

THAT RACE PROBLEM

The "New Negro" Continues Discussion of Lynchings

To the Editor of The Courant:—

I wish to be quite fair in discussing Mr. Black's letter concerning lynchings in Indiana and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. This lynching fever or race hatred is something all sincere human beings must get busy and stamp out. It is absurd and barbaric in any part of the civilized world.

Why have we so many people who are so ambitious in preaching civilization to backward inhabitants of other lands when we still need it so much in America? What is their motive, and is it logical? Small wonder these peoples are beginning to rebel against this system of sham. Yet personally I believe there are many who wish to help in battling this gigantic octopus which has a stranglehold on so many States, if not in mob rule, then in the economic way against the members of my race.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, composed of the most brilliant of both races, understands this problem and does not defend criminals provided they are given the same consideration extended to other accused. Under the law every man accused must be given a fair and impartial trial.

This does not seem to include Negroes and, believe it or not, Negroes are beginning to question this abridgement of the Constitution. This National Association has saved many a life, white or black, by its quick and fair methods of dealing with situations. Perhaps Mr. Black does not understand the danger of race riots to human life and property, or perhaps he thinks the Negro must fear cowards who lynch men without due process of law.

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