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November 17, 1955

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Bishop W. J. Marshall, Chairman  
General Assembly of The Church  
of the Living God  
% The Rev. M. W. Frazier  
701 Union Avenue  
Leaden, Pennsylvania

Dear Bishop Marshall:

Your letter of October 28, 1955, to the President, containing a Resolution of the General Assembly of the Church of the Living God, has been referred to this Department for its attention and consideration. The Resolution places the Church of the Living God on record as advocating the enactment of an anti-lynching bill and other legislation pertaining to civil rights.

We are sure that the President appreciates having received the views of your church. However, the enactment of legislation is a matter solely within the jurisdiction and authority of the Congress. It is therefore believed that your views may appropriately be brought to the attention of that body.

Sincerely,

WARREN O'NEV III  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

By: ARTHUR B. CALDWELL  
Chief, Civil Rights Section

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General Assembly of The Church of the Living God,

Bishop A.H.White, Sr, Presiding,

58th and Thompson Street Philadelphia, Pa.

Respectfully refer to appropriate authorities. It is acknowledged by this office.

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Oct.28th 1955

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The Assistant to the President  
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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Honorable Dwight D.Eisenhower, President of the U.S.of A,  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Hon'l Sir;

After greetings, enclose a Resolution, was passed by The General Assembly, Oct.28th 1955, We are Praying Your Consideration in this matter, and hope to get results,

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CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION

\*RESOLUTION\*

Whereas We have prayed over the Cival Rights and the F-E-P-C. and Segregation and Anti-lynch bills, We Protest and Advocate the passage of the Anti-lynch bill and Strenthen the rights of safety and Security, of persons by and enacting an Anti-lynch law. Which will read like this any state that will stand for lynching, the state must pay \$10.000 for the person who is lynched, and that the person or persons who take part in the lynching will be held responsible for the act and be punish'd for the crime. Be it Resolve that we the General Assembly go on record as advocating the passage of the above bills, which has many times been turned down, We Prayerful'y asking you to please consider this matter,

Respectfully Yours for God and Humanity

*Bishop W.J. Marshall*  
Bishop W.J. Marshall, Chairman.

*Rev. C. Green*  
Rev. C. Green,

*Monty Wm Frazier*  
Rev. Monty Wm Frazier Secretary

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General - Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the report of the Special Agent in Charge, New York, dated 10/15/35, captioned as above.

It is noted that the above-named individual was arrested in New York on 10/15/35.

Very truly yours,  
Special Agent in Charge

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Rev. M.W.Frazier,  
701 Union Ave  
Yeadon Pa.



Hon'l Dwight D. Eisenhower, President of U.S. of A.  
White House,  
Washington, D.C.

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February 12, 1942

Baptist Ministers Union of Los Angeles  
City and County  
1018 1-2 East 27th Street  
Los Angeles, California

Attention: Reverend F. L. Taylor,  
President

Dear Reverend Taylor:

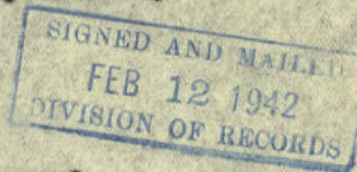
This will acknowledge receipt of the letter from the Baptist Ministers Union, dated January 28, 1942, by reference from the President, concerning the recent lynching of a negro at Sikeston, Missouri, and stating that legislation against lynching should be enacted. Your comments have been noted and are appreciated.

With reference to the enactment of federal legislation prohibiting lynching, it is suggested that your Representatives in Congress be contacted and advised of the views of the Baptist Ministers Union.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.



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**BAPTIST MINISTERS UNION**

OF

**LOS ANGELES CITY AND COUNTY**

Behold, how good it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity. —Psalms 133:1

REV. F. L. TAYLOR, President  
1018 1-2 E. 27th St. Los Angeles, Calif.  
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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSIDERATION

*W. M. [Signature]*  
COMMERCIAL BANK BUILDING

To his Excellency.  
Franklin D. Roosevelt.  
President of the U.S.  
White House.  
Washington.D.C.

The Baptist Ministers Union of Los Angeles city, and vicinity. Los Angeles California, in its regular weekly session, held on January-27th-1942., takes serious cognizance of the most recent lynching in Mo: and our hearts are bowed in grief and in shame of our country.

Mr President, you have recommended to Congress the expenditure of billions of dollars for national defense. We suggest that you exert the moral courage to insist upon defending our defenseless citizens within our own land.

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BY KMB  
ON FEB 17 1942

Negroes never felt more hopeless than they do at this hour of national and world crisis. How do you expect the race to continue loyal and patriotic, if the nation refuses to protect them? This is the time to pass out lynch legislation, the time to insist that the South become a part of the nation or union, the time to complete the Negroes emancipation. Lincoln began the emancipation. God places equally upon your shoulders the task of completing it.

We urge you to reply to this message. We further urge you to speak a word of encouragement by radio to Negroes and to the heart of America. How can we remember Pearl Harbor, and forget Sikeston. Missouri.?

God grant you strength and grace to accept this appeal and challenge.

*Rev. F. L. Taylor, Pres.* Baptist Ministers Union.  
*John A. Davis, Sec'y.*  
*P.O. Box 527, Monrovia, Calif.*

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February 14, 1942

Reverend Russell S. Brown  
St. Paul African Methodist-  
Episcopal Church  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Reverend Brown:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated January 28, 1942, by reference from the President, in which you protest the lynching of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Missouri.

Your comments have been noted and are appreciated.

You are advised that this matter is receiving the investigative attention of the Department of Justice.

Respectfully

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITEHOUSE

THOUSANDS OF CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE  
STATE OF MO. ARE HORRIFIED AT THE ATROCIOUS CRIME  
COMMITTED SUNDAY AT SIKESTON MO. IT ADDS ANOTHER CHAPTER TO THE  
SHAME OF OUR UNITED NATION AND A BLOT UPON THE ESCUTCHEON  
OF OUR FLAG. RIGHT NOW IS A GOOD TIME TO PUT ANTI-LYNCHING  
LEGISLATION INTO FEDERAL ENACTMENT. IT WOULD SERVE AS  
A ~~RE~~BULWARK FOR PEACE. WE ARE SOLIDLY BEHIND YOUR PROGRAM  
MR. PRESIDENT AND WE ARE ALL-OUT FOR WINNING THE WAR. LET US  
HAVE LAW ENFORCEMENT EVERYWHERE IN OUR FAIR LAND.  
WHAT PEARL HARBOR WAS TO INTERNATIONAL PEACE SIKESTON  
WAS TO NATIONAL PEACE

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February 14, 1942

Mr. M. G. Hardiman, President  
National Association for the Advancement  
of Colored People  
Jefferson City, Missouri

Dear Mr. Hardiman:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated January 28, 1942, by reference from the President, in which you protest the lynching of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Missouri.

Your comments have been noted and are appreciated.

You are advised that this matter is receiving the investigative attention of the Department of Justice.

Respectfully

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

LYNCHING SIKESTON MO JANY 25 DISGRACE TO THIS DEMOCRATIC  
NATION SUCH AN AWFUL CONDUCT NOT GOOD PUBLICITY FOR  
NATION IN VIEW WORLD TROUBLES TODAY ENEMIES OF  
UNITED STATES PROBABLY OVERJOYED AT EVIDENT INTERNAL  
DISCORD BETWEEN GROUPS FOMENTING DISUNITY WITHIN NATION  
APPEAL TO YOU AS LEADER TO NATION INCLUDING MILLIONS OF NEGROES  
TO MAKE STATEMENT OF CONDEMNATION OF SUCH TRAVESTY OF  
JUSTICE BELIEVE SUCH WILL HAVE NEGATIVE EFFECT UPON  
POSSIBILITY OF SIMILAR OUTRAGE IN FUTURE

M G HARDIMAN PRESIDENT LOCAL BRANCH NATL ASSN FOR  
THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE.

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February 14, 1942

Miss E. L. Jackson, Secretary  
Women Voters Council  
434 Macon Street  
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Miss Jackson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated January 28, 1942, by reference from the President, in which you protest the lynching of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Missouri.

Your comments have been noted and are appreciated.

You are advised that this matter is receiving the investigative attention of the Department of Justice.

Respectfully

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERKE  
Assistant Attorney General

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITEHOUSE

THE WOMEN VOTERS COUNCIL OF BROOKLYN PROTEST THE  
RECENT LYNCHING OF CLEO WRIGHT AT SIKESTON MISSOURI  
OUR FIGHT FOR DEMOCRACY SEEMS FUTILE WHEN SUCH ATROCITIES  
STILL HAPPEN IN AMERICA

AMARGARET V BROWN CHAIRMAN E L JACKSON SECY 424

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February 14, 1942

Mr. S. R. Redmond, President  
National Association for Advancement of  
Colored People  
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Redmond:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated January 28, 1942, by reference from the President, in which you protest the lynching of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Missouri.

Your comments have been noted and are appreciated.

You are advised that this matter is receiving the investigative attention of the Department of Justice.

Respectfully

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGHE  
Assistant Attorney General

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FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

THE STLOUIS BRANCH NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF  
COLORED PEOPLE PROTESTS INHUMAN LYNCHING AND BURNING OF CLEO  
WRIGHT IN SIKESTON, MISSOURI STOP OUR ENEMIES WHOM YOU ARE  
FIGHTING SO VALIANTLY DO NOT INDULGE IN SUCH TORTURE STOP  
WE ARE URGING YOU TO SUPPORT AND FIGHT FOR ANTI-LYNCHING BILL  
IMMEDIATELY

S R REDMOND PRESIDENT

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Mr. Julius J. Adams, Managing Editor  
"Star News"  
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Adams:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram dated January 27, 1942, by reference from the President, in which you protest the lynching of Cleo Wright at Sikeston, Missouri.

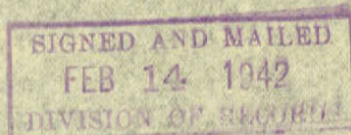
Your comments have been noted and are appreciated.

You are advised that this matter is receiving the investigative attention of the Department of Justice.

Respectfully

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General



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WHITE HOUSE

COLORED AMERICANS ARE ALARMED AT THE FIENDISH BURNING AT  
STAKE OF CLEO WRIGHT IN MISSOURI COMING AS IT DOES WITH  
THE REPORTED REVIVAL OF THE KU KLUX KLAN. STATEMENT FROM  
YOU AS TO ACTION OF GOVERNMENT VITAL TO MORALE OF COLORED  
PEOPLES EVERYWHERE AT THIS CRUCIAL HOUR. MAY WE PUBLISH  
YOUR STATEMENT IN TOMORROWS ISSUE

JULIUS J ADAMS      MANAGING EDITOR STAR NEWS.

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Mr. W. A. Hunton, Vice President  
National Negro Congress  
717 Florida Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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BY C.A.L.  
On FEB 12 1942

Dear Mr. Hunton:

This will acknowledge receipt by reference from the President of your letter and enclosures of January 27, 1942, concerning the lynching of a colored citizen in Sikeston, Missouri.

Your comments have been carefully noted and will receive due consideration. Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General

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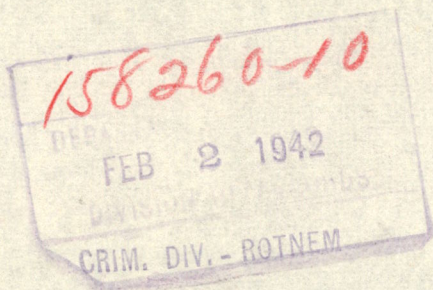
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1942.

Respectfully referred to the  
Attorney General for consideration  
and acknowledgment.

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President



E. J. R.

Washington Council  
NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS

717 Florida Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C.



January 27, 1942

~~Rev. M. Cecil Mills~~  
~~Rev. Arthur D. Gray, President~~  
Dr. W. A. Hunton, Vice Pres.  
Julius A. Bostick, Treasurer  
Marcella Moore, Secretary

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The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The President of the United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Washington Council of the National Negro Congress has deemed it proper to forward to you the enclosed copy of a letter sent this day to Governor Forrest of Missouri relative to the lynching of Cleo Wright on January 25.

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In view of your recent expressions regarding the necessity of eliminating all racial and other prejudices from our national life, we are confident that you recognize the real danger to our national morale, and consequently to our national safety, which the lynching of Cleo Wright represents. We trust that you will do everything within the power of your office to prevent further aggravation of this danger which will result from failure to bring about prompt and full punishment of the lynchers.

Respectfully yours,

*W. A. Hunton*

W. A. Hunton, Vice President.

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"End Jim-Crowism In The Nation's Capital"

Washington Council  
**NATIONAL NEGRO CONGRESS**

717 Florida Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C.



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*Rev. M. Cecil Mills*  
~~Rev. Arthur D. Gray~~, *President*  
Dr. W. A. Hunton, *Vice Pres.*  
Julius A. Bostick, *Treasurer*  
Marcella Moore, *Secretary*

January 27, 1942

The Honorable C. Donnell Forrest  
Governor of Missouri  
Jefferson City, Missouri.

Sir:

The Washington Council of the National Negro Congress wishes to commend you for your prompt action in condemning the lynching of Cleo Wright on January 25 at Sikeston, Missouri.

The crime of lynching is a national disgrace in normal times; it is doubly so in this period of crisis when our nation is fighting to wipe out of existence the very thing represented by the lynching of Cleo Wright - the rule of force and prejudice.

To insure the maximum united effort to defeat the enemies of democracy outside our country, it is imperative that we rid ourselves of the enemies within. For this reason, as well as for the accomplishment of justice in this instance, we urge you, Mr. Governor, to press forward the investigation of the lynching of Cleo Wright with all speed and thoroughness, and to effect the prompt and full punishment of all parties to this crime.

Respectfully yours,

W. A. Hunton, Vice President

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THE PRESIDENT

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YOUR ATTENTION IS CALLED TO DISGRACEFUL LYNCHING OF CLEO.  
WRIGHT A NEGRO AT SIKESTON MISSOURI SUNDAY AMERICA CANNOT  
AFFORD THIS SHAME IN THE FACE OF OUR PRESENT WORLD TEACHING.  
MAY WE URGE YOUR CONDEMNATION AND RENEW OUR APPEAL FOR FEDERAL  
LEGISLATION

CARL R JOHNSON.

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February 10, 1942

Mr. Franklyn R. Johnson  
149 Macon Street  
Brooklyn, New York

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On FEB 10 1942

Dear Mr. Johnson:

This will acknowledge receipt by reference from the President of your letter of January 26, 1942, concerning the lynching of a colored citizen in Sikeston, Missouri.

Your comments have been carefully noted and will receive due consideration. Your interest in this matter is appreciated.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General

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149 Macon Street  
Brooklyn, N.Y.

January 26, 1942

President of the U.S. of America  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mr. President:

Tonight I am one of the saddest people in America and I know that there are atleast 13,000,000 more black Americans that are just as sad as I am, due to the barbarous murdering of one of our race, Cleo Wright, 30 year old cotton worker of Sikes, Missouri, who was suspected of the attempted rape of a white woman.

Mr. Roosevelt, I want to talk to you in this letter as if I were sitting face to face with you. First, I think you should be introduced to me. I am just an American citizen, Negro by race, 33 years of age, Born in Augusta, Ga., a U.S. Custom Guard in N.Y. Port, married, a wife and three fine children, who I hope will never feel as sad as I do tonight over the treatment of one of their race.

Your Honor, Please forgive me if I should say anything that is un-American. But I want to speak to you from my heart and as an American.

We have laws in this land and when one breaks the least of them he should be given a fair trial and pay the penalty that such laws provide if he is found guilty. Is this Democracy that our Missouri Americans have shown the world? Or is Democracy just for the white American. If this was a white man treated this way by an American Negro, there would be "Head Lines" and great action taken in Missouri tonight. But it happened to be just a Negro, and nothing is said. Is this Democracy that we are trying to teach the world? What do you think the rest of the Dark races of the world are thinking tonight of the American white man? What do you think the Negroes of America are thinking tonight, when they are told to die for Democracy that their children may enjoy freedom in this land? Well because I am a Negro and dwell among them, I can say their spirit is very low. They were very depressed before this happened. I know they are more depressed than ever. This is not good to have a group of people feeling as the Negro does in the time of war. This tends to decrease his loyalty: Don't you think so? It makes him feel that he is fighting the white men's battle and not his own. Our battle is to try with all our power to bring about unity between the Negro and the white man of the South. To make good neighbors of the Negro and the white man in these U.S.A.; and the only way is to halt "Jim Crowism" now, throughout the South.

I beg of you as just an American to issue an Ececutive Order abolishing Jim Crowism in the U.S.A. and see that it is done by rigid United States laws-giving the Negro the right to go anywhere his white

brother can, be served throughout the South the same as his white brother is, and giving him the correct taste of Democracy in these critical times. And he can have in his heart to fight and die for America and not for Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt alone.

I would like to ask here, can you tell me what has the Negro even done to the Southern white man that he does not deserve a right to live and enjoy the sweetness of Democracy? Has he ever stabbed him in the back or harmed him in any way? Hasn't he always been loyal? His sweat and blood helped build this great country, too. He knows of no other country, that he can say is his own. I know if he had he would have gone back to it long ago, rather than be lynched by his white brother.

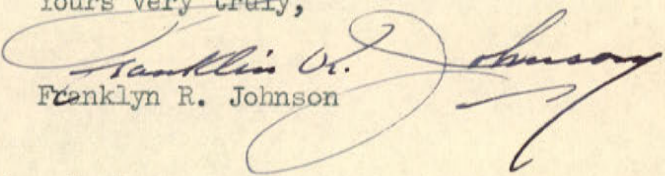
Mr. Roosevelt, these are thoughts that run through 13,000,000 Negroes' minds each day. This treatment must be observed by all of our South American neighbors, who know nothing of this "Jim Crowism", which is the worst of all "isms." Without this Ism we would never have to be afraid of any other Ism making a home in America. But with it present one tries to pick the Ism that is better than Jim Crowism. Example: All Negroes since Lincoln were Republican until they discovered Lincoln had died and his ideals were buried with him and are no longer buried in the hearts of his Republican Lords, so he started to drift toward Communism and (God bless you and long may you live) you came into their lives. You gave them more hope, and snatched them away from the jaws of communism. Without you the Negroes all over the U.S.A. would be eating one another.

You know if Jim Crowism and hatred are done away with through your effort or through your Administration, you will be even greater than Lincoln to the Negro. Because during Slavery he did have plenty to eat and a place to lay his head. But today he isn't allowed to make enough to eat and therefore cannot earn enough to pay for a place to lay his head. Take the W.P.A. away from him and he is licked. I hope you will understand what I am trying to say to America through you.

Mr. Roosevelt I wish you would show this letter to the Senators and Representatives of Missouri and ask them would it be showing real Democracy to give to the Negro race their view point and feeling on the cruel and un-American slaying of Cleo Wright. That would mean a lot to America and a great amount of lift to the downhearted American Negro; or are they going to play politics and say nothing because their people may not like it. They will not be trying to enforce Democracy if they refuse to make a statement on the matter.

Thank you for your attention and speaking for 13,000,000 Negro Americans, I know that they would feel much better if they know that I have told you how they feel.

Yours very truly,

  
Franklyn R. Johnson

Encl.

Attached is a newspaper report of the slaying.

# Mob's Victim Dragged Behind Car Until Dead

Sikeston, Mo., Jan. 25 (AP).—A critically-wounded colored man, suspected of the attempted rape of a white woman, was taken from the City Jail today by a mob of more than 300, which dragged him behind a car through the colored residential section until he was lifeless and then set the body afire.

The mob victim was Cleo Wright, 30-year-old cotton mill worker.

Assistant Police Chief Harold Wallace said Wright admitted he had stabbed and critically wounded Mrs. Dillard Sturgeon, 29, wife of an Army sergeant and after his capture had stabbed Hess Perrigan, a patrolman. Perrigan shot Wright three times.

## Reasoning Fails.

Several hours after Wright had been placed in the detention room of the city jail, the mob began gathering. At 11:30 A. M. they forced the jail doors and grabbed their victim.

Wright offered no resistance and said nothing. He was stuffed into the trunk compartment of a motor car and taken to the colored district where he was dragged through the streets behind an automobile. Later the body was cut loose and gasoline and a match applied.

## One Woman Escapes.

About 1:30 A. M. a man entered the Sturgeon home, occupied by Mrs. Sturgeon and her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Sturgeon, also the wife of a soldier.

Mrs. John Sturgeon escaped, but the intruder grabbed Mrs. Dillard Sturgeon and stabbed her, inflicting a deep wound in the

# Trapped Aussies in Heroic

By C. YATES McDANIEL.

With British Imperial Forces on the Malayan Front, Jan. 25 (AP).—How two Australian battalions, ringed by Japanese machine-gun nests in the Malayan jungles, grimly held up an enemy advance for four days and even came near a breakthrough against overwhelming enemy infantry, tanks, artillery and dive-bombers was told today by Aussies who cut their way through the wilderness to reach the British lines.

"There has not been a more astounding effort in this war or



"Fought through a seven mile corridor of machine guns. . . ."

port and fight their way back the best way possible.

At 8 A. M. Wednesday came the laconic message: "We now through roadblock with guns and transport."

Bennett showed us on the map that that meant his men had fought their way through a seven-mile-long corridor of enemy machine-gun nests.

He, meanwhile, had sent out a Commando party armed with tommy guns to try to dislodge the Japanese holding a causeway head, but the party failed to locate its

# Axis Using U. S. Race Trouble as Propaganda

Examples of race discrimination in the U. S. A. are being used by Axis radio propagandists to weaken the will of Negro troops fighting on the side of the democracies in the Southwest Pacific and Africa.

A short-wave broadcast from Tokyo, picked up in New York, said:

"An intonation of the racial trouble fomenting within the U. S. Army has been revealed when a serious clash occurred between 700 Negro soldiers and white military police at Alexandria, La., according to a Reuters dispatch."

"This proves the disunity of the American Army," the Tokyo commentator added, and followed with the charge that the British were sacrificing native troops in the Malayan campaign.

A short-wave broadcast from Berlin last Saturday said of the announcement of the formation of a new all-Negro infantry division in the U. S. Army:

"President Roosevelt stated recently that he was against race discrimination. One might ask the President why he was segregating Negroes in a special troop."

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## AN EDITORIAL

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Axis propagandists know how to use a little ugly truth when we hand it to them.

We hand it to them every time an American mob lynches a Negro, every time we discriminate against a Negro soldier. It's just what they would do themselves.

Let's keep the Fascists busy telling lies. And make the truth about us something they don't dare repeat.—PENN KIMBALL

earners, white-collar employes, professional people, farmers—all alike expect and fear post-war collapse: Demobilization of armies, shutdowns in defense industries, unemployment, deflation, bankruptcy, hard times.

Some are hoping for a post-war boom. We got that after the first World War. No improbably we may get it again. If the war lasts several years, we may have at the end of the war sufficient accumulated shortage in residential housing, in durable consumer goods such as automobiles, and in the plant and equipment required to supply peacetime consumption demands, to give us a vigorous private investment boom. Indeed we need to be on the alert to prevent a possible post-war inflation.

If in fact we do experience a strong post-war boom, there is, however, the grave danger that it will lull us to sleep. Sooner or later such a boom will end in a depression unless we are prepared. If appropriate action is taken, there is no necessity for a post-war collapse.

Everywhere one hears it said that, when this war is over, all countries, including our own, will be impoverished. This view is, however, not sustained by past experience. **No country need be impoverished if its productive resources (both capital and human) are intact.** The productive resources of this country will be on a considerably higher plane when this war is over than ever before. A larger proportion of our population will be trained to perform skilled and semi-skilled jobs. We shall have enormous productive capacities in all the machine industries. And in special consumers' durable industries, where plant and equipment may have become deficient by reason of the war, we shall be able very quickly, with our large basic machine-producing industries, to expand to meet the peacetime requirements.

We shall have, when the war is over, the technical equipment, the trained and efficient labor, and the natural resources re-

# Arms Plant Accused Of Discrimination

*Special Correspondence*

NEW HAVEN, Jan. 27.—Negro maids and cooks who quit their jobs to go to work in the munitions industry charged last night that the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. was practicing indirect discrimination at its plant here.

At a mass meeting at the Zion Church, job-seekers said they were consistently told at the Winchester employment offices to come back again. Although each applicant is told this, it was said, only 68 Negro women have been hired at the plant since last April.

"If they're not going to hire any more colored women why do they keep telling us to come back?" one speaker asked.

