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## BURKE JOINS FIGHT FOR ANTI-LYNCH BILL

### U. S. Supreme Court Flays Negro Jury Exclusion

#### "Honor Your Mother"

By R A Adams

(For The Literary Service Bureau)

She may be old and wrinkled, now,  
With time's deep furrows on her brow,  
The color faded from her cheek  
She may be tremulous, and weak,  
But, since she loves you, as no other,  
Be kind and gentle with your mother.

Altho unlettered she may be,  
Not inured to society,  
And may unwaveringly refuse  
To coincide with modern views,  
And chides for one thing and another,  
Remember still, she is your mother.

Remember what she is to you,  
How kind, unselfish, loyal, true,  
She has been unto you, always,  
And, since the debt you cannot pay,  
To her who loves as can no other,  
Give honor due to your old mother!

#### South Repudiated The Filibuster

Hears Reports on Industrial and Agricultural Conditions and Approves Farm Ownership Bill

Special to The Omaha Guide

Atlanta, Ga., May 9.—The Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation, in seventeenth annual session here yesterday, went on record as favoring the enactment of federal anti-lynching legislation, and considered at length the status of Negro in industry and agriculture. The anti-lynching statement was brought in by a committee headed by Forrester B. Washington, director of the Atlanta School of Social Work, and was adopted without a dissenting vote.

Dr. Geo. S. Mitchell, of Columbia University, reported the results of a national survey of the economic status of Negroes employed.

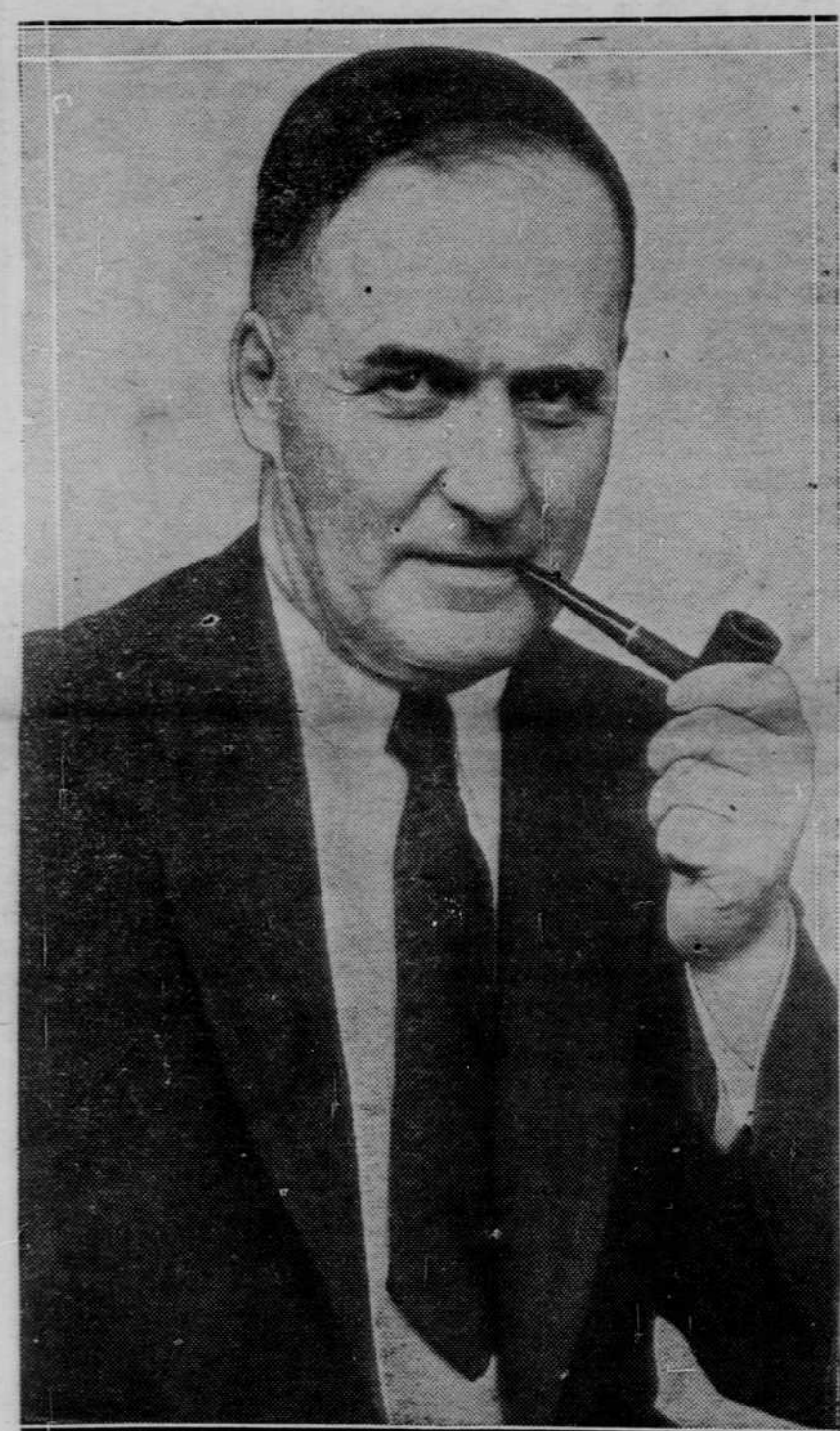
#### Social Workers to Meet in Canada, June 9-15

