

FIGHT LYNCHERS, THEIR GOV'T; VOTE "RED"!

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The speed at which a lynching mob is organized is a matter of genuine mystification to those who do not fully understand the economic factors back of lynching, the class responsible for lynching and the role of the capitalist press in inciting to lynching and organizing the mob which is to be the instruments of the bosses' vengeance against the rebellious Negro worker who dares to challenge the brutal exploitation and virtual slavery to which he is subjected.

But there is nothing mysterious in the matter when once it is realized that lynching is the bosses' weapon against the Negro masses, that most lynching mobs travel by automobile, and that the capitalist newspapers not only incite and organize the lynching mob but often actually advertise the time and place of a lynching.

Lynching of Henry Lowry Class Example.

A classic example in this connection is the lynching of Henry Lowry some years ago in Arkansas. The conditions under which Lowry was lynched typify the lynching practice in the United States. Those conditions still exist. Lowry's is quoted here simply because of the wide publicity given it even by the bourgeoisie. There are any

number of lynchings in which the capitalist press is clearly shown as an inciter and advertising media.

The bosses' press gleefully carried the news that Lowry had been "taken away" from the deputy sheriffs by whom he was being brought

back from El Paso, Texas, whither he had fled after shooting his boss in a gun fight over wages. Lowry was seized in Sardis, Miss., a town near the borders of Tennessee and Arkansas. The bosses of three states participated in the vengeance meted out to him. After his "seizure" by the mob from two not too reluctant deputy sheriffs, the bosses' newspapers let loose in a frantic drive to build up lynching sentiment. And hours before the lynching, the Memphis News Scimitar carried the announcement, brazenly flared in big headlines across its front page: "Lowry Lynchers Announce Program: Negro To Pay Mob's Penalty For Crime."

Incites to Widening of Terror.

The Memphis Press on the same evening carried a front page scream headline: "May Lynch Three To Six Negroes This Evening"—a direct incitement to the widening of the terror. The leading story which occupied the center of the front page was captioned: "Lowry Nears Tree On Which It Is Planned To Hang Him; Taken From Memphis Today." he story began:

"While five of their number detoured around Memphis in a closed automobile with Henry Lowry, Negro murderer, who is to be lynched at Nodena, Ark., tonight, other alleged members of the mob which took him from officers at Sardis, Miss., early this morning, came to Memphis and dined at Hotel Peabody today."



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FIGHT LYNCHING, VOTE COMMUNIST

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That paragraph explains a lot. It gives away the social status of the men who could afford to dine at the swell Peabody Hotel. It exposes the role of the capitalist state and the acquiescence of the capitalist authorities in the lynching terror against the Negro masses when an automobile could openly and with newspaper advertising traverse Memphis carrying the prospective victim and murderers. It exposes the role of the capitalist press as a murderous inciter against the Negro workers, an organizer of lynchings and an advertiser of lynching "programs."

In the present widespread and ever intensifying lynching terror, which has already taken 26 victims this year with the year but two-thirds spent, the capitalist press is playing the same role of inciter and organizer of mob murders.

Bosses' Press Spreads Lie of Rape.

The press is one of the bosses' chief weapons in fostering and stimulating race hatred and prejudice. It is the chief instrument in broadcasting the lie of rape against the Negro victims of lynching and in covering up the actual facts of the outrages against the Negro workers.

This same capitalist press is today calling upon the Negro masses to continue the capitalist parties in power. This same capitalist press is today spreading its slanders against the Communist Party, and giving columns of lying boosts to the three parties of capitalism: the republican party, the democratic party and the "socialist" party.

How to Fight Lynching.

Negro and white workers! Fight lynching! Smash the bosses' lynching terror! Resist the lynching mobs! Organize defense squads of white and Negro workers! Smash the power of the capitalist parties! Vote Communist in the coming elections! Vote against your class enemies! Vote for the party of your class! Vote Communist!