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- Jack Thomas
- Richard J. Hill
- Mrs. Roseatter Moore
- P.S. Thompson
- Dr. R.T. Bridgewater
- E.A. Loupe (Plumber)
- Mrs. Carrie Kinlaw
- J.P. Hughs

- A.J. Newman
- Anonymous/"Name Withheld"
- C.L. Netherland
- M.D. Russell
- J.C. Latimer
- "A.H."
- Dimple L. Bush
- R.A. Whitaker
- Richard J. Hill

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 - Alfred Stanley Dennie
 - Eunice Jackson
 - George Monroe
 - Iola Streeter Jackson
 - Veneice Dunn Sims
 - Kinney Booker
 - Elwood Lett
 - Theodore Porterfield
 - Ernestine Gibbs
 - Ruby McCormick
 - Wes Young
 - Otis G. Clark
 - Genevieve Elizabeth Tillman Jackson
 - Willie Mae Thompson
 - Julia Bonton Jones
 - Eldoris McCondichie
 - Georgia Walker Hill
 - Samuel Walker
- 2. Accounts collected by the Tulsa Reparations Coalition, available at https://tulsareparations.z19.web.core.windows.net/Vignettes.htm

- John Melvin Alexander
- Juanita Delores Burnett Arnold
- Kinney I. Booker
- Binkley Wright
- Other eyewitness accounts (short summaries)
- 3. Oklahoma Historical Society Oral History Collection Interviews, available at https://www.okhistory.org/learn/tulsaracemassacre
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 - Thomas and Mary Hamilton (H1984.019)
 - Ruth Powers (H1983.101)
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 - Earkysee Sutton (H1982.029)
 - Mary Magdaline Wyatt (H1982.061)
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 - Veneice Dunn-Simms, <u>Tape 1 (1999.069.01)</u>
 - Kinny Booker, Tape 1 (1999.069.01)
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 - Ruby McCormick, Tape 2 (1999.069.02)
 - Wes Young, Tape 2 (1999.069.02)
 - Otis Clark, Tape 2 (1999.069.02)
 - Joe Burns, Tape 2 (1999.069.02)
 - Elizabeth Cooley Chappelle, <u>Tape 3 (1999.069.03)</u>
 - Annie Birdie Beard, <u>Tape 3 (1999.069.03)</u>
 - Augusta Mann, <u>Tape 3 (1999.069.03)</u>
 - George Monroe, <u>Tape 3 (1999.069.03)</u>
 - Eldoris McCondichie, Tape 3 (1999.069.03)
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 - Myrtle Rollerson, Tape 4 (1999.069.04)
 - Beulah Loree Smith, Tape 4 (1999.069.04)
- 5. Accounts in HANNIBAL B. JOHNSON, BLACK WALL STREET 100, 233-237 (Eakin, 2020) (taken from Eddie Faye Gates interviews (above))

- J.B. Bates
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- Otis Grandville Clark
- Ernestine Gibbs
- Leroy Leon Hatcher
- Wilhelmina Guess Howell
- Simon R. Richardson
- Veneice Dunn Simms
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 - Wilbur and Zola Stephens
 - Lessie Benningfield-Randle
 - John R. Emerson, Sr.
 - Simeon Neal
 - Joe E. Burns
 - Marciano and Josefina Villareal
 - J.B. Stradford
 - Theodor Porterfield
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- Robert L. Fairchild, Jr. (Box 2, Folder 12)
- James Leighton Avery (Box 1, Folder 10)
- Andre Wilkes and Margaret Wilsey (Box 7, Folder 3)
- W.R. Holway (Box 3, Folder 2)
- William D. Williams (Box 7, Folder 6)
- L.C. Clark (Box 1, Folder 21)
- Cecelia Nails Palmer (Box 14, Folder 38)
- Elsie Gubser (Box 2, Folder 26)
- Edward L. Goodwin (Box 2, Folder 24)
- Marguerite Griffith Allstrom (Box 1, Folder 3)
- Ruth Wingfield (Box 7, Folder 7)

