

SHARE CROPPER GIVEN LIFE IN MURDER FRAME-UP

Lexington, S. C.—Henry Fields, Negro share-cropper, has been convicted and sentenced to life-imprisonment here on a framed charge of murdering his former landlord, G. Fred Rast, last summer. Even Mrs. Rast, the landlord's wife has admitted she does not believe Fields was guilty.

Fields, who had worked as a share-cropper for Rast, had left his farm several months before he was arrested, last July. He lived with his wife and four children in a cabin several miles away, and came to work for his former landlord off and on.

Rast was killed about 5:15 in the morning, July 5. The only witness was his foster son, who at first denied that Fields was the man he saw kill his foster-father, but later "changed his mind." The evening before the murder, Rast was no more than a tenant on his farm, but he had trouble with his foster-son. A few days before he was shot, he evicted a white tenant, taking all the man possessed in payment of a small debt.

Protest against the sentence passed against Fields should be sent to Governor Ibra C. Blackwood, Columbia,

S. C.

GEORGIA WHITE COMMITTEEMAN GOES FREE OF MURDER

Athens, Ga.—No indictment has been handed down against James W. Arnold, Republican national committeeman who shot and killed George Hawks, Negro tenant on his farm near Watkinsville, January 18.

Arnold was serving papers on Hawks and his father, Henry Hawks, evicting them as "unsatisfactory tenants." He had his shot-gun along to help. He charged that Hawks advanced on him with an axe when he came to throw them off their farm.

FLORIDA LYNCHES THIRD IN YEAR

New York.—The total number of reported lynchings for 1933 rose from 47 to 49, according to the records of the International Labor Defense, with the discovery that Will Walker, was lynched in Bartow, Ga., November 19, and Ernest Bell on the night of December 31.

An unidentified Negro was lynched in the same place January 9.

Florida last week added the third to the list of reported lynchings in

January when Robert Johnson was lynched near Tampa January 30. He was in the custody of Deputy Constable T. M. Graves, who was taking him from Hillsboro County Jail to a state prison. Graves was held on a charge of petty larceny, but after the lynching, police gave out the report that he had been "partially identified" in an "attack on a white woman."

Graves, who for reasons he has not explained, took Johnson out of jail at 3 in the morning, told a fantastic story of being kidnapped by a gang of men who murdered his prisoner and stole his car.

Other lynchings this year were of the unidentified Negro near Bartow, January 9, and of Rex Scott, 20-year-old Negro at Hazard, Ky.

NEGROES SPEAK OF WAR

By Langston Hughes
President of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights

When the time comes for the next war, I'm asking you, remember the last war. I'm asking you, what you fought for, and what you would be fighting for again? I'm asking: how many of the lies you were told do you still believe? Does any Negro believe, for instance, that the world was actually saved for Democracy? Does any Negro believe, any more, in closing ranks with the war makers? Maybe a few soldiers believed Dr. Moten when he came over to France talking about "Be nice and fight for the nice white folks. Be meek and shoot some Germans. But do any Negroes believe him now, with lynched black workers hanging on trees all around Tuskegee? I'm asking you.

And after the Chicago riots and the Washington riots and the East St. Louis riots, and more recently the Bonus March, is it some foreign army needs to be fought?

And listen, I'm asking you, with all the war ships and marines and officers and Secretary of the Navy going to Cuba, can't they send over one sergeant after Shambin in Alabama?

And with all the money they got to buy bombing planes, why in the hell can't they pay the teachers for my kids to go to school?

And even if I was studying fighting (which I ain't) why couldn't I do a wrassling with pots and pans, or join the marines (the lily white marines) and see the world or go in the air force where you never admitted Negroes yet? I'd like to be above the battle too. Or do you think you gonna use me for stevedoring again?

