

Dr. Lennox On The Job

December 7, 1933
 Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
 President of the United States,
 Executive Office,
 Washington, D. C.
 Dear President Roosevelt:

I realize you and your cabinet are exceedingly busy, and your duties heavy. However, with your foresight, executive ability, and the efficient force you are fortunate in having to work with you, I feel in a manner of speaking, they are easy.

American citizens are proud to know your ability is to help the working classes, and you are laboring to see that employment and justice is secured by all. We see the results of your labors, but it seems as soon as one condition is materialized, another goes wrong. I presume, however, it takes all of this to make a world.

Through national recovery, by degrees you are about to solve our country's gravest problem, the unemployment situation, and I have the confidence you can do likewise with other difficulties that may arise. I am especially speaking at this time of one of the most brutal crimes occurring within the history of a nation, that of the lynching of humans. Citizens forming themselves in mobs; taking prisoners from rightful authorities due to propaganda, false or true, and brutally murdering them.

Every man and woman is entitled to justice and this lawlessness should not be condoned; one of such acts only encourages others. Our country shall never maintain the proper recognition or standard of liberty until complete rectification is made along these lines.

As President of the United States, with jurisdiction over all, it is within your power to help prevent and rectify further occurrences of this kind. For the protection of American citizens, everywell thinking individual asks that you take this matter in hand. You have mastered other situations and I am sure you can help this one, which will make our country a better and more safe place for all in which to live.

Thanking you very much for whatever consideration you may give.

Respectfully yours,
 G. B. Lennox—M. D.

December 29, 1933.

My Dear Dr. Lennox:

Your letter of December seventh has been received. The interest which prompted you to write is appreciated by the President, and by his direction, I am bringing your letter to the attention of the Department of Justice.

Very sincerely yours,
 Signed: Louis Mch. Howe,
 Secretary to the President.



JORDAN APPEALS FROM DEATH CELL

Theodore Jordan, 28-year old innocent Negro worker facing the gallows in Oregon State Penitentiary framed on a murder charge today issued the attached appeal from his death-cell.

On June 4th 1933, Jordan was arrested in Klamath Falls. For 20 hours he was given vicious third-degree attack by about fifteen officers, who forced a series of seven confessions from him.

At his trial, opening December 6th, 1932, one of these confessions was introduced into evidence, and it was upon this and the perjured testimony of a drug addict and a felon that this innocent worker was convicted. After the confession was introduced into evidence, it was broadcast over station KFJL from the Willard Hotel in Klamath Falls. The following morning a mob clamored for a lynching outside the jail.

Flagrant denials of the fundamental rules of evidence were made in this trial. The wife of the deceased sat in her court room, shoulder to shoulder with the District Attorney, while her four-year old daughter played in the laps of the jurors.

The International Labor Defense, appealing from conviction, points out that Jordan has been discriminated against, the rules of evidence flouted in his case, because he is a Negro and a worker, member of a class which is systematically discriminated against, and a member of a national minority of 12,000,000 Negroes continually denied protection of the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution, denied the right to vote, to sit upon juries. In the Jordan case, no Negroes served upon the jury which convicted him.

The International Labor Defense is

now appealing to the State Supreme Court for a rehearing of the appeal, right to vote and to sit upon juries, ant, intensive campaign to free Jordan. A partial victory has been won in the Governor's promise to appoint a committee to investigate the case, on which the ILD requests representation of a Negro and white worker.

OREGON STATE PENITENTIARY
 Death Cell N. 28 Salem, Oregon.
 December 28, 1933.

To my fellow human beings:
 From the death cell of the Oregon State Penitentiary I, an innocent man condemned to hang, appeal to you. I have committed no crime that I should even be arrested much less murdered on the gallows. This "lynching" sponsored by the Southern Pacific Railway Company and its servants, must be stopped thru the medium of your immediate and decisive intervention or it is a matter of only a few more days until I meet an ignoble death at the end of a rope for a crime which is pinned on me because I am black.