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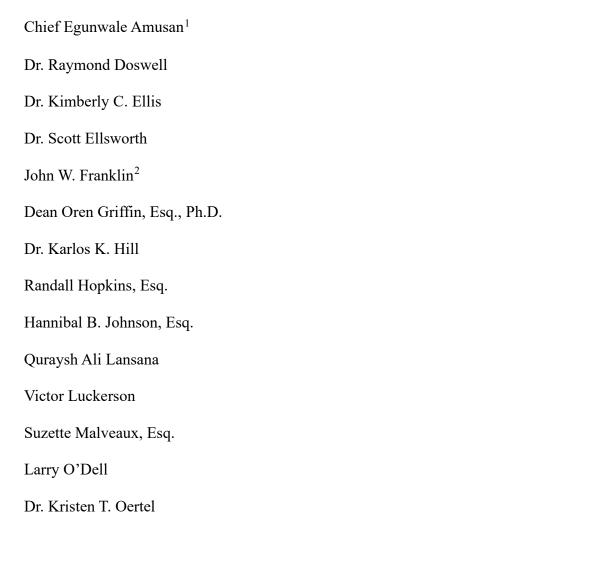
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APPENDIX B

Interviewees

Historians, Journalists, Scholars, and Authors

The following scholars of the Tulsa Race Massacre shared their time and expertise with us or provided us with materials we used in compiling our report.



¹ Chief Amusan is also the descendant of a massacre survivor. Our discussion with him was during a tour he provided of the Greenwood District.

² Mr. Franklin is also the descendant of a massacre survivor. Mr. Franklin provided us information both in an interview and during a tour of massacre-related exhibits at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

Oklahoma Commission to Study the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921

We spoke to the following Commissioners from the Oklahoma Commission to Study the Tulsa Race Riot of 1921.

Jimmie White

Vivian Clark Adams

Jim Lloyd

Advocates and Community Organizations

We spoke to one or more members of the following organizations. Names of individuals have been withheld for privacy except for those who requested publication.

Greenwood Chamber of Commerce,

https://tulsachamber.com/member_directory/active/greenwood-chamber-of-commerce/

Greenwood Cultural Center, https://www.greenwoodculturalcenter.org/

Historic Vernon AME Church, https://www.historicvernoname.church/

John Hope Franklin Center for Reconciliation, https://www.jhfcenter.org/

Justice for Greenwood,³ https://www.justiceforgreenwood.org/, including Damario Solomon-Simmons, Professor Eric J. Miller, Solomon-Simmons Law, and Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP

Archives, Universities, Libraries, and Museums

We visited, consulted, or used resources from the following archives, and met with many archivists and librarians. Names of individuals have been withheld for privacy except for those who requested publication.

Greenwood Rising Black Wall Street History Center, https://www.greenwoodrising.org/

Helmerich Center for American Research (Gilcrease), Eddie Faye Gates Collection, https://collections.gilcrease.org/anthology/eddie-faye-gates-tulsa-race-massacre-collection

National Archives, College Park, MD, https://www.archives.gov/

³ Justice for Greenwood and its founder and executive director, Damario Solomon-Simmons, and Professor Eric J. Miller, also assisted in arranging a tour of the Greenwood District, participated in interviews of those descendants who are clients of Justice for Greenwood's law firm, identified and assisted in identifying and interviewing other interviewees, and provided massacre-related information to us.

National Museum of African American History and Culture (Smithsonian), https://nmaahc.si.edu/

Oklahoma Department of Libraries, Tulsa Race Massacre Collection, https://libguides.osu-tulsa.okstate.edu/tulsaracemassacre

Oklahoma State University, Tulsa Campus, Ruth Sigler Avery Collection, https://library.okstate.edu/search-and-find/collections/digital-collections/tulsa-race-riot-of-1921-collection/, particularly Lynn Wallace and Sheena Perez.

The University of Tulsa, McFarlin Library, Department of Special Collections and University Archives, https://libraries.utulsa.edu/speccoll

The University of Tulsa, College of Law, B.C. Franklin Collection, https://utulsa.edu/academics/law/legal-clinics/buck-colbert-franklin-legal-clinic/

The City of Tulsa

Members of the Tulsa Police Department and other city employees spoke to us during the evaluation.

