Senator Costigan Insulted by Senators Who Want No Anti-Lynch Laws

2,000 in Biggest New York Anti-Lynching Meeting

Principal Speaker is Senator Costigan, Sponsor of Anti-Lynching Bill

W. WHITE TELLS OF OBSTACLES IN WAY

Site of Meeting Was Once Abolitionist Church

(By AFRO CORRESPONDENT)

NEW YORK — Ten thousand dollars to transport witnesses to Washington, to pay for printing literature, for postage, for telephone and telegrams, and for other purposes, would have insured the passage of the Costigan-Wagner Federal anti-lynching bill during the last Congress, Walter White, secretary of the NAACP, declared in appealing for funds for the new fight at the mass meeting of 2000 persons held here Sunday.

The principal speaker was Senator Edward P. Costigan, of Colorado, who, with Senator Robert Wagner, of New York, is sponsor of the bill.

Other Speakers

Other speakers were:

The Rev. Allan Knight Chalmers, pastor of Broadway Tabernacle, Fifty-sixth Street and Broadway, who presided at the meeting; Miss Ella Baker, assistant, W. Seagle, general secretary, Greater New York Federation of Churches; the Very Rev. Russell Bowie, formerly of the Union Theological Seminary, rector of Episcopal Church; Bernard S. Deutsch, president of the American Jewish Congress and president of the board of aldermen, and Michael Williams, editor, the Commonweal and leading Catholic layman and writer.

Also the Rev. Dr. John W. Robinson, pastor, Trinity Community Church, and the Rev. Dr. William Lloyd Imes, who delivered the benediction. Miss Etta Moten, artist of the stage and screen, "on her way to Washington where she will entertain the tribute lynching victims," the audience opened the meeting with "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing."

Dixie Senators Insult Costigan

Describing the obstacles which are being put in the way of the bill and the personal insults which the senators receive, Mr. White revealed that two Southern Senators accosted Senator Costigan.

One blamed the sponsor of the bill "for making it necessary for me to filibuster and do ten days speaking I would not have to do if you did not introduce your bill."

"How can I get my bill to promote rape getting along?" another asked.

The audience voted to send a message urging President Roosevelt to place "the full force of his influence and prestige" behind the Costigan-Wagner bill.

Lynching Is Murder

"Federal repression of lawlessness in this country can never approach its end without including lynching among major crimes against the Federal Government. In its simple, heart-penetrating eldness, murder is murder wherever it kills, but at one, but at many long-established huge and ever-growing

"Lynching mobs are without mind or conscience. They are without "the acknowledge no restraints. They defy government. They assert their uncontrolled, lawless and despotic authority whenever they decide to attack and destroy. They ignore distinctions between guilt and innocence.

Disregard Innocence

"They unlawfully seize and imprison individuals without regard for guilt or innocence. Accusation is conviction. Reason is tossed aside and unfortunate victims are condemned to torture, which causes them to welcome speedy death, to escape torture.

"Often such victims are burned alive, kidnapped, with transportation from state to state, torture for hours, the connivance of local officers who have sworn to enforce the law. And death, sometimes slow and painful.

"Yet we country, tolerating such actions, continues to eulogize ancient and venerable constitutional safeguards of American citizenship," Senator Costigan declared.

The Senator outlined his bill and said that the Constitution is so written that it will hold even the support even of those who are opposed.

No Mushroom Growth

He declared the Costigan-Wagner measure "is in no sense of mushroom growth. It has been carefully drawn by men seasoned behind which Southern Senators have been forming behind some such treatment of the relationship of government while "a contemptible number of people versed in the law have been drawn upon in writing this measure."

He also praised the "student of life and history, of more understanding and humane," who "is now in the White House and who realizes the terrible sins of a country must ultimately pay which adequate, efficient, and fearless measures are taken." Senator Ultimately invites men, women and children who will participate in the mass meeting to the limitless severity of the jungle."

Need Drastic Action

Dr. Bowie, dean of the Theological Seminary of Virginia and Harvard, declared that the time has been an abolishing state's rights, and still is, but lynching is "a crime that put in new fields with a drastic situation that calls for drastic action."

He said he hates lynching because it is a crime against a weaker people, because it cripples and debases the whole community where it occurs, and because its growth has been phenomenal.

Mr. Deutsch, who was born in Baltimore, Md., and is a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, said that, instead of Southern Congressmen being who has proposed measure, it would have been "a Southern Bill." The anti-lynching bill had been introduced, he said, by the entire bloc of Southern legislators, "and it would have passed long ago if it had been left to them."

Mr. Williams, recalling that St. Augustine was born in Tagaste, a town in the Three Wise Men was from Ethiopia, said that Ethiopia, "a country of mystery behind what this Senator from Colorado is planning to do though he hits."

He called upon his hearers "to talk and talk and talk and talk to the people in every, every day."

Other speakers appealed to their hearers to go out and work as committees of one, "committees of one" to confer with Congressmen and Congressmen and the President.

