

ON THE AMERICAN PANORAMA

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A sixteen year old colored boy was found chained to a tree with a dog chain and literally riddled with bullets in Haynesville, Ala., accused of the same old charge, "attacking a white woman".

The truth of the matter seems to be that the boy knew the girl and only spoke to her. Some Klansman seeing the mutual exchange of friendly greetings snatched the innocent episode as a chance further to brutalize and terrorize the colored folk of Alabama.

How long are we going to stand for this beastly crucifixion?

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From the New Republic comes this news item: Mr. Reuben Oppenheimer, a Baltimore attorney and one of the Wickersham Committee, filed a detailed report exposing to public attention the medieval and atrocious practices of the Department of Labor under Secretary Doak. It tells how immigration officials who are frequently men of low character appointed through political pressure, use secret torture chamber proceedings to deport, sometimes in violation of the law, individuals whose political and economic views are antipathetic to the ragged individualism of the Hoover Administration. "Confessions" are often obtained by the third degree methods which are described in another current Wickersham report. Mass raids are conducted in which American citizens are frequently seized and forced to prove that they are not aliens subject to deportation, in defiance of the principle that the burden of proof is on the prosecution.

If Mr. Doak decides all colored people who are tired of being Jim-crowed, segregated and lynched and who are organizing in protest against these malicious American practices are aliens to be deported--- Well, look out, Africa; here we come!

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Chicago's new Mayor, hissoner Mr. Cermak, has turned publicity agent for Chicago. City officials plan to use microphone facilities in an endeavor to clean up Chicago, wipe out its reputation of crime headquarters and get back to decent government and business-like development. Mayor Cermak and his cabinet officers, city department heads (including police) and county officials (including sheriffs and constables) will report directly to the people on the work that is being done. Politics must be avoided, and orators must confine themselves to municipal affairs over the radio.

I wonder if that direct report to the people will include an account of the cold blooded murder of defenceless colored men who had the courage to object to the eviction of one of their helpless women. Also the brutal use of night sticks and tear gas on thousands of colored workers who meet to discuss their mutual problems.

If Mr. Cermak doesn't hurry, his publicity job will be done conclusively by his cossack police and Al Capone.

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The wealth of kings, always a subject for speculation, is sometimes revealed when they are deposed. Here are some interesting figures:

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| Ex-King Alphonso of Spain. | \$ 8,500,000 |
| Ex-Kaiser of Germany | 103,000,000 |
| Ex-King Manuel of Portugal | 1,000,000 |
| Ex-King George of Greece | Ready to go to work. |

But he never has, and never will!

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From the New York Times: The resignation of President Ibanez of Chile after long and determined struggle on his part to keep himself in power and his country from bankruptcy has again directed attention to the troubled affairs of South America. Pres. Ibanez's fall was chiefly the result of the economic situation which obtains throughout South America. The situation in Chile is duplicated in many other South American nations. As a result of the economic situation no revolutionary government has had a fair trial nor have the people had a chance to manifest their political convictions.

There are many who hope that Latin-American recovery may be accelerated by Americans whose interests in that quarter are large. In 1930 American interests in South America were \$3,148,683,800.

We have a Monroe Doctrine in the United States that theoretically gives protection and self determination to all the little countries in North and South America. Practically, here is what happens. The United States Government, protecting United States capitalists' investments in Latin-America and adjacent islands reserves for those same capitalists the sole and undisputed right of exploiting these lesser nations of their wealth and rights. In Cuba the cruel Machado government is aided and abetted by the United States powers-that-be because it is friendly and servile to the vested interests of American capital. Native Cubans are starving, sickening and dying as a result of this foreign stranglehold on their economic resources. In Haiti, Nicaragua, the Phillipines and nearly all the South American countries the millions who labor, who are absolutely dependend on the product of the soil, have had their God-given birth-right taken from them. And while their despotic and traitorous presidents, ministers and military dictators grow rich and fat by selling to and protecting exclusively the property rights taken from the people and given to foreign or American capital, the millions of working class men and women in their own lands are denied the right to live. Explain without bias the bristling appearance of American war-ships and thousands of Marines in the harbors and on the soil of every small Latin-American country immediately after the working people revolt against the accumulative stealing of their land and the insufferable politico-economic conditions under which they are forced to exist.

Your problem, too, colored America!

Organize! Plan! Cooperate!