Survivors

Names of living survivors, redacted in the January 9 Report pursuant to the Privacy Act, have been unredacted pursuant to a written request.

Hughes Van Ellis

Lessie Benningfield Randle ("Mother Randle")

Viola Ford Fletcher ("Mother Fletcher")

Descendants

We met with the following descendants and community members. Names of living descendants, even those identified in other sources, have been withheld for privacy except for those who requested publication.⁴

- 1. XXXXXX
- 2. XXXXXX

⁴ Any individual who participated in the investigation who affirmatively wishes to be identified in this report can make a written request to have his or her name unredacted.

- 4. Dr. Tiffany Crutcher
- 5. XXXXXX
- 6. XXXXXX
- 7. XXXXXX
- 8. XXXXXX
- 9. Wilford Cleo Harris
- 10. Ike Howard
- 11. Heather Nash
- 12. XXXXXX
- 13. Michael Eugene Penny
- 14. LaDonna Penny
- 15. Wes Young Descendants (2) Ms. Chantelle Waldon Wells & Tedra "Teddi" Williams
- 16. XXXXXX
- 17. XXXXXX

APPENDIX C

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ITLE OF CASE AND OFFENSE CHARGED OR NATURE OF MATTER UNDER INVESTIGATION

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, EVIDENCE COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC.

TULSA, OKLAHOMA RACE RIOT

Tulsa, Okla:

Possible Radical Matter.

At Oklahoma City, Okla.

papers of June first carried the account of rioting in Tulsa, and that a number of people were killed; that during the night, at the urgent request of the Citizens Committee at Tulsa, the Governor had called out the State Militia, two companies at Tulsa, and three companies at Oklahoma City, one from Wagoner and one from Bartles-ville, to quell the riot.

Agent sent Agent Weiss to Tulsa on the first train, to investigate this matter, along with other matters at Tulsa, as Agent believed that such a condition should be reported on, even though there possibly could not be any violation of any Federal law connected therewith.

At noon June 2nd Agent received the following telegram from the Chief of Bureau:

"Press carrying account race riots Tulsa. Desire immediate investigation; wire all facts."

Agent got into communication with Agent Weiss at Tulsa over the long distance telephone, and instructed him to send a long telegram to direct to the Chief of the Bureau, giving a short statement of the facts and conditions as they existed.

On the morning of June 3rd Agent is in receipt of a copy of the following telegram which Agent Weiss dispatched to the Charlof Bureau:

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"Tulsa, Okla., Jane 2, 1921.

Chief Bureau of Investigation,
Dept. of Justice, Washington, D. C.

Stop five. Race riots Tulsa, Okla. May thirty-first negro Deck Rowland charged by white elevator girl with attempted assault. Rowland jailed in county jail. Same evening white mob of about twenty-five armed men go to county jail to lynch Rowland. About same sized mob of armed negroes go to jail to protect Rowland. Sheriff refuses to disarm or arrest any of either mob. Negro mob starts to leave but returns shortly and some one, apparently white man, fires a shot. Negroes flee, shooting as they run and make a stand at Frisco tracks and Boston street. White mob augmented by several crooks and follow negroes to negro section. Both sides shooting but negroes retreating.

Whites invade negro section, shooting at fleeing negroes and setting negroes residences, church and business buildings on fire until 7 A. M. next day, looting as they go. National Guard arrive about then and martial law proclaimed. Rioting ends suddenly and everything new normal. Known dead are wadawkteely was nine whites eighteen blacks. Undoubtedly many dead negroes in burned houses. Property damage in negro section about one million five hundred thousand.

Sheriff and Police Department apparently made no effort to preserve order. Sheriff accused of calling armed negroes to jail in first instance. Everything now quiet, National Guard still on duty. State Grand Jury probe ordered by Governor with State attorney General to conduct same which is set for June eighth. No Federal violation appears. Trouble started spontaneously and due to fact that County and city officers have been for years notoriously crooked and inefficient.

Weiss."

Before the writing of this report, the afternoon of June 3rd, official reports from Tulsa state that there are ten whites and twenty-one negroes dead, and about three hundred injured, and it is believed that about ten of the injured are fatally injured.