The Rev. Richard A. G. Foster presided at the meeting at which it was charged that Negro job applicants were compelled to wait outdoors even on the coldest days for interviews. White applicants, it was said, were allowed to wait inside the plant.

Winchester employs 12,000 defense workers.

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## Jury Considers Jail Slave Case

A jury at Jonesboro, Ark., was expected to return a verdict today in the case of five officials and former officials of Crittenden County charged with running a slave farm at the county jail. The five were accused of beating prisoners, holding them without charges and compelling them to pay fees for freedom.

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found a *loophole* in the President's Executive Order against discrimination in defense industries, that the *joker* was the ability of manufacturers to "observe the letter of the order" by hiring Negroes as menials and refusing them skilled jobs, no matter how qualified.

Eugene Davidson of the Committee, complains, and rightly, that there isn't any *loophole*, "*joker*, or way to "observe the letter" while negating the spirit.

The order bans discrimination. The Committee considers an employer to be discriminating if he discriminates in the filling of *any* jobs. The Committee has in the past and will in the future lower the boom on employers who try to slip by with token employment of Negroes and Jews—taking on just a couple, or taking them on for menial jobs only.

The Committee begins hearings in New York Feb. 16. Anybody with a complaint can find field representatives at the Chanin Building now.

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## Demand Renewed For Lynch Legislation

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People telegraphed President Roosevelt yesterday asking him to sponsor Federal legislation against lynching. Calling the burning of Cleo Wright, 28, at Sikeston, Mo., "the most crushing blow" to Negroes, the Association said:

"We are certain that Japanese propa-

# "COURT FOR WHITES ONLY," SAYS LYNCH TOWN'S MOB LEADER

BROWNSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 24—(By James H. Purdy Jr., for ANP)—The entire colored populace of this ordinarily quiet and peaceful little rural community, that numbers well over 19,000 Negroes, representing two-thirds of the entire population, was un-  
aware Friday that racial feeling of high tension was brewing. Nor were they aware that more than 300 whites had gathered at the Haywood County court house and made a verbal threat to resort to mob violence if a Negro attorney was permitted to try an uncontested divorce case in the courtroom of their "for whites" court house. This is the same town where Elbert Williams was lynched in 1940 as he sought to obtain the right to vote.

Atty. A. A. Latting of Memphis, Tenn., who had been engaged to represent Mrs. Ethel Lee Morley, Memphis, in the county courts of Haywood county at Brownsville, in her divorce case against her estranged husband, Jesse Morley, was emphatically told by a group of more than 300 whites that he could not try any kind of case in the Haywood county court room in Brownsville.

## MOB GATHERED

Attorney Latting said that when he entered the county clerk's office, the clerk appeared extremely nervous and said, "You can't try the case today." Latting asked,

"why?" The clerk replied, "The judge is out of the city and we don't know when he will return." Latting said, "He left the city knowing a case was set for today?" The clerk replied, "That's all I know."

Latting told this reporter, "Citizens, apparently a mob, began to crowd into the clerk's office while I was filing the affidavits. A spokesman for the group accosted me. He said, 'Ain't no n—r lawyer going to try a case in Haywood county, Tenn. We ain't goin't to stand for it. We ran one n—r lawyer out of here and if you know what is good for you—you better git!'"

Latting said that after he found out that he could not try the case, he asked if there was some young white attorney he could talk to concerning the case. It was suggested that he contact Atty. Aaron Kinney, president of the chamber of commerce.

After a lengthy discussion, Attorney Kinney agreed to ask the necessary questions that had already been prepared by Attorney Latting to get the divorce.

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# RO TROOPS AL POINTS

port to the President as to the needs around the country in guarding sensitive points," LaGuardia said. The report indicated the need for a large number of men in addition to the normal municipal and state police.

The Mayor also disclosed that the duties of the troops here were worked out a long time ago between Police Commissioner Lewis J. Valentine and Major General Irving J. Phillipson, commander of the Second Corps Area. The Major General obtained the permission of Governor Herbert H. Lehman to quarter the troops in three National Guard armories in the city.

Efforts of Pittsburgh Courier reporters to ascertain the extent of the Negro troops' responsibilities and further clarification of their status, met with little encouragement. The usually loquacious "Little Flower", flashed his owl-like eyes and bellowed: "No further comment."

Col. Gourdin, reached at the 369th Regiment Armory said that he could make no statement concerning the activities of his troops out-

# ROXBOROUGH, WATSON PLAN

## CLUBS LIST PARTIES AT MASONIC TEMPLE

The Masonic Temple has scheduled two parties for the Yule season. The Iron Clad club will hold its New Year's Day party there with Henry Foster providing the music. On January 10, the "500" club will combine a Birthday Dance, its third annual affair, with the post-Yule spirit when they present Foster and his crew at the Temple.

side of the information already given out by the Mayor. An Army Public Relations Officer of the Second Corps Area offered the information that LaGuardia's statement was not authorized by local Army authorities; said no further information on the colored troops here was available at this time.

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enemies. The Tenth Com-  
mandment says: Treat  
your neighbor as you  
self. Dont take that you  
cant give. This refers to the  
Blackman's life. He is  
pushed because of his skin  
not because he is not  
honest, true, or anything  
in that behalf.

May God bless you and  
keep you. I am

Respectfully yours  
Mrs. Kattie M. Worthing  
2001 Willow St.  
Mc Keesport, Pa.

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President Franklin Roosevelt  
Washington, D. C.  
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Dear President,

I was reading your mes-  
sage in the paper saying for  
the Americans to start the  
New Year of 1942 in praying.  
We can pray for the passing  
of the Anti Lynching Bill and  
the Lord will send Victory  
for America. God doesn't  
come in an unclean house.  
I've had a vision like Peter  
in the Bible, and it came  
to me that I write you.

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stop Lynching. God is not pleased at unjust. We can look forward to peace after lynching is stopped. God wont answer our prayers when we're lynching our Brothers & Sisters. One though breded Christian can chase a thousand. England treats the African wrong therefore shes in war. We believe you've done right and we can pray for you, but impress the others. We love our President. Pray for you

(2)

You speak to Congress and the Senate so they can pass the Anti Lynching Bill. Dont be like Peter and dont notice until its too late. We cant pray for peace when we do unjust. Other countries dont lynch and mistreat their men, they save them for war. The Pittsburgh <sup>Index</sup> Telegraph paper states the four colored men lynched in Tuskegee Alabama ~~was~~ in 1941. We dont have peace in America lynching and hanging people. Impress the Senators that you must

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December 30, 1941.

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Mr. Johnson Smith,  
1613 Connecticut Street,  
Gary, Indiana.

Dear Mr. Smith:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of December 16, 1941, in which you request an opinion concerning the applicability of the Bill of Rights to colored persons, and its reference to the Anti-Lynch bill.

The Department regrets that it cannot give you an opinion on these matters, since the Attorney General is required by law to give opinions only to the President and heads of the Executive Departments. He would like to be of service to you, but I am sure you will feel as he does that he should not depart from the prevailing practice.

You are advised, however, that the Bill of Rights is applicable to all citizens.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

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WENDELL BERGE,  
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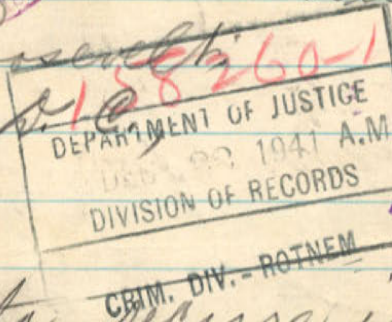
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1613 Conn. St.,  
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Pres. J. D. Roosevelt  
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W. H. M. [Signature]

REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Dear Sir:

Writing to secure information on  
the following questions:

1. Do the bill of rights include the Negro  
in the constitution?

2. Will the bill of rights cut out the  
anti-lynch bill?

3. Will the bill of rights give equal  
rights as a citizen of the U.S.?

4. Will the bill of rights give me the  
privilege to buy and build anywhere  
that I might be able, in the U.S.?

5. Will these rights give me privilege  
to work shoulder to shoulder  
with the opposite race (White) and  
receive the same wages?

We have been promised so many  
things that we failed to receive!

Will we receive equal rights on  
buses, trains, or any railway con-  
veyances?

Will these rights do away with  
all segregation throughout U.S.?

If all these things are done  
and had been done I believe  
the Lord would have kept  
us out of war.

Would appreciate an ans-  
wer as soon as possible.  
Please allow this letter to be  
read to Congress and in the  
Senate.

Yours truly,  
Mr. Johnson Smith

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*M.H.M.*  
SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT

Hous Ton Texas  
Dec.16 1941.

Mr. President ;

Dear Sir:

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I heard your address of Dec. 9, 1941 of which was an apeal to the people of the U. S. as a whole, and as to my part I am in favor of every individual of the U. S. doing his or her part to defend this country of which it is the duty of evry American to preserve the peace and welfare and democracy of this nation for the present and future generation of this nation and of the whole world.

It is true that all the different races of this nation is will -ing and ready to exercise their duties towards the support of this

nation, but with two exception , and they are twofolded, (1) the passing of the anti lynch law and it being a part of the constitution of the U. S. as an admendment, or by an executive order; and (2) the passing a law abolishing the discrimination among the different races or persons that exist throught the Southern States, (such as the negro race) allowing them to participate in all public affairs giving an equal right of justice the same that all other races are enjoying , such as an equal right to economic welfare, by which such negro shall qualify himself or her self to be in whatever fiieldor occupation it may be, and this law to become an admendment of the constitution of the U.S., or by an executive order and such laws shall be unreversible and enforced by Congress. Of this of which I am hoping will not be overlooked and we a negro race will appreciate very much , if, that the Congress of the U. S. be imformed of this matter because it is serious and of which we all know that the passing of these two laws for the betterment of the south is very necessary and reasonable and on the other hand it would be giving all of the people equal justice through the U. S. , hoping that much attention and consideration will be given to this matter,

Yours Very Truly,

*R. H. Mitchell*  
Rt. 4, Box 990,  
Houston Texas.

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Mrs. Charlie Bell  
Sarasota, Florida

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Dear Mrs. Bell:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference of the President, of your letter dated December 13, 1941, in which you request help in connection with a charge made against your husband who, it is related, was driving a truck for Mr. C. E. Rayl.

Your letter does not sufficiently disclose a violation of any federal criminal statute. Unless facts showing such a violation appear, the jurisdiction of this Department cannot be invoked. If you have in your possession further facts which you feel would indicate such a federal offense, it is suggested that you submit a detailed statement to the Department for its consideration.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

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WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

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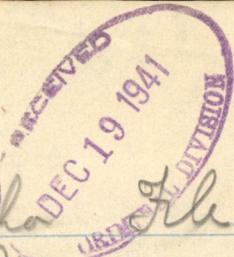
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Dear Mr Roosevelt, the President  
of the United States of America.  
It a hard one with the Greater  
of Pleasure, to write you these  
lines to let you know <sup>what</sup> may  
Happen. To my Husband he  
was driving truck for  
Mr C. E. Rayl when this  
Come a Bout. The officers said  
that he ware. After a white  
Warram in Pasting on  
the right way. But will you  
Please do something a Bout  
this, a Bout 8 years or more  
they shoot a Colored man  
down in Brenton I dont  
want that to Happen. To  
my Husband <sup>Bout</sup> we colored people

Have nothing too fight for  
the way the southern white  
people treats the colored I  
rite this before it is too late.  
I dont want them to lynch  
him for that I will rather  
to see him in war, then to  
see him die that way.

Please sir look over the  
masters an do something  
a bout this But we have  
fight agents people that men  
don us any harm. they said  
fight for our country we  
have no country But we  
will fight to fight they  
will take him a way  
soon enuff. if it was anything  
searce they would distert if to  
him so his self they told him

I hat it was same thing  
about the tag an when I  
got ther that w hat I face  
they send me to unload  
the truck

I live in Dorasato County  
an work in Manatee County

Yours sincerely

Chordie Bell



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ONE FLAG THEN YOUR PATH WILL BE CLEAR=

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*M. S. ...*  
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Honorable Sir:

- 1st, We want to complain bitterly that 25¢ a month is deducted from selectees' pay for the Old Soldiers Home. It is bad enough when men enlisting in the regular army as a career are charged this, but draftees certainly should not be charged for something they dont want to use. That gives them very little money to spend, and one way to make prosperity is to give people money to spend. The best way to put morale in our defenders would be to put a little more money in their pockets. This is satisfactory to the young men we know who have been selected to save us.
2. We saw pictures of soldiers being taught to fight strikers at Camp Edwards, Massachusetts. Our soldier friends complain bitterly about this: fighting Hitler in Europe and imitating him at home. This wont make for good morale among the army or working people. We dont want to give our money for bonds to have men taught to injure the people who make the money and the food and machinery to help them fight. We need a lot of mopping up done in the U.S.A. before you look further. Have all-out war on dictatorship, but clean it up in Georgia. Pass the anti-poll tax and the anti-lynching laws. Dont help States which don't live up the Bill of Rights.
  3. Kill the May Bill and all other undemocratic and un-American bills like this. Connolly bill, etc.
  4. Help the little people like Reynolds Metals Company. Make aluminum and national defense nationally at TVA and other places. Let the sacrificing for our country be uniform among all.
  5. Put the tax on the wealthy and those making excess, or any profit from defense. Keep the tax on married people, the talk about filing separate tax returns is bunk. Make them file one return, and get the taxes from most able to pay.

Yours sincerely

533 Apgar St.  
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*H.S. Mays Family*

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"Pass the bill known as Our Plan for Plenty, introduced in Congress by Representative Vito Marcantonio from New York!

"End all discrimination against the Negro people! Pass the Anti-Lynching bill! Restore the right to vote to the people of the South!

"End anti-Semitism! Stop the persecution of the foreign born!

"Stop all government attacks on minority political parties! Release all workingclass political prisoners - including Earl Browder!"

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Secretary to the President

Mound City 2ll

July 23-19-41

Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Dear President of the United States,

We the 13,000,000 Black American. Have been  
sending letters and protests of Negroes against  
Discrimination and Separation. And the disorder  
acts. as mob, and we call upon you to  
act on the Anti-Lynch Bill. And we asked  
you to ~~Recognize~~ Recognize us as American  
people. if not citizen. We also noticed that  
~~the~~ war department refuse us. And the  
naval department reject us. And you as  
the President of the United States will not act  
in our favor. How do you think we the Black  
American feel. toward such a country that  
will not recognize its citizen to protect  
them. And do something for them sometimes.  
We have notice you give word to aid  
differ countries. such as Poland, China.

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Greece-Russian. Great Britain. And so on. But  
 nothing is said concerning Ethiopian and other dark nations  
 Ever the negroes of this country, who is down East of all  
 the nations Born here: or naturalize here; Now  
 Mr president when you were running for office  
 office. it was mostly the Black American that put  
 you in for the third term. We are all for you.  
 And willing to do what you say. Provide that if  
 you will remember us as American. And not foreign  
 Now Mr president of the united states. Please act on  
 these questions. And make us feel like we are  
 part of the united states. Let us for get. Let us  
 for get. (you) You make the Poland over ~~the~~  
 here feel glad when you help their people.  
 And all the other people Especial the white rose  
 But when you neglect to aid the Ethiopian or negroes  
 peoples. By aid them or mention them. We think  
 Hard of you. And the country in which we lived  
 I am a member of the N a a C P ~~the~~ The  
 national association for the advancement of

Colored people. We the Black American will  
be Listen when you make your next fire side  
speak. You said the Government was made  
By the people (Including Colored people) for the  
people. And to the people. We pledge our -  
selves to the flag of united states of American  
And not let old glory touch the ground  
your truly.

from Oliver Parker to the president  
of the united states.

Please answer at once  
639 Com. Ave  
Mound City Ill



How far would a Democratic party get in Russia with allegiance to Roosevelt?  
Alta Sargent

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# STOP LYNCH JUSTICE

Richard White, a Negro, is dead--killed. W. S. Cochran, a wealthy landlord walked into the Conroe, Texas courtroom, where White was being tried and emptied his revolver into White's head. This happened June 10th.

The prosecutor, a personal friend of Cochran's, released him in \$500.00 bail. Yesterday, in the same courtroom where Robert White died, Cochran was set free in a TWO MINUTE TRIAL! Here is justice in true lynch, Hitlerite style.

White was charged with ravishing Cochran's wife, the charge that washes away all sins against the Negro people. The case against him was so flimsy that the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals reversed his conviction. But White was tried again. The frame-up was exposed a second time when the U.S. Supreme Court felt compelled to reverse his conviction.

Anyone would know that if the Texas Court reversed White's conviction, the case must have been foul indeed (for the capitalist courts, particularly in poll tax states are second to none in upholding anti-Negro frame-ups). White was being tried a third time, when he was shot to death. Clearly, if ever a man should be free--if ever a man was a victim of a Scottsboro frame-up--that man was Robert White.

President Roosevelt talks much about the "four freedoms" and Democracy. But the landlord lynch democracy of the South receives no criticism from him. Rather, it is dignified as a National Policy--when the President appointed to the Supreme Court, Senator Byrnes of poll tax South Carolina, an enemy of the Negro people, of anti-lynch and anti-poll tax legislation.

This lynch rule receives further approval from the President's executive order upholding Jim Crow in the Army.

ALL AMERICANS -- NEGRO AND WHITE -- SPEAK OUT NOW. STOP THIS AMERICAN BRAND OF HITLERISM.

DEMAND JUSTICE FOR THE DEATH OF ROBERT WHITE. WRITE TO PRESIDENT OF JUSTICE IDENT ROOSEVELT, CONGRESSMAN HANCOCK AND INSIST THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TAKE ACTION AGAINST WHITE'S KILLER AND THE STATE OFFICERS WHO WHITEWASHED HIM!

DEMAND THE APPLICATION OF THE 14th AMENDMENT WHICH GUARANTEES EQUAL PROTECTION OF THE LAW TO ALL!

issued by: The Onondaga County Committee - Communist Party- U.S.A.  
P.O. Box 725 General Post office, Syracuse, N.Y.

Nothing about "freedom of women to come go unmolested" which must be taught. Only contention and racial prejudices aroused!

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# FUR DRESSERS' & DYERS' UNION

## LOCAL #140

International Fur & Leather Workers Union of U. S. & C.  
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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Washington, D.C.

Honorable Sir:

The following Resolution was adopted by the Legislative Committee of the above named Union:

Whereas, Thousands of lynchings have stained American history, and

Whereas, In the U.S. Negroes are denied voice and the right to vote, cannot enter most hotels, restaurants and theatres, are forced to do menial tasks, are discriminated against in the armed forces, are denied employment in industry, business and National Defense, and

Whereas, the President of the United States himself has said that the Negroes are discriminated against by American Industry, therefore be it

Resolved, that Local #140 demand that the principle of freedom, equality, justice which is embodied in the Constitution be adhered to in reference to these 15,000,000 fellow Americans, by killing the Poll Tax of the South, by passage of the Anti-Lynch Bill, by elimination of this discrimination in defense and other industries, for the denial of a job, is in most cases the denial of life, for violence and discrimination are the twin marks of Fascism.

Respectfully yours,

*James Leonardi*

James Leonardi, Chairman  
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE #140

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July 1, 1941

Hom. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Philadelphia Youth Council welcomes your executive order calling for the employment of available workers in defense industry regardless of their race, color or national origin. We welcome it as a response to the campaign which we in the Youth Council, as well as many other organizations, have waged against the vicious practice of discrimination which exists in most of the large industry of our country.

However, it is the opinion of the Council that in order to make the executive order actually effective, it will be necessary to provide some such penalties for infractions as those which are provided in the Marcantonio Anti-Discrimination Bill. Furthermore, the fact that already some 15 billions of defense contracts have been let, and that the executive order applies only to contracts which may be let in the future, means that discrimination will remain the rule for some time in the future unless you provide realistic penalties for any discrimination in any industries holding any government contracts.

In addition, it is difficult to see how any executive order can be effective in eliminating the practice of discrimination while the United States Government itself continues to segregate Negro from white in the armed forces and to discriminate against Negro soldiers in promotion and in type of service. The best assurance the Jim-Crow segregation and discrimination are on the way to disappearing in America will be their disappearance from the apparatus of government.

In closing may I assure you that the Philadelphia Youth Council will continue to fight against discriminatory practices in our city and the country as a whole until the day when they have become unthinkable in America. Your support to the anti-lynching bill and the anti-poll tax bill would do a great deal to bring that day closer.

Very respectfully yours,

*Annabelle Mays*

Annabelle Mays  
Chairman

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## MOB RETURNS NEGRO TO GEORGIA JAIL FOR "WANT OF EVIDENCE"

EASTMAN, Ga., June 27 (AP).—  
A Negro prisoner seized by a mob  
at the jail here Wednesday night  
was returned yesterday "for want  
of evidence."

Deputy Sheriff Gus Lewis said  
that Eddie Lee Spivey, 28 years  
old, suspect in an attempted at-  
tack on a 65-year-old farm woman,  
was taken away by a mob of more  
than 100 men that stormed the jail  
Wednesday night.

Shortly after midnight, leaders  
of the mob returned Spivey to the  
jail, turned him over to officers  
and said they had been unable to  
find sufficient evidence to lynch  
him, Lewis said. The officer said  
Spivey had been beaten lightly but  
was not seriously injured. Spivey  
was returned to his cell and was  
held on a charge of attempted  
criminal attack.

Mr. President. Can't. such as this  
be stopped; for God sake

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President Roosevelt  
Washington D.C.

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of June past despatch of Louis mo

Wont you do something to make this  
country safe for its own citizens  
you can do it: you are the one to do the job  
God wont let you: to do that. one  
little thing: is: to order it are have  
it passed I mean the anti lynch bill  
I am praying for you daily  
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June 26, 1941

President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Worcester Youth Council of Worcester, Massachusetts wishes to inform you that at its last meeting it went on record for and against the following acts and bills of Congress.

Against the use by the government at any time in the future of the regular army to break any labor strikes in the United States.

Against the application of the Selective Service Act on a work or fight basis.

Against the passage of the Vinson Bill and Connolly amendment.

For the passage of the Geyer Poll Tax Bill and the Anti-Lynching Bill.

Sincerely,

Jeannette Wellin, Secretary  
Worcester Youth Council

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July 15, 1941

Mr. Isaiah S. Garvin  
2508 Seventh Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Garvin:

The President has directed your letter of June 26, to this Department for consideration and acknowledgment.

Please be advised that your communication has been studied and the contents noted. In urging the passage of the Anti-lynch Bill you understand, of course, that such action is legislative and wholly outside of the power vested in the Executive branch of the Government. The necessity for the enactment of such legislation is a matter with which Congress is exclusively concerned. It is suggested, therefore, that you address your representatives in that body regarding your views.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General



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President Roosevelt:

I want to call your attention to the condition of the colored peoples of the United State as the head of the Government now in every war the colored peoples have been one hundred per cent loyal and faithfull, The record of his loyalness speak for it self as A race of people the colored man have never tried to over throw his Government.

Now he is to loyal to his Government. Now Mr. Roosevelt for over 2 years the anti Linch bill went before the congress and it died right there Mr. President God created all Man equal regardless of race color or creed all mens have five sence. twelve practical of mine all mens have A heart. And feeling rather he be white or black. Now I think lincing are the brutalest crime that A person can comited.

Mr. President in your meany speaches you often speak of the minority grope. Mr. President as the head of this Government we the colored people must appeal to you for right and justic A chance to earn A living as all other races of people. I am able to explain the colored people condition because I knew of the sad and unbearable condition which faece the colored people

Mr. President let us not forget that God laid the foundation of the world on principle and nothing else there fore as human let us first consider the principle of A preson and not there color. It seam very strange to me that the law makers of the Government can afford to ignore such imporant bill as this anti lynch bill. Which is a disgrace to the whole world of the human race aside from this the colored people are discriminated and jim crowed from one end of the United State to another regardless of his ability yet when the colored man is call on by his Government ;

His meritorious service to his Government is unrepachable yet the colored people is being lynch every year and the Government dose nothing about it and I am very sure that the Government can do much to stop these brutal crime sence we ~~xxxxxxx~~ suppose to be living in A land of democray A free land then I think we should show the sprit of humanitaion to all men regardless of colors. The colored people only ask for justic and A fair chance to make A living. If I am right it is God intention for all man to live regardless of his color God made all men out of the dust of the earth .Now we have senator R.F. Wagner and congressman Joseph Govagan who are frighting the anti lynch bill but we realize that those men cannot pass A bill by them selves it take the congress and the cooporation of the President of the United State to make A bill become the law of the United State.