My trial, as everyone knows who read the transcript of evidence, possessed everything imaginable except fairness. In short, it was a Roman holiday in its entirety, for I was arrested thru the instrumentality of W. G. Chandler, the special agent for the Southern Pacific, and delivered to the authorities for speedy execution. It was his intention, as is always the case with both him and his kind, that I be indicted, tried sentenced, and execute all within one day. This is the law of the Southern Pacific Lines and it is administered with impressive dignity as a grim and terrible object lesson to all workers. What is more, the hotheads, eager to take my life in spite of my innocence, also the fiends in human shape who initiated the "judicial program," carried out their instructions on the well known policy that "a Negro has no rights which a white man is bound to respect." Therefore, as a natural consequence, I am now scheduled to hang when I have every reason and right to live the same as my fellowman. Even the dissenting Justices of the five-to-two decision which condemns me to death said:

"The defendant is under sentence to die because of this alleged violation of the law. On principle, the tribunal which condemn him, should be required to conform to the procedural law governing the trial of criminal cases before invoking the substantive law as a ground for taking his life. With due respect for the opinion of the court and for the venerable, experienced and learned jurist, who it, the writers are unable to convince ourselves that approved pro-

cedure was followed in the trial of this case."

After having undergone more than twenty hours of merciless beatings and tortures—to say the least about inhuman punishments and heklings at the point of two guns in the hands of both the railroad agent and the deputy district attorney respectively, was forced to sign seven different "confessions" with no two being identical. I did not sign them because I had committed any crime. I did so because I could stand no more of the grewsome misery they were heaping upon me. For with my right thumb broken, right ring-finger knuckle dislocated, cut in two places over both eyes, a burnt place on my left arm four inches long from an electric torch placed there by Chandler, and a murderous kick in the testicles that has injured me for life, I was willing to do whatever they wished if they would only stop Third Degreeing me. So the seven different "angles" of the crime were signed, the chosen one selected and broadcasted over radio station KFJL Willard Hotel, Klamath Falls, after it was given to the jury for consideration, a mob, reacting to the sensational manner of the broadcast, gathered around the jail yelling: "Lynch the nigger. Give him to us and we'll do a good job of him." with these facts in mind it is a wonder that I reached the death cells alive.

Incidentally, the dissenting Justices, commenting on the facts previously cited says: "Upon the offer of the state of a purported confession of the defendant, the question of its admissibility was presented. In the first instance, that is a question to be determined by the judge of the court. If the judge sustains the defendant's objection, the question cannot be considered by the jury at all. When the question is determined, the course sided by the jury at all. When the question is determined it should not have the effect of enlarging the scope of the testimony which the state is entitled to submit upon the issue of the defendant's guilt or innocence. In the opinion of the writers, the trial court gave it such effect."

The gentleman of the bar concludes in the following manner:

"There is no rule or law to the writer which renders any of this testimony so received admissible in a criminal case"

"Before the hanging of a man may be legally justified, such a man must be given a trial with all points in conformity with the law. The writers are unable to convince ourselves that such a trial was accorded defendant herein; and, therefore, dissents."

Everyone knows that Third Degree methods are common practices when an unsolved crime must be placed on some member of the working class. Tom Mooney and Billings know what I am talking about. The Scottsboro boys know too and should innocent Euel Lee and George Armwood of barbarous Maryland be able to talk, they, too, would join me in making my statements unanimous in every way. But indescribable brutalities have locked their voices in the silent tomb of death. Who ever heard Samuel Insull, Andrew Mellon, or the Chase National bank being forced to sign "confessions?" It is the working class who is made to suffer—and preferably a black man at all cost. However, and despite all the odds against us, we can stop this cowardly practice, but it can be done only thru your concerted and immediate action.

In the light of these facts, as they more fully appear on the face of the record, I, a framed and condemned black worker, appeal to you to stop this supposedly mobster LYNCHING. If this nation is conceived in the spirit of liberty and justice to all, it is your duty and position to maintain this issue, for we know that the nation was dedicated to the proposition that "All men are created equal." Therefore, I again, from the grim walls of this death cell cry out—to all lovers of justice, to all who are opposed to legal and illegal lynchings, to all who hold human life sa-

cred, to all who have a conscience—join in the struggle for my freedom! Join in the "SAVE THEODORE JORDAN" State-wide Conference January 14, 1934 in Oregon. Those on the outside send your resolutions, letters and telegrams to Oregon Supreme Court, Salem, Oregon, demanding the action of International Labor Defense attorneys appealing for rehearing be granted. Also write Governor Julius L. Meier, Salem, Oregon, demanding my unconditional pardon and immediate release.

Raise your voice with those who cry: "THEODORE JORDAN SHALL NOT DIE!"

Yours very sincerely,
 Theodore Jordan, Jr.



Rev. J. H. Jackson, pastor of Bethel Baptist Church, 29th and T Sts., South Omaha, has sent in his resignation to the officers of his church. He has been called to take charge of a church in Philadelphia, Pa. All Omaha regrets to lose the services of Rev. Jackson.