A complete report from Agent Weiss will be forwarded as soon as possible.

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NEGRO ACTIVITIES BLOOD BROTHERHOOD)

: Possible Radical Matter.

FACTS DEVELOPED At Tulsa, Okla.

Referring to report, this title, by Agent Sausele, dated Wichita, Kansas, June 25, 1921.

Interviewed CHARLES DALEY, police inspector, Tulsa, Oklahoma, who said he had heard some rumors that such an organization was being formed in Tulsa, Sapulpa and vicinity, but MR. DALEY had nothing definite, and had heard of no literature or organizers.

MR. DALEY stated that he had heard that HENRY COX, negro, 200 block North Hickory, Sapulpa, Oklahoma, and HENRY LEE, negro, Sapulpa, had attended a meeting at Sapulpa a couple of weeks ago and that a negro named LON JOE, living five miles west of Tulsa, had also attended a meeting of negroes at Sapulpa; that the purpose of these meetings was said to be to organize the negroes and march on Tulsa and fire the residence section and wage war on the whites; that the purpose of this proposed march on Tulsa was retaliation for what the negroes suffered May 31st; that the march on Tulsa was to begin on the night of July 3rd and plan to take advantage of the fireworks being set off in various 🥕 parts of the city to cover up the first reports of the attacking negro shots, etc.

MR. DALEY stated that he had charge of the defense of Tulsa, and had seven machine guns and experience

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with them, fifty or more minute-men, airplanes, militia and police in readiness; that all the roads leading into Tulsa from outside, especially from Muskogee, Okmulgee and Sapulpa would be well-guarded on the nights of the 2nd and 3rd, and no strange negroes allowed to pass without identification.

Agent inquired closely from MR. DALEY and others, but could find no one who had any information of any literature or any traveling organizers for this "BLOOD BROTHERHOOD" organization. From all rumors and information Agent could get, the object of the alleged negro plans to attack Tulsa was to avenge the killing and destroying of property of the negroes at Tulsa May 51st, and June 1st.

Agent, however, arranged with MR. DALEY to be notified immediately by wire or long distance, in the event any disturbance between whites and blacks broke out at Tulsa or in that vicinity, and also arranged with MR. DALEY to be furnished with the names and addresses of all informants in the future who have or claim to have definite information as to any radical organization or organizers among the negroes, and also to be furnished promptly with all literature along that line secured by the police department of Tulsa.

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RIOTING AT TULSAN Oklan

May 31st and June 1st, 1921

TATEMET OF TORENTION STATEMET COLLECTED, NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF PERSONS INTERVIEWED, PLACES VISITED, ETC

Beginning. Agent arrived at Tulsa June 1st at 5:45 P. M. on other business, but finding the amount of damage done, and lives lost, began at once to quietly gather data with the view of ascertaining the true cause and origin of the troublen and as to whether any violation of Federal Law was involved, or facts committed warranting the Federal Government to take a hand.

buring June 1st, 2nd and 3rd Agent talked with more than a hundred, blacks and whites, having personal knowledge of some phases and stages of the troublem and went through and inspected the devastated negro section. All whom Agent conversed with agreed that the whole affair was practically spontaneousm and not due to any preliminary organized ill feeling between blacks and whites, and that neither blacks nor whites had any leaders or organization and that premeditation was also plainly absent.

The plain uncolored truth is as follows:

On May 31st a white woman, named MRS. SARAH PAGE, running the elevator in the Drexel Building, Tulsa, complained to the police department that a negro boy, named DICK ROWLAND, about fifteen or sixteen years old, had grabbed her by the arm, in said elevator, luring business hours; that she screamed and ROWLAND ran away.