And ~~sence~~ sence lincing is such disgrace and so bruteish I thought that every congressman would be willing to pass that bill and make it A law. Now 90 per cent of the colored people believe that if A man comitted A

crime he should be rightfully punish by the law of the United State and not by bruteish force. Let us not forget the simple teaching of Christ. Love ye one another Christ spoken those word to each and every man in regardless of color race or creed.

But to day most of us for get that Christ never judge A man by his color because God made all mens. When Christ fell under his cross it was A black man that went and lifted him up. And to day we find the black man thou being oppressd. and discrimiated and jim crowed on every side he is still ready and willing to help carry his part of the weight of this Government all he ask for is justic and A living chance. Just like this Govement give to the white man. Mr Roosevelt, I would highly appreciate  
A reply to this letter

Sincerely your respectfully

Isaiah S. Garvin

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507 Columbia St.  
Brooklyn, N Y  
June 22, 1941

Your excellency:

As an American Citizen who believes in the true American Way, I protest with all the conviction of my beliefs against the lynching of negroes. The atrocious lynching of a negro in uniform, the shooting of a negro in a Court of Appeals, one can quote hundreds of unheard of lynchings which occur constantly.

We are Americans, We are born of the strength of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. ~~xxxxxxx~~ Let us see that all peoples, regardless of race, creed and color are not subject to the discrimination of the selfish ones. Equality for all, is equality for all. Let us not let it at theory, but place the anti-lynching law into the American Constitution, and make it a fact.

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As the President, you are no doubt burdened with many problems, but we, the people feel that this problem of racial hatred

is a menace to the American way of Life.

Tolerance, not hate.

Respectfully,

*Nathan Weiner*

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Honorable T. G. Parham  
Judge of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit  
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

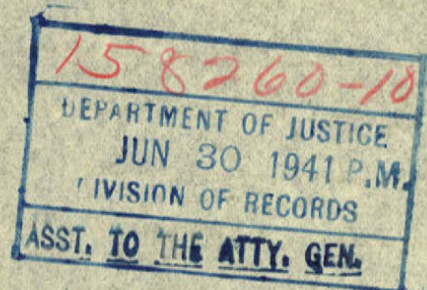
My dear Judge Parham:

Your letter of June 21 to the President,  
concerning the case of one J. H. Riney, has been  
referred to this Department.

Your communication is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Matthew F. McGuire  
The Assistant to the Attorney General



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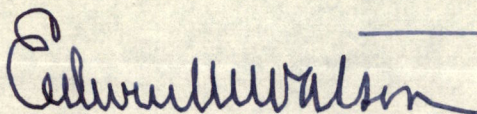
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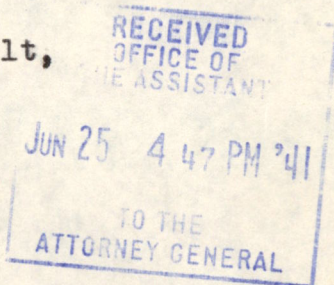
JUDGE OF THE ELEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

PINE BLUFF, ARK.

June 21, 1941.

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
President of the United States,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:-



About the first of May an appeal came to you from the Governor of Arkansas, Hon. Homer M. Adkins, for troops to assist in the trial of one John Henry Riney, a young negro who had brutally attacked and raped a very fine and very attractive young white married woman at McGehee. The minds of the people were inflamed. The Governor and all of us who had to do with the enforcement of the law were anxious to avert a lynching. You ordered troops to attend the trial at the county seat, Arkansas City. On May 15th, an orderly and legal trial was had, the defendant was convicted by a jury, sentenced to death by the Court and on yesterday he was legally executed.

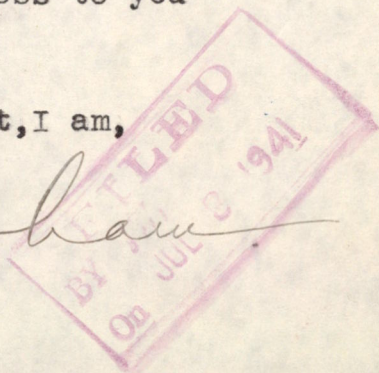
It is my opinion that without the presence of the troops there would have been trouble, and as the presiding judge at that trial I desire to express to you my heartfelt thanks for your action.

With expressions of the highest respect, I am,

Sincerely yours,

*T. G. Parham*

Circuit Judge.



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July 2, 1941

Mr. G. W. Sanders  
1908 Lee Street  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear Mr. Sanders:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of June 18, 1941, concerning injustices to which Negroes are subjected. You refer particularly to the alleged lynching of A. C. Williams, at Quincy, Florida, and to the murder of Bob White at Conroe, Texas.

The contents of your letter have been carefully noted and you are advised that the alleged crimes to which you refer are receiving the attention of the Department.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

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President F. D. Roosevelt  
Washington, D. C.

Dear President:

I am writing you along many serious matters which is of vital importance. Now, the main talk of today is Democracy, by the American people. A thing of great value of maintainance by the American people. As to you our President, on your fireside chat which was Broadcasted by Radio Message, the high light of your message was baised on "Freedom and Democracy", which has jumped from the minds of Americans. We find that hostility now exists in Europe., that Democracy has been scorned and freedom is being fought. Now as Americans are doing likewise.

I am asking what is any higher in our Government than the United Supreme Court, of the United States? I find that the United States Supreme Courts are not honored when it comes to justice to a Negro stay as to a true conviction. Two cases are as follows:

1. A. C. Williams was lynched twice in less than 48 hours, at Quincy, Florida.
2. Bob White, 31 year old Negro which was prosecuted in August 1937, and was charged with raping a White woman. His first conviction was reversed by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, his second by the Supreme Court of the United States. Third by the husband of the said raped woman, W. S. Cochran . He drew a 38 Calibre Pistol and sent a bullet into the head of Bob White, and White slumped in the chair dead.

Now, as our Pres., of the United States of America, you are blesses with more power than any Pres., that ever lived and you are at the cross-road, which lead us to where we would like to go, to the place we are looking for and don't know and would drive up to the cross-road and ask you to piont us to the road that lead to safety, or point out the road which will lead us to destruction.

Trusting to hear from you at once, I am

Very truly yours,  
*G. W. Sanders*  
G. W. Sanders  
1908 Lee Street  
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P. S. The slaying of Bob White was done in Conroe, Texas, June 10, 1941, when a Juror ofanine had been accepted.

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Mr. J. D. Roosevelt, president  
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Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

As an American Citizen I write you concerning the passing of the Anti-Lynch Bill, and the uniting of the three Americas.

It has been almost a year since Congress has received more than 290,000 signatures to unite the three Americas and pass the Anti-lynching Bill now at this session of Congress.

We as good American Citizens have sent in these petitions to pass the Anti-lynch Bill for the defense of the people here in America against lynching; the unification of the three Americas would provide safety also against any outside invasion.

In Article I, in the first Amendment of the Bill of Rights in our Constitution, says a right of petition. We like to be good law abiding citizens and fulfill our duties in upholding our Constitution.

and its Amendment in every way that is right, the same as those of you who are in office. For in unity there is strength. All the Bill of Rights need to be enacted.

By the help of God with your wholehearted cooperation with Congress this Bill can be passed at this Session of Congress. I thank you very much to negotiate with Congress concerning the passing of these Bills.

I thank you very much for an early reply.

Very sincerely yours,  
(Miss) J. Peace

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Miss Elizabeth O'Banion  
3402 Vernon Avenue  
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Dear Madam:

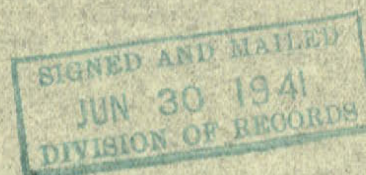
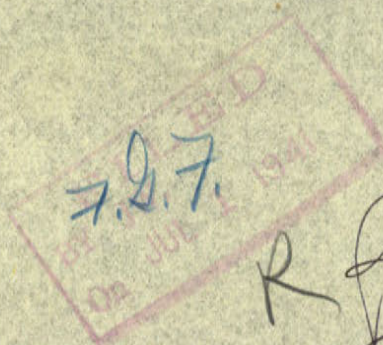
This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of June 17, 1941, urging that an anti-lynch bill be enacted.

Your letter has been carefully noted, but inasmuch as the matter therein referred to is one properly for legislative attention, it is suggested that you direct your petition to your Representatives in the Congress of the United States.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.



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June 17, 1941.

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My Dear Mr. President  
May the grace of God be unto  
you. I am writing this letter to you as one  
servant of God to another.

There are some things we all over-  
look when we are oppressed by heavier  
nerve wracking duties and they are the  
ones most needed to be taken care of to  
succeed in full thro' life.

The crisis that confronts the  
world to-day is the one spoken of by  
the prophet Daniel & by our Lord and  
Saviour Jesus Christ. This battle that  
now rages is the Lord's battle its neither  
to the swift nor to the strong but to the  
one that keeps God's commandment and  
also to those that have patience and with-  
stand long suffering they're the ones that  
overcome and receive our fathers' bless-  
ings.

The small matter I'm referring to  
happens to be the signing of the Anti Lynch  
bill i.e., to you and many others it seems  
small but to the negro Race it is a very

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large matter. There have been bills upon bills presented to you since you received the Anti-Lynch bill and they were signed.

You may have forgotten the bill or overlooked it but God hasn't. Could you inform me of what is hindering you from signing it? You speak of democracy for every one but yet and still you'll not free the Negro's neck from the southern noose.

If it is your fellow men why fear them God says what is man that thou art mindful of him? I communicate with my father in heaven thro' prayer and I do pray hard for you. For that reason he directs me to write you this letter and he also directed me to write you the one concerning the Jews when they were driven from pillar to post and as I told you then he was displeased you see now that he was because of his anger many a nation has fallen since then.

My father says in order to have peace to get your own house in order for his will must be done and his kingdom will come on earth as it is in heaven and his righteousness will reign for every nation regardless of nationality.

Don't let anyone try to make

you believe that you are not going to war because you are but unless you free the negro's from brutality of lynching you will have to admit defeat as other nations but when you do he will go before you in every battle and you will conquer and rule.

It will be to your benefit to sign that bill perhaps you will ignore this letter but in the future you will wish that you hadn't. You see Hitler isn't a demon as he seems to be but he is the fierceness of Gods anger and wrath poured out upon the people for their sins and the reason he has gotten so far God turned a deaf ear to their cries he gave them so many chances and they would not recognize him and he said that a day would come when he'd pour out his wrath upon the earth and out of all their crying he'd turn a deaf ear until the fulfillment of his plan.

Please don't say you were not warned in time because your servant of the Lord and saviour Jesus Christ has warned you. May God bless you with peace.

Sincerely Yours  
Elizabeth Cannon.

814 $\frac{1}{2}$  Good Street  
Dallas, Texas  
June 14, 1941

Assistant Attorney General Schweinhaut  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schweinhaut:

The Reverend M. H. Jackson has brought the work of your department to my attention and has advised the Texas National Association for the Advancement of Colored People of your deep interest in seeing that the rights of minority groups and others are not abridged in the Courts of the Land, therefore we are bringing to your attention one of the most flagrant breeches of the dignity of our court in the history of Texas.

At Conroe, Texas on June 10, a Negro on trial for his life was shot to death in the court room by the plaintiff who was immediately released on \$500.00 bond. This would be a barbarous incident at any time but during this National Emergency it seems to us to be doubly un-American and dangerous. Never before have the Negroes of Texas felt more unprotected under the government. We, therefore, call this to your attention and earnestly petition that the Department of Justice take action in this case.

Reverend Jackson, who was in your office last October discussing the bombing of Negro homes in Dallas, has led us to feel that you will take, if possible, action in this situation.

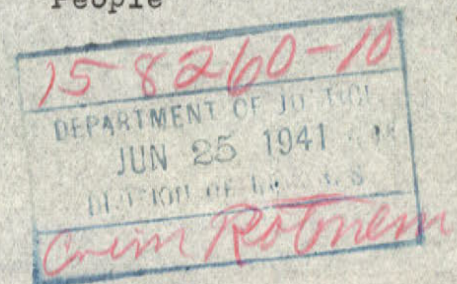
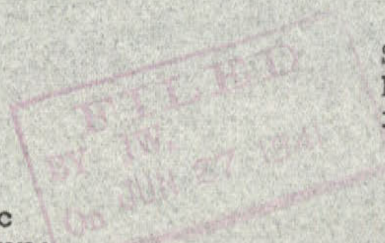
Enclosed are clippings which bring out the lurid details.

Respectfully yours,

*A. Maceo Smith*  
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Secretary, Texas Conference of  
Branches, National Association  
for the Advancement of Colored  
People

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Enclosure

cc: Walter White, New York City  
Attorney General Jackson  
Attorney Gerald C. Mann



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June 24, 1941

Mr. A. Maceo Smith  
Secretary, Texas Conference of Branches  
National Association for the  
Advancement of Colored People  
814 1/2 Good Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Mr. Smith:

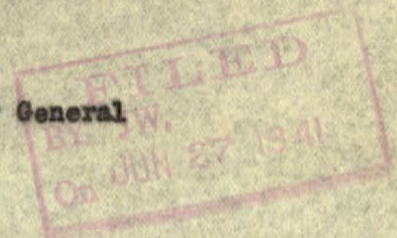
This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 14, 1941, together with the enclosed clippings concerning the shooting of Bob White in open court at Conroe, Texas.

The Department has considered this matter carefully and has determined that it does not involve a violation of any Federal criminal statute. As you are aware, the jurisdiction of the Federal Government in civil rights matters is limited to rights secured by the Constitution and laws of the United States. The instant matter appears to involve a murder, and as such is within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Texas. For these reasons the Department regrets that it can not intervene.

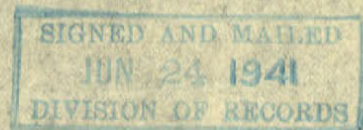
Respectfully,

For the Attorney General

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General



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## Negro Slain In Courtroom At Conroe

Husband of Woman  
Surrenders, Held  
For \$500 Bond

Special to The Press

CONROE, June 10.—Bob White, Negro, on trial for alleged rape of a Livingston white woman, was shot to death in a crowded courtroom at noon here today while the jury to try him was being selected.

The husband of the woman allegedly raped by White admitted the shooting, Deputy Sheriff H. R. Surratt said.

District Attorney W. C. McClain of Montgomery County, immediately filed a murder charge against the husband, who was identified as W. S. Cochran, prominent Livingston farmer.

McClain said he would present the case to the grand jury later in the day.

Cochran was released under \$500 bond.

A crowd of more than 300 persons jammed the courtroom when Surratt started to a room to call in a man to qualify him as the ninth juror.

Suddenly a man approached White, levelled a pistol at him and fired.

Then the man gave his gun to Jimmy Foreman, Livingston attorney.

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ney, and surrendered himself to Surratt.

White had been tried twice before in district courts and had been given the death penalty, but higher courts reversed the decisions and remanded the case for trial in Conroe. The earlier trials had been held in Polk and Montgomery counties.

### CONVICTION SET ASIDE

White's conviction was set aside by the U. S. Supreme Court and the opinion, one of the first written by Justice Hugo Black after his appointment, declared that White, 31, had been "under duress" and had been forced illegally to sign a confession.

The shooting in the courtroom took place just before District Judge W. B. Browder was about to declare a recess.

Trial of the case started Monday morning.

### SITTING BESIDE LAWYER

White was sitting in a chair next to his attorney, J. P. Rogers of Houston, when Cochran walked up and without a word shot the defendant.

The shooting occurred at 12:20. The Bob White case had previously aroused considerable interest. According to the state, the Negro entered the Cochran farmhouse, about 12 miles from Livingston, while Cochran was visiting in Houston and Mrs. Cochran was alone with her two small sons.

The state charged that the Negro went up the stairs without arousing the sleeping boys and threatened Mrs. Cochran with a knife, then attacked her.

# in Conroe Court

## Grand Jury Meets Without Acting on Conroe Shooting

Livingston Rancher Free on \$500  
Bond After Spectacular Court Slaying

HOUSTON, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 1941

CONROE, June 11.—The Montgomery County grand jury convened again Wednesday after taking no action against W. S. Cochran, 39, rancher and farmer who Tuesday shot to death in the courtroom Bob White, a Negro, who was on trial on a charge of raping Cochran's wife. Cochran was charged with White's murder immediately after the shooting and the case was referred to the grand jury.

### BOND POSTED

Cochran posted \$500 bond and went to his home, 12 miles from Livingston.

If an indictment is returned, Cochran will be arrested, District Attorney W. C. McClain said.

The three brothers had been seated with spectators in the courtroom when W. S. Cochran, prominent Livingston land owner, suddenly went over to the counsel table and killed White with a single shot. The bullet pierced the Negro's head and lodged in a door.

### JURY BEING SELECTED

The jury was being selected at the time and E. W. Chambers, pitcher for the Conroe baseball team, had just been approved as the ninth juror.

The shooting occurred just as the court prepared to recess. At one counsel table sat Zimmie L. Foreman, Livingston attorney aiding in the prosecution as special assistant employed by the Cochrans.

A short distance away at another table was J. P. Rogers of Houston, defense attorney, behind whom sat the defendant White.

Without a word, Cochran rose from his seat in the spectators' section. He stepped past one of his brothers, moved quietly inside the railing and walked up beside White. He had taken the .38 caliber revolver from his pocket as he went inside the railing, but no one in the courtroom noticed his action in the few seconds it took.

### FEW SAW IT

Only a few were believed to have witnessed the actual shooting. One witness said Cochran stood beside the Negro, lifted the pistol to his right ear and fired. There was only one shot. White slumped in his chair, instantly killed.

For a minute, Cochran stood there with the pistol in his hand. Then he stepped toward Foreman and handed him the weapon without a word. As he waited for the return of Sheriff Mostyn, several friends approached and shook his hand, but he still said nothing other than a murmured "Thanks."

### CHARGE FILED

Sheriff Mostyn and Deputy Sheriff Surratt returned immediately and Cochran surrendered to them. A murder charge was filed and he was released on the \$500 bond signed by Bay Evans and J. L. Pitts, friends of Conroe.

White's body was removed from the courtroom to the Roy Collins Funeral Home in Conroe awaiting someone to claim it.

A small group of Negroes who had been listening to the case in the rear of the courtroom left when they realized what had occurred.

The rape charge on which White had faced trial for the third time, resulted from an attack on Mrs. Cochran which took place Aug. 10,

1937, while her husband was in Houston. She was alone in her plantation home 12 miles from Livingston when it happened. Her attacker apparently left her for dead and fled, but she revived and called for help.

### RANGERS AIDED

Texas Rangers aided in the search for the culprit and within a week White confessed.

His first trial came on Sept. 1, 1937, in Livingston where Judge Browder presided and Texas Rangers guarded the courtroom to prevent action by the crowd against the Negro. All who entered the courtroom were searched for weapons. The verdict was guilty and a jury sentenced White to death.

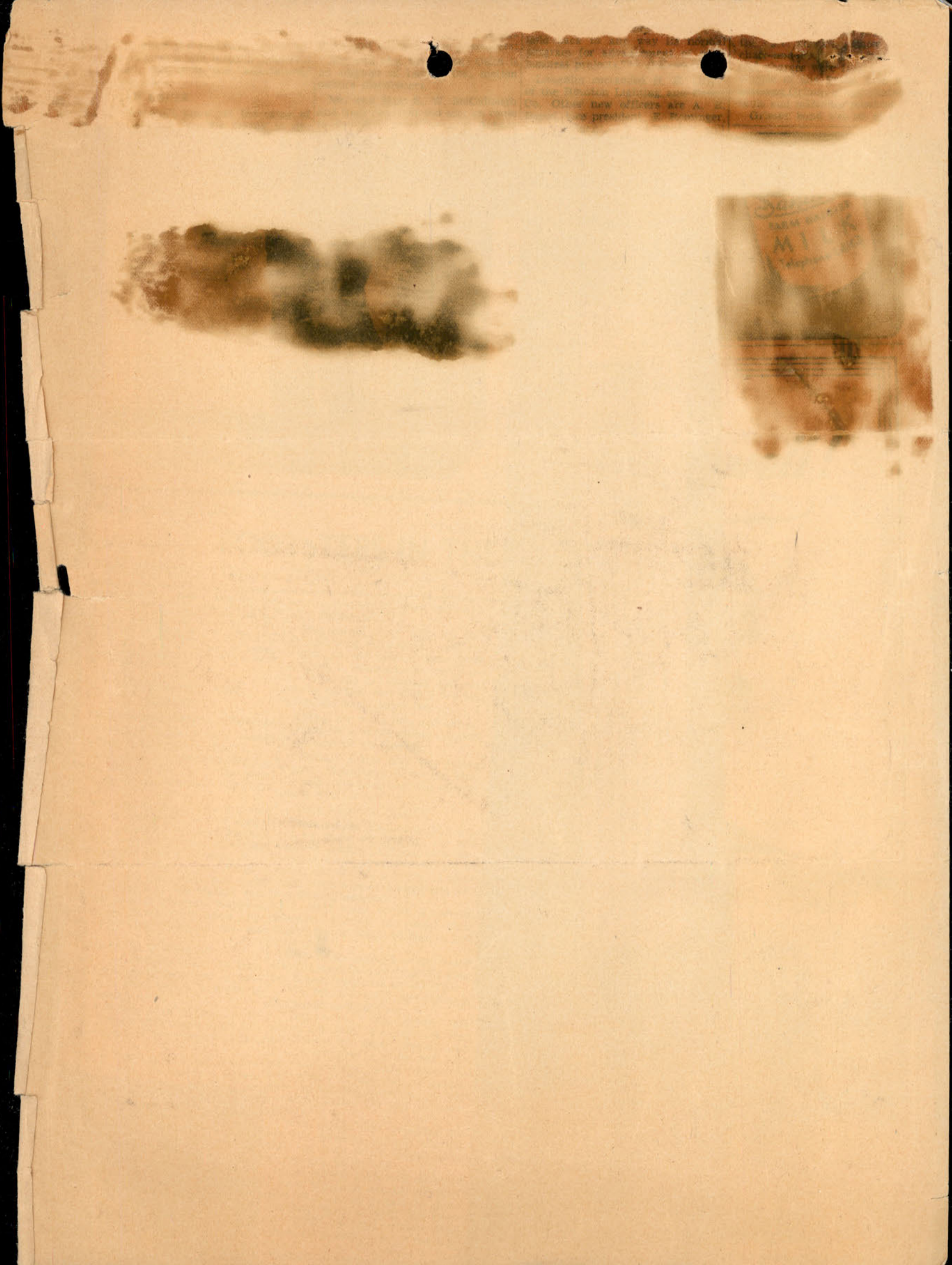
His attorney gained a reversal of the conviction in the state court of criminal appeals on April 16, 1938, the court holding that the attorney's request for a change of venue should have been granted because of the high feeling against the defendant in Polk County.

### SECOND TRIAL

The second trial was moved to Montgomery County and in Conroe White again was sentenced to death after a trial starting on Aug. 5, 1938. The state appellate court affirmed the verdict, but Attorney Rogers took the case to the United States Supreme Court which denied the appeal on Nov. 13, 1939, but granted a defense motion for rehearing on Feb. 29, 1940.

Then, in an oral decision on March 28, 1940, the Supreme Court reversed the case on the basis of claims that White's confession had been obtained by coercion and intimidation. A rehearing motion filed by the state was denied.

White had been incarcerated in the death cell in Huntsville except for a brief period when he was taken to Houston to avoid possible mob action. While in the county jail in Houston he married a Negro woman.



... pack for you, Stephan. It would be nice to have that to remember—that I had done something for you with my own hands." He did let her try; but despair made her fingers so clumsy that in the end, tenderly amused at her bungling, he had to take over, packing with the deftness of a seasoned traveler.

As he was closing the bag, she went on a sudden impulse over to a glass case where the most precious of the Lovett trophies were kept,

Congress

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FLASHES

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Justice

June 17 1941  
New York N.Y.C

Dear M President,  
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you in the name of God.  
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end to this killing of  
our negro men what  
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# LYNCHERS KILL COLORED MAN FOR 'ASSAULT'

to let them have Williams. Webb | what happened. I went out this  
came back to town and reported | morning and found the body."

Quincy, Fla., May 13 (U.P.)—The body of A. C. Williams, colored man accused of attempting to rape a 12-year-old white girl, was found riddled with bullets on a highway this morning, the victim of lynching by "five or six" white men, according to Sheriff M. P. Luten.

Williams was taken from an ambulance on the highway north of here last night and shot "eight to ten times," the sheriff said.

