

# SOUTHERN EDITOR TELLS OF 'NEW NEGRO'; RAPS LYNCHING

**Whites Must Be Candid and Courageous In Facing  
Racial Problems, Birmingham Newspaper  
Official Is Told.**

FLORENCE, Ala., Mar. 29.—(ANP)—Southerners are vitally interested in the racial problems with which they are confronted and they should be candid and courageous in approaching them, Judge Charles N. Feidelson, associate editor of The Birmingham Age-Herald, said in an address at Florence State Teachers College, reported by The Birmingham News.

One of these is lynching which, he said, "we are disposed to steer clear of, but it is a problem that touches most vitally not only the Negro but his white compatriot."

The war between the states he said, "left its major taint upon the majority; we are constantly shadowed by a dark presence; our psychology is colored by what we call the Negro question. So many things of life are shaped by the presence of this alien race. The right, the wise, the civilized solution, amelioration and adjustment of this problem is of incalculable importance to the white just as it is of simple justice to the Negro.

"The Negro is in this country because he was brought here as a slave by New Englanders—not because he sought to make his home here. Economic pressure made him a problem in the South.

"With his freedom the Negro, unlike the serf of the Old World, was adroit, untrained, but endowed with civil rights he was not qualified to handle.

"When the Negro was freed the

white was enslaved. Today we are motivated by that trend of thinking forced upon us in the days of reconstruction."

"But," he added, "the Negro is building for himself a racial integrity and we should be prepared to face as realities this question of his position among us.

"Lynching," he said, "denies eve mandate of civilization. It is a resort to savagery; a return to the primitive; ethically, legally there is no justification for it."