And speaking of France, our once beloved ally, where Negroes can still eat in the restaurants in spite of Woodrow Wilson—don't let that fool you. Someone ought to put the French black Africans wise to the fact that they ought to treat them well in Paris when they are drilling them by the hundreds of thousands to stop bullets with their breasts and bombs with their heads and fill the front line

with French for dear old France (that only a handful of them have ever seen) in the next war. Or have they got a French Dr. Moten to lie to black Africans, too. I'm asking you?

And when the next war comes, I want to know whose war and why. For instance, if it's the Japanese you're speaking of—there's plenty of perils for me right here at home that needs attending to: what about them labor unions that won't admit Negroes? And what about all of them factories where I can't work, if even there was work? And what about the schools I can't go to, and the states I can't vote in, and the juries I can't sit on? And what about all them sheriffs that can never find out who did the lynching? And what about something to eat without putting on a uniform and going out to killing folks I never saw to get it? And what about them "Separate colored" codes in the NRA? And what about a voice in those running this country and why—before I even think about crossing the water and fighting Japan?

Who said I want to go to war? If I do, it ain't the same war the President wants to go to. No, sir. I been hanging on a rope in Alabama too long.

NEGRO LYNCHED IN FLORIDA

Tampa, Fla. (CNA) Feb. 3.—Robert Johnson, young Negro worker, was taken out of the Tampa jail and lynched here on Tuesday while President Roosevelt was having a big country wide radio and special birthday party.

Johnson is the fifth victim of lynch terror during the first month, he was lynched after being charged with petty larceny, however, after he had been lynched by the celebration party, the usual fake charge of rape or attempted rape was made against him.

The lone officer who took Johnson from the jail for "safe transfer" met the lynchmen on the outskirts of town and proceeded to have himself "kidnapped" so that the innocent Negro could be lynched without it being reported that the officer was present at the time.

The Other Six

Other lynchings this month were in Georgia, Kentucky. Two Negro workers were murdered in a girl's school in Chicago. Their bodies were mutilated so badly that there is no doubt that they were killed by several men. None of the girl inmates have been permitted to testify correctly about the murder gang!

ANTI-LYNCHING BILL HEARINGS FEBRUARY 15

Senate Committee Invites Govs. Rolph and Ritchie to Appear and Give Views on Lynching; Other Distinguished Persons to Testify

Washington, Feb. 2.—Hearings on the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching

bill begin February 15, it was announced here yesterday by Senator Frederick Van Nuys of Indiana, chairman of the Senate sub-committee which is to consider the bill.

Chairman Van Nuys announced that he has invited Governor James H. Rolph Jr. of California and Governor Albert C. Ritchie of Maryland to appear and state their views on lynching. Gov. Rolph gained worldwide notoriety last November by his statements that the San Jose lynchings had given "a fine lesson to the nation" and that he would pardon anyone convicted of participating in the lynching. Governor Ritchie, while a strong advocate of state's rights, has had the power of the state challenged severely by the people of the Eastern Shore who attacked militia sent to arrest alleged lynchings.

A list of distinguished colored and white citizens from both the north and the south have been invited to testify for the bill by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Among the lawyers will be Charles H. Tuttle, former U. S. attorney for the southern district of New York; Herbert K. Stockton; and Prof. Karl Llewellyn of Columbia university law school. The Writers League Against Lynching has designated Fannie Hurst, Heywood Brown, Stuart Chase, Harry Hansen and Faith Baldwin to appear for it.

It is expected that the hearings will last at least three days. Senator Van Nuys has taken over the chairmanship of the committee because of the pressure of other work upon Senator Clarence C. Dill, who was chairman. Senator Pat McCarron of Nevada has been added to the sub-committee.

Individuals and organizations throughout the country are urged to continue writing and telegraphing their senators from their state urging passage of the Costigan-Wagner bill. It is suggested also that letters be sent Senator Van Nuys urging the favorable action upon the bill.

Senators and Congressmen Promise Cooperation in Porters' Fight.

