

CLAIM ATTACKS BY KU KLUX ON RACE SKIPPED BY DIES COMMITTEE

Chairman of Denver District Resigns
General Chairmanship; Portland '41 Site

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Following regular sessions of the Second Biennial Convention of Dining Car Employees, Local 465, at a meeting of the General Executive Board on Saturday, George W. Halsey, newly elected general chairman, resigned the office. This action automatically made John E. Hargrove of Los Angeles, elected secretary-treasurer by the convention, general chairman. He declined, however, in favor of Elder G. Scott, incumbent. Hargrove continues in the office of Los Angeles district chairman.

The United States Government was urged to dissolve the Dies committee because of its attacks against peace organizations, organized labor, and

for not conducting serious investigations into the activities of the Ku Klux and Vigilantes (California's very special brand of kluxers,) by the Dining Car Employees, Local 465, of the Union Pacific system in a special resolution sent to Attorney Frank Murphy this week.

In addressing the second biennial convention of Dining Car Waiters here, general secretary Rufus C. Long, who reported for the resolutions committee, advocated that the body go on record as condemning any drive against the Bill of Rights and all violations of American Civil Liberties.

The resolution stated that general hysteria created by the Dies committee under the alleged investigations of so-called "Un-American Activities" was a part of definite preparations for America's entry in to World War II.

"The committee has not conducted serious investigation into the activities of the Nazi Bund, Ku Klux Klan, the Silver Shirts, the Knights of White Camel's, Vigilantes, and similar subversive groups which threaten the existence of the Bill of Rights and American Democracy," the resolution read.

NEGRO THREATENED

While this report was being made, news came to the convention that a Negro had been threatened with lynching in Modesto, "because he sat on a platform with white women." Vigilantes armed with rope and fagot, went to the home of the man where he was told to leave town or "take his medicine." He left town.

The tactics of the Dies committee are similar to those used in Germany and other fascist countries which led to the destruction of labor and fraternal organizations and finally churches, was further charged by the diner workers.

Other progressive measures supported by the conclave representing more than 600 colored waiters of the Union Pacific western district, were petitions to President Roosevelt to keep America out of war; endorsement

of A. Philip Randolph for membership on the Railroad Industry Committee of the Wages and Hours Division of the Department of Labor.

Discrimination against and segregation of Negro workers by trade unions was scored by the Ogden delegation.

William E. Miller, delegate from Ogden, declared that thousands of Negro workers are joining the AFL without adequate representation in executive bodies.

NO COMPENSATION

The convention went on record for a vigorous campaign to get Negroes into all executive councils of labor federations, central trade councils in International Unions and the general council of AFL.

It was disclosed through proceedings of the conclave that none of the families of men killed or injured in the recent wreck of the streamliner, "City of San Francisco," had received compensation for their loss.

Because the company claims that the wreck was caused by sabotage, the Federal Liability Act does not compel Union Pacific to pay these injured employees nor consider claims of families made destitute by the death of the Negro workers.

A spirited election of officers resulted in naming George W. Halsey, chairman of the Denver District, as general chairman, and John E. Hargrove, of Los Angeles, secretary-treasurer.

Former Secretary Rufus Long reported \$5,583.25 as dues collected; a defense fund amounting to \$1,227.50; and death claims of \$1,575.

PORTLAND IN 1941

Treasurer E. R. West stated that deposits of the local totaled \$25,791.87. A credit union maintained by the organization for emergency loans charges 1% interest and showed \$1,246.65 paid in charges. Loans since the inception of this department amount to \$2,404.42.

Elected to represent the D. C. employees at the forthcoming International convention were John E. Bragg, the general chairman and secretary-treasurer.

Portland, Oregon was named the convention city for 1941.