## Taken Out of Jail.

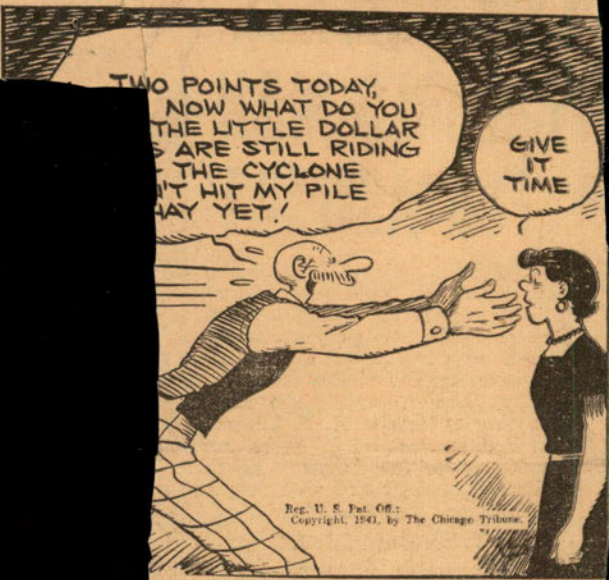
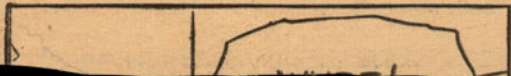
Williams was arrested early Sunday. That night a group of men appeared at the Gadsden County Jail and forced Deputy Dan Davis to surrender the prisoner, Luten said. They departed with Williams after locking Davis in the jail.

Williams staggered back to town yesterday, bleeding from several bullet wounds.

## Sent to Hospital.

"I fixed him up," the Sheriff said, "and sent him by ambulance to Tallahassee so he could get hospital attention. But about six miles north of town five or six white men stopped the ambulance and forced Will Webb, the driver,

# THE GUMPS—COUNTING HIS CHICKS



## Sings for Guild



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# Rich Husband of Texas Rape Victim Kills Colored Suspect at 3d Trial

(Special to The News)

Conroe, Tex., June 10.—W. S. Cochran, wealthy Texas landowner, walked over to the railing in crowded District Court here this afternoon and shot to death Bob White, colored, charged with raping Mrs. Cochran.

The ninth juror had just been chosen for the third trial of White, whose death sentence had been reversed once by the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals and once by the United States Supreme Court, when the killing took place.

Bailiffs were escorting the ninth juror across the hall to the jury dormitory when the shot rang out.

## Enters Court With Gun.

J. P. Rodgers, attorney for White, who was sitting near his client, said Cochran walked into the courtroom with a pistol in his hand.

"I thought he was bringing the gun is as evidence," Rodgers said. "He walked down to the railing separating the spectators from the principals in the case.

"He leaned over to within a foot of the defendant. There was one shot. The bullet tore through Bob's head. His head fell on his chest and blood reddened his shirt front."

Cochran, without saying a word, walked to Zimmie Forman, an old friend who was special prosecutor, and handed him the gun. He hesi-

tated for a moment, then raised his hands in the air as Deputy Sheriff Herschel Surrat rushed forward.

## Crowd Stampedes.

By that time the crowd in the courtroom was stampeding to get out the doors.

Sheriff Grover Mostyn and Surrat took the silent Cochran before Justice of the Peace J. W. McDaniel, where he was charged with murder.

J. L. Pitts, wealthy Conroe oil man and friend of Cochran, hurried to the Justice's office, where he shook Cochran's hand and signed the bond of \$500.

Then the slayer walked from the courtroom, got into a car where his wife awaited him, and drove off toward Livingston, his home.

than in the last quarter of 1940 and the great struggle for the Atlantic is "being well maintained."

In May alone, he said, 257,000 tons of Axis shipping had been

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ish military quarters to be moving rapidly, preventing French Syrian destruction of communications.

An RAF communique tonight said that British fighters had shot down five enemy planes.

Ankara reported that one British

# Communiques

## FRENCH

*Vichy, June 10 (P).—This communique on the fighting in Syria was issued today:*

On the afternoon of June 9 and the morning of June 10, British and DeGaullist forces between the Lebanon coast and Jebel Ed Druz, of several divisions strength, including one armored division, renewed their efforts in the direction of Beirut and Damascus.

Between Jebel Ed Druz and Hermon Mountains garrisons of our advanced posts of Kuneitra and Sheikh-Meskine were withdrawn after having carried out brilliant delaying action.

The enemy this morning found himself stopped on the general

line Merdjayoun, south of Sasa, Chabages and the western border of the Leja Desert.

In the coastal region of southern Lebanon the British tried without success to break the resistance of our troops. The attacks were led by armored units supported by fire from warships. Units which succeeded in disembarking on the coast north of the mouth of the Litani River have been counterattacked.

Our aviation is spending itself ceaselessly to cooperate in the defence. British prisoners expressed profound astonishment at meeting only French and not

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Gen. Henri Dentz

*His soldiers reported quitting.*

off by anti-aircraft fire. One raider was shot down and another damaged, the RAF said.

The communique said that the raiders returned "to the German-controlled base at Aleppo" in northeastern Syria, followed by British planes which strongly attacked the air base.

Planes on the ground were bombed, fires were started and "much damage caused," it was said.

Strengthening predictions of a collapse of French resistance British reconnaissance pilots were said to have reported that German planes have been leaving Syria,

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June 30, 1941

Mr. W. H. Clover  
1749 W. Polk Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of June 11, 1941, concerning the shooting in open court of the defendant in a rape case at Conroe, Texas.

You are advised that this matter has been given careful consideration by the Department, but it appears to be within the exclusive jurisdiction of the State of Texas. As you know, the jurisdiction of the Federal Government over the internal affairs of the several States is extremely limited, and for this reason the Federal Government may not intervene in this matter.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

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# TWICE FREED RAPE SUSPECT IS KILLED IN CROWDED COURT

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J. P. Rodgers, attorney for White who was sitting near the Negro, said that he saw Cochran walk into the courtroom with a pistol in his hand. "I thought he was bringing the gun in as evidence," Rodgers said. "He walked down and leaned over to within a foot of the defendant. There was one shot, killing him instantly." The courtroom crowd stampeded.

Cochran then walked to Zimmie Foreman, special prosecutor and an old friend, handed him the gun, and surrendered to a deputy.

LANE BRYANT  
AIR-COOLED SECOND FLOOR

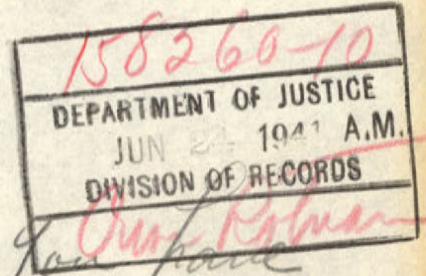


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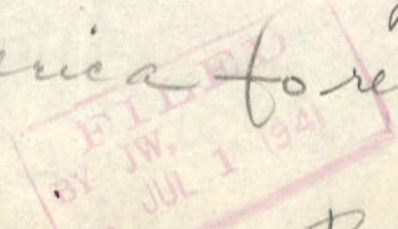
Mr. President



I understand that you have issued an all out drive for unity to save democracy. Can you expect unity when such acts as this and various others are being committed to the negroes of America?

Three years ago, I was informed that Congress had passed an Anti Lynch Bill. Will it be the year 1975 before it goes into effect? Since it has been passed, there has been more than a dozen negroes hanged. I have yet, the first time to read where the persons involved were prosecuted. Again I ask you, How much longer do you expect the negroes of America to remain silent?

At the rise of any emergency pending



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the destruction or in any manner periling the  
U. S., the negro has never failed to give  
their full aid. they have played their parts  
in all history making events.

Lincoln said, "All men are created equal.  
Why haven't we in the North & South, our equal  
rights as others?" Mr. President on behalf of  
the negro citizens of the U. S. A., I demand  
immediate investigation by the department of  
Justice, and the ones participating in taking the  
law in their own hands be prosecuted to the  
fullest extent by the Court.

Mr. President, in regard to the article  
enclosed, had the character been reversed the  
negro would have been hung in the courtroom.  
Everyone saw Mr. Cochran walk walk into the  
Courtroom with the gun, approach the defendant  
hold the gun point blank and kill him.

The defendant had it been found guilty. Their  
alibi is "We thought he was bringing convicting  
evidence," which a very poor lie I would say.  
Wouldn't you?

What democracy must we fight to save?

I am making an issue of this in the  
Papers within the next ten days. The reason  
for the delay is that I'm waiting for your  
response by return mail. Trusting your  
immediate action I remain,

Yours Truly

W. H. Clower

1749 W. Polk St.

P.S.

A flaw in material weakens its strength.  
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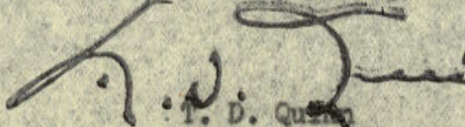
June 11, 1941

Director  
State Selective Service  
Savannah, Georgia

Dear Sir:

In replying to a letter dated May 4, 1941, from Mr. Joseph Wright, 1025 West 51st Street, Savannah, Georgia, we returned his registration card issued under the Selective Service Act. The letter was returned to this Department marked "For better address." However, the registration card has become misplaced. This information is being furnished your office for its records in case the above registrant applies for a duplicate card.

Very truly yours,

  
T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

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**INCLOSURE**

**Nº 305980**

**FROM**

**Department of Justice**

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Rev. Joseph Wright  
1025 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St  
Savannah ga

T. D. QUINN  
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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# Department of Justice

Washington

May 13, 1941

*Address correct*

Mr. Joseph Wright  
1025 West 51st Street  
Savannah, Georgia

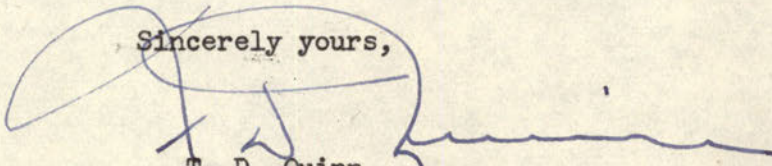
Dear Sir:

We have your letter of May 4, 1941, addressed to the President and by him referred to this Department, concerning your persecution by certain persons.

The jurisdiction of the Federal Government extends only to those cases in which the violation of some federal statute is involved. Since the matter of which you write is governed by the state laws, this Department is unable to be of any assistance. It is suggested, however, that you present your complaint to the local police officials.

The self-addressed stamped envelope and registration card forwarded with your letter are returned.

Sincerely yours,

  
T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

Inclosure No. 305980



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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Joseph Wright  
1025 West 51st Street  
Savannah, Georgia

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Mrs. Pope  
311 N. Delaware Avenue  
Atlantic City, New Jersey

Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of June 1, 1941, concerning an alleged assault on Edd Bradley of 101 Gaines Street, Washington, Georgia.

You are advised that the facts stated in your letter do not appear to disclose a violation of any federal criminal statute. In the absence of such a showing, the jurisdiction of this Department cannot be invoked.

Mr. Bradley may wish to call this matter to the attention of the Attorney General of the State of Georgia or the American Civil Liberties Union, 31 Union Square West, New York, New York.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

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3117 N. Delaware Ave.  
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June 1, 1941

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W. M. C. [Signature]

Secretary to the President

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Poor mother must suffer. what will become of his wife & 4 children? President Roosevelt please investigate this matter at once as the law in this County will not give justice or any privilage to any negro man, and <sup>all</sup> ~~any~~ privilage to the white man.

In the time of War troubles the Negro man renders his service the same as any other race. Their taxes are the same, then why cant they have

President Roosevelt  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you concerning Edd Bradley, a young Colored man, of 101 Gaines St. Washington, Georgia, who was lynched on Saturday, May 24, 1941 by his employe Henry Ogletree and

not given the rights to protect themselves against the white man. Just because they have dark faces and woolly hair doesn't mean that they are not a human being. Just think how unfair it must be that this poor boy cannot return home to his wife and children. Think how much he must suffer from the severe beating. This unfair deal is not fair for any man no matter what race he might be long to. This man is an American born citizen. Think of the agony that this

5 other white men of the same City. He was beaten with out mercy and threaten his life. He managed to get away from them and hide himself. The same men have looked for him to kill him so for that reason he cannot return to his home, and to his wife and 4 children who are hungry and will soon be with out a home to live in.

According to the "Declaration of Independence" it is not fair that because of the color of the skin of the negro race that they are

the privilege or the right to  
defend himself against the  
white man? just think how  
this poor mother, who lost  
one son in the world war and  
who has another son in  
training now, must feel with  
such unfairness. please invest-  
igate the welfare of the negro  
race in this state (Georgia).

I am thanking you in advance  
for your Co-operation in this  
matter.

yours truly  
Mrs. Pope



Justice

"I COME THAT YE MAY HAVE LIFE MORE ABUNDANTLY"

Miami Negro Youth Council

May 21, 1941.

334 N.W. 10TH STREET  
PHONE 2-5874

MIAMI, FLORIDA

President F. D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

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W.F.M. [Signature]  
Secretary to the President

Dear Sir:

We, who represent the young people of a minority group the Negro, are very anxious to see Christian principles prevail in our state-Florida. Recognizing the fact that all persons deserve the right of trial and that no person is guilty until proven so by the courts, we feel that such Godly rights should be respected by the people of such a civilized government as ours.

Our sentiments are the voices of 30,000, 000 Negroes throughout America that are now preparing to defend the world for Democracy. If we are to become the adherents of the doctrine, that we preach it is more democratic that we abolish such autrocities as the lynching of A. C. Williams in Quincy, Florida.

Thousands of black boys have been drafted into the training camps with a disire to follow the tradition of Crispus Attucks and the solders decorated by Presidnet Andrew Jackson and these at the Argonne forest despite the fact that they have been ostracized, stigmatized and victimized. Let us not blot out their patriotic spirit for the country that they love.

It has been our pleasure to have become cognizant of the powers that are invested in you as President and we pray that a thorough investigation will bring the perpertrators of such a cowardly act to justice. We trust that our eyes will visualize the Bill of Rights, our thoughts will reflect upon the ten commandments of God, and our faces will turn toward the words that are emblazoned upon the entrance of our Supreme Court namely:  
" Equal Justice Under the Law".

Respectfully yours,  
MIAMI NEGRO YOUTH COUNCIL

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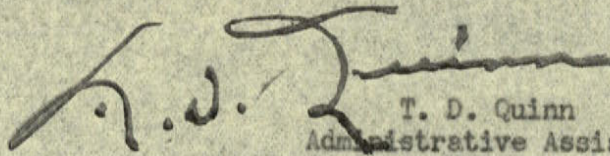
Miss Lydia Rosen  
2 Whitney Walk  
Coney Island  
Brooklyn, New York

My dear Miss Rosen:

We wish to acknowledge on behalf of  
the President your letter relative to  
anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation.

Your comments have been noted.

Sincerely yours,



T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

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*W. M. Dwyer*

Secretary to the President

2 Whitney Walk  
Conay Island, N.Y.

Justice

Dear Sir,  
I want to register here and  
show my protest against the  
shameful lynching of a Negro  
C. C. Williams in the State of  
Florida. I think that before  
we talk of trying to stop  
Hitterson abroad and your  
son and wife to

"They couldn't live in  
Hitterson" we clean up

our back yard. Certainly it is  
a disgrace and a blot on our  
civilization that such

shameful thing and lynching  
should occur. Just as it is  
possible for you to push bills

that you desire through both  
houses it is just as possible to

enforce the passage of the  
Anti-Lynching bill and the

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Gaynor Antin - Toll Tax Bills.  
This is our country and before  
we consider fighting "Hitlerism"  
abroad let's fight our own  
"Hitlerism" and prosecute these  
lynchers.

Yours truly,  
Lydia Rosen

June 2, 1941

Mr. Roy Wilkins  
Assistant Secretary, National Association  
for the Advancement of Colored People  
69 Fifth Avenue  
New York, New York

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge on behalf of  
the President your letter of May 16, 1941,  
relative to anti-lynching legislation.

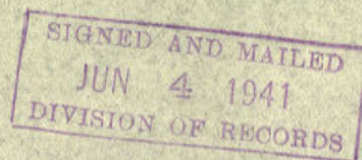
Your comments have been duly noted,  
and your interest in the matter is  
appreciated.

Very truly yours,



T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

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Secretary to the President

President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

May 16, 1941

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My dear Mr. President:

With all the matters of international importance that must engage your attention we do not suppose that it has come to your notice that an American citizen, already in the custody of police officers, was taken by a mob and lynched at Quincy, Florida, May 12.

Of course, the association registers its protest at the continued mob violence in this country, and of course, we call upon the President and the Department of Justice to take positive action looking to the wiping out of lynching. We believe that this death bears out the contention of this association that the United States government must enact legislation to outlaw lynching.

We are not in sympathy with the view that lynching is not a federal crime, and therefore is not subject to action by the congress of the United States. Victims of lynching mobs clearly are deprived of their constitutional rights and it has always seemed to us that the congress has an obligation to enact legislation which will guarantee the enjoyment of those rights.

Recently, without fanfare and without extended discussion, the congress of the United States passed legislation arbitrarily designating certain areas around army camps as United States territory and making the crime of prostitution within those areas a federal offense. The congress could make overnight the world's oldest profession a crime against the United States government; but for years this same congress and directing heads of our government have quibbled over the designation of lynching as a federal crime despite the language of the 14th amendment.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
May 16, 1941  
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Quite aside from all this, Mr. President, we are concerned with lynching as it relates to the aims in our national defense effort, to our aid to the democracies of the world, and to our declared opposition to the philosophy and practices of the dictator nations.

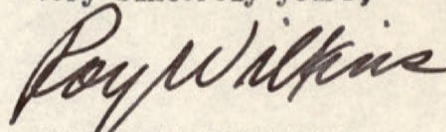
You have said that every man, woman and child has a stake in the effort we have undertaken. You have pictured this struggle as one to preserve the democratic freedoms against the assault of the forces of oppression, brutality, and death.

In this immense effort our country is weakened morally and physically by the lynchers who kill at their whim, and by officers of the law who make no effort to protect their prisoners or to arrest the lynchers. Into the hands of Virginio Gayda and Paul Joseph Goebbels the Florida mob and all other mobs have thrust the answer to America's protestations and actions in the international conflict.

In the light of our present activities, the Florida lynchers, as the New York Times has well said editorially, are "doubly steeped in crime" and have "betrayed their country."

A pronouncement from the Chief Executive on this crime would hearten those Americans who abhor lynching and who stand defenseless before the gibes of those who regard our country's defense philosophy as hypocritical.

Very sincerely yours,



ASSISTANT SECRETARY

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June 2, 1941

Mr. Hezekiah Climons  
3104 Rhodes Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

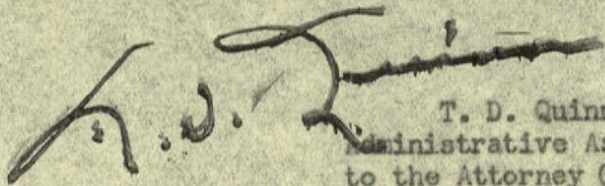
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Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge on behalf of the President the copy of your letter of May 15, 1941, relative to anti-lynching and anti-poll tax legislation.

Your comments have been noted.

Very truly yours,



T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

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*NMMac*  
Secretary to the President

May 15th. 1941  
3104 Rhodes Ave.  
Chicago Ill.

To the President of the United States:

Mr. President I am calling your attention to what happened in Quincy Florida on May the 12th. A Negro was taken from a jail and lynched and you preach Democracy; would you have nerve enough under these conditions to force our boys to take up arms to defend a Democracy that allows them to be taken from a jail and be lynched. Mr. President there are things that is of more importance to the black man of this country than to save Europe. Their Freedom is at stake they have been two important bills before Congress for over twenty years or more, and these are the Anti Lynch and the Anti Poll Tax bill. You would do this Race a favor if those two bills were passed. Until the Negro has the same privilage as other Nationalities I can't see why you would force things upon them that dos'nt benefit them; In the National Defence program there is no Negroes being hired and neither in private Industry. They have a right to live as others do, but; when it comes to War you want our boys to come sholder to sholder with others.

Mr. President could this country say anything about any other country and how the people are being treated, when there are ten million in this Country that can't even go to the poles and vote. First do something at home and then you can go abroad.

Yours Respectively,  
Hezekiak Climons

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Mr. Joseph Wright  
1025 West 51st Street  
Savannah, Georgia

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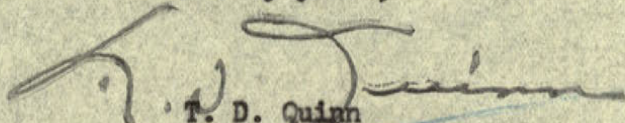
Dear Sir:

We have your letter of May 4, 1941, addressed to the President and by him referred to this Department, concerning your persecution by certain persons.

The jurisdiction of the Federal Government extends only to those cases in which the violation of some federal statute is involved. Since the matter of which you write is governed by the state laws, this Department is unable to be of any assistance. It is suggested, however, that you present your complaint to the local police officials.

The self-addressed stamped envelope and registration card forwarded with your letter are returned.

Sincerely yours,



T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

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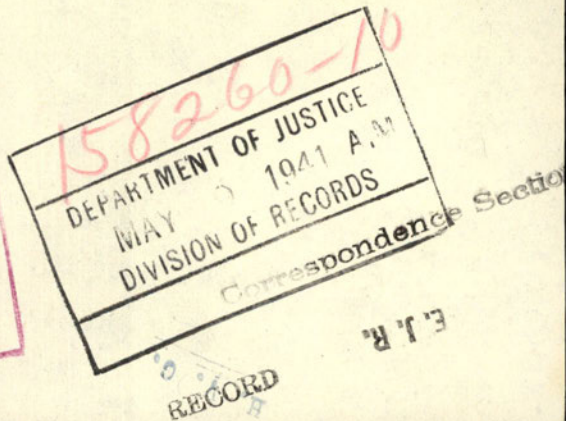
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These are the names of  
those who said they are  
going to lynch me if its  
the last thing they do  
Mrs Knight and Her Husband  
and Son Joseph Knight  
and Her daughter Mrs Grattan  
and Mr Spaulding and His  
wife and their grand children  
and Frank Davis and  
His wife

Justice Javonch, Ga.  
May 4 1941

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To my most distinguish  
President Mr. Roosevelt  
I am asking you to please  
for God sake and my  
life to free me from my  
oppressor I am a young  
Colored minister Pastor  
of the Pancreary of the  
Sard I was arrested last  
year By some white

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J.M.

People they accuse me of Statary and when I was  
 tried I was not found guilty since then they  
 Have Been picketing the Church of god wont allow  
 people to come, making threat against my life,  
 and doing every thing they can against me  
 I am a poor Boy, and Have no one to Help  
 me, I am afraid I will Be Kill some night  
 I cannot Explain all the filty thing they  
 want done will you please sir Help me so.  
 I can preach the lard Gaspel and live in  
 peace, I am afraid to come to Church my  
 life do not warth nothing.

I am Not a Slacker  
To get and my Country  
Here is my Registration  
Card please sir Help me  
get free from this mob  
and if it cost me any thing  
I will get a job and pay it  
Your Humble servant

Joseph Wright 1025 West  
51st Street Davanoch ga.  
P.8. Enclose please Fine

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May 13, 1941



Mr. W. S. Ashley  
President  
Citizens' Civil Liberties League  
635 Cherry Street  
Camden, New Jersey

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your communication, dated April 30, 1941, which has been referred by the President to the undersigned for acknowledgment and consideration. You comment as to the recent alleged lynching of Private Felix Hall of Company B, 24th Infantry, Ft. Benning, Georgia.

You are advised that the Department is in communication with the War Department in relation to this particular matter.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE  
Assistant Attorney General

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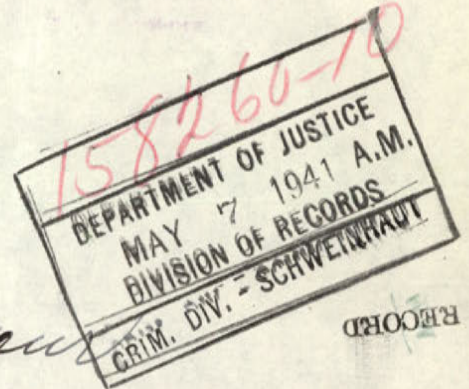
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635 Cherry Street  
Camden, New Jersey  
April 30, 1941

Your Excellency  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D.C.  
Hon. Sir:

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FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT  
AND CONSIDERATION

W.M. McGuire  
Secretary to the President



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E. R.

