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WALTER WHITE SEES PRES. ON LYNCHING BILL



Walter WHITE

Washington, D. C., May 16—President Franklin D. Roosevelt granted an interview Sunday evening May 7th at the White House to Walter White, secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, who presented the Chief Executive with the latest developments in the campaign for the passage of the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill.

During the talk, which began at 10 o'clock and lasted more than an hour, the President chatted informally and again expressed his abhorrence of lynching. He was interested in the Costigan-Wagner bill and asked several questions which showed he had given the legislation attention even in the midst of the heavy schedule of national recovery program.

Mr. White pointed out that according to latest estimates there were enough votes pledged for the bill to pass if it could be got up for a vote. Mr. White also dealt with the much-discussed objection to the bill—that of the liability clause against the counties where a lynching occurs. He pointed out to the President that eleven states have anti-lynching laws which contain this liability clause and that the clause has been upheld as constitutional by state courts. Mr. White also cited the recent book of Prof. J. H. Chadbourne of the University of North Carolina law school, which declares that in South Carolina the number of lynchings in the state declined sharply after the imposition of such a penalty and that no more lynchings had ever had a second lynching.

At the suggestion of the President a memorandum was prepared by the N. A. A. C. P. and sent him conveying this section of the bill. Mr. White urged upon the Chief Executive the necessity of the bill being voted upon at this session of Congress.

Would Wipe Out Restriction
The N. A. A. C. P. has also prepared a memorandum and sent it to all members of Congress pointing out why it is necessary to lift the restrictions of the Costigan-Wagner bill so that it will apply to all lynchings and not simply to those where the victims are taken from peace officers.

The memorandum shows that of the 559 lynchings which have occurred from 1918 to date, 308 have been persons not taken from peace officers.

Thus if the Costigan-Wagner bill is passed as it is now worded, it will apply to only an average of 44.9 per cent of the lynchings. Fifty-five per cent would not be affected by the bill.

All persons and organizations interested in this bill are urged to write the President and urge him to use his influence to see the bill comes up for a vote.

National Y.W.C.A. Convention on Boycotts Philadelphia Jim Crow Hotels

Adopts Resolution Backing Costigan-Wagner Bill

Philadelphia, May 11 The Adelphia and the Greene, two of the larger hotels of this city were boycotted by the 2000 delegates attending the young Women's Christian Association convention here because they refuse to live up to their written pledge of the hotel's men's defections a fortnight before the convention the Y.W.C.A. notified every person who planned to attend the gathering to cancel reservations at these hotels. As results no Y.W.C.A. delegate or guest stopped at either the Adelphia or the Greene. Many of the colored delegates secured rooms at the exclusive Benjamin Franklin hotel. They not only occupied rooms but used all of the dining rooms the lobby and every other facilities of the hotel. There was not a single instance of the slightest unpleasantness or difficulty. Members of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People who were present pointed to this incident as an evidence of the power strong organizations can wield to combat segregation and discrimination if they have inclination to do so.

Urges Roosevelt to Back Anti Lynch Bill

The 2,000 delegates unanimously adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS, in his radio address to the country, in his message at the opening of Congress this year, in his address to the the last annual meeting of the Federal Council of Churches, and subsequently, the President of the United States has condemned lynching and urged enactment of federal legislation to assist the states in eradicating this national evil; and WHEREAS, the National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States, the National Student Council, the National Public Affairs Committee and many other organizations have urged the President to support the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill (S. 1978), be it

RESOLVED that the thirteenth National Convention of the Young Women's Christian Association of the United States telegraph the President expressing great appreciation of his stand against lynching and requesting him to urge the leaders of Congress to enact the Costigan-Wagner bill at this session of Congress; and be it further

RESOLVED, that inasmuch as effective enforcement of any legislation depends upon public opinion in state and community, we commend to the President for his consideration the calling of a conference of governors of at least those states where there has been lynching during the last ten years, for the purpose of formulating sustaining state legislation embodying fundamental principles essential of lynching.

The resolution was presented by Mrs. Lillian A. Alexander, member of the national public affairs committee of the Y. W. C. A. Several Southern women signed the resolution

CHARGED WITH W. SLAVERY

Cecil Smith was arraigned before the United States Commission charged with white slavery.

He is reported to have been picked up at the Speak's Place. He is charged with transporting girls from state to state for immoral purposes. Bond was set by the Commissioner at \$1,000. Smith is now out on bond awaiting trial.