Special to The Omaha Guide.

Columbus, Ohio—Several men and women who are leaders both in national Negro affairs and the field of social work will participate in the Sixty second Annual meeting of the National Conference of Social Work, June 9-15, in Montreal, Canada, it was revealed in the program just released here by Katherine F. Lenroot, President of the National Conference. Miss Lenroot is chief of the Children's Bureau in the Department of Labor at Washington.

At least 6,000 persons from every part of the United States and Canada are expected to attend the Montreal meeting, according to Miss Lenroot. Three hundred speakers are scheduled to discuss social work problems and devise ways to meet current issues. Prominent in this list is George E. Haynes, secretary of the Race Relations Department of the Fed.

#### DEMOCRATIC SENATOR OPPOSES ADJOURNMENT



Edward R. Burke... "as kindly as the twinkle in his eyes."

The Honorable Senator Edward R. Burke stood by his convictions on barbarism to the last vote in the United States Senate Chamber. Although he is forced to work, bargain and trade with the southern senators on many matters of importance, he stood by his convictions on what he thought was right. Senator Burke is to be congratulated on taking the stand he did to help stamp out the un-American, shameful act of lynching and burning of human beings. For six days the southern senators filibustered and took many votes in private committee meetings, and many arguments and

trades were offered across the lunch tables and on the floor of the United States Senate Chamber, but every time the vote was counted, the Honorable Senator Edward R. Burke was found firmly supporting the N. A. A. C. P. Anti-lynch bill, introduced by the Honorable Senator Costigan, of Colorado and the Honorable Senator Wagner, of New York. Not only is Colored America proud of Nebraska's Junior Senator, but also 40,000,000 Christian American citizens, who signed petitions to make this bill a law, take their hats off to the Honorable Senator Edward R. Burke, of Nebraska.

#### Assured Answer Sent To Local Branch N. A. A. C. P. Telegram

The Omaha Branch N. A. A. C. P. leading the fight locally for the passage of the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynch Bill, had telegrams supporting the bill on the desk of both Nebraska Senators Monday, April 29th, the day the southern senators' filibuster was scheduled to begin in the United States Senate. Senator Edward R. Burke, Democrat, Nebraska, responded to the Branch's telegram, both by action and letter, voting to bring the measure to the floor of the Senate for action and against the southern filibuster to scuttle the bill by adjournment. The Omaha Branch N. A. A. C. P. telegraphed Senator Burke as follows:

WESTERN UNION  
Omaha, Nebraska,  
April 28, 1935

Request your support Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynch Bill. The Omaha Court House Lynching remains a blot on fair name of Nebraska. Justice dictates necessity of ending National disgrace. We citizens of Nebraska are confident you will align with justice, fair play, orderly government, the right to a day in Court, the sanctity of human life and against lynching and mockery of the Halls of Justice. Inability of states to cope with lynching evil indicates imperative need of Federal legislation. Oath to support constitution guaranteeing the right to life, liberty, pursuit of human happiness and trial by Jury calls for affirmative action. We trust you will assert the true intent of the constitution and its safeguards by voting

and working for the passage of the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynch Bill. Omaha Branch N. A. A. C. P. By Wesley Jones, President Charles F. Davis, Legal Redress Senator Burke Addresses following reply:

UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee On the Judiciary  
April 29, 1935

Mr. Wesley Jones,  
Omaha Branch  
National Association Advancement of Colored People,  
Omaha, Nebraska.