We desire to call to your attention the fact that a young Negro soldier was brutally lynched during the past week at Fort Benning, Georgia.

We vehemently protest against this atrocious crime.

We urge you to use your good office in bringing the lynchers to justice.

These outrageous crimes that are constantly being inflicted upon the Negro people in America

Lynching

further shows the deep significance  
for the immediate passage of  
the Wagner-Van Dyke-Capper Anti-  
Lynching Bill.

America cannot take the lead  
among the great democracies of  
the world until she completely  
extirpates this vicious crime.

We sincerely hope that  
definite action will be taken  
in this matter.

Very sincerely yours,  
Citizens Civil Liberties League  
W. S. Ashley, President  
Raymond V. Johnson  
Executive Secretary

TELEGRAM

The White House  
Washington

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WOLDINGHAM SURREY, Apr. 23, 1941

NLT THE PRESIDENT:

Message from American citizens, O'man greatly beloved,  
pass anit-lynching bill, commence measures against segregation,  
then, unite three Americas. Follow father devine's advice,  
save America and Britain.

Emily McConnell.

On APR 29 1941

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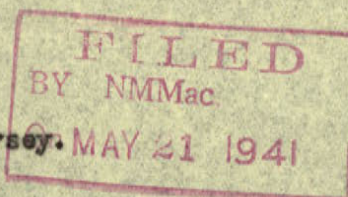
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May 19, 1941.

Miss Laura Packard Redman,  
8 Sixth Avenue,  
Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey.



Dear Madam:

This Department is in receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of April 22, 1941, in which you comment as to the alleged lynching of a Negro soldier in Georgia.

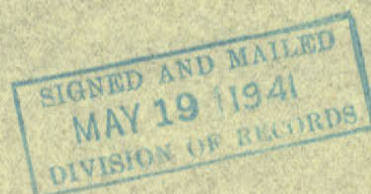
You are advised that the Department has been informed as to this matter and an inquiry in relation thereto has been addressed to the War Department.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL HERGE,  
Assistant Attorney General.

*RHM*



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*W. M. Dwyer*

Secretary to the President

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington, D. C.

My dear President Roosevelt,

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It seems almost unbelievable to me that a Negro soldier in uniform could have been lynched in our country. And yet this is true of a 19 year old boy who volunteered, and this terrible crime took place, as you know, in Georgia.

President Roosevelt, this surely is a very dangerous thing to have happen in our great democratic country which freed the slaves seventy five years ago.

A few years ago I wrote you a letter, which was directly from my heart, comparing you to our

great President Lincoln. But  
it seems to me now that  
you are growing less like  
him every day, because  
you show so little concern  
for the common people,  
especially those who are  
most oppressed, the Negro people.

Won't you come out  
courageously and unequivocally  
for the anti lynching bill,  
and won't you do your  
part to have the lynchers of  
Delix Hall properly punished?

Very earnestly yours,

Laura Packard Redman

April 22, 1941

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Mr. F. D. Roosevelt, President  
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RESPECTFULLY REFERRED TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AND COMMISSIONER  
M. M. ...  
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I am writing you in regards to the uniting of the three Americas - for in union there is strength; and pass the Anti-lynching Bill now.

There were many hundreds of thousands of petitions carried and sent to Congress to unite the three Americas and pass the Anti-lynching Bill. We are anxious to hear from you concerning same.

Every Sunday evening, there is a mass meeting at Rockland Palace, 8th Avenue & 155 Street, New York City.

Father Divine and many thousands of people attend these meetings. There is a special announcement that all people are welcome to participate in these meetings, whether religious or political affiliations. Free - no donations, no collections.

We all would appreciate your presence there Sunday evening or next Sunday evening.

April 27. But if you can not come this early, I thank you to write Father Divine now, at the Rockland Palace Address about the unifying of the three Americas and the passing of the Anti-lynching Bill.

It is very necessary that we would like to hear your opinions by mail if you could not attend the meeting and tell us personally.

I thank you very much for an early reply.

sincerely,  
(Miss) J. Peace

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*Frederic W. Cook,  
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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
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Secretary to the President

RESOLUTIONS IN FAVOR OF  
THE ADOPTION OF AN ADEQUATE  
FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCH LAW.

RESOLVED, That The General Court of Massachusetts hereby memorializes the Congress of the United States to enact, and the President of the United States to sign, an adequate anti-lynching law which would enlist the powers of the federal government in learning the identity of, and prosecuting, those participating in lynch mobs, those responsible for inciting such mobs, and those local law enforcement officers who remain lax or passive while a lynching is committed; and be it further

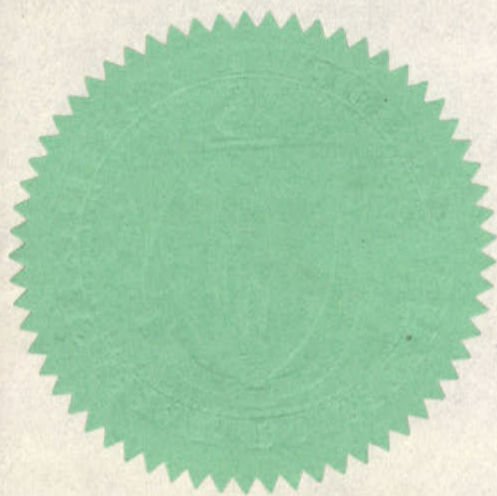
RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Commonwealth forthwith transmit copies of these Resolutions to the President of the United States, to the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from this Commonwealth.

In House of Representatives, adopted, April 2, 1941.

LAWRENCE R. GROVE, Clerk.

In Senate, adopted, in concurrence, April 8, 1941.

IRVING N. HAYDEN, Clerk.



A true copy. Attest:

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SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7

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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives  
of the United States of America, in congress  
assembled:

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*W. M. McQuinn*  
Secretary to the President

We, your memorialists, the forty-first legislative  
assembly of the state of Oregon, in regular session  
assembled, respectfully request and petition as follows,  
to wit:

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Whereas the heinous crime of lynching still  
continues occasionally in various states of the United  
States; and

Whereas local law enforcement officials have in  
numerous instances been unwilling or unable to protect  
citizens against this outrageous practice; and

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Whereas the people of the state of Oregon, in  
common with nearly all citizens of the United States,  
are eager to see the crime of lynching forever eliminated  
from our democracy; now, therefore,

Be It Resolved by the Senate of the State of Oregon,  
the House of Representatives jointly concurring  
therein:

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That we, your memorialists, the forty-first  
legislative assembly of the state of Oregon, do hereby  
most respectfully request and petition the congress  
of the United States and the members of congress from  
the state of Oregon to consider favorably and enact  
federal legislation against the crime of lynching;

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and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this joint memorial be forwarded by the secretary of state of the state of Oregon to the President of the United States, to both houses of congress of the United States and to each member of the Oregon delegation in congress.

ENDORSED: SENATE JOINT MEMORIAL NO. 7 Introduced by Senator Kenin. Zylpha Burns, Chief clerk. Adopted by Senate 3/13/41. Dean H. Walker, President of Senate. Concurred in by House 3/15/41. Robt S. Farrell Jr., Speaker of House. Filed: March 20, 1941, Earl Snell, Secretary of State.

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AND GENERAL PUBLIC

THE STRONGEST BOND OF HUMAN SYMPATHY, OUTSIDE THE FAMILY RELATION, SHOULD BE ONE UNITING ALL WORKING PEOPLE, OF ALL NATIONS AND TONGUES, AND KINDREDS.

*W.M.M. Cullinane*

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President Roosevelt  
Secretary to the President

While Anti-Lynching legislation gathers dust in the recesses of Congress, thousands of Negro and white citizens, especially in the South, are in constant danger of becoming victims of this lawlessness. A federal law stopped kidnapping; a federal law can stop lynching.

Millions of citizens, Negro and white, lose their vote by the Poll Tax. Southern Congressmen sit in law-making bodies, though they were elected by a minority of the voters of their states. Because they do not need to fear the sentiments of the majority of the people of their states, they introduce and help pass laws detrimental to the welfare of our entire country. Yet, the anti-Poll Tax Bill lies on the shelf.

We, the undersigned American citizens, are convinced that before we can have the right to speak about saving democracy elsewhere, must save it here at home. The tax-payers money should go for this purpose. Give the right to vote to millions of citizens in the South. Stop mob violence resulting in lynching. We urge you to use your influence for the passage of the anti-lynch and anti-poll tax legislation in this session of Congress.

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*MA M. C. Byrne*

Secretary to the President

Resolution of  
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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
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GREETINGS:

WHEREAS, Our nation is now threatened with the gravest danger to its institutions by the most ruthless conqueror that has ever afflicted the human race, whose object is world domination and the enslavement of mankind for a thousand years; and

WHEREAS, The President of the United States in his fireside chat on December 29, 1940, courageously and far-seeingly made it clear to the dictator nations that our way of life shall not depart from our shores; and

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WHEREAS, We are arming for hemispheric defense and the defense of our shores in order to prepare ourselves against the immoral forces rampant in the world, making it necessary for us to forge moral weapons which are essential to destroy these immoral forces; and

WHEREAS, The Negroes of the United States who are among the most loyal of our citizens, always have been found in the forefront in all emergencies in our nation's history, and their blood was the first to be spilled in the Revolutionary War, which paved the way for the independence of the United States; and

WHEREAS, A Negro girl, Phoebe Fraunces, saved the life of George Washington from the first Trojan Horse, or Fifth Columnist, in American history in 1776; and

WHEREAS, In 1812, Negroes as soldiers and sailors, as can be attested, played their part well on Lake Erie and Lake Champlain; and

WHEREAS, In the Civil War, when another great danger threatened our nation with division by which the states would have broken up into rival camps, which would have been

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gobbled up by the hungry governments of Europe and Asia, the first blood that was spilled in order to cement, once and for all, this great nation was that of Nicholas Biddle, a Negro from Pottsville, Pennsylvania; and

WHEREAS, In the Spanish-American War, on June 18, 1898, Sergeant George H. Wanton, who has been cited for bravery by Congress, performed an act of heroism by rescuing his comrades while under fire of Spanish cannon; and

WHEREAS, In the World War No. 1, the first American soldiers to reach the Rhine was a Negro regiment of which Dorrence Brooks, Needham Roberts, Henry Johnson and others, covered themselves with everlasting glory fighting for the preservation of Democracy under the sun-kissed Star Spangled Banner; and

WHEREAS, When munitions plants and reservoirs were being blown sky high and the authorities knew not whom to trust, since white men were suspected of being spies, nor whom to put in charge of the White House for the safety of President Wilson, it was a Negro, Major James H. Walker, along with his trusted men, who guarded the home of the Chief Executive, so that he and his family could sleep in peace and safety; and

WHEREAS, There is rank discrimination against the Negro race throughout the nation and discriminatory laws on the statute books of the states against Negroes, in violation of the 14th and 15th amendments, to say nothing of the Declaration of Independence, which is the bulwark of American Liberty, Justice and Freedom; and

WHEREAS, In 1861, the nation could not exist half free and half slave, so in 1941, ought not and should not exist half privileged and half under-privileged; and

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln said four times that it was the Negroes who saved the union and, therefore, both the Negroes' devoted service and our national situation at this time call for true democracy as embodied in the Constitution of the United States; and

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WHEREAS, At this moment, skilled Negro workers are being barred from many defense projects, contrary to the spirit that permeates the nation; and

WHEREAS, It is the stressing of fundamental race barriers that has placed Europe in the chaos in which it finds itself today; and

WHEREAS, We, who are a nation of a hundred so-called different races, may by our stressing of these fundamental, race barriers become a crazy quilt of wrangling and so defeat our main purpose; and

WHEREAS, 1941 is to the Negro his new Emancipation, and his demand is therefore for the status of full manhood rights as a citizen throughout the nation and its possessions; and

WHEREAS, The Negro stands against all forms of dictatorship, subversive organizations and individuals and those who seek to undermine the fundamental principles of this nation; and

WHEREAS, There is a stigma attached to the Negroes' ancestry by the false teachings of history of the part he has played in world civilization; and

WHEREAS, The attempt on the Dictators' part to set up race superiority is responsible for the carnage, pillaging, sacking and plundering, and their twisting of history to suit their ends; and

WHEREAS, The Negro never has been found in the camp of the enemies of the United States, nor has the flag of the United States ever been insulted in the presence of a black American who did not avenge the offense, nor has the Stars and Stripes trailed in the dust when there was a Negro nearby to hurl it into the breeze again; and

WHEREAS, In this, our nation, race prejudice is in direct contravention to the basic objects of our Constitution and those for which we are arming, namely, national defense and national solidarity; and

WHEREAS, The purpose of our defense preparations is for the preservation of our democracy and the freedom of mankind and defense against the tyrants who are seeking world  
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domination, so that we may establish peace with justice; and

WHEREAS, The United States, under the leadership of our great President, who combines in his person the wisdom of a Solomon, the grit and determination of a Marcus Garvey, the dauntlessness of a Toussaint L'Overture, the cunning of a Napoleon Bonaparte, the iron will of a Bismarck, and the patience and human kindness of a Booker T. Washington, can bring the world back to the path of God, love and rectitude; and

WHEREAS, There are powerful forces in the world inimical to the Negro and his advancement and, when peace shall have come again to the world, Negroes and other dark peoples may be left dissatisfied and disfranchised, we believe that such a situation may serve as a breeding ground for future revolutions and future wars, THEREFORE,

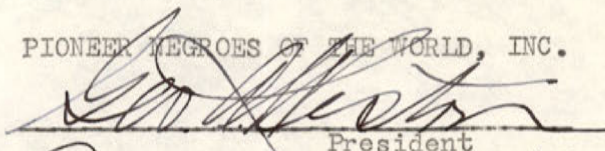
BE IT RESOLVED, That the PIONEER NEGROES OF THE WORLD, INC. of New York City, in its 77th Emancipation Day Celebration, January 1, 1941, memorializes and respectfully demands of the Congress of the United States, and each and every member thereof, that an appropriate Anti-Lynching Bill be immediately enacted, and that any question of its constitutionality be left for the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States;

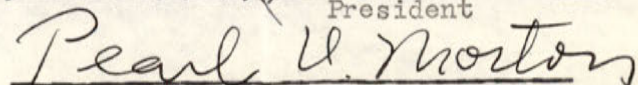
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Congress or Senate of the United States make immediate plans for a Congressional or Senatorial investigation of the discrimination against Negroes in the armed forces of the United States, and that appropriate legislation be enacted for the removal of any such discriminations as may be found;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, the United States Senate and the House of Representatives.

Dated at New York, N. Y. on the 1st day of January, 1941.

PIONEER NEGROES OF THE WORLD, INC.

  
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Miss Doris Chernick  
Box 222  
University of Connecticut  
Storrs, Connecticut

My dear Miss Chernick:

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of February 20 for information or references concerning lynching of Negroes, I take pleasure in enclosing herewith a copy of Price List No. 54, issued by the United States Government Printing Office, wherein are listed, beginning on page 47, speeches delivered in Congress relating to this topic, together with the prices thereof.

Very truly yours,

Matthew F. McGuire  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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*Mr. Cozart*

THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT  
STORRS, CONNECTICUT

February 20, 1941

Dear sir,

I am writing a paper on lynching of negroes in the south. Could you forward to me any information you have concerning this topic or any references I might use?

I thank you.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Doris Chernick

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DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION  
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Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Honorable Sir, I have written you several letters but haven't heard from you about the many thousands of petitions that were sent to Congress to pass the Anti-lynching Bill now and unite the three Americas for hemisphere defense.

We, the people of the United States want a more perfect union. What is being done to keep America out of war? What is being done to unify the people of the Nations together?

Therefore, it is of great importance that the Anti-lynching Bill be passed now and unite the three Americas for hemisphere defense.

We believe in the three great documents: the Declaration of Independence, and the Constitution and its Amendments, and the Righteous Government Platform.

Father Divine says peace can be obtained by the people unifying, etc. we do our duty by cooperating with the office holders. And the many thousands of petitions that has been sent to Congress

through Father Divine and others, the Bills are worthy of immediate passing, and that he should get an immediate reply from you and others. Concerning these Bills of Right, that we who signed these petitions, want to hear from you and the others about them.

Mr. Roosevelt. I thank you to answer this letter before you lay it aside and forget it, as I don't know the cause for your failure in not replying to my other letters.

I thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

(Miss) James Peace

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Mr. Harry Straight  
Beallsville Village High School  
Beallsville, Ohio

My dear Mr. Straight:

This will acknowledge that part of your letter of February 10, 1941, to the Bureau of Information, which was referred to this Department, concerning the subject of "anti-lynching laws and charitable racketeering."

Since Federal legislation in reference to lynching is a matter which must be determined by the Congress and is not within the province of this Department, it is suggested that your inquiry as to this subject should be directed to your Representatives in the Congress.

This Department has no statistics showing the extent of charitable racketeering in the United States and is, therefore, unable to furnish you the information you request.

Very truly yours,

Matthew F. McGuire  
The Assistant to the Attorney General

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February 15, 19 41

The attached communication, under date of  
February 10, 19 41 from

Mr. Harry Straight,  
Beallsville Village High School,  
Beallsville, Ohio.

requesting information regarding the  
Anti Lynching Laws, and charitable  
racketeering in the U.S.

is referred to  
Department of Justice.

for such action as may be necessary

has

The writer

been notified of this

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reference.

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Harriet Root, Chief

Beallsville Village High School

Harold M. Nichols, Principal

Beallsville, Ohio

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Bureau of Information,  
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Dear Sir;

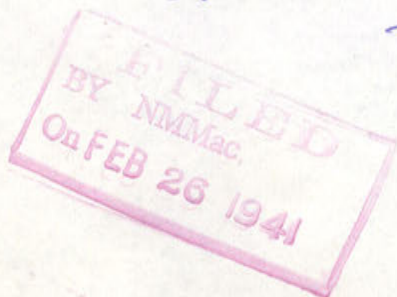
(1) Would you please send me information concerning what should or has been done by our Federal government about the Anti lynching laws. - Justice

(2) Also, about how extensive child labor exist in U.S. - Children, Poor

(3) Also about how extensive charitable racketing exist in U.S. - Justice

Thanks -

yours truly  
Harry Straight



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Miss Shirley Jane Pohn  
Agnes Scott College  
Decatur, Georgia

Dear Miss Pohn:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the Department of the Interior, of your letter of February 12, 1941, requesting information concerning the pending Anti-Lynch Bill.

The Department regrets that it does not have such information as you desire available for general distribution. You are referred, however, to articles appearing in Volume 2, George Washington Law Review, 498, and Volume 38, Columbia Law Review, 199.

It is hoped that the discussion in these two articles will supply you with the desired information.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

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WENDELL BERGM  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

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Shirley Jane Pohn

- Feb. 12, 1941 -

Agnes Scott College Decatur, Ga.

Dear Sirs,

I am working on a research paper dealing with Anti-Lynching legislation. I would appreciate any government information you have on this subject. If possible please send it at once.

Sincerely yours,  
Shirley Pohn.

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Author  
Songwriter  
Playwright.

By Appointment

Rev. F. V. TROTMAN

Spiritual Advisor

Healer

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President Helen Roosevelt

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Washington D. C.

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Your Excellency:

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Please put all pressure  
at your command to veto the  
'Anti-Lynching Bill.' Which  
sooner or later will become  
a nuisance to good society  
and especially to naturalized  
law abiding citizens.

Right now the Southern Negro  
is carrying on "White Slavery" in  
our beautiful city New York; also our  
homes are not safe because our  
husbands <sup>or fiancés</sup> are being hi-jacked  
in the Hall ways. Our daughters  
are being molested by said Southern  
Negro, who wants them to enter their Slave's  
Market. There is also "England"  
Business as they call it. Please  
think of our future generation to  
come. I've been going through it  
and I should know.

By the way ask your American  
Counsel at Barbados for a Snap-  
shot of my 'Contribution' to These  
United States of American. I thank you  
you made me what I am today.

Yours Respectfully,  
Rev. Miss Fredinca V. Trotter  
Author - Playwright - Song  
writer

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Sometimes I wonder, is it so wise to keep quiet? When convictions run so high, one just can not be still. For a long time have hoped to show to this whole world just what I see taking place.

In the first place, have your Cabinet read the twenty-first chapter of St. Luke; then have them read the twenty-first chapter of Revelations. The prophecies are truly fulfilling.

"Father Divine", "God Almighty" has brought heaven to earth. The healing of the nations is with him. That is "The Crystal

River, "that flows by the Throne of God." That little word "Peace," is fathomless and means more to this whole world than all of the so-called Governments put together.

I ask "Father," one day spiritually for an inspirational hymn, that would cover all of his "Wonderful Attributes," and this is what came to me while I was sitting, doing some special work in my home at Willow Grove Penna. It came to the tune of "Soldier of the Cross," which seemed too, so appropriate.

"Father Divine," is God Almighty!  
 "Father Divine," is "King of Peace!"  
 "Father Divine," is "King of Kings!"  
 "Wonderful!" "Conciler!"

"Father Divine," is "King of Glory!"  
 "Father Divine," is "Lord of Lords!"  
 "Father Divine," is "Our Redeemer!"

"Javior"! "Immanuel"! (God with us)

The Habitation of "Our Javior's Throne," "Is Righteousness, Truth, and Justice."

"God," is here now, and has condescended to settle in this United States. All Honor to this Nation. She should feel glorified where God has set up his Kingdom, and waits, ready to help humanity. They have got to hear him before the Peace they are hoping for will ever come or be realized in this wide, wide world.

Why let destruction come to this Hemisphere when there is but one step between us and "Our God," and the "Peace," that is his to give. That Peace that surpasses all human understanding, belongs to "God." To him, and to him alone can we go to get it. No man can

give that peace.

"God" is King of Peace.

"The Father of the Son," The Prince of Peace. "Father Divine," "King of Peace!"

Pass the Anti-Lynching Bill, and The Bill of Rights, and do it now! before it is too late.

"God made all nations of One blood."

"God," is no respecter of persons but waits for men to obey his will. "Not my will, but thine be done."

The "Constitution," and "The Declaration of Independence" was truly written by "God," thro man, other-wise it would not have been. They are not being lived up to, now, are they? For "God's sake," who waits to save this world, was in the South fifty years before he unveiled himself. Was thro

thirty-two Lynch-mobs him-  
self

Think you not?  
"God," heard the crys, and  
the wailing of the children  
in the south. The unfairness  
etc.

They have got to hear their  
maker now, and answer for  
their wrongs, sin and crime  
and debauchery of every kind;  
and they will not be able to  
gain say.

"It is Truly Wonderful!"  
Why spend money on "war,"  
and even think "negative" tho's?  
"God," "Father Divine," teaches us  
to live and express only the  
positive. "It is Truly Wonderful!"  
There is not contagionizing the  
world with disease and  
death, but actually healing  
the nations. And, it truly  
works! If everybody came  
into the "Dispensation of Peace"

"I thank you Father!"

Not One Nation could enter our Borders, antagonistically. "Peace is Power", and "Father" is the only hope of this world. "This is Gods day" "God alone shall reign"! I could almost write a book on experiences I have had just in spiritual contact with "Father Divine", and answered prayer. Tho I have only had the pleasure of meeting "Father", once for a couple minutes, and shaking his hand.

"It is Truly wonderful"! Tho "God", has taken on a body he yet is filling all space and leaving vacant none. I see all we do, and hears all we say, and even knows our very thoughts.

"It is Truly wonderful"! "Peace"

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"Thank you Father"

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The Attorney General  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of January 15th and thank you for the advice contained therein.

It does seem, however, unnecessary to address to my representatives in Congress a request couched in the language of my letter, due to the fact that the Bill was introduced by a New York Senator, and also because a Bill of similar import was also introduced by a New York representative. It is also a recognized fact bills of this nature, whether Wagner-Anti-Lynching or Dyer-Anti-Lynching, have always received the support of most representatives from above the Mason-Dixon line. Neither is there anything unusual for the Chief Executive to put on his "must list" bills which call for urgent legislative action in the nation's interest.

I had hoped to be able to send a copy of my letter, along with a copy of a reply from the White House to Senator Wagner. It is somewhat disappointing, therefore, to receive instead a reply from your Department, a custom adopted by the White House, which was so severely criticized during the recent election campaign.

If and when an anti-lynching bill becomes law, it is to be hoped your Department will play an important part in not only upholding the Constitution and that law, but also the Lindberg Law which up to the present time, when the opportunity arose, was not invoked in certain cases.

