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FASCISM IN AMERICA

The lynch terror being directed against the Negro citizens of Columbia, Tennessee, should cause deep shame to every decent American. More than this, it should galvanize us all into action to uproot this fascist-like jimero power which threatens otherwise to destroy the democratic liberties of us all.

A young Negro eteran dared to defend his mother against insult and attack by a white shopkeeper. As a result, both mother and son were arrested; a lynch mob stormed the jail; state and local police and other hoodlums surrounded and then nivated the Negro section of town, shooting at anybody and anything, wrecking business establishments, and making mass arrests indiscriminately; two unarmed Negro citizens were deliberately shot to death in jail, and another wounded; scores of others are being held imprisoned without charge; the whole Negro community is in dire peril—and State and Federal authorities refuse to do anything about it!

This could easily have happened in Hitler Germany. Its basic purpose, like that of the whole jimero system, is to assure the super-exploitation of Negro workers by terrorizing them into "keeping in their place" and not asking for decent wages, respectable schools, "white men's jobs", and other benefits which are the rights of all citizens.

The fundamental source of this fascist terror lies not in the warped and prejudiced minds of the deluded white hoodlums who are used to perpetrate lynch violence. Rather it lies with those few Bourbon dictators who own and control the South for their selfish greed.

The polltax disfranchisement of Southern citizens, the rotten plantation system, the Senator McKellars and other Congressional bigots who strangle an FEPC to death, mass poverty of the people worse than that found in many colonial lands, the tie-up between this feudalistic oppression and the great financial interests of the North—all this is a part of the Nazi pattern which not only jeopardizes the life and property of Negro citizens, but serves as a basis for the building of a Fascist America.

Let all America take heed of the warning sounded by these events in Columbia, Tennessee.

Demand of President Harry Truman and U. S. Attorney General Tom Clark that the Department of Justice intervene immediately, investigate the whole incident, and prosecute the terrorists under federal statutes.

Demand that Governor Jim McCord, Nashville, Tennessee, initiate immediate state action against the wanton slayers of the two Negroes in jail and the wounding of dozens of others, release all prisoners held without charge, and guarantee a fair trial for all others.

Organize mass protest meetings throughout the length and breadth of our land, mobilizing the aroused conscience of our entire nation against the dastardly events of Columbia, Tennessee.

We have simply got to stop the lynch terror against the Negro people in Tennessee, throughout the South, and even in Freeport, L.I. There is no other way to guarantee the democratic liberties of all Americans from being snuffed out in the onrush of our native racism.

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— Drop in and Meet Your Friends —

Red Cross Oversea Clubs Important For Young GIs

Berlin, Germany—The 18- and 19-year-old GIs over from the States feel much more at home in Red Cross clubs than they do in the cafes and "dives" here, according to Alice Jane Carter, director of the Negro-staffed Victory Red Cross Club here.

"They may try the cafes out of curiosity, but on the whole they say they prefer coming to our clubs as a regular diet," Miss Carter added.

"The majority of our boys are used to visiting the corner drug-store or taking their girl to a movie. They are too young to know much about bars and saloons. So our aim is to make our club so attractive and so interesting that the boys get to be afraid they'll miss something if they stay away."

Miss Carter is the daughter of Mrs. Belle J. Carter, of 62 S. Ohio Avenue, Columbus, Ohio, retired social service worker, and the later Charles J. Carter, attorney, and part owner of the Pittsburgh, Pa., Courier. She received her B. A. degree in social service work administration from Ohio State University. Subsequently she worked for the YWCA, in Philadelphia, Pa., and in Chicago, Ill., and before joining the Red Cross in January 1944 was handling social service cases at the St. Francis Hospital, Columbus, Ohio.

Miss Carter came overseas in May 1944. First assigned to a club in Belfast, Ireland, she later went to clubs in England, and in November, was assigned to the Victory Club here.

She sees a marked difference in the attitude of boys coming overseas today from that of older soldiers during combat days. "These are just kids," she says, "and it's almost more important than during the war years for the Red Cross to give them a place to roost, plenty of recreation and the feeling of home, in a country where the language is different and where the civilian population is our former enemy."

The Victory Club, housed in one of the best Red Cross buildings in Berlin, has an unusually active program. Friday-night boxing matches, held in the club, nightly band concerts, jam sessions, a GI chorus, weekly bull sessions on subjects of general interest, a darkroom where the men can leave their films to be developed or where they may develop and print their own are among the activities. When the weather is warmer, there will be badminton, broad and high jumping, handball, and horseshoe fields in front of the club.

"DON'T WASTE—
FOOD!"



"LICK THE PLATTER CLEAN!"

FEPC, a Symbol Of Human Dignity

By Lillian Smith

Max Delson, chairman of the recent great Madison Square Garden rally for FEPC read this moving statement for the Fair Employment Practice Commission by the noted author of "Strange Fruit" who phoned the statement from her home in Clayton, Georgia.

The FEPC has become not only a symbol of human dignity but a national reminder of things about democracy that we are always forgetting.

It reminds us that every man has the right to a job that he can do. It reminds us also that no other man has the right to keep him from his job because of race, creed or color.

It reminds us that in America there are no priorities. We stand in line not only for butter and nylons but for the right to work also.

It sends a lot of elbowing people back in line where they belong.

Three Negro Red Cross girls are in the club daytimes and in the evenings. A chaplain has his office in the club. A GI executive committee plans and supervises the club's program and an advisory committee of the commanding officers of units using the club meet monthly to discuss club needs.

long to take their turn as do others.

It announces to these greedy and stubborn bargainers who would trade democracy for racial power that our way of life is not for sale—either in Congress or elsewhere.

And it is a good reminder. We can't do without it. For the louder men scream against it, the more apparent it is that we need it.

It is the folks who break democracy's rules who don't want democracy's policing. These men are the very people from whom FEPC safeguards the whole nation.

WDL Gives Lie To Navy Claim

New York City - (WDL) - Vice Admiral Louis Denfeld, chief of navy personnel, was reminded by the Workers Defense League that the Navy did not maintain a policy of neutrality when it operated tugboats in the recent New York tugboat strike.

Answering a WDL protest over the Third Naval District order barring sailors and ex-sailors from picket lines, Vice Admiral Denfeld wrote: "In all matters relating to disputes between labor and management, it is the duty of the Navy Department, and those wearing the naval uniform, to maintain an official attitude of strict neutrality. This would not be accomplished if naval personnel wearing the uni-

form of the Navy and drawing Navy pay were to actively and publicly assist either labor or management in the advancement of their respective aims during a dispute."

In addition to recalling the Navy's role in the tugboat strike, Rev. Aron S. Gilmartin, National Chairman of the WDL, again called for rescinding of the Third Naval District order. Pointing out that picketing is a legal right, he wrote: "Throughout the country servicemen and exservicemen from both Army and Navy have joined picket lines unmo- lested."

The Third District issued its order after snore patrolmen removed Charles Rosie, Negro discharged sailor, from the picket line in front of the struck Westinghouse plant in Newark, N. J.

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