Chief of Police Gustafson stated to Agent the above, and added that the woman bore no scratches, bruisesp or disarranged dress, and that she stated the boy had made no bad remark of any kind;

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that she just got scared. That the negro boy admitted at the police station to taking hold of MRS. FAGE'S arm, but insisted he and she had been joking and playing and he meant no harm, but got scared and ran she screamed.

against the negro, and none was filed; that the same afternoon the "Tulsa Pritune", (a sort of yellow sheet) printed an untrue and influentory story with the result that by 4 P. M. runors were current on the streets that a mot of whitee were going to lunch ROWLAND that night; that he, GUSTAFSON, then had ROWLAND put in the county jail for safety, and told Sheriff WILLIAM MESULLOUGH of the lunching rumors; that about 7:30 P. M. a white mob, including white women, began athorize at the county jail, and later a bunch of about twenty-five armed negro men can also to the county jail; that he, GUSTAFSON, had heard that Sheriff Mc-CULLOUGH had called these armed negroes by phone to come to the jail armed to protect ROWLAND.

WILLIAM ELLIS, Deputy United States Marshal, Tulsa, stated to agent that may 31st he heard rumors that ROWLAND was to be lymphed that night, and took his wife with him in his car to the jail about 6 P. M. to see the lymphing, but to take no part; that there were forty or fifty white men and their wives at the jail when he got there and twenty-five or thirty heavily armed negroes, standing off to one side, muttering and cursing; that Sheriff McCULLOUGH was also present, but the white mob aid not seem to be seriously intending to lymph anybody; that he, ELLIS, urged the Sheriff to disarm everybody at once, and before the tension became dangerous, offering to assist him; that the Sheriff refused to disarm any ones, but did talk to the negroes, whom he called by their

first names, to go home and avoid treable; that the negroes did start away, but in a few minutes, they or others returned, stood around and sursed; that when the negroes came back the second time a large, tall white man stepped up to McCULLOUGH, and said: "Bill, why did you coll those armed niggers up here?"; that McCULLCUGH replied, "I didn't call them", and the white man said, "You are a God dammed libr, for I heard you do it". ELLIS states that McCULLCUGH then said nothing but went inside the jail and shut the door; that Chief of Police SUSTATSON, and a policeman named BLAINE were present during all this, and made no move to prevent trouble, so that he, ELLIS, took his wife and drove away, as it was apparent Hell was going to break loose.

ten minutes after he got home, heard a noise in the street in front of his house; that he looked out and saw about sixteen niggers, with guns, helding up two autos of whites, that the whites, some of whom were women, were standing in the cars with their heads high in the air, and the niggers cursing them vilely; that the niggers, however, did not harm the whites, but let them drive on in a few minutes, after which the negroes fired about thirty shots in the air and ran. (This shows the purposelessness of the negroes.)

mext morning; that the whites were stealing and pillaging in the negro section, which was on fire, and continued to do this till noon; that they thus stole Victrolas, sewing machines, clothes, furs, autos, furniture, etc., and that he has helped recover some stuff thus stolen; that in one white man's house were found three Vicerolas and nine silk

shirts -- all admitted as being atolen from the megrocs.

ELLIS states that there was no unusual race feeling revailing; that the trouble just started on a small scale, and grew out of bounds; that at 8 P. M. three good officers could have controlled the situation and svoided all crouble, but neither the police nor Cheriff's office at any time made the least effort to preserve order; that these officers seemed to have no sense, no interest, and no guts.

Chief of Police GUSTAFSON also assured agent that there was no apparent premeditation, or unasual race feeling on either sidet that neither side had leaders or organization, and that it all was a spontaneous growth, mainly due to the many crooks and transients who took advantage of the conditions from midnight on, broke into hardware stores, pawnshers, and sporting goods shops, and stole hundreds of guns and a lot of ammunition, and then began about daylight to loot the negro houses, after driving the negroes out; that probably the burning of property was to cover up this, as many houses were looted before being set afire.

MALL, was present at the County Jail, "from start to finish", and that no effort was made by any county or city peace office, to disarm the members of the mob. HALL indignantly declared that to have attempted that would have been bad judgment, as it would surely have lead to shooting.

