

Chain Gang To Be Revived

Austin, Tex., July 17, (CNA)—The chain gang, in all its brutality, is to be revived in the capital of Texas. Hundreds of Negro and white workers accused of "vagrancy" will be dragged from their shacks to build roads in the hot sun. According to county officials the chain gang is being re-established to "prevent people going to jail to be fed." One wonders if the chain gang prisoners are to be worked without food.

During the recent flood, county prisoners were used to clear away accumulated debris. This gave County Judge George S. Mathews an idea. Why not use "vagrants" to build the roads, especially since Travis County is due to receive a large share of the Federal highway grant to Texas. Naturally, free labor means more cash in official pockets. Judge Mathews served 18 years as county sheriff; during that time he had charge of the county chain gang.

The chain gang measure is sponsored by Commissioner John E. Shelton, a large landowner who will benefit from chain gang labor. His brother, Emmett Shelton, was a member of the former county relief board, forced to resign through mass dissatisfaction of the workers. Another brother, Harold Shelton, attempted several years ago to organize the unemployed of Austin into a Fascist group.

If the landowners and politicians of Travis County succeed in establishing a chain gang it will set a precedent for the whole state. Moreover, this will depress wages and employment to even greater depths. Workers' organizations are urged to send protests to County Judge George S. Mathews, Court House, Austin, Texas, demanding that this measure be dropped.

Fourth Episcopal district, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. J. R. Starks, editor of the Western Index, Dallas, Texas and C. E. Chapman, presiding elder of the Kansas district, Kansas City, Mrs. Bishop Martin and these two visiting ministers addressed the conference.

The various pastors and missionary workers made encouraging financial and numerical reports as well as the spiritual conditions of the various churches, missionary societies, Sunday schools and Epworth leagues in the Chicago district. Among the leaders of the Missionary Ladies are Mesdames Jennie Carter, Lena Jones-Rice, Erma Crisp-Franklin and Lula Brinkley.

Among the leading pastors are Drs. W. Langdon Liddell, John W. Jacobs, J. W. Nicholson, J. C. Allen, T. C. Lightfoot, E. R. Coleman, J. W. Barnett and W. M. Crain. The sessions were largely attended and among the best in the history of the Chicago district.

Anti-Negro Drive Opened By American Fascists

New York, July 17, (By Loren Miller for ANP)—Apparently determined to bolster up its cause by appeal to existing racial prejudice, a group of American Fascists, with headquarters in New York, has coupled its anti-Semitic campaign with a vicious attack on Negroes and an open call to whites to "claim America for the white man."

The organ of this group, the American Bulletin, is openly sympathetic with Hitler and its masthead carries the Nazi swastika. Its slogan is "America for the Americans" and it boasts that it presents "the white man's viewpoint."

The June 24 issue of the paper mimes no words in an attack on Negroes and Jews. "We see absolutely no reason why the white man's labors should be utilized continually for the purpose of sustaining Jews and Negroes," one of the editorials reads. "There can be no equality where different races—live side by side," reads another paragraph.

Acute observers here see in this campaign the opening guns in a drive that may reach wide proportions unless vigorous steps are taken to check it. They point out that although attacks on Jews are popular attacks on Negroes in America will reach an even wider audience.

Victim of March Police Terror Die

New York, July 17, (CNA)—Another victim of police brutality during the March 19 outbreak is dead. He was Thomas Wilstrom, a musician, of 16 East 127th street. He died in Bellevue this week of injuries suffered at the hands of the police.

At the height of the outbreak, Wilstrom was clubbed so brutally that he suffered a fractured skull. He was taken to Bellevue by friends—friends that he was never able to thank, for he never fully regained consciousness.

According to the medical report, Wilstrom hovered between life and death, in a semi-coma, from March 19 until June 24.

Chicagoans Hold Conference

Chicago, July 17, (ANP)—The Chicago District Conference and Woman's Missionary Convention brought a large group of church workers representing the C. M. E. church at Mt. Carmel church, here last week and several visitors from other conferences in different sections of the church.

The district sessions were held Wednesday and Thursday with Rev. M. A. Crowder, presiding elder, in charge. The Women's Missionary Convention held its sessions Friday and Mrs. Alma Austin, district president, was in charge. A layman's mass meeting was scheduled for Saturday at 1 p. m. with Henry J. Caruher, prominent layman of St. Paul church, Chicago, presiding.

Among the visitors were Bishop J. C. Martin, presiding bishop of the

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America's long record of violence where Negroes are concerned and the ease with which politicians have in the past ridden to power by race baiting indicate that American Fascists may find the issue the very one they are looking for in an effort to get a mass base.