JUST MARRIED

Mr. Elroy Asberry and Miss Vivian Alexander, both of Omaha, were married Thursday afternoon, May 17th. Both of these young people are well known in the city. They will, at present, reside at 2734 Parker St. Mr. Asberry paid a visit to the Omaha Guide office Friday morning

CONFERS ON ANTI-LYNCH BILL



Honorable President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who held a one hour conference with Walter White, executive secretary of the N. A. A. C. P., on Sunday May 6th at 6 p. m. on the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill. The President expressed his hope of seeing the bill enacted into a law.

BATTLE FOR ANTI-LYNCH BILL BEHIND THE SCENES

Senators Costigan and Wagner Confer with Senator Jos Robinson On Date for Bringing Up Measure; Revision to be Urged From Floor

New York City—A quiet, but intense battle for the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill is being waged behind the scenes in Washington it was learned this week by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Friends of the bill are pushing for it to be brought up on the floor for a vote, confident that they have enough votes to pass it if they can get it on the calendar. Opponents are pulling every wire to prevent the bill coming up.

It is believed that the White House favors the bill, but so far, the President has not put it on his list of preferred legislation.

Confer on Date

Senator Costigan and Wagner conferred Thursday with Senator Joe Robinson of Arkansas, majority leader in the senate, in an attempt to smooth the pathway of the anti-lynching bill. The results of the conference have not been made known.

All supporters of the bill, both organizations and individuals, are urged to write or wire President Roosevelt urging him to insist on action on this bill before Congress adjourns. They are also urged to wire their senators asking that the bill be revised when it comes up so as to strike out the words: "in the custody of any peace officer" which can be found on page 1, line 8 of the bill.

If this phrase remains in the bill, the law will apply only to those persons lynched while in the custody of officers. It is well known that many lynchings occur where the victims have not yet been arrested or else have been permitted to escape so that a mob could kill them.

Rabbis, Presbyterians, Endorse Bill
Additional endorsements of the Costigan-Wagner bill come from the Social Justice Commission of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

The American Civil Liberties Union, in addition to distributing leaflets, has written 1,000 of its members urging letters be sent to the President and to senators. An article on the hearings before the senate committee by Miss Ina Brown, of Nashville, who was one of the group of white Tennesseans who spoke before the committee, appears in the April "World Outlook".

The N. A. A. C. P. has mailed to each senator and congressman, re-

productions of the newspaper article appearing in the Birmingham "Age Herald" of March 13, announcing the passage of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. An effort is being made to impress upon the southern senators and representatives that the South is not solidly against the bill and that this powerful group of southern white women favors it.

The Writers League Against Lynching is distributing thousands of leaflets to its members and others urging the passage of the bill.

"Everything is being done that can be done on the meagre funds we have," the N. A. A. C. P. announced. "We cannot stress too much or too often the necessity of continual messages to congress and the President demanding action on this bill."

Bill in Peril

The Costigan-Wagner bill so far has had comparatively smooth sailing, according to the N. A. A. C. P., but is now in real peril. It is known around Washington that, in an effort to adjourn congress, several bills may be sacrificed: the labor, disputes bill, the unemployment insurance bill and the anti-lynching bill.

"We call upon supporters for the renewed effort," the statement said. "To date far more than half the endorsers and active workers for this bill have been white people and many of them from the South. We think it would be a tragedy if this bill should fail to gain proper consideration because of the apathy of Negroes, who suffer most from lynch law."

HARRIS OPENING NORTH SIDE STORE

Mr. J. C. Harris, prominent So. Omaha grocer, this week closed a real estate purchase involving the property located at 27th and Franklin Street, formerly occupied by Hayden's Cash Market.

For a number of years, Mr. Harris has been engaged in the retail grocery and meat business in South Omaha where he has conducted a very prosperous business. Mr. Harris says that the North Omaha store will be the second of the group of stores he plans. It will be equipped with a new General Electric meat counter, offering sanitary and quality food.

North Omaha welcomes this new store and the opportunity afforded for increased employment for our boys and girls.

Mr. Harris solicits the cooperation and support of the community, that he may better be able to further increase opportunity for our youth. He estimates that the will increase his pay roll to include ten employees. The store will be opened in the next few days.

FR. HOLLEY IN IMMIGRATION TANGLE

Father Victor Holley, Priest of St. Phillip's Episcopal Church, returned to his native home, Haiti.

Father Holley plunged headlong into his work at St. Phillips, carrying forward the activities of the church in a noble manner.

Friends and co-workers express regret at his leaving.

