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**WHO'S UNAMERICAN?**

**Charge Dies  
Dodges Probe  
Of Lynching**

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Nov. 14.—Branding the treatment of the Negro in the South as the “most barbaric hangover from the dark ages known to the modern world,” Edward E. Strong, secretary of the Southern Negro Youth Congress, has demanded in a letter to Congressman Martin Dies that he take time off from his witch-hunting campaign to investigate lynchings of Negroes.

“As a Texan,” Strong’s letter informed Dies, “you must know how Negroes are Jim-Crowed, lynched and segregated in clear violation of the United States Constitution. As a U. S. Congressman from Texas, you also know that Negro citizens in Texas are not allowed to participate in the primaries of your own party. We call these practices un-American.”

“If not through an oversight, it would seem that your committee has deliberately failed to investigate the most barbaric hangover from the Dark Ages known to the modern world . . . the lynching and burning to death of innocent Negro men and women. The failure of your committee to investigate the un-Americanism fo mob-rule, will prove to Negro Americans that your committee in reality is working to destroy the influence of those organizations in our country which are fighting for the rights of Negroes.”