Respectfully,

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 AND CONDEMNATION  
 M. M. McGuire  
 Secretary to the President

Dear Sir:

I take the pleasure of writing you again the 3rd time concerning the Anti-lynching Bill and the Unification of the 3 Americas.

Congress has received over 390,000 signatures on Father Divine's petition. And besides there has been thousands of more signatures sent from all parts of the United States to Congress, to pass the Federal Anti-lynching Bill and Unite the three Americas.

We many thousands who signed these petitions want to hear from you about them.

God through you have the power to unify the people of this nation. All the laws of the Constitution ought to be enacted that is very important. Those segregated and dis-

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Criminated signs need to be done away with, that people may unify themselves together as one race, the human race.

God has come on earth to enlighten the people. Where there is unity, there is strength, and where there is division among the people there is strife. So you can see it is the greatest essential for people to unify.

If there were not so many different races of people, I don't think people would war against each race as they do.

People ought to recognize God as the Father and we all are his children.

Mr. Roosevelt, please reply by return mail to Father Divine  
152-160 West 126 street  
New York City

PS The passage of the Anti-lynching Bill is very necessary.

Very truly,  
(Miss) James Peace

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January 15, 1941

Miss Doris L. Campbell  
634 St. Nicholas Avenue  
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New York City

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Dear Madam:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of January 4, 1941, concerning the pending Anti-Lynching Bill.

Your views have been noted, but since it appears that the matter you write of is one which calls for legislative action, your petition should be directed to your representatives in Congress.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

WENDELL BERGE  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

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His Excellency the President of the United States  
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
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*M. M. C. [Signature]*  
Secretary to the President

Sir:

I have had the desire to write to you for some time but realizing how much is required of you I have desisted. However, this urge to bring to your attention a matter which is of grave importance to millions of loyal citizens is so potent, that against myself I dare take up a few moments of your precious time.

The matter to which I have reference is the Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill.

After your first term in office there were those among colored racial groups who felt, after the exhibition of social reform and daring in your administration, you could have openly made a favorable statement to aid the efforts of Senator Wagner, if you so desired. On the other hand there were those who felt - knowing how much harm could be done by those in power in the South to your second term movement or campaign, it was wise of you to steer clear of those shoals, feeling there was much more to be gained by your continuance in office than risking any good which might have been gained if you had given aid to the bill. Both groups, however, hoped that support would have been forthcoming during your second term. Those of the second group, although still adhering to you, were somewhat embarrassed in their defense of you, when this particular hope was not realized.

I think it may be safely said that as a group we realize how hard pressed you have been, and the trying times you have had. We also realize how much you had to depend on the "Southern Block" and any grounds for suspicion as to your stand might have proved disastrous. Nor do we expect the coming term will not be without opposition regardless of the need for co-operation at this time, and that the urgent needs of the Defense Program, and other matters of State will consume your valuable time. We are not ignorant of the fact that the preservation of our government, serving the nation as a whole, is of prime importance. Yet, this is a matter which not only concerns a minority group, but the nation as a whole.

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Therefore, at this time when you are not campaigning but representing all Americans and also at a time when every one is clamoring against racial prejudices and intolerance, and acclaiming the United States for its democratic principles, may I not in behalf of approximately fourteen millions of colored citizens, appeal to you to lend your good offices and give aid to the supporters of the bill. May we also feel that we may say, unabashed and unashamed, like millions of bewildered Europeans - "America, our America!" We are confident that you have the courage to make your stand known, a stand which will doubly endear you to the hearts of millions of oppressed.

While the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill will not mean the end of discrimination, yet it will be another milestone reached in our uphill fight for true Americanism - the enjoyment of the right to be secure in one's life and limb, a right given by the supreme law of the land but which we have not truthfully enjoyed.

In closing, may God bless you and guide you that you may continue regardless of pressure to call to your aid real men, reliable and of good worth, and may you be spared long to enjoy the America to which you have so abundantly given the example of real human brotherhood.

Respectfully,

*Doris L. Campbell*

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M. M. C. G. G.  
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr Roosevelt:

I am writing you concerning the Anti-lynching Bill and uniting of the three Americas.

There have been more than three hundreds and ninety thousands signatures sent to Congress to pass the Federal Anti-lynching Bill at this session of Congress and to unite the three Americas.

I thank you very much to put the Anti-lynching Bill first on your list to be signed at this session of Congress; it is the most important of all bills, to sign this Bill against mob violence for the defense of the Southern peoples; we want defense first here in America as a sample and example for other nations to copy after.

To unite the three Americas for hemisphere

Defense is the second most important for in unity there is strength.

Several peoples have been lynched this year. I think that there should have been a special meeting of Congress for that purpose to pass the Anti-lynching Bill before now.

It is very necessary that this Bill be passed early as possible against Lynching. To compare lynching with the kidnaping law, I find that lynching is worse than kidnaping. When a person is kidnapped he is not killed every time, but when a person is lynched he is dead, so you can clearly see and know that lynching is a terrible thing to have in America, and it is necessary to have a law against such.

Charity begins at home, is a quotation in the Bible, which means there are many things to be taken care of first here in America and then Abroad.

We want to express the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and its Amendments, and the Righteous Government Platform, and be a sample and example for foreign

Countries. We don't want to be in war,  
but in peace and dwell together in  
unity in these United States and with other nations.

God created all men equal, this is Bible  
and the Constitution. Some people segregate  
and discriminate. Father Divine is  
teaching the people how to live and has  
been in New York City for years and there are  
many people that live here in this City, state  
and elsewhere that don't come in and see him  
or invite him to see them.

The good people here in America are  
waiting to hear the good news about  
the Anti-lynching bill and the Unification  
of the three Americas.

Mr. Roosevelt please answer this letter  
as soon as you finish reading this letter.  
Please reply to Father Divine about the  
Anti-lynching Bill that he may let us  
know what is being done toward it.  
I thank you very much

Father Divine's address is  
152-160 W. 126 Street  
New York, City

Sincerely,  
(Miss) James Peace

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M. M. McGuire  
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr Roosevelt:

I am writing you concerning the Anti-lynching Bill and uniting the three Americas.

There have been more than 390,000 signatures sent to Congress to pass the Federal Anti-lynching Bill, and to unite the three Americas at this session of Congress.

I thank you very much to put the Anti-lynching bill first on your list to be signed at this session of Congress; it is the most important bill of all bills to be signed. We really need the Anti-lynching Bill here in America. It needs to be done first as a sample and example to foreign nations to copy after.

Several peoples have been lynched this year. I think there should have been a special meeting of Congress for the purpose of passing the Anti-lynching Bill before now. It is

a Bill that needs immediate passage.

To compare lynching with kidnaping we find that lynching is worse than kidnaping. when a person is kidnapped he is not killed every time, but when a person is lynched he dies. So we all can see clearly and know that lynching is a terrible thing to have in America, and it is necessary to have a law against such violence.

Charity begins at home and spreads abroad, is a quotation in the Bible. we can use that charity in many ways by taking care of the things that need to be done here in America first, that America might be as perfect as possible and that other Nations copy after it.

we have a wonderful Democracy, all we have to do is to live it and express it. we have the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution and its Amendments, and a Righteous Government platform and these United States for all peoples to live united in and be righteous, truthful, peaceful, and be free.

God created all men equal this is the Bible and the Constitution, but some peoples segregate and discriminate. Father Divine is teaching the people how to live and has been

in New York for years and there are many peoples that live here in this City, State and elsewhere that don't come in and see Him or invite Him to see them.

The good peoples here in America are waiting to hear the good news about the Anti-lynching Bill And the Uniting of the three Americas for Hemisphere defense. we want these two bills signed at this session of Congress.

Mr Roosevelt please answer this letter as soon as you finish reading it.

Please reply to Father Divine about the Anti-lynching Bill And the Uniting of the three Americas that He may let us know what is being done about the two bills.

I thank you very much.

Sincerely,  
(Miss) James Peace

Father Divine's address is  
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TELEGRAM

The White House

13WU. RA. 248-D.L. 11:00 a.m. Washington

New York, N. Y., December 3, 1940

THE PRESIDENT.

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We Negro mothers and grandmothers demand the immediate passing by you as necessary war measures of the Geyer and Anti-Lynching bills; also a bill to make immediately an irrevocable law against segregation in any form or for any reason. We are thinking first of our country and secondly of our sons. We wish our country to be truly a democracy and a just country in a democracy. All people except the criminals and the insane vote; that is not so in this country, therefore this country is not a democracy. Over five thousand men and women have been lynched in this country and no person called to account for those murders. Therefore this is not a just country. My brother was in the Spanish American war and my two sons in the First World War. Many negro women can say the same. The negro men who fought in the wars of this country were the most loyal and patriotic men in America and indeed in the world. They fought for a country which denied them manhood rights and would lynch them and worse still, they of all races which compose America were set apart and in cases where medals toldeof exceptional bravery in action were lynched when they returned to their homes. Mr. President, we demand that the measures mentioned above be passed so that our country can truly proclaim itself a democracy and a just country. Also we love our sons.

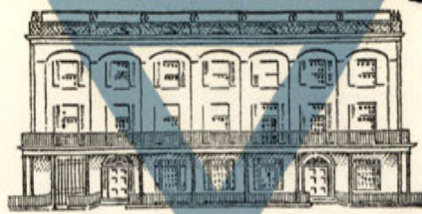
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of The United States

Grateful for the continuing of leadership in the way of True Democracy - which you have courageously offered in past terms - May I ask if you have not overlooked one very important piece of legislation which should definitely have ~~the~~ action of the 76<sup>th</sup> Congress?

Namely the Federal Antilynching Law!  
Democracy is twice denied in - 1 - Denial of a fair & just trial -- 2 - In failure to bring this bill the support of the Administration.

Is this not a major denial of the rights of freedom of living in a Democracy? -  
How much longer must such continue?

I speak for many of the YWCA who  
believe this is an essential as a basic civil  
right - which must now cease to be denied  
to this minority. I hopefully ask  
for your personal influence to bring this  
bill to passage

Bernie E Taylor  
Executive Secretary

*and Negro*

## To Supreme Court

National Negro Council Also Asks  
Roosevelt To Appoint One Of  
Race As His Secretary

Washington, Nov. 16 (AP)—The National Negro Council asked today that the next Supreme Court vacancy be filled by a Negro and that President Roosevelt appoint a Negro as one of his six White House secretaries.

The proposals were made in a resolution adopted at a convention of the council. The convention was called by the United Government Employees, Inc., leaders of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

The resolution also indorsed "all aid" to Britain, urged that all Negro army reserve officers be called to active duty and placed in command of the four Negro regiments of the regular army, and proposed appointment of a Negro civilian aide to the Secretary of the Navy.

# To Help British

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Donate Glasses

use again by British watchers helping guard English cities and towns against Hitler's bombers.

The American Committee for Defense of British Homes is collecting weapons in order "to put a gun in the hands of an unarmed British civilian to defend his home" and binoculars which, it says, are needed sorely to aid in manning the great air-raid warning network that covers all England.

Among the Baltimoreans who have contributed, and what they gave, are:

Mr. Garrett, head of Robert Garrett

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*M. M. S. S. S.*

Secretary to the President

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Honorable. F. D. Roosevelt. President.  
The United States of American.  
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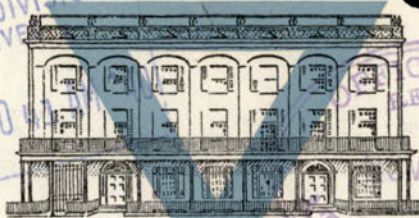
I am presuming to address you concerning the attached newspaper clipping, appearing in one of the Baltimore Papers of the 17th inst, in which it is stated that the National Negro Council has asked that the next vacancy on the Supreme Court be filled by a Negro, and that you appoint a negro as one of your six Whitehouse Secretaries, which follows closely upon what a great many white people feel and believe was the mistake of elevating the negro to the Rank of Brigadier General in the Army of the United States recently, and which feeling and belief if concurred in by the writer, but that is done, and what has been done we must make the best of, but it has very greatly increased the arrogance, and impudence, as well as the already appalling lawlessness of the Colored youth of the country, especially of this city. and it is hoped, and urgently requested, that the white people of these United States, the great majority of whom still love, respect and heartily support you, by subordinating them to the negro race, as a whole or individually, be not further humiliated.

An old saying and true, is that there is no master so odious as a former slave, and while we all like to see the negroes go forward in all legitimate channels, this cannot be accomplished, or aided by placing them in positions over the white race, who will and do resent such acts in their hearts, even though they may, in consequence of their love, respect and loyalty to you, keep quiet, it is sincerely to be hoped, that you do not cast "pearls before swine, because they will as surely return and rend you" as time continues, also please remember the Arabic axiom of the Camels head in the tent, its as true of the negro race as of the ship of the desert, please do not authorize, permit or condone anything that will, might or could result in any clash between the races, the negro is alright as such, but is spoiled when we undertake to change the handiwork of the creator, and make him superior to the white man, the mark of cain was not so intended, and cannot be enforced upon a race of people who have fought their way to a civilization such as the world has never known before. It is believed you are cognizant of these truisms, Mr Roosevelt, and it is hoped that you will never permit anything that will assuredly result in any uprising of the races against each other.

The Anti-lynching bill the negroes so strongly endorse, and so ardently desire, will, if enacted, result in great harm to both races, for the reason that a large number of the ignorant part of the negro population are of the opinion that such bill would give them legal license to the white woman, which they seem to desire, would result in a lightning like mass destruction of those guilty of such act or attempt, you know this to be true, because you would hardly look for a Policeman, in the event of such crime occurring ~~in~~ to those of your immediate family or loved ones, that when the white man throws caution and cooler judgement to the winds and goes absolutely wild and is not confined to section either. So please dont permit any more mistakes, let the negro work out his own salvation as the white man has done, by honest effort and square dealing. thats all he needs, and its all in his own hands, its not equality socially, politically, or reversing the act of providence that has created him as he is. With continued confidence, high respects, and the hope that you will not permit another great mistake.

Sincerely,  
*M. M. S. S. S.*  
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Mr. President:

The newspapers this week quote you as saying that there was no legislation of importance standing before Congress. May I ask if the matter of lynching is once again to be shelved? Considering that there have been seven lynchings in this country since the beginning of 1940 — a country that agrees in its

constitution that all men are  
free and entitled to equal rights—  
it seems that the time has  
come for steps to be taken.

I believe the part of the pro-  
posed law recommending  
punishment to officials who  
ignore the crime, <sup>to be</sup> sound  
judgement. If Congress has  
not already adjourned when  
you receive this I urge that  
the bill be given a vote.

I write this as a thinking  
young business woman and  
a member of the Public Affairs  
Committee of the Syracuse Y.W.C.A.

Sincerely,  
Thyrza M. Franklin



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In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

His Excellency Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of the United States of America  
The White House  
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May it please Your Excellency:

At a Special Session of the Conclave of Bishops of The African Orthodox Church, a unanimous expression of gratitude to almighty God, in guiding the recent election of The President of these United States, was made, you being the chosen one.

We feel that at such a time as this when the world is in the throes of war, and considering the possible effect such conditions are likely to have on this country, there is the need of an experienced hand on the helm of the Ship of State.

Nor have we been oblivious to the domestic affairs in this country. We have viewed, with a considerable degree of mixed feelings, the sufferings of the poor in these past years, and are led to believe that in the highest office to which any one may attain in the government, in Your Excellency there is a spirit of sympathy towards the unfortunate and especially to those of the minority groups.

We congratulate Your Excellency on your election for a third term, and inasmuch as many regard it in a light inconsistent with tradition, we regard it as a work of God, for nobler and higher purposes.

Among the many things which will demand your attention, we cannot forget the unfortunate condition of our race - the Negro race. Hedged around in almost every conceivable way, progress is rendered extremely difficult in general and well nigh impossible in many respects.

We trust, that this Third Term to which Your Excellency has been called will be marked by opportunities which your administration will create, encourage and uphold for the advancement of all in industry as well as in other pursuits of life.

We are not unmindful of such acts of yours which show Your Excellency's sympathy as well as impartiality; but the scope is so extensive that these are somewhat beclouded by the needs and disadvantages from which our people suffer. Among these may we be permitted to mention:-



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(a) The Anti-Lynching Bill which has been so terribly opposed in the past, a Bill which, if passed, will set this great country of ours above all nations in the world by a tremendous space; removing from its lustrous pages a blot which draws forth a groan of dire grief and pity for such an unfortunate condition, and truly make this the "Home of the Free".

(b) The lack of equal privilege to work has caused millions of our people who, instead of being assets to the various communities in which they live, are forced to become liabilities. The demoralizing effect of this, Your Excellency, cannot remain on those alone who are made to suffer. In truth, it is a reflection on the source from which the prejudice emanates. Truly, as "mercy blesses him who gives as well as him who receives", even so do hate, prejudice and their concomitant evils curse those who practise them as well as those against whom they are directed.

We sincerely pray that God will surround you with such counsellors as will think and act wisely, and may you be blessed with heavenly wisdom to promote the benefit of all American Citizens.

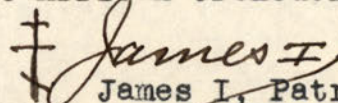
Neither must we fail to express our sincere appreciation and admiration of her whom God has blessed you with to be your helpmate. As First Lady, she has always filled the hearts of all with profound love and respect. We have also noted the manifestations of her sympathy in many ways which have endeared her to all. May she long be spared and may she never fail you in the great task which you have to perform.

Again, Your Excellency, we bow in deep reverence and gratitude to almighty God and may He bless you abundantly in your great and responsible office.

We have the honor to be,

Your Excellency's most respectful servants,

The CONCLAVE of BISHOPS  
The African Orthodox Church

  
James I., Patriarch.

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Mr. James W. Washington, President,  
American Negro Exposition,  
Suite 356-358,  
417 East 47th Street,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt, by reference from the President, of your letter of November 12, 1940, concerning the Anti-Lynch bill now pending in Congress.

Your concern over this proposed legislation is appreciated, and it is respectfully suggested that your recommendations in behalf of passage of the measure be directed to Congress.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

HUGH A. FISHER,  
Acting Assistant Attorney General.

F. G. F.  
*[Handwritten signature]*

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*W. W. Washington*

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Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
President of the United States  
White House, Washington, D. C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

I noticed an article in the Sunday, November 10th. 1940 edition of the "Chicago Tribune" in reference to the Anti Lynch Bill, which is of vital importance to me and all loyal American citizens, including the sixteen million members of a minority group, would like to see this measure become a law, which will grant them the same privileges which other citizens enjoy.

For your information, the writer, was founder and president of the American Negro Exposition which was held in Chicago, Illinois at the Coliseum from July 4th. to September 2nd. 1940, which celebrated the 75 years of freedom of the American Negro; to depict the progress made by the race within the last seventy-five years; and, to create good will and understanding between the races. The Exposition served its purpose well.

As spokesman for the sixteen million colored citizens of our country, who have suffered embarrassment for many, many years because they have not been accorded protection by law.

May I count on you to use your influence and offices in behalf of the passage of the Anti Lynch Bill which will serve the best interests and progress of the American people?

I shall be pleased to hear from you relative to the subject matter of this letter.

Yours truly,

*James W. Washington*

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*M.H.M. Dulque*

Secretary to the President

The President of The  
United States  
Washington, D.C.

my dear Mr. President:

may I congratulate you on your recent victory. As I have said before, "I believe in you because you are sincere in what ever you are attempting. I voted the first time this year, for you. I still believe believe in you, as millions of other people do. I pray for your health and continued guidance

If and when I may be called for service for my country. I will gladly do so, even with my life to promote the conditions for fair play and progress. As well as other members of my race. But, President Roosevelt, should we be obliged to serve this noble cause again, the question that arises is this:

Will the remaining people be subjected to the same embarrassing and humiliating traditions? I will name two: Discrimination and Lynching.

It is true that we represent the minority group; simply because we have never had the same opportunity to develop ourselves freely and thoroughly as others. As one of our former Presidents once said, "All men are created equal." Yet, this is acceptable to no one but God, our Creator. For example we are fired first and always hired last. Discrimination in the Army and Navy. Still our men will fight side by side with any race to maintain our sacred rights. But, only in the case of imminent dangers are they allowed to do even this.

Dear President Roosevelt, I do not represent any organization. But, I am a member of that race which supplies enjoyment for the blood thirsty mob.

Which is either <sup>III</sup> crazy or it has the complete approval of this so called civilized masses.

Lynching, itself is sufficient to shake the morale of the young and old permanently.

I appeal to you president Roosevelt as a human being, who appreciates Life and believe in this saying "Live and Let Live".

There is no doubt now, that antiquated traditions can be removed, as evidenced by your overwhelming victory.

In this chaotic state of affairs, cooperation is needed from everyone. Please speak a word to Congress in our behalf.

I know you are not afraid. Therefore, we depend on you. Our hope rests in your hands. In the past you have given kindly consideration to my requests. I should be happy indeed if you would think over this vital issue.

So that we may continue our frank  
support for keeping this Democracy Free  
and Equal for all.

Respectfully submitted,  
(miss.) Nettie L. Lewis

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As a american, I feel that I can as a few question  
doing this Political Campaign. I am a american  
and no other person can be as strong for americanism  
than I, I have listen to political speeches for weeks.  
an listen to yours and Candidate Wendell. Wilkie.  
Both of you have made fine speeches. But this is  
my idea. this year 1940, look, as though history will  
have to be made, and if so why not let us american  
do a good job of it, by passing the anti-lynch Bill.  
and blot out the discrimination to every body except  
those that try to over throw our Democrat Government like  
Mr C. Browder an other of that ~~type~~ type. for 100 year  
Both parties The Republican and Democrat have push it a  
side the to most important act that. Congress. Senate and  
the President should have done. and those two act is  
passing The Anti lynch Bill and Discrimination toward  
The Negro Race. do you think it make sense for my people  
to scuffel hard sacrifice for years to pay taxes, ~~and~~  
and sending their Boys & girls to school. and college  
and when they fenish and qualify for position in all  
division in This Democrat Government of our. some

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of the position that is not so important they be appointed  
then some other they never get any answer. I dont think  
that good government policy? do you? Remember the  
negroes from all four corner of the U.S.A., especially those  
in the deep south, where they work hard trying to live,  
and when he dont address or answer some of the  
other people they call their crew or a crowd get gun  
go to the negroes home where he trying to enjoy his family  
and lynch him, and that all to it. picture yourself  
in some of those position? wouldnt you ask the  
President to do something about it. That is what I am  
ask you or the next President to do, not such long  
promicese. Give us equal right, on the same plan as  
Others please, and last But not lease, those men  
that faught over sea in 1917-1918. that was officers give them  
a chance doing this peace time draft to help train these  
Boys & men that realy dont know what war mean, and  
give the Nurses a chance also when its possible

I do hope by the Grace of God and the power of  
him, and Congress, Senate and the President of the  
U.S.A. and it people I will say there will be a star  
here and in heaven shine for the Democrat form of Government  
here an abroad. will you let us here your plan on this  
in short please I thank you.

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## TURKEY HEADQUARTERS

Uniontown, Alabama

Nov. 5, 1940

Pres. F. D. Roosevelt,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

I wish in my humble way to write this letter, stating my opinion of you & your most wonderful wife.

In the first place, I am a Negro, & I want to say that so far as our race is concerned especially, you are the greatest, aside from Lincoln, who has ever held the office as Pres. of these United States. You have done wonders for this country & I don't believe anyone will pass you in this capacity.

Last night I heard the opinion of our fighter & Champion Joe Louis. I admire greatly his fighting ability &

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Uniontown, Alabama

Am justly proud of him in that capacity, but I must admit that I really fringed with shame, to hear his poor attempt at any opinion that could do down a man like you for Wilkie's or any one else. He spoke <sup>(in a newspaper article)</sup> of what Wilkie had promised about the Anti-lynching bill. They all promise ~~us~~ that's usually as far as we get, but I do not believe that the Anti-lynching bill has failed passing because of any lack of energy on your part. I firmly believe that were it left merely with you, the bill would have passed long ago. One man can do so much, no more, with an obdurate issue as that, but I believe you have done your part. I do not want you to believe that Joe Louis gave the consensus of negro opinion. Far from it. Negroes are far from fools, & that we have our share of such, even as other races, yet the majority, both read & unread know and



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Mr. Leonard E. Scarbrough  
226B - 118th Street  
Rockaway Park, New York

Dear Sir:

We wish to acknowledge on behalf  
of the President your letter of November 4,  
1940, urging his support of the anti-lynching  
bill.

