Birmingham, Ala. (CNA) Jan. 6.—Nelson Jackson, Negro head of the Negro case department will be transferred to a transient division in order to prevent him from giving dictation to a white stenographer. This was the statement made by W. J. Plunkert, regional director of Federal Transient Bureau.

Miss Keen who was the white stenographer taking the dictation stated that a "negro stenographer had been employed to take Jackson's dictation for the past few days."

## HOWARD UNIVERSITY TO HAVE NEW BUILDING FOR COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Washington — (CNS) — Plans for construction of a new classroom building with Public Works Administration funds are now ready. The new structure is to cost \$460,000. It will have room for 1,100 students and the administrative offices of the College of Liberal Arts and Education.

## SUBSISTENCE HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY TO BE LOCATED IN COUNTY WITH NO NEGRO INHABITANTS

Washington, — (CNS)—The latest move to "dodge the color line" is shown in the recent announced plans to locate subsistence homestead community at Decatur, Indiana, under the direction of the Subsistence Homesteads Division of the Department of the Interior.

The Division is establishing demonstration homestead projects in selected areas with the \$25,000,000 revolving loan fund made available for this purpose by the National Recovery Act.

Decatur with a population of about 5,500 people is the county seat of Adams County. The town is situated at the junction of the Erie, the Toledo St. Louis and Western, and the Pennsylvania railroads about sixty miles south of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Of the inhabitants 5,037 are native whites. No Negroes were enumerated in the town in 1930 and only 5 show up as inhabitants of Adams County.

The project there involves a loan to the subsidiary corporation of \$125,000. Options have been obtained on 80 acres of farm land which adjoins the Decatur city limits. From 40 to 48 homesteads will be established, with tracts for each of from one to two acres.

The development will be contiguous to the city, and the occupants are intended to be a part of the Decatur community rather than a group set apart. A school and playground lay within two blocks of the site.

M. L. Wilson, Director of the Subsistence Homesteads Division, said that the project will furnish "a test and demonstration of the opportunities of workers in small cities to increase their standard of living by reducing their complete dependence on factory envelopes to achieve a satisfactory livelihood."

## MRS. BYRD TO RETAIN HER POSITION

Washington — (CNS)—Miss Mabel Byrd, who was appointed to a position in Unit 10, headed by Dr. M. Sachs, about four months ago, and was scheduled to be dropped on December 15 when Dr. Sachs' unit of research and planning was discontinued has been retained in the NRA service. Miss Byrd has been transferred to the Labor Advisory Board staff.

It is claimed that Miss Byrd although originally appointed to ferret out and whip into line certain industries that set up two separate wage codes for white and colored labor, was never able to get the unit she supervised to properly function for the best interests of Negro labor due to hampering activities of higher-ups in the NRA, including Hugh Johnson himself.

## AL JOLSON TO LEAD IN PORGY

NEW YORK CITY, January 10.—(CNS)—It is now reported that Al Jolson, white mammy singer has been selected to play the title role of the George Gershwin musical version of Du Bose and Dorothy Heyward's musical play "Porgy" which the Theatre Guild will produce here in January.

With an all-colored cast the play was a great sensation in 1927-1928, and ran for three years in America, England and France. Naturally it was expected that the musical adaptation would be presented by Negro artists.

## RABBI FREDRICK COHN TO SPEAK AT N. A. A. C. P. MEETING

The N. A. A. C. P. will have a Mass Meeting at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 25th and Franklin Streets, Sunday, January 14, at 3 p. m. The purpose of this Mass Meeting is to get behind the Anti-Lynch Legislation introduced by Senator Ed. P. Costigan of Colorado. Rabbi Fredrick Cohn will be the principle speaker of the evening.