OIL IN PEANUTS CLAIMED AN INFANTILE PARALYSIS CURE

Tuskegee, Ala. (CNS)—The announced discovery of a mineral oil in peanuts that has aided in the recovery of infantile paralysis victims and in the rejuvenation of tissues, is spoken of by Dr. George W. Carver, the noted colored scientist and head of the research department of Tuskegee Institute, as follows:

"It has been given out that I have found a cure," said Dr. Carver. "I have not, but it looks hopeful."

Dr. Carver said the tissue-building properties in the oil were accidentally discovered after he had used it as the base for a beauty lotion.

"I gave it to some ladies to use," he said in discussing his discovery, "and those inclined to be fat brought it back, saying they could not use it because it made them gain weight."

"When they brought this back, I saw it had great value, and I find that it is the greatest fat producer I have ever seen."

Dr. Carver said after drawing off the emulsion he made tests and then used it in the treatment of two young boys—one 13 and the other 14—who had suffered from infantile paralysis. Improvement was noted early in the tests, pink returned to the skin, and the muscles increased in size by actual measurements. After the nine applications of the oil which was massaged into the affected limbs, one of the subjects who had been walking with crutches was able to walk with the use of only a cane.

The other boy, less severely afflicted, had increased use of his leg and joined other boys in playing football. "I have used it on 250 persons, and it has never failed so far as I can find out," said Dr. Carver. "I am using it as a fact finder, and I am working out its complete pharmaceutical value."

"For certain things I know it has a definite value, but for others it remains to be proven."

JUDGE INSTRUCTS TENNESSEE GRAND JURY IN LYNCHING CASE

Nashville, Tenn.—(CNS)—A new county grand jury has been given special instructions to investigate the recent abduction and lynching of Cord Cheek, 19-year-old Negro, and to "promptly indict" the perpetrators if their identity could be determined. Cheek was hanged December 15 in Maury County, near Columbia, after that county's grand jury had failed to return an indictment, following his arrest on a charge of attempting to attack a white girl. He had been held in the Nashville jail, but was released when the Maury grand jury failed to act. He was abducted here a few hours after his release.

In his charge, Criminal Judge Charles Gilert called the affair "one of the most flagrant and outrageous

violations of the law ever committed or partly committed, in Davidson county."

"I want you to exercise your inquisitorial power to the fullest extent," Judge Gilbert continued, "to determine what acts in connection therewith transpired in Davidson County and who the perpetrators were, and to properly indict such person or persons."

"I can readily understand the difficulty that you will experience in obtaining testimony, because of the very nature of the offense, but regardless of this I want you to know that you will have every assistance the court can give you in making a sincere and vigorous effort to apprehend the guilty parties."

YOUNG GOES ON TRIAL

Charles Young, proprietor of the Tailor Shop at 706 No. 16th St., went on trial Wednesday, before the District Judge James Fitzgerald, on charges of shooting with intent to kill, and shooting with intent to wound, in conjunction with the shooting of Detective Sergeant Leroy Jones at 24th and Clark St., July 23, 1933.

Jones was struck by bullets in the left leg, hip and side.

ACCUSED OF OPERATING POLICY GAME

Marshall King was arrested Wednesday, in a raid at 1916½ No. 24th by police moral squad, headed by Sergeant George Brigham.

King was accused of operating a policy game at 1916½ No. 24th. He was arrested with thirteen other men and four women. Police seized forms and \$100 in cash.



Miss Florence Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Myers, who has been in Denver attending the University of Colorado, taking a course in Business Administration, has completed her studies a year earlier than she expected to, and is now home with her parents, ready to tackle the business world.

Austin, Texas, (CNA), Jan. 6.—

Four Negroes who refused to allow a white foreman on the CWA gangs here to park in their home while he waits for a taxi are being held on murder charges.

The Negroes are Henry Teale, Jesse Teale, Andrew Miller and Arthur Thompson.

ZONA GALE MAKES STATEMENT AGAINST LYNCHING

Portago, Wis. (CNA) Jan. 6— "It is not significant that one could not question what the answer would be if one asked the following for their opinion of lynching: Jesus, St. Francis of Assisi, Plato, Socrates, Goethe, Abraham Lincoln.

"Certainly I would take my stand with them rather than with the lynchers.

"The truth is, that in cold blood, I think the lynchers would take their stand there too."

Faithfully yours,
 Zona Gale.



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