L. W. CRUTCHER, attorney, Mayo Building, Tulsa, stated to agent that he was with white mob at jail until about 9 P. M. He described the facts about same as ELLIS, and as to time after ELLIS had left, CRUTCHER stated the tension became higher and higher, the armed niggers

getting bolder and more insulting; that finally a white man remarked that we he had a gun he would show the niggers about cursing whites, or words to that effect, whereupon another white man handed the first one a gun and remarked, "There is a gun, brother"; that a few seconds later a shot rang out, evidently by the man who had just been given a gun, whereupon the niggers started to run back towards their own section of town, shooting aimlessly as they ran, but billing two whites within the next four blocks; that the whites pursued the blacks to the Prisco track, on Boston Street. These tracks are a sort of dividing line between the white and negro sections; that the negroes made a stand at the tracks, but the shooting died down.

CRUTCHER states this was about 10 F. M. and that things were quict till 2 A. M. at which time a negro business building was set on fire, and more shots fired; that this died down till about 5 A. M. when fires again started in the negro section, starting in five or six places, blocks agart, at one time; that shooting continued and a mob of several hundred whites invaded the negro section, setting fire as they went, that this continued till about noon, by which time the entire negro section, business and residence, was in flames.

crutcher states that the burning was mostly by the criminal white element of Tulse, and that he did not believe there was any agitation or premeditation by either sidet that the Sheriff's force and Police Department simply made no effort to enferce lawt, though it could have easily been done any time up to 2 A. M.t that the lower element of whites simply seized the opportunity to pillaget burn and shoot the negores without interference from the authorities. CRUTCHER was of the

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opinion that many dead negroes were in the debris of the burned houses, and mentioned the case of a negro maid whose bullet riddled and burned boyd was found in the Lakes of her burned home by her employers.

TOM DYER, Jenks, Oklahoma, stated to Agent that a Tules policeman hamed RIGHON came to Jenks, near Tules, in a car the night of May 51st and invited several white men to go to Tules, intimating a raid on the negroes; that he, DYER, did not go that night, but that ROBERT HARSKON, an oil driller, quit work and did drive over after midnight, at RIGNON'S invitation; that HARSKON'S dead body was found June 1st in the NE negro burned section, near where RIGHON afterward told DYER he, RIGHON, ohd stationed himself.

DYER stated that he did drive to Tulsa next merning and watched the white mob burn and sack the negro section; that he got there about 10:30 A. M. and saw hundreds of whites, including white women and white girls, carrying Victoclas, trunks, clothing, furs, etc., out of negroes houses before they were burned, and hauling or carrying the plunder off; that there was absolutely no effort made by the country of city officers to preserve order or enforce the law, and that this continued till about 1 P. M., when the militia took charge.

DYER also states that this policeman RIGMON, bragged to him, DYER, of being part of the white mob, and personally killing four niggers, as they sat in an autoo DYER also states that he saw a neighbor, who lives in Jenks, take two Victrolas from negro houseso put them in a lord and drive away, presumably for home.

(DYER was very indignant, and stated he was going before the Grand Jury and tell all he knew.)

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all the above named are withes, who are really a little projudiced toward negroes, but state they cannot condons the actions of the count and city officers, and the white mob, that invaded the negro section.

By June 2nd the whites and blacks were mingling an leably on the streets of Tulsa and in the devastated negro section. Meny of the negores were searching in the ruins of their homes for valuables and keepsakes. Agent talked to them, and found no bitterness but a suprising amount of optimism and resignation. They nearly all told the same story of hearing shotse, seeing houses set on fire, and fleeing for their lives, some of their memberse who had guns, shooting as they fled. "The Tulsa World" and "Tribuned were advocating making good the property losses by private dometionse, and were distributing blanks to the losers, to file their claims by. This probably had much to do with the negroes' optimistic attitude.

A real estate and insurance firm estimated the total loss at \$1,500,000.00. R. G. DUIN estimated the loss in merolandise alone at \$2500,000.000 Agent inspected the destroyed area, and is of the opinion that above estimates are conservative. The area is about two miles long and from two to six blocks wide; a few houses are left standing, but those burned are most completely consumed. The residences ran from shacks to \$6,000000 and \$7,000.00 homes.

The tusiness buildings included several hundred one to three-story brick and frame stores, garages, hotels, rooming houses, cafes, picture shows, churches, etc. One church alone, that cost \$85,000.00 is completely destroyede. The negroes saved almost absolutely nothing when they fled, and between four thousand and five thousand of them were

rendered homeless.