Re: Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching Bill.

My dear Mr. Jones:—  
The telegram signed by yourself and Charles F. Davis is at hand in which you express your strong support of the Wagner-Costigan Anti-Lynching Bill.

The evil which this bill aims to cure is one of the most serious that confronts the country. I am willing to give my support to any measure that aims to rid the country of such a terrible condition. For that reason, I have been supporting Senator Costigan fully in his efforts to bring the matter to a vote and secure its passage.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) Edward R. Burke,  
Edward R. Burke, U. S. S.

#### Inter-racial Commission Endorses Federal Law

Washington, D. C., May 9.—The bombshell in the Senate measure was the last minute endorsement of a federal anti-lynching bill by the powerful southern Commission on Inter-racial Cooperation of Atlanta, which heretofore had stood steadfastly against federal legislation. The commission met April 25th and adopted a resolution favoring a federal law which Dr. Will Alexander its director, promptly sent to every southern senator and to the press, as well as to Senator Costigan. The resolution declared in part:

"Disappointed by this record of impotence on the part of state and local officials, the commission has reluctantly been forced to the conclusion that little is to be expected from this source at least in the immediate future, and that an appeal to the federal courts in such cases is justified and demanded by the conditions. The commission favors, therefore, the enactment of federal legislation to this end, in the hope

that federal agents and courts would be in a better position to act fearlessly and effectively in the prosecution of participants in the crime of lynching."

#### Elks' Oratorical Contest

Entries from Omaha and Lincoln High Schools

Iroquois Lodge No. 92 I. B. P. O. Elks of the World will hold their annual elimination oratorical contest, June 4. The winner will go to the Regional contest June 9, which will be held in Kansas City, Mo., as a feature of the Mid-West Association of Elks Lodges of this district which comprises the States of Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and Oklahoma. The winner of the Regional contest will compete at the finals the latter part of August at the meeting of the Elks Grand Lodge meet at Washington, D. C.

The winner of the first prize will be awarded a scholarship of \$150.00 and the other five contestants will be awarded \$100.00. The scholarship runs for 4 years, only contingent on the ability of the student to make the credits required of them by the Uni-

#### Man Was Murdered "Just For Nothing"

Letahatchie, Ala.—CNA—Tom Scott was cold-bloodedly murdered here by Arnold Dean, white, "just for nothing," stated a sharecropper here last week. Scott and Dean got into a dispute on Sunday. Dean's son went away, secured a fake warrant and returned to arrest Scott. He threw Scott into a car, carried him a third of a mile from here and shot him dead.

#### New Beauty Shop to Open Soon

Miss Mabel Thomas, 2706 Erskine Street, daughter of Rev. J. F. Thomas, who has been an operator in Willa's Beauty Shoppe for the past several years, will open her own shop in the very near future. Miss Thomas' shop will be located just south of the Ritz Theater.

#### N A A C P STARTS DRIVE TO FORCE EARLY VOTE

Washington, May 9—"The anti-lynching bill is by no means beaten for the rest of the session," declared Senator Edward P. Costigan, Democrat, Colo., upon emerging from a conference of opponents of the measure planning future strategy. He declared that the displacement of his motion to consider the bill "was a parliamentary victory rather than a test of the bill itself." Senator Costigan is co-author with Robert F. Wagner, Democrat, New York, of the bill.

#### George S. Schuyler Congratulates Manager and Newspaper

George S. Schuyler, noted journalist, explorer, organizer and author, who helped to organize the Omaha Citizens' Cooperative League in 1931, and who has been instrumental in the exposure of the southern chain gang system, sent a letter of congratulations to C. C. Galloway for the improved editions of the Omaha Guide and for the appointment to the California Pacific International Exposition.

#### OKLAHOMA NEGROES DEMAND JURY SERVICE

Nebraskans to Have Special Reception Rooms at the Fair

Special to The Omaha Guide.