MOVE LAUNCHED TO AMEND E. R. T. A. TO BENEFIT PORTERS AND MAIDS SAYS RANDOLPH

NEW YORK, February 6.—A vigorous campaign is under way to mobilize forces to amend the Emergency Railroad Transportation Act, of 1933, so as to bring the Pullman Company under its jurisdiction, and thereby place authority and power in the hands of the Federal Coordinator over the labor conditions and relations of the porters and maids as he has over the engineer's trainmen, train conductors, firemen, shopcrafts, telegraphers and other workers of carriers by railroad, states A. Philip Randolph, National President.

Some of the letters from Washington Solons follow:

Dear Mr. Randolph:
Thank you for your letter of January 16, enclosing a copy of your letters to the President relative to the present conditions of Pullman porters and maids. I am very glad to have your views in regard to this matter and assure you they will have my earnest consideration.
Very sincerely,
E. P. COSTIGAN, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Randolph:
When the matter comes before Congress, I will give careful consideration to the communication and statement made by Mr. Green, President of the American Federation of Labor.
Very truly yours
JAMES COUSENS, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Randolph:
We are now, as you know, considering the gold devaluation bill. But as soon as that is over, I shall have time to consider your matter.
Very respectfully
WILLIAM BORAH, Idaho.

Senators Robert F. Wagner of New York, Bronson Cutting of New Mexico, C. C. Dill of Washington, Burton K. Wheeler of Montana and others have replied expressing their interest in the struggle of the porters and maids for industrial justice, said Mr. Randolph at the National Headquarters of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, 207 W. 140th Street, New York City.

When asked whether he intended to place the case of the porters before all of the Senators and Congressmen, Mr. Randolph replied, with

confidence and assurance for the future, yes, and we are also earnestly requesting and urging all Negro men and women of courage, vision and pride of race and working class devotion, to write the Senators and Congressmen of their state and district to back the heroic, valiant and epochal fight of the porters and maids against one of America's most cruel industrial monarchs, The Pullman Company, for their economical rights.

AUSTRALIAN "LABOR DEFENDER" CARRIES SCOTTSBORO APPEAL ON COVER

New York—"Save the Scottsboro Boys!" is the slogan across the cover of the December issue of the Australian "Labor Defender," organ of the I. L. D. of that country, copies of which have just been received here. A photograph of a Negro boy is the cover picture.

The Australian "Labor Defender" carries an appeal for action on behalf of three Scottsboro boys, also, as the leading article in the issue. It calls for the flooding of the American consulate at 7 Wynard St., Sydney, Australia, with protest resolutions to be passed by working-class organizations.

ALABAMA CONTINUES PREPARATIONS FOR FEB. 9 HOLOCAUST.

Montgomery, Ala.—Communitation of sentence for Leo Fountain, one of nine Negroes sentenced to die February 9, by the state supreme court, has been recommended by the pardon board, as the result of the campaign of protest against this proposed holocaust which has been organized on a national scale by the International Labor Defense.

The state Supreme Court has refused to grant a re-hearing for Teeney Autrey, Negro woman among the nine, also framed on murder charges, and who has not been granted even a "clemency hearing" by Governor B. M. Miller.

Such a hearing will be held February 6, for Willie Peterson, Negro tubercular miner and war veteran, framed also on murder charges, and betrayed by his "defenders" the leaders of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Desperately trying to stifle the mass protest against this legal lynching which the state of Alabama is determined to carry through with their assistance, the N. A. A. C. P. leaders sent out a statement which was carried in practically the entire Negro press to the effect that Sheriff Hawkins of Jefferson county (Birmingham), one of the framers of Peterson, would save his life.

Peterson is sentenced to die February 16. The U. S. Supreme Court last week refused to review the case. Governor Miller has already denied clemency to Solomon Roper, Ernest Waller, and Ben Foster, all of Dallas county, who are among the nine sentenced to die February 9. The frame-up and torture of Foster was exposed by the International Labor Defense in complete detail.