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EEMIRA, N. Y.—The photographic eye and the keen memory of Thomas J. (Chick) Reid, police turnkey at the Chemung County jail, have proved to be the nemesis of crim. Seeking "refuge" at the tramphouse and led to the undoing of at least a dozen fugitives since he took office a year ago.

Besides the unfortunates who seek shelter at the tramphouse on account of their reputa. often sought by police, have frequently gone to the place as a temporary hideaway. Applying for a night's lodging for a place to "flop," the criminal group depends on its brief stay to avert embarrassing interviews with police. Tramphouse lodgers leave early in the morning.

One of Reid's first acts when he goes to work each night at 11 o'clock is to inspect the tramphouse occupants. His first police triumph came in January 1933, a few days after he had taken the job.

Recognizes Quartet

In the tramphouse he found four men who had been described by friends as suspects of the theft of a watch at a Baldwin Street establishment. Reid turned the quartet over to police and investigation showed that two had participated in the theft. They received terms in the Elmira Reformatory.

Four boys ranging from 15 to 17 years of age in the tramphouse one night in December aroused Reid's suspicions and he turned them over to police. It developed that one had stolen a check from a mailbag in Buffalo, and the four had cashed the check from

BELIEVE ME

By MALCOLM S. FULCHER

CAVE MAN

The things I'd do
To a girl of your type
Would surely prove
My ardor is ripe.

I'd squeeze you 'till
You were out of breath,
And then I'd kiss you
Half to death.

Just say the word,
And I'll do my stuff;
Lady, I'm yours
To treat you rough!

* * * * * LITTLE BOY BLAB.

THE COLUMNIST JOTS SOME NOTES TO HIS SECY (Says he pulled indigestion)

EN ROUTE

By AFRO Correspondent

DEAR G. A.:

It is about time that I wrote you a letter seeing as how you've done all right by me during the year just past. Come to think of it, I have not written you one since 1932. Well, there weren't any worries about my New Year's Eve celebration. Just Mother, Dad and yours truly. Honestly, you should have been here. We were kinda expecting you. But when Dad walked in and saw me calmly seated in my favorite chair, reading, you should have seen his face. He thought it was a gag.

"What," he managed to stutter, "are you doing home on this, of all nights Brooks?" And when I showed him some money I had, it floored him. I had a grand time, and, just between us, I think he's very pleased at seeing me home on New Year's Eve. There was a swell program on the radio and I followed the New Year all the way across the country by merely twisting the dials. Staying home isn't at all bad when you've got the two grandest persons in the world to keep you company.

Mother is just waiting so that she can tell her favorite adopted daughter in Washington about it. The holiday season has gone and with it the headaches and worries that usually attend such an event.

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The only thing that marred my Christmas was some fool dame that called home and told Mother I was injured. I'm still trying to figure out who it was, and when I do, well, just guess. One wonders why so many of our alleged friends can't seem to realize that gossip columning is a profession like anything else, and that when we run lines it is not to hurt them but merely because BETTER friends of theirs have sent them to us! I also noted that when I ran something that the A.K.A.'s didn't like I got letters and then some, before the ink was hardly dry, and yet when I've written repeatedly many favorable lines about them, not even a card or thanks. But who cares? It's all in the game, and I just love it.

I've been wondering where I heard the name Axe-Grinders before that Washington group started using it, and it just came to me. Years ago when I was a youngster, I used to read a weekly publication of the Elks, called "Hoofprints," which was also considerable of a publication, and it was in that publication that I read the term. It was the Elks' journalism fraternity, has a famous Axe-Grinders' Ball every year at Urbana. All of my columns will be sent to you for the corrections and you send them down from here, while I'm gone. In fact, you'd better just do straight columns of New York until I return. I won't be gone so long. It seems that Alex Rivera is getting quite a lot of calls at the Alpha house in D.C., in spite of the reports about his forthcoming marriage.

And speaking about Alpha, according to a recent address made by Dr. Charles Wesley, Alpha is starting a chapter in London. If that is true it will make the only official fraternity chapter of our race in England, or abroad for that matter; you'd better check this to make sure.

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Please acknowledge these Christmas cards! I don't know if I have them all listed here. In fact, I know I haven't, but the rest I can't remember now. Well, there was a card from the Pittsburgh commentator; and little Bill Chase didn't forget me this year, either, as evidenced by a Christmas card from the pen of Cedric Jensen, of Trenton who is sweet on one of the AFRO staff. Also sent his greetings; Walter (Piggy) Hawkins, the former nite mayor of Harlem, now just a wonderful wife, who remembered those on the sending end; my cousin, Alice, in Lynchburg, Va., and her daughter, Mary, wished me a merry one; Mrs. Ethel Hughes; Aileen Eleanor Eckstein sent a pretty card, which Everett Utterback, former broadjump champion, predicted he would be receiving. Portia Jacobs sent a card almost as small as herself; Ted Smith, former Syracuse star, and now coach at St. Paul's, in Lawrenceville, Va., was among the first. Ann Lane sent a card, too. Speaking of pretty women, Ann was quite tricky; Bessie Smith, of Washington, was quite tricky; Bessie Smith, of Washington, was quite tricky; Bessie Smith, of Washington,