San Diego, Calif., May 9.—Nebraskans visiting California and America's Exposition in San Diego this summer will find special reception rooms for them in picturesque Balboa Park, where the World's Fair will open May 29.

In reception rooms in the magnificent House of Hospitality, fronting the flower-bordered Plaza del Pacifico, the Federation of States Societies, composed of former citizens of other states, maintains headquarters. Here visitors from Nebraska will be greeted by former Nebraskans, who will offer their services as guides, informants and who will aid visitors in locating friends from home who now reside in California.

In addition to these activities, the California Pacific International Exposition, through Governor Frank F. Merriam, is extending the typical western brand of hospitality to the chief executives of other states.

When the California Pacific International Exposition opens on May 29, it will be the first world's fair on the Pacific Coast in twenty years. Staged in Balboa Park, whose 1,400 acres of beautiful landscaping make it the largest public park in the west and one of the loveliest in the world, America's Exposition will be dedicated to the four centuries that have seen its advance from the day Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo discovered San Diego in 1542 to its present eminence in the sisterhood of states.

This past that is so filled with drama, the present that is so brilliant and even a glimpse of the future which promises a new era of development in the west will be depicted by the Exposition. The great projects now under way in the western states have been the focus of all eyes. Boulder Dam, the Grand Coulee development, the San Francisco Trans-bay Bridges, the All-American Canal and a host of other engineering movements that predict a glowing future for the far west.

Art and science, commerce and industry will be merged in America's Exposition. Housed in beautiful exhibit palaces of Spanish Renaissance architecture, great industrial firms of the nation, cultural and educational institutions and others will display exhibits.

Along the midway the finest amusements in the country will be found with a complete Midget City populated by nearly a hundred of the little people. Other shows will include the Snake Farm, Gold Gulch, a full sized mining camp of the '49 era in which the life of those days will be completely mirrored, Ripley's "Believe It or Not" attraction, Gay's famous Lion Farm and many others.

Truly there will be gala days in San Diego this summer.

Attorney General Denies Jury Exclusion of Negroes.

Washington, May 9.—Argument on the unconstitutional exclusion of qualified Negroes from jury was heard in the United States Supreme Court Monday and Tuesday, April 29 and 30, in the case of Jess Hollins vs. State of Oklahoma. Hollins had been convicted and sentenced to electrocution in Oklahoma county, Oklahoma, for the alleged rape of a white girl.

In the United States Supreme Court the N. A. A. C. P.'s brief showed that no Negro had ever served on a jury in Oklahoma county since Oklahoma became a State in 1907, in spite of the fact that Negroes constituted seventeen per cent of the total population of the county and were fully qualified in every respect for jury service. Neither the jury commissioners nor the sheriff had ever called a Negro for jury duty.

At the trial the sheriff had testified they did not summon Negroes for jury duty although he admitted there was a large number of Negro voters in the county and he personally knew some of them to be good citizens. One of the Deputy Sheriffs testified at

#### Police Shoots Man; Then Laughs at Him

Orange, N. J.—CNA—Shooting Silas Coleman three times in the back and once in the leg, last Monday, was a matter of fun to the police authorities here. Coleman was accused of theft and run down by police. Last year Coleman had a bullet removed from his lung and 27 stitches put in his head. He is a very sick man but all he can get out of the local police authorities and the local press is a horse laugh, for being "indestructible," and "tough."

#### Inter-racial Group Favors Federal Anti-Lynch Law

Washington, May 9.—It is the consensus of opinion here that the seven-day struggle for the passage of the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill raised the fight for a federal law to a new high.

Although Senator Ellison D. Cotton, Ed Smith of South Carolina showed great joy when the Senate finally voted adjournment, the more intelligent Southern solons did not entirely share his jubilation. The reason for their worry was the fact that the supposedly Solid South had been split wide open by the fight.

Powerful southern newspapers like the Macon Ga., Telegraph; the Richmond Va. Times-Dispatch; The Greensboro N. C. Daily News, and the New Orleans Item, had denounced and repudiated the filibuster in vigorous terms. Hundreds of telegrams and letters from powerful Southern groups and individuals, both white and colored, favoring passage of the bill had deluged its senatorial supporters. Senator Costigan read pages of such messages into the Congressional Record. It is considered highly significant, on the other hand, that not one telegram,

## Attend Some Church On Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th.