The police department and many good citizens are recovering considerable of the stolen property, and some arrests are being made--but not many. A number of good *** autos are known to have been stolen by the mob, including a Peerless limousine, belonging to a white man, and a Marmon.

The known dead to datex are ten whites, twenty-one blacks, wounded about 125. At first it was feared that many blacks would be found to have been shot, and burned, but after talking with the negroes who fled, Agent believes that but few dead bodies will be found in the debris, as must of the negroes fled as soon as the first fires started about daylight.

In response to phone message from Agent in Charge Findlay on June 2nd, Agent sent night letter, Mackay, to Chief of Bureau, which has already been submitted in Agent Findlay's report, this title, dated June 1 to 3, 1921, and need not be copied here.

To sum sup, Tulsa for years has been notoriously lax in law enforcement and has had both crooked and inefficient county and city officers (see our reports for three years back)a

The present trouble was really not a race riot, nor was it the result of racial feeling, or agitators. It began in a small half-hearted attempt to lynch a negro youth--who is apparently innocent--and grew to an armed clash between whites and blacks, brought on by the Sheriff's crazy calling of armed negroes to the county jail. (Two Deputy Sheriffs are negroes, and one, BARNEY CLEAVER, can, if he will tell about this call.)

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A P P E A L Y TULSA'S COLORED PEOPLE

have not the earnest attention of the nation, because the associated press reports do not state in a manner, that will stimulate a desire to give relief, the cruel conditions that have and do exist.

Official Tulsa and therefore Tulsa at large Is NOT helping in proportion to the appalling need.

People are without stoves, cooking utensils, quilts and bedding of all kinds—the merest necessities of existence—

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Mr. James L. Fieser, Southwestern Division Manager of the Red Cross said: "Winter's approach worries the Red Cross." Unless Tulsa wishes to have a tent colony on its hands in the fall and face a more serious problem, it should SPEED UP its reconstruction program. He sees a big job ahead here for Tulsans and that now the financial end of the undertaking is the most important feature. Money is needed for relief and needed badly.

We appeal to you for help

Tulsa Colored Citizens Relief Committee

S. D. Hooker, Chr.; G. A. Gregg, Executive Sec'y.; Rev. R. A. Whitaker, Sec'y.; Hon. E. I. Saddler, Legal Advisor; J. Tyler Smith, Treas.; E. A. Troupe, Rev. H. T. S. Johnson, Rev. Jas. A. Johnson, Rev. J. R. McClain, Dr. J. M. Keys, S. G. Smith, Mrs. A. Bankhead, Hon. J. H. Goodwin.

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Washington, D.C., July, 2nd., 1921.

Tulsa, Oklahoma, Dear Madam:

Your cousin Mr. Jordan, who formerly lived in Tulsa, and who now works with me, told me this morning that he had gotten aletter from you, stating the facts concerning the whole-sale murder of the colored people of Tulsa. I am writing to ask you if you will at your convenience, write me concerning the same. I want to know firsthanded of the trouble. It would be more than criminal in me to divulge the name of my informant. I will tell you what we of the East think of this affair: -We learn from reliable sources that the up-shot of the wholematter was that the white people wanted the land on which the colored people had their homes, stores and the like, and that this murder was started for this reason -- and no other. The colored man who stepped on the foot of the white department store girl elevator operator, was charged with this simple thing and nothing else. We learn that the colored men went to the sheriff and asked for protection. jail, the colored men came too. There were 200 of each. The coloed men told the mob that there was not going to be any lynching, and the sheriff, asked the white men if

He told them that the man would be protected. When the white mob came to storm the jail, the colored men came too. There were 200 of each. The coloed men told the mob that there wis not going to be any lynching, and the sheriff, asked the white men if they were going to take that from "These niggers"? Theme the lower regions opened. The police tried and only disarmed the colored people. When the houses were set on fire the police refused to let the firemen, put it out. Then the malitia was called and they surrounded the colored section, and the white mob having protection, they fired all the buildings. They looted the department stores, and shot down women and children in their burning homes. The real estate companies who insured these homes had a riot clause, an all