The I. L. D. has called for renewed and intensified protest to Governor Miller at Montgomery, Ala., and to President Roosevelt against this mass legal murder being planned by the white ruling class of Alabama, linking it to the legal lynch plans in the Scottsboro case.

IVY ANDERSON MAY SOON DROP OUT OF THE DUKE ELLINGTON OUTFIT

Washington, (CNS)—Miss Ivy Anderson who has been with the Duke Ellington outfit for several years may be replaced by a "singer of different type." That's the rumor and while it could not be verified when Duke was here this week the Ellington management is claimed to want a singer "not quite so dignified as 'Ivy'."

SPINGARN TO SPEAK OVER NBC NETWORK FEB. 11

New York, Feb. 2.—J. E. Spingarn, donor of the Spingarn Medal for Negro achievement and president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will speak over the network of the National Broadcasting Company as guest of the Southernaires, famous Negro quartet from 10 to 10:30 a. m., Eastern standard time, Sunday, February 11. He will talk on the 25th birth-

day of the association.

New York, Feb. 2.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has just forwarded to Harry L. Hopkins, Civil Works Administrator, at Washington, a complaint charging color discrimination in the allocation of C. W. A. jobs in Tampa, Fla.

The complaint came to the Association from Edgar Newton of Tampa, who charged that although he is a man of family and had registered for CWA work in November, he has been replaced by a white man.

SORORITY CONTRIBUTES \$25 TO N. A. A. C. P. CAMPAIGN

New York, Feb. 2.—The National Sorority of Phi Delta Kappa has just contributed \$25 to the Twenty-fifth Anniversary Campaign of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, saying, "Accept this contribution as an expression of our appreciation of the great work of your organization."

The contribution is the result of the efforts of Mrs. Gertrude Robinson of New York City who presented the matter to the last Conclave of the sorority.

N. A. A. C. P. DURHAM CAMPAIGN WINS 500 MEMBERS

New York, Feb. 2.—Dr. J. N. Mills, President of the Durham, N. C. branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has just reported to the National office the gaining of 200 cash and 300 partially-paid memberships as a result of the recent drive headed by Mrs. Daisy E. Lampkin, Regional field secretary of the Association.

A check for \$100.50 accompanied Dr. Mills' report.

WHITE LAUDS LAGUARDIA'S CHOICE OF DELANY

New York, Feb. 2.—In a telegram to Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia of New York City, Walter White, Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, has expressed the gratification of his organization over the appointment of Hubert T. Delany, a member of its board of directors, as Commissioner of Taxes and Assessments.

"Not only is he eminently qualified" the wire declared, "but it is pleasing to all citizens to see that character and integrity are recognized regardless of race and color."

MARY WHITE OVINGTON ON FLORIDA TOUR

New York, Feb. 2.—Miss Mary White Ovington, Treasurer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and one of its founders, left today for a tour of branches in Florida. Miss Ovington is making the journey in the interest of the Association's 25th Anniversary Penny-a-Negro Campaign and will be absent during the entire month of February and part of March. She will visit Jacksonville, Key West, Pensacola, Daytona Beach, Sanford, Orlando, Tampa, St. Petersburg, West Palm Beach, Miami.

L. S. N. R. HOLDS MONSTER ANTI-LYNCHING CONFERENCE AT SCENE OF SAN JOSE LYNCHING

San Jose (CNA) Feb. 3.—Langston Hughes, President of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights was one of the main speakers at the Anti-Lynching Meeting held here under the auspices of the League of Struggle for Negro Rights. Matt Crawford, a member of the National Executive Committee, also addressed the meeting at St. James Park, scene of a recent San Jose Lynching. More than 2,000 people attended.

136 delegates were present at the Conference, representing organizations in Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Utah, Colorado, Idaho and Nevada. The credential committee estimated that these delegates represented 784,000 people. A large number of the delegates were Negroes, Chinese, Japanese and Philipinos.

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