It is said that certain immigration regulations forced Father Holley's return to his native land. It is hoped, however, that speedy adjustment of the matter may be made and Father Holley permitted to return.

"Y" PLAYERS AT FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The "Y" players of the North Side branch of the Young Women's Christian Association have been invited to present "Grannie Maumee" and "No 'Cunt Boy at the First Methodist Church Thursday evening May 17th. This is one of the many invitations which the players have received following their performance a month ago. Mr. Herman Crowell, who is in of the Young People's Work at the First Methodist Church is sponsoring the program. Members of the cast will be guests at dinner at the First Methodist Church following which there will be an exchange program. The Dramatic Club of the First Methodist Church is presenting two one-act plays.

Camp Brewster Outings

Girl Reserves At Camp

The following members of the Athletic Gym Club spent the weekend at Camp Brewster: Mary Alice Willis, Mary Ellen Dickerson, Voneal Anderson, Bernice Averette, Pauline, Neil Harbin, Christine Dixon, Ruth Williams, Rargarite Blair, Eva Mae Stewart, Helen Sherwood, Margaret Dickerson and Mrs. Doreene Holliday being the sponsors of the club.

Members of the Book Lover's club are holding their first closing meeting at Look Out Lodge at Camp Brewster Thursday May 25th

Members of the Committee of Management will hold a supper at five o'clock out on Inspiration Point.

MR. STUART RETURNS FROM ARKANSAS

MR. Andrew Stuart, of Omaha, quite ill for several years, of Omaha accompanied by Prof. O. B. Holmes, representative of the Omaha Guide, a race paper, motored through the outland to Mr. Stuart's birthplace, Fulton, Arkansas, which he had not seen in 50 years.

Upon arriving in Hot Springs, Mr. Stuart, by as unknown coincident met at the home of Miss Lollie and Velma Knight, 6th and Jefferson St., Dr. M. F. Pryor and wife; Andrew Stuart Jr., and chauffeur, A. G. Grubb, who had motored down from Chicago.

This was the first family reunion in 30 years and was not prearranged. The family reunion motored down to Forman, Ark. Sunday to visit Dr. Pryor's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Elder Pierson. While in the city of Hot Springs, the party were royally entertained by prominent citizens who knew them.

NEGRO YOUTH HONOR STUDENT AT CREIGHTON UNIVERSITY



Mr. Oscar D. Washington

Makes Unique Scholastic Record
Mr. Oscar D. Washington, Creighton University student distinguishes himself as a scholar and a gentleman, being respected for his ability and learning by the student body, the Nation and his race.

Mr. Washington was winner of first place in Negro History week oratorical division of the Interstate Literary winner of second place in the City wide oratorical contest, May 1933, represented Omaha, Nebraska in Oratorical division of the Inter-State Literary Association of Kansas City and the West, was elected member of its credential committee December 1933. He is the first and only Negro to appear in an oratorical contest in the history of Creighton University. He holds the distinction of being an honor student at Creighton university.

Mr. Washington is active in N. A. A. C. P. work and holds the office of former president of the College Club. Omaha salutes Mr. Washington, and his achievements. His record will stand as a beacon light to guide and inspire prosperity.

CALLOWAY ENDS TOUR

Cab Calloway and his Cotton Club orchestra returned on Tuesday May 1st from their tour of England, Holland and France and fans who have missed his hi-de-de-ros from the air waves can pick him up on Rudy Vallee's regular radio hour on Thursday night. The young Harlemaestro will be Rudy's guest of honor on his broadcast.

On Friday May 4 Calloway and his band open an engagement at Loew's Paradise theatre in the Buex. This is followed by stage engagements in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, Providence, Cleveland, Detroit and Chicago. They will not return to famous Cotton Club in Harlem until fall.

PLEAD GUILTY

Alvin Baldwin and Gunnie Harris entered a plea of guilty in the Criminal Division of the District Court to highway robbery charges the outgrowth of a holdup at the Ritz Cafe.

Sentence of one year was imposed upon the pair.

Entertains Out of Town Guests

Dr. and Mrs. A. L. Hawkins delightfully entertained Mrs. Rev. F. A. Waites and Mrs. Rev. Elizabeth Fox last Wednesday afternoon with an auto sightseeing trip about the city and a delicious repast at their beautiful home. These Philadelphia guests were highly pleased with the city and their host and hostess.

Birthday Party Given

Nineteen guests were present at a birthday party given in the honor of Mrs. Lillian Woods at her home, 1823 North 23rd Street, Saturday night, May 12th. The guests enjoyed the evening by playing cards and dancing.