Another danger sign is the fact that there is already an extensive anti-Negro literature which the Fascists are utilizing. The newspaper in question recommends "for a better understanding of today's political problems" the works of Lathrop Stoddard and Madison Grant, books which set out to prove that Negroes are inferior and that America is a white man's country.

In an effort to check this new campaign the Anti-Nazi Federation, 66 West 12th street, New York, is making an effort to acquaint Negroes with the facts and is laying plans to build up organizational means to combat it.

"Fascism uses the so-called racial issue to gain mass support although in essence it is a movement to prop up the existing order and maintain present inequalities of wealth," June Croll, secretary of the Federation, points out.

The extent to which this particular group of Fascists has been able to get a following is difficult to estimate. The paper has been published for the past three months and it has missed no opportunity to carry on its propaganda since that time.

Negroes are attacked constantly side by side with Jews. Every demand of Negroes for better conditions is twisted to make it appear that Negroes are seeking better conditions at the expense of the whites. An odd feature of other Fascist groups has been the consistent effort to set Jews and Negroes to hating each other.

"Nothing could be more dangerous than for these two minority groups to fall into the error of fighting each other," Miss Croll believes. "Both are destined to be victims of Fascist attacks and inter-group warfare will play into the hands of those who hope to oppress both Negroes and Jews."

In the leadership of the Association and in the consummation of the new program, one of Mr. White's

most able assistants, in addition to the veteran field members, William Pickets and Mrs. Daisy Lampkins, is Roy Wilkins, the former Kansas City newspaper man, who is now assistant executive secretary and acting editor of The Crisis. Mr. Wilkins is an indefatigable worker whose energy and wisdom are important assets in any undertaking of the Association. Upon his shoulders will rest the responsibility of keeping Negro America informed, through the pages of The Crisis, of the Association's advances all along the front of the wide battleground which it has selected for the ensuing year.

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Apartment Tenants Threaten Rent Strike

Chicago, Ill., July 17, (CNA)—"This is business, not philanthropy," was the surprising answer given to a group of tenants of the Rosenwald Model Apartments in the South Side of Chicago, when they protested the withdrawal of free gas; privileges enjoyed in the house until recently.

This statement was made by Alfred K. Stern, white, son-in-law of the founder of the Rosenwald apartments and Roosevelt appointee of the Housing Commission.

Unless they are granted the return of the gas privileges, tenants of the apartment house built by "charity" threaten to go out on a rent strike. Over 300 are organized, with Marcus H. Ray as president.

Figures on the finances of the venture, once hailed as a boon to the housing problems of the Negro, show that over one million dollars of the tenants' hard earned funds have been used to pay off mortgages on the houses and thus have slipped into the coffers of the Rosenwald family, since 1930.

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Haile Selassie's Nephew Bites Off Tip of Girl's Nose

Paris, France, July 17, (ANP)—Araya Haile Selassie, nephew of Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, faces a term of year in jail after having been convicted in a French court of biting off the tip of the nose of Miss Yamille Gaati, a young Egyptian demoielle who is reported to have spurned his attentions.

Selassie was convicted and sentenced, but appealed the sentence.

According to the story told in the court at Chambery where many a American doughboy took their furlough during the World war, disclosed that Selassie, while studying at Geneva, Switzerland, fell in love with the beautiful Egyptian girl.

But, for some indiscretion, Selassie was expelled from Switzerland. He sought to persuade the languorous Yamille to elope with him to

Admin. Asked Oppose Italian Aggression

New York, July 17.—President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull were asked today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People to voice publicly their disapproval of the Italian government's action in Ethiopia and thus place the United States government squarely on record against this territorial encroachment.

Telegrams to that effect were sent to both officials in accordance with resolutions voted last Friday at the 26th Annual Conference of the N. A. A. C. P. in St. Louis. Officers of the Association cite the State Department's action on Japanese aggression in Manchuria as a precedent for opposing similar encroachment by Italy in Ethiopia.

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France, but she refused and declared that the cake between them was all dough.

Selassie left Switzerland. From France he sent her many letters and telegrams, finally a message to the effect that he had fallen ill and would die unless she came to him.

The tender-hearted maiden relented and made haste to the side of her Ethiopian lover.

At their meeting, Selassie is reported to have begged and pleaded with the girl to marry him, but she was obdurate. He thereupon implored her to simply let him kiss her good-bye.

Yamille raised her lips to his. Selassie embraced her. Suddenly the girl shrieked with pain and broke away. Selassie had with one quick snap bitten the tip of her nose off and blood streamed from it.

For this action he was arrested. Yamille later went to a plastic surgeon and had her nose repaired, but only a year in jail for Selassie will repair the injury to her feelings.

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