Sincerely yours,



T. D. Quinn  
Administrative Assistant  
to the Attorney General

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Rockaway Park  
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Hon. F. D. Roosevelt, (Pres)  
Dear Sir,

I am a Negro I was  
Born in Greenwood  
Miss. I came to New  
York in 1929 when  
times got so bad that  
I had to leave my  
mother & father & my  
Brothers & sisters, & I  
went wandering through  
the country I could  
find no work  
nothing I could  
not find anything

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for almost 3 yrs But  
I don't forget 1932  
when times began  
to get Better & Better  
& Better, & so I am  
still around I am  
a young man of 32  
yrs old my no. is 1318  
& I am with you 100%  
whatever the outcome  
may be, it is 10-45  
pm Monday night &  
I am praying & I think  
God will be with  
me & I predict  
you winner, I  
have wrote you  
a few times before  
concerning the annu-

Lynch Bill because  
nothing has been  
done about it But  
I don't think you  
are the Blame I  
still think you will  
do your part for  
Rome wasn't Built  
in One Day. Well  
I guess I must close  
just don't forget to  
say Hello to Mrs.  
Roosevelt your wife  
& your Dear Mother  
I am praying for you  
you will win,  
Yours truly  
Leonard E. Scarborough

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NAPOLEON ADAMS, Field Secretary  
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November 4th, 1940.

Monday, 2:00 A. M.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

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*W. M. Dwyer*  
Secretary to the President

Dear Mr. President:

I was aroused from sleep, and was guided by  
the Holy Spirit of God to write and assure you  
that you will be ELECTED FOR THE THIRD TERM to  
serve the people of the United States, and that  
you will be the means of stopping the heinous praec-  
tice of lynchings in the South, through a picture  
which I have of the Archbishop of Canterbury.

After your RE-ELECTION, and with your kind per-  
mission, I shall gladly show the picture to you.

Very sincerely yours,

*Egbert A. Craig*  
Egbert A. Craig.

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A Prayer for Courage and Faith

"Lord, teach us to pray."

St. Luke 11: 1

*Egbert A. Craig*



O Almighty and Everlasting God, Who, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, hast endowed us with the faculty of knowing, according to our inward vision and through faith, without the necessity of human reason, Thy Divine Nature, and didst inspire and illuminate our hearts with this living flame, making us zealous to bear patiently hardship and sacrifice in furtherance of Thy (Missionary) Cause, and determined to overcome every obstacle, that we may at length be numbered among Thy worthy witnesses.

We thank Thee for this Thy great grace of faith, and humbly beseech Thee to grant us growth in this belief in Thee, that we may manifest that courage and other virtues by which our fathers lived and died: through the merits and mediation of Thy Blessed Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord, Who, with Thee and the same Holy Spirit, livest and reignest, one God, world without end. Amen.

(over)

*"The zeal of thine house hath eaten me up."*

*Psalm 69:9*

This prayer was composed by the Reverend Egbert A. Craig, while under great strain and anxiety (but not without courage and implicit faith in God) over his work.

We have recently inaugurated the Missionary Movement, which, we trust, will be the means of arousing widespread enthusiasm, and bring more people into the Christian Church.

The picture - THE LIVING PAST - of the Fourteen Colored Bishops of the Anglican Communion, just published, is the new focal point in this effort. It covers a period of one hundred years, and contains dates, places of consecration, and jurisdictions of the Bishops. The size is 16"x20".



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*Director-Incumbent*

The Nativity of B.V.M.

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# Brooklyn Clergyman Serves Negro Center

## Rev. Egbert A. Craig Has Collected Photos Of 14 Bishops of His Race and Communion

By ESTHER COSTER

The Rev. Egbert A. Craig, director-incumbent of the Community Center and St. Martin's Chapel at 541 Franklin Ave., provided an interesting and worth while sidelight at the recent Episcopal Triennial convention at Kansas City. He had spent much time during the past six years in collecting pictures and data of Negro bishops who had served in Episcopal dioceses in Africa, Haiti and America. In 1937 after an appeal to the chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury he received a letter giving suggestions for getting pictures of 14 Negro bishops, five of whom were consecrated in America.

Father Craig found that the archives available through the Church Missionary Society of England disclosed that the first Negro bishop was consecrated June 29, 1864, and assigned to the Niger Diocese, West Africa. He was known as the "first Negro bishop of modern Times." He died Dec. 31, 1931.

### 14 Negro Bishops

Since that time 14 Negro bishops have been consecrated in England or America, of whom five are now living. These are Bishop Theophilus M. Gardner, Suffragan of Liberia; Bishop Edward T. Demby, retired Suffragan of Arkansas; Bishop A. E. Akinyele, assistant in the Lagos Diocese; Bishop Alphonso C. On-

yeabo, assistant in the Niger Diocese, and Bishop Thomas S. C. Johnson, assistant in the Sierre Leone Diocese.

Father Craig was given the privilege at the convention of presenting his story and showing the pictures of the five living bishops, the 14 Negro bishops who have been consecrated, and one showing the Archbishop of Canterbury and two Negro bishops. The photographs were arranged and published by the Missionary Movement of the Community Center and St. Martin's Chapel. Bishop Stires of the Diocese of Long Island gave his hearty approval of the project. Copies of the pictures were presented to the Foreign Mission Board, Governor Llyod C. Stark of Missouri, the American Church Institute for Negroes, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Archbishop of Canada and the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in America.

### Many Letters Received

Father Craig has received many letters in appreciation of his efforts to obtain the photographs and many requests for copies, especially from schools and churches. To accompany the photographs Father Craig has written a prayer of thanksgiving to God for His blessings and for courage and faith to meet the future.

# SERMON TOPICS

### Mrs. Emma Guggenheim

Word was received here today of the death in Hollywood, Cal., of Mrs. Emma Guggenheim, wife of Siegfried Guggenheim, who was purchasing agent at Steeplechase Park during its early years.

Mrs. Guggenheim, who was born in Germany on June 25, 1873, and was a resident of Brooklyn for more than 50 years, died on Oct. 18. She went to California a year ago for her health.

## 'In His Corner,' Say Ex-Champs

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respectively, of 132 Amity St., also handed the President a note expressing the hope that "some day they would grow up to be a great man like him."

Police took every precaution to insure President Roosevelt's safety from the Manhattan Bridge to the entrance of the hall. Along the eight-block route from the bridge to the Academy, around the Academy and on roof tops and fire escapes, the 100,000 Brooklynites were kept in check by five police inspectors, four deputy inspectors, 12 captains, 25 lieutenants, 70 sergeants, 1,050 patrolmen, six mounted sergeants, 80 mounted patrolmen and 200 detectives.

When the Chief Executive's car came off the upper level of the bridge, ten minutes behind schedule, only one Roman torch remained intact. All others had been used in false alarms heralding the President's arrival. What the 5,000 who greeted him as he came off the ramp lacked in pyrotechnics they made up in noise.

## Draft Appeal Board Members Listed For Appointment

*Special to the Brooklyn Eagle:*

Albany, Nov. 2—Recommendations to President Roosevelt for appointment as members of draft appeal boards have been made by Governor Lehman in Brooklyn as follows:

Board 7—Cary D. Waters, 1306 Albemarle Road; Frederick I. Daniels, 388 Clinton Ave.; Patrick De Mare, 1028 48th St.; Dr. Thomas A. McGoldrick, 294 Clinton Ave.; Julius Applebaum, 283 Garfield Place.

Board 8—Jacob C. Klinck, 47 Plaza St.; Joseph Shlichta, 100 Sunnyside Ave.; James C. Quinn, 410 Westminster Road; Dr. Vincent P. Mazzola, 133 Clinton St.; Oscar A. Lewis, 629 3d St.

Board 9—Peter E. Bennett, 242 82d St.; Joseph Ughetta, 31 Prospect Park West; Louis Hollander, 1818 79th St.; Dr. Cyril Waller, 348 McDonough St.; Henry Mannix, 869 President St.

Board 10—Philip A. Benson, 158 Lincoln Road; Louis J. Caastellano, 276 Clinton St.; Irving M. Simon, 4219 12th Ave.; Dr. John E. Jennings, 23 S. Portland Ave.; Milton Soloman, 9 Prospect Park West.

Board 11—Samuel Seiderman, 750 Eastern Parkway; Louis C. Wills, 47 Plaza St.; Vincent J. Kane, 1534 E. 14th St.; Dr. E. Giddings, 451 Clarkson Ave.; Walter Jeffreys Carlin, 35 Prospect Park West.

### City Schools Face Loss

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Most Honorable and Man of Renewal,  
Communication is in respect to your ability  
and individual responsibility. I. N. M. Woods a  
preacher and an imitator of the Righteous-  
ness of God as sent and signified unto us by  
Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Would to  
Call your attention to the Negroes of this our Co-  
untry of America, it is grievous to the Free  
Spirit of Christ that dwells in Humanity to have  
to stand by and see one race of people persecuted  
and mobbed by another, when the Law of this Land and Co-  
untry provides protection equal in person.

If the Law do not curb mob violence then our  
peace, freedom and Liberty can not possibly  
be safe guarded with, in, and by Democracy.

Let us please Sir's name a Constitutional  
prohibition of Mobbing, just a few days ago a  
Negro preacher were mobbed and his condition  
is very very critical. Law that is Law is not  
Law only when it is enforced, since Law

Functions by Justice, and Justice sup-  
poses two things, that is Justice supposes a fixed  
● Rule and Principle to Govern the being of  
all mankind, and it also supposes a punish-  
ment for any and all individuals that violates  
that Rule and Principle. I feel that by the ability  
that is in the each of you owing to your execu-  
tive influence you will see to it that man  
will not rob God of His Righteousness and  
Justice to all mankind, not being any Resp-  
ecter of Creeds, Color or Kind.

Please let me hear from you  
Honorable and Righteous Men.

Yours Respectful

Negro Baptist Preacher

Mehemiah Woods

Box 113

Fulshear Texas

Away Down South.

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Dear Mr President  
Enclosed is a copy from one  
of our Colored newspapers  
Mr president the anti lynch  
bill and getting colored  
pilots for our defence will  
help more to bring the race  
people to your side on nov  
5th then anything else you  
could do and they would like  
for you to speak your view to  
the Senate and the people  
sorry to annoy you Sir but  
something must be done to  
get my race off the fence.  
Just a factory worker  
Herb Allen. 320 E Wellington ave  
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# Promise Senate Action On Antilynching Bill

NEW YORK—Senator W. Warren Barbour, of New Jersey, will seek action in the Senate on the Anti-lynching bill sometime within the next ten days, it was announced today by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The New Jersey senator was among the fourteen members of the Senate who were asked by the association last week to seek action on the bill before the adjournment of Congress. He told the association last week, through his secretary that he is planning to seek action on the bill "at the first opportunity within the next week or ten days.

Senator Sherman Minton of Indiana told the Association that he will "do anything that I can to try and get it (the Bill) up for consideration and for passage."

Senator Charles McNary, of Oregon, who is running for Vice President on the Republican ticket

said: "During my years in the United States Senate I have supported actively all Anti-lynching bills that have been before the Congress and I have no reason to change that course of action." Both Senator James M. Mead, of New York, and Senator Styles Bridges, of New Hampshire, said that they would inquire about the status of the Bill "if the opportunity presents itself," before Congress adjourns.

Senators Arthur Capper of Kansas and Frederick Van Nuys, of Indiana, co-authors of the Bill with Senator Robert F. Wagner, of New York, told the association last week that they would follow Wagner's lead on any proposed action to bring the Bill up on the Senate floor. Van Nuys said he had little hope, but Capper told the NAACP that he was "doing everything I possibly can to get

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# Negro To Construct Government Houses

PRAIRIE VIEW, Tex. —(ANP)— Farm Security administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture, advertised for construction bids at Hempstead, Texas and the contract finally was awarded to I. J. Collier, Prairie View, on his low bid of \$26,300, it was learned this week.

Projects sites are located along the highway leading from Prairie View College to the main highway, about three miles along the highway leading towards Waller, and along the county road dividing the Old Menke Estate and Prairie View College property.

The houses range in size from four to six rooms. In addition, there will be built a large barn, poultry house, implement and storage shed, a well with a pump. Each land for these tenant homes was purchased by the Farm Security Administration and plans were prepared by the engineering division at Dallas.

I. J. Collier graduated from Prairie View College in 1925, came back to his Alma Mater in 1927 and served as foreman of construction until he was awarded this contract. He has constructed the \$90,000 hospital here, the Industrial Engineering building, the Library, the New Anderson Hall, the Gymnasium and a number of cottages on the campus.

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nounced this week that a \$100,-

# Promise Senate .

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action on the Anti-lynching bill  
at this session of Congress." Point-  
ing out that he felt it was up to  
Wagner to take the lead he add-  
ed: "Frankly, Senator Wagner can  
do more than I can to get a chance  
for our bill. I will help him in  
every way I can."

Senator Arthur Vandenburg, of  
Michigan also wrote the associa-  
tion last week that he would con-  
sult with Senator Wagner and  
lend every aid he could to bring-  
ing up the Bill

## SOCIAL NEWS

Mrs. Eva Thomas was the guest at the Calvery Baptist Church in Detroit on a business women and men's program. Mrs. Thomas has a very lovely millinery shop and carries all the latest styles in hats.

Walter and Helen Evans were the guests of their father in Battle Creek, Michigan over the week-end. Walter and Helen live here in our village with their uncle, Mr. L. Evans.

Irma Jones and Pauline Jackson were week-end visitors in Detroit.

SEE JAMES AND MELVIN  
MEANS FOR YOUR WEEKLY  
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W. M. C. Malone  
Secretary to the President

Dear President,

I have never had the pleasure of knowing you, but it was my pleasure to have had the honor of waiting on you and your party on part of your Western trip campaigning for your second term, having left your train at Denver, Colorado.

The Negroes of America have a lot of faith, confidence and integrity in you as a leader. But to me the Negro has played the role of the "Forgotten man" too long. We are asking for equal opportunities in life, liberty and all fields of vocations, many having been denied us.

What is your policy and attitude toward the passage of the "Anti-Lynch Bill"? What are you going to do to get its passage?

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I say this without contradiction that there is not a race more loyal to his country and flag than the Negro. Andrew Jackson said "To the victor belongs the spoils". Certainly some thought must

be given to the "Negro" and his many  
complicating problems.

Abraham Lincoln, said to the South,  
"I will free all the slaves to save the  
union". Perhaps there is not another  
Abraham Lincoln, but there are men  
who have the problems of the "Negro" at  
heart and as a true American are  
trying to raise the economic standards  
and wages of those "Forgotten Men".

Written and presented by a true  
American who asks for the right to  
live and die a free man.

Respectfully yours

Atten D. Goode

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M. M. Dwyer  
Secretary to the President

712 Broadway  
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

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Your Honor:

I am a Negro, thirty-four years of age. I am not connected with any political club or party, but I have been voting, since I have been of age, for the man that promises the Negro most, whether that man is a Democrat or a Republican. Fortunately, that man has always been Democratic, since I have been voting, so I suppose I can call myself a Democrat.

I am one of the colored boys who escorted you to Hyde Park some years ago, when you were Governor of the State of New York. I thought that it was a great honor for a young colored group to be allowed the privilege of being the escort to as great and brilliant a man, such as you are. Therefore, when you were elected President of these United States, I knew the Negro had a friend in the White House.

Now Mr. President, for some years sine you have held that office the "Wagner Anti-Lynch Bill" has been before the House to be passed. They have done everything but pass it. Now I am sure that due to the office you hold, you could put pressure on Congress and beg them to pass this bill, as a reward to the Negro voter and his willingness to join the Army, and also for the willingness of the Negroes to make themselves efficient enough to hel defend our National borders as a unit.

If I were a leader of the Negro, and had the cooperation of the Negro, I would ask them to register for conscription, according to law, but to refuse to go to any training camp until the "Anti-Lynch Bill" was passed.

Due to the censorship of your mail, if I may call it that, I truly hope that this letter gets into your hands, for I am sure that you will give it a little consideration.

I remain,

Respectfully yours,

J. Quincy Blocker  
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Dear Mr Roosevelt  
 I am writing you sir.  
 in Regards. of 13th-14th  
 Amendment to the constitution  
 which suppose to give  
 The Negroes Protection  
 as an America. which you  
 know we do not get  
 there have been more  
 than 5000. Negroes  
 killed in this country  
 since 1865. I am writing  
 you Mr Roosevelt to  
 put it you as President  
 of this Great Country  
 of ours. Will you see to  
 it that <sup>the</sup> United State  
 Senate Pass the anti  
 Lynching bill which has

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Pending in the Senate  
for some time. I am  
a young Negro who may  
be call up on duty  
soon to fight for  
this Country but I  
am willing to fight to  
protect this Country But  
I want to see my people  
protected from lynching in  
this Country in 1940  
There have been  
regrets Lynch in this  
Country and nothing  
have been done about  
it sir as Pres. of this  
Great Country I am  
asking you to send a  
special message to the

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Senate to Pass the Lynch  
bill.

I hope to get  
a Reply by the 16th

Robert Williams

5170 Indiana Ave

Chicago  
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Please *W.M. Dutra* Oct. 8th 1940.

Secretary to the President

To our Beloved President - of the U.S. of America  
White House, Wash. D.C.

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My Dear Mr President,

Please and Blessings be showered upon you in your responsible situation on this the Great Day of our Lord and Master. Great men have lived and died! Viceversa, Great men shall live and never die if they will in this Day of God, only follow in His Steps and do His Holy will as plainly perceived in His Holy, mighty messages as perceptible in the New Day, and as they emanate from His Holy Pure and Sacred Lips,

Millions upon millions are now ready to follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth and are treading the pathes of Righteousness and Justice back to the Holy Bosome of the Father as he stands patiently and willing to lead them back to the



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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

NEWCOMB HOTEL INTERESTS  
PHIL. C. RILEY, MANAGING DIRECTOR

Garden of Eden from whence they were  
driven, five-thousand-nine-hundred  
and forty-two years ago, I heard their  
saying no - It is true. Dear Mr. president,

You having some fine young sons  
would wish the very best for them and  
not see them go to the horrible trenches  
nor stand before the firing line in  
face to face with an array of ghostly  
guns loaded with deathly bullets.

We also hear sons and brothers  
whom we would give our own life for  
and would do all we can to keep  
them out of war - we cannot see  
them sacrifice their lives for an enemy  
for no reason only greed and graft.

Father Divine has repeatedly said,  
If the Anti Lynching Bill is passed  
immediately in our session of Congress  
and the 21 republics become invited, we



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will not leave was here in this  
 United States neither on either of  
 the sides of this western hemisphere -  
<sup>nor on it.</sup>  
 Dear Mr President - In the name of God  
 for the cause of humanity sake do  
 get this Anti Lynching Bill passed  
 we wouldn't want your sons lynched  
 if for any cause, or no cause, whatsoever,  
 and we know you are in favor of this  
 most important Bill - and you will  
 do your utmost - to get it - thru, now.  
 thus saving millions of lives for the cause  
 of Christ - and His Reign in the New  
 Kingdom now coming forth into  
 manifestation. (This will save the Western Hemisphere -  
 please help our children and  
 Father will Bless you and keep you  
 in all your ways - for He is God in a  
 Holy Body.  
 I thank you - (Spiritual name  
 Sincerely, Wilby Star.)  
 Stella P. Demme

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES:

We call upon you to join with the young people of Alabama and the nation in making a demand upon Frank Dixon, Governor of Alabama, to free the five remaining prisoners in the Scottsboro Case and to pay them damages for the wrong done to them by the State of Alabama.

*Eugene Hawkins*  
*Mr apte human*  
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*Joseph S. Gelders.*

*father of steel who art  
Elijah, the prophet.*

*J. T. Harrison*  
*Derry Pitts*  
*John Hawkins*  
*Frank Robinson*  
*Ruben White*  
*Ike Gairns*  
*Leam Solbert*  
*J. H. Taylor*  
*Josephine Lewis*  
*J. C. Turner*  
*John Taylor*  
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*Laurent Frantz*  
*Lippman Forbes jr*  
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David McJannet  
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Albert Campbell  
Robert Paul  
George G. Jones  
Jimmy Andrews

Further I shall who art Elyah  
Who is for to come into thee  
in these later days. Amen, Amen Amen

Father Isreal  
903 Avenue F.  
Birmingham, Alabama

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The White House  
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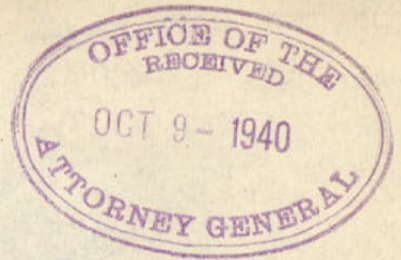
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American negroes have been lynched, not to mention the  
eight or nine thus far in 1940. The Anti Lynch Bill  
was brought fourth but nothing has been done. We are  
willing to register and train to fight for the pro-  
tection of America, but we also want protection, and  
equality in America. Much less important bills have  
been passed by the Senate therefore we are asking  
that you place this bill before the Senate in hopes  
of quick action. We want these things to make the  
negro a true American and a standout in the pro-  
tection of America.\*\*\*\*\*

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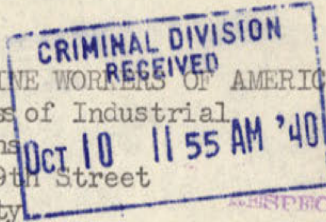
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*M. M. C. Outgre*

Secretary to the President

October 8, 1940

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The Sixth National Convention of this organization, the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers of America, adopted the inclosed resolutions during its sessions in Cleveland, Ohio, from September 2 to 6. In accordance with the instructions of the convention, I have the honor to call your attention to the resolutions herewith.

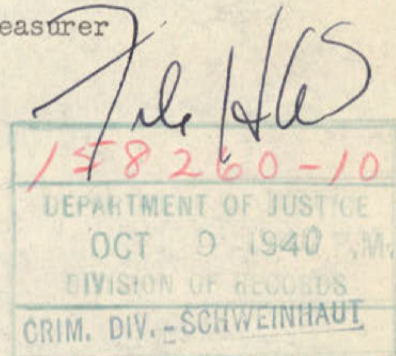
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(Sgd.) Julius Emspak

General Secretary-Treasurer



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UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA  
261 Fifth Avenue New York City

RESOLUTION

Anti-Lynch Bill

WHEREAS: The practice of lynching is a heinous form of intimidation and terror against Negro people and against labor, and

WHEREAS: It serves as an instrument in the hands of the reactionaries, enemies of Negroes, and poor white alike, to divide the ranks of labor and to spread racial antagonism, and

WHEREAS: This practice of lawlessness is un-American, undemocratic, and contrary to the fundamental laws and Bill of Rights upon which our democracy was founded, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, goes on record in condemnation of the practice of lynching, and be it further

RESOLVED: That this convention of the U.E. goes on record in support of the Wagner-Van Nuys Anti-Lynch Bill, and urges the Senate immediately to bring this Bill up for a vote, and be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the Senate Judiciary Committee, to President Roosevelt, John L. Lewis, and the press.

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UNITED ELECTRICAL, RADIO AND MACHINE WORKERS OF AMERICA  
261 Fifth Avenue New York City

RESOLUTION

ANTI-POLL TAX

WHEREAS: The poll tax is a method used in the Southern States to deny the democratic and American right to vote to millions of Negro and white workers in the South, and

WHEREAS: Through this vicious, undemocratic and un-American practice, the Southern reactionaries have wormed their way into the halls of Congress, usurping most important places on committees in Congress and thereby placing themselves in a position to obstruct and defeat important labor and social legislation, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the 1940 Convention of the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America, goes on record condemning the poll tax and in support of the passage of the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill, and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, Speaker of House, Senate Leader, John L. Lewis, Congressman Geyer, and the press.

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My dear Mr. President:

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There is an Anti-lynching bill in Congress which has been pending for some time. You are a man of great influence and I sincerely hope that you will come out as champion of the underprivileged and put this bill over for the American people. Thus you will be endeared to millions of grateful citizens. Our God in Heaven will be pleased.

We all like to think of this land as one in which every individual has a personal guarantee of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

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I am sending some  
Clipping to you that I found  
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sideration. In seeing that  
the Anti Lyching Bill be passed  
and enact the Bill of Rights.

When you see them Lyching  
Children in America. I am  
sure there is nothing <sup>more</sup> more  
going on in Germany.  
It will be so wonderful  
when some one fill the pres-  
ident Office

that will take a stand for  
Righteousness regardless to  
What the Public say about  
them or the world say about  
them.

It is written do unto others  
as you would have them  
do to you. I am sure you  
would not want any of  
your sons lynched. it  
would make you feel awful  
bad. then others daddy's feel  
the same about their sons.

God told pharaoh to let my  
people go. and pharaoh  
hardened his heart. and would  
not let them go and God  
smote the Land and God  
a curse; History is repeating  
it self. Pharaoh held them  
in slavery until the first Born

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was slain in every hour.  
Dont you see the same thing  
is fitting to happen to  
A man who has first born  
in fitting to go to the battle  
and be slain. Oh if the head  
of the nation humbly speaking  
could understand spiritual  
spiritual things and let his  
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same how happy we all would  
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**"IF THEY DO NOT HEAR ME LEGALLY, IF I MUST CALL  
ON MY POWER COSMICALLY, THE COSMIC FORCES OF  
NATURE SHALL MOVE AND I SHALL SHAKE  
CREATION" - FATHER DIVINE**

The Time Is at Hand, GOD Will Not Tolerate Prejudice and  
Hate under This Democracy as a Blockade against  
Righteousness, Truth and Justice According  
to the Constitution

**"OUR FATHER'S MESSAGE"**

GIVEN WHILST  
AT THE BANQUET TABLE  
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MONDAY AFTERNOON  
SEPTEMBER 16, 1940 A.D.F.D.  
TIME: 4:20 P. M.

PASS THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL AND DO IT NOW! This is the cry of millions and millions of American citizens and the will of the majority, yet no heed is taken of same by those in whose hands is placed the power to pass this Bill. But the BODY of GOD is here in our midst today, and HE is demanding the passage of the Anti-lynching Bill and the enactment of the BILL of RIGHTS throughout this country, and woe be unto any living creature who dares oppose the Will of the LORD HIMSELF!

Today before our very eyes nations are tottering and war is terrible upon the land! Kings are abdicating their thrones and helpless people are crying out to GOD to save them from the cruel concentration camps and the sting of death! All this is the result of the world refusing to heed the Words of GOD and bow humbly before the Throne of Grace in recognition of the Actual Presence, Dominion and Almighty Authority of the MASTER of OMNIPOTENCY!

O ye citizens, officials and chief executives of America, pass the ANTI-LYNCHING BILL and enact the BILL of RIGHTS before it is too late!

ALMIGHTY GOD OF THE UNIVERSE, WE  
THANK THEE FOR THY GOODNESS!

(The foregoing statements are those of the

transcriber, after which is given the song sung by the audience, "Pass the Anti-lynching Bill," and then are recorded FATHER'S Wonderful Words as follows:)

PEACE, EVERYONE: That little composition at this particular instance and practically every time you sing it, it stirs ME from the very depths of that which is termed the soul! If you notice in the verses of the composition, it is not merely a composition to be sung for an expression of music and melody but it is a message as a demand upon the chief executives.

Whilst sitting and thinking I thought if there is any time that the Anti-lynching Bill should be considered the time is here and now, and every American citizen should institute and enact the Bill of Rights in every activity.

I AM stressing it for the benefit of the people. The time cometh and is now at hand GOD supernaturally, cosmically, invisibly and from every angle expressible, even physically will not tolerate prejudice and hate to continue to exist under this democracy as a blockade against the access of Righteousness, Truth and Justice according to the Constitution!

The Same Spirit in Nat, John Brown,  
Abraham Lincoln

Oh, it is something to consider! Even though there may be a few of you of the American people, those of you who are North American citizens by birth, no doubt you have heard of one who was called Nat in the days of old, as it may be termed nationally speaking — a man that was born a slave in this country but rose in opposition to the cruelty and the mistreatment of his people. By birth he was born with a determination and desire to bring about their emancipation.

This could not be carried out by the spirit of zeal and violence of the man as a slave — in this country I mean — but the spirit moved on and came on down to John Brown, and arose in a manner by reincarnation to produce the emancipation of those who were enslaved. Can you not see the mystery?

John Brown endeavored to accomplish his endeavors physically by power and by might, but what said the spirit concerning the mystery?

"It is not by power nor by might but by MY Spirit declares the LORD!"

Therefore he could not bring about the emancipation of the slaves in this country, in this part of North America; hence, he as a person brought himself and his family, as it may be termed, to their personal or individual destination, but the spirit did not stop. I heard one say in and at the time of the Civil war — by inspiration I gave to one filled with zeal and courage, by composition:

"Old John Brown's body lies amouldering in the clay,

But his spirit goes marching on!"  
Aren't you glad!

I saw, as it was, John Brown's spirit reincarnated legally in Abraham Lincoln and others to bring about the emancipation of the slaves in this country, and it was brought to an expression of emancipation legally and politically, as far as the people were concerned personally. But this was not all!

**The Bill of Rights Less Considered than the Dog License Law!**

The enslavement of the nations, of this nation whichever, of those who have been enslaved and under-privileged, downtrodden and mistreated even until now, the enactment of the BILL OF RIGHTS has not been considered and recognized as much as the enactment of the Dog License Law!

**BUT I AM HERE NOW!** If it is necessary I will reincarnate John Brown, Nat, Abraham Lincoln and every REAL AMERICAN CITIZEN to emancipate the people! That is what I AM talking about! If it is necessary I will radiate and will transmit and reincarnate, reproduce and re-personify the spirit of every REAL, FULL-FLEDGED AMERICAN CITIZEN to emancipate the under-privileged!

Then I say, **PASS THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL AND STOP FILIBUSTERING IN THE UPPER HOUSE! THEY HAD BETTER STOP IT! FOR IF THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL IS**

**NOT PASSED, IF THEY DO NOT PASS THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL AND RECOGNIZE IT IN EVERY COMMUNITY, IN EVERY CITIZEN, IN ALL SOCIETY AND IN EVERY ORGANIZATION AND IN ALL BUSINESS AND IN ALL PROFESSION AND IN ALL LABOR AND IN ALL TRADE I WILL MOVE WITH A MIGHTY HAND! IF THEY DO NOT HEAR ME LEGALLY, IF I MUST NECESSARILY CALL ON MY POWER COSMICALLY, THE COSMIC FORCES OF NATURE SHALL MOVE, SHALL MOVE, SHALL MOVE, AND I SHALL SHAKE CREATION! AREN'T YOU GLAD!**

We shall have a **RIGHTEOUS GOVERNMENT** and the **BILL OF RIGHTS** must be enacted! It must be established in every community and in all society and in every street and in every city in the Union! If they did not mean it, what did they give ME the **BILL OF RIGHTS** for to go by? What did they give ME the **CONSTITUTION** for if they did not mean for us to live it and express it and put it forth into expression from every angle expressible?

**NOW I MEAN WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT! I SHALL SHAKE CREATION! SHALL SHAKE CREATION!**

**The Anti-lynching Bill MUST Be Passed Immediately!**

I DEMAND THE PASSAGE OF THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL IMMEDIATELY AND THE ENACTMENT OF THE BILL OF RIGHTS IN EVERY COMMUNITY AND IN ALL SOCIETY AND IN ALL BUSINESS AND IN ALL PROFESSION AND IN ALL LABOR AND IN ALL TRADE! THEY SHALL LIVE IT OR ELSE THEY SHALL NOT HAVE IT! The government FOR the people, BY the people and THROUGH the people shall PERISH unless they enact the BILL OF RIGHTS universally!

The time is out for foolishness, for filibustering and ignoring the CONSTITUTION — trying to undermine the foundation of our government — the time is out for it!

Oh, what a privilege to live in this recognition where GOD demands of the people to PASS THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL and ENACT THE BILL OF RIGHTS! I do not mean to say, well say, "We have the Bill of Rights; the Bill of Rights is to be considered," but I mean, enact it in all society, in every community, at your table, even as I enact it here jurisdictionally! **YOU MUST ENACT IT AT YOUR TABLE OR ELSE I AM GOING TO MOVE YOU OFF OF THE FACE OF THE EARTH! THAT IS WHAT I AM TALKING ABOUT! ENACT IT PUBLIC-**

LY, INTELLECTUALLY, SOCIALLY, PRIVATELY, YEA, ENACT IT DOMESTICALLY AT YOUR PRIVATE DINNER TABLE, AT YOUR PRIVATE BREAKFAST TABLE, OR ELSE YOU ARE GOING TO BE SORRY!

GOD ALONE SHALL REIGN WITH OR WITHOUT A BODILY FORM! THAT WHICH I HAVE PROMISED, I WILL ACCOMPLISH IT! "WHAT THE LORD HAS PROMISED HE IS ABLE TO PERFORM!" THE POWER OF GOD IS JUST THE SAME TODAY AS IT WAS YESTERDAY AND AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF MOSES, as it may be termed.

Moses was so insignificant Pharaoh did not wish to hear him, but he got lost in the Red Sea, did he not? The same Spirit is speaking today and demands the enactment of the BILL of RIGHTS under the CONSTITUTION, and demand the DECLARATION of INDEPENDENCE to be actually reckoned and established in all of this people, and they must have a chance for their INDEPENDENCE to be RIGHTFULLY established! I thank you!

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## CRISIS ELIMINATES DISCRIMINATION (THE CRISIS)

A young "so-and-so" student at the University of Minnesota finished the air pilot's training course there under the Civil Aeronautics Board, made an excellent record and, along with several of his classmates, applied at the armory on the campus for further training in the United States Army Air Corps. The young lieutenant on duty accepted the w—— boys, but told the c——: "There is no place in the Army Air Corps for so-and-so's."

A month later this student applied in Canada for further training to join eventually the Royal Air Force of Great Britain. He was accepted and notified that he would be called up later. Of course, Hitler's bombs are not dropping death and destruction on Boston, New York and Washington. If that time should ever come, then everyone would become brothers overnight and the Air Corps would have room for anyone who could stay in the air for as long as thirty minutes.

Many will recall the destructive tornado that

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swept through the New England States and along the northern portion of the Atlantic seaboard. All concerned laid their prejudiced views to one side and found themselves working side by side. Why is it the rule that a common enemy instead of love seems to be the operating force whereby men drop their race hatreds and discriminations and work together?

\* (The word "so and so" is used instead of the vulgar, low-rating name commonly used to create division and hatred, such as N— or C—.)

EXTENSION OF REMARKS  
OF

HON. LEE E. GEYER

of California

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 13, 1940

Mr. Geyer of California. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks, I include an editorial from the Mobile Post, of Mobile, Ala. This is but another evidence of the interest that is being aroused on this subject. The editorial follows:

(From the Mobile (Ala.) Post)  
To Abolish Poll Taxes

A petition to bring the anti-poll-tax bill to the floor of the House of Representatives was laid on the Speaker's desk by Congressman Lee E. Geyer (Democrat, California). When signed by 218 Members of the House the petition will make the Geyer anti-poll-tax bill, H. R. 7534, a special order of business.

Prohibiting the requirements of the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite for voting at Federal elections, H. R. 7534 was introduced in the House on August 5, 1939. The bill was referred to a subcommittee of the Judiciary and under the chairmanship of Francis B. Walters

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had followed such a pattern, her whole Empire would be united 100 per cent against her enemy; or, if all the nations of Europe had discarded prejudices, superstition and beliefs of racial superiority, there would be no war in Europe, even now. But instead of actually practicing the doctrine of "Love Thy Neighbor" they practiced and preached doctrines of Imperialism, Racial Superiority and nationalistic hate. The net result of all this is the present mass murder of thousands.

The simple setting forth of a doctrine of goodwill however, will not remedy the evils which beset this country. Uttering fancy phrases in

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## FATHER DIVINE WARNS CONGRESS IF IT DOES NOT PASS THE ANTI-LYNCHING BILL IN THE PRESENT SESSION IT WILL BE SORRY.

Rockland Palace, Sunday, Sept. 15, 1940 A. D. F. D.—Praise and appreciation for FATHER'S work and mission was still being heard from the vast crowd of followers, friends and visitors who were privileged to attend the Righteous Government mass meeting and banquet here tonight. A number of things can be said about the emphatic manner in which FATHER warned the officials of the government they must pass the anti-lynching bill during the present session of Congress, or be sorry. It would be wise for them to heed HIS command now and avoid failure. To rebel means disaster. It seems highly important that the American people should find out without delay whether these men intend to protect the rights of citizens, or to continue their 'See you in November, forget you in January attitude.' The time for such deception is over and those who listened to FATHER as HE spoke realized that.

The enthusiasm and sense of devotion that the audience displayed was most extraordinary.

It is good news for the American public, especially those of minority groups, that they have a CHAMPION in FATHER, who is demanding that everybody, in every community, be permitted to enjoy the provisions of the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This has never been attempted before.

The extraordinary enthusiasm was caused by the power displayed by FATHER and HIS demand that all citizens must be recognized by those officials who are elected to uphold the Bill of Rights for everyone. There was assurance; there was freedom. HIS words were earnest,

and raised the vibration to a pitch which was magnificent and impressive.

It is not hard to understand why HIS presence among the people is so magnetic and dynamic. For the first time in the history of America, a bona fide guarantee is offered to mankind, those who will live according to the principles laid down by the Constitution of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, and the Bill of Rights. Our government is threatened not only by its enemies in other countries, but also by enemies within who, altho in government positions, desire to do much harm to our democratic nation.

Through FATHER the citizens of this country have an opportunity to live in Peace and cooperate with Righteousness, Justice and Truth, to bring wars to an end. Those of us who appreciate the comfort and security that is ours must not allow sentiment to blind us to the duty we owe our GOD.

America is threatened to-day more than at any time in history. It behooves the men in government positions to listen to the voice of FATHER and move fast if they are to protect this nation. FATHER emphasized the need to uphold the Bill of Rights for the protection and benefit of every individual. HE again demanded that we unify as a defense against invasion, and warned that if the officials will not recognize the Constitution of the United States and express it in their daily lives, we will not recognize them. "I am not begging them. I demand them to do it. They had better take cognizance of my message for I AM the sample and

example for our nation." At the conclusion of HIS talk there was a feeling of good fellowship and rejoicing which seemed to embrace everyone. One sensed that there is joy and happiness, and the satisfaction of a more abundant life constantly for the greater advancement of all mankind.

The Zion Jubilee Singers of Brooklyn, rendered several appropriate selections for the enjoyment of the vast assembly and were lustily applauded.

Mr. Howell, a staunch advocate of FATHER'S work, said: "When I came into the building tonight I could see what it means to anyone to have FATHER as head of their affairs. In the past three years I have studied this work. For many years the churches have had influence over the people, but after what I have seen tonight, I am convinced that FATHER is doing more than anyone else. HE is no ordinary man. No man can do what HE is doing." At a gathering elsewhere some time ago Mr. Howell refuted criticism which was leveled at FATHER'S work.

"It does not matter where the people belong, FATHER is unifying them," said Mr. Rudolph Smith. "If they will follow HIS teaching it will break down segregation and discrimination; but HE says they must unify. They must give justice to all people. They must pass the anti-lynching bill and live in harmony one with the other.

"There are people here who have never seen FATHER before or had the privilege to hear HIM as we have. In other parts of this country and the world these meetings are just as enthusiastic as they are here. Why is that? Because they recognize FATHER'S ever-presence. He is just as operative in other parts as HE is here."

### BROWNSVILLE LYNCHING - AN ACT TO UNDERMINE THE CONSTITUTION AND THE BILL OF RIGHTS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. "Those who last June lynched Elbert Williams and drove seven other "so-and-so's" from their homes in Brownsville, Tenn., because they wanted to exercise their constitutional right to vote in the coming presidential election, thereby helped Hitler and deserve a letter of thanks from the Nazi leader," said Walter White of the N.A.A.C.P.

The Brownsville lynching, White declared, gives the lie to the oft-repeated assertions of Southern senators that no federal anti-lynching bill is needed because the states can act "vigor-

ously and promptly" to prevent this crime. Pointing to the obvious guilt of the law enforcement agencies of Tennessee, he said:

#### Half--million Dollars of Taxpayers' Money Wasted

"In 1938 your Senator Kenneth McKellar was one of the most active opponents of the Wagner-Van Nuys-Gavagan federal anti-lynching bill during the seven-weeks filibuster which cost the American taxpayer nearly a half-million dollars. During the course of that long and bitter fight, Senator McKellar put into the Congressional Record of January 17, 1938, telegrams from the governors of fifteen Southern states, one of them being the then Governor of Tennessee, which stated that no federal legislation against lynching was needed as the states could and would act vigorously, promptly and honestly to prevent lynchings and punish lynch-ers. The Brownsville lynching clearly shows how much faith can be placed in those pledges. As far as the public record shows, the State of Tennessee has done absolutely nothing to punish Williams' lynch-ers whose identities are known, and obviously does not propose to do anything. It is therefore imperative that the fight for federal legislation must be renewed and doubled in intensity, since once more the impotence of the states has been demonstrated.

"Dark and perilous days lie ahead of America. The tides of totalitarianism sweep ominously down upon the shores of what some orators call 'the last remaining democracy.' We ask America if she wants these twelve million citizens of this country to believe in their country's honesty when it says it opposes race hatred and bigotry and dictatorship. If so, then America must wipe out the hatred, discrimination and bigotry for which the Brownsville tragedy stands."

#### WE DEMAND THAT

Congress Protect Its Citizens within These Borders by PASSING The FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCHING BILL before This Session of Congress Ends.

### GEORGIA HAS LYNCHING, BOY 16, VICTIM

(Tampa Bulletin, Saturday, Sept. 14, 1940)

Despite varied reports of the few lynchings taking place this year every now and then a new case bobs up. On Monday, Sept. 8 another lynching went on record at Lagrange, Georgia, when a 16-year-old "So and so" was taken from the city jail by a mob early in the day

and lynched. The young boy, Austin Calloway, was allegedly charged with an attempted assault on a woman.

The prisoner, according to Chief of Police Matthews, was taken from the jail by a masked mob who forced the jailer to open the cell door at the point of a gun. Calloway was found by a searching party, some eight miles from town, with bullet wounds in his head and arm. He was taken to a hospital but died late that afternoon. Seems mighty hard for Georgia to stay out of it.

Enact the Bill of Rights in reality and give every citizen his constitutional rights by PASSING the FEDERAL ANTI-LYNCHING BILL—NOW.

("So-and-so" is used instead of the vulgar low-rating name commonly used to create division and strife, as N— or C—. See FATHER DIVINE'S Message, page 25, The NEW DAY of Aug. 22nd.)

### So-and-so's Barred from Voting in South Carolina

Gaffney, S. C.—A number of so-and-so people of this city headed by Mrs. Lottie P. Gaffney were turned down flatly when they sought to register in order to vote for President of the United States next November 5.

The registration board told Mrs. Gaffney and those with her: "So-and-so's ain't never voted in South Carolina and especially Cherokee county. I will not register you."

This happened on August 6 about three o'clock in the afternoon. A statement of what took place was made by one of the party as follows:

"We went immediately to the County Attorney. He read the law and could see no reason why we should have any trouble. He called them on the phone and told them to read their law and be governed by it. He told them what section to read. They asked him to come over to the Court House. He went and told them to ask him any questions concerning the people before them. They were very discourteous, slamming windows, books, etc. The lawyer told them that we were as eligible to vote as he or they. They still refused to register us.

"On August 7th at 2:15 P. M. we went again to the place designated for registration. As we approached the door one member of the board slammed the door and locked it before we could enter.

"We proceeded to the door and knocked

but no one opened the door. So-and-so men registering kept slipping in and out quickly closing the door in order to keep us out. We stayed there until 4.45 P. M. About 4:30 a so-and-so woman came up to register and knocked on the door and it was then that one member of the board came to the door to say that it was time for them to close. He also said that there would be no more registering for this period. The door remained closed from 2:15 P. M. until at least 4:45 P. M. — the time at which we left.

Mrs. Gaffney then wrote the NAACP in New York which in turn sent the letter to Attorney General Robert H. Jackson asking that so-and-so people be protected in their rights during the second registration period September 2-4. On September 2 Mrs. Gaffney and her party again returned to the registration office with the following result:

"The three members of the board questioned us as to the reasons for our wanting to vote. They said that we wanted to stir up trouble for them and ourselves. One member said that some — Republican put us up to want to vote. If the board registered us it would be dangerous for us — that our houses would be burned; that our heads would be scalped, etc. That if they would register us their heads would be cut off before night. If we registered it would do no good. If we are seeking social equality and a right to vote we had better go North.

"After refusing to register us we remained seated to wait to see if they would change their minds or feel differently toward us. Instead two members of the board went out. In about 30 minutes someone came for the third member and he too left. There were several so-and-so people also waiting to register. The janitor came in with orders to close the room. He began pulling down the windows about 3:00 P. M. and ordering everybody out of the registration room. He locked the doors and left after the room was empty. We continued to wait until 4:20 P. M. At this time the janitor unlocked the door for one member of the board to enter and quickly closed it. About 4:30 P. M. the other two members of the board were let in by the janitor together with several so-and-so people. We tried to go in but the janitor got in front of us and locked the door. The so-and-so people went in to register in relays. The janitor said that the board had given him orders not to allow a so-and-so to enter as they were not going to register us."

## Dallas So-and-so's Attempt to Bomb So-and-so Homeowners

Dallas, Tex.—What observers have regarded as nothing less than a week-long state of siege in which some 100 so-and-so, most of them housewives have fought to keep two so-and-so families from occupying homes they purchased in a former so-and-so neighborhood, came to a climax here Thursday, September 12, when an attempt was made to bomb the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Walker, 3616 Howell Street.

Terrorizing of the families, who moved into the Howell street section on September 3, began shortly after moving vans had drawn up to 3619 and 3616, Howell Street.

Backed up by the local branch of the NAACP, under the leadership of Dr. George F. Porter, the so-and-so residents have refused to move.

## Congressmen Tell N.A.A.C.P. They Will Support Wagner Amendment to Conscription Bill in the House

New York.—More than a score of Congressmen have told that they will support the Wagner non-discrimination amendment to the Burke-Wadsworth Conscription bill, which was reported out favorably by the House Military Affairs Committee September 4.

Although the Association had sought to have the amendment, which applies only to enlistees, broadened to include draftees, the House Committee voted it out without changing the Senate version. The following Congressmen have said they will support the amendment when it comes up on the floor of the House for a vote:

Democrats: Pius L. Schwert, N. Y.; James M. Fitzpatrick, N. Y.; Thos. H. Cullen, N. Y.; Eugene B. Crowe, Ind.; T V. Smith, Ill.; Herman P. Eberharter, Pa.; Lee E. Geyer, Calif.; James A. Shanley, Conn.; Thomas Hennings, Jr., Mo.; Robert G. Allen, Pa.; Sol Bloom, N. Y.

Republicans: Margaret C. Smith, Maine; William E. Hess, Ohio; John G. Alexander, Minn.; Fred A. Hartley, N. J.; Fred J. Douglas, N. Y.; John W. Gwynne, Iowa; John M. Robison, Ky.; J. Parnell Thomas, N. J.; Harry Sandager, R. I.; Charles H. Elston, Ohio; Harve Tibbott, Pa.; A. C. Schiffler, W. Va.; D. Lane Powers, N. J.

## \$6,000,000 Bond Issue, Defeated by Group Denied Benefits

Atlanta, Ga. — Because the City Council of Atlanta sought to raise millions of dollars to improve the local fire department, public school and hospital facilities, while cutting benefits to "So-and-so" citizens down to one eighteenth of the total, more than 2,000 registered "so-and-so" voters, under the leadership of the local branch of the N.A.A.C.P., defeated the \$6,000,000 bond issue at the polls here September 4.

According to T. M. Alexander, president of the local NAACP branch, citizens presented to the City office a clear picture of the needs of their people in schools, hospitals, and the fire department, and yet out of the \$1,800,000 allocated for schools, which was to be matched by the Government 3 to 1, a paltry \$100,000 was set aside for schools.

## N.A.A.C.P. Asks Civil Service Commission to Rule on Mass Health Exams For Charwomen

Washington, D. C. — The local branch of the NAACP has asked the United States Civil Service Commission to rule on the question of whether an administrative officer in a Government agency has the right to require physical examinations of an entire group of workers.

The association acted after receiving complaints from Treasury Department charwomen who told the N.A.A.C.P. that they have been told to report to the Public Health Service for examinations without having been given any previous notifications. According to the women, the rule has been that an examination is required only if an employee has been absent from work often enough to interfere with the performance of her work. This view of the situation was confirmed by one Treasury official.

According to Mrs. Gertrude Stone, vice-president of the branch, J. B. Fox, superintendent in charge of personnel, told her that the mass examinations were ordered in order to check the health of employees who might be engaged in tasks beyond their physical capacity. She said a conference would be held with Treasury officials after the Civil Service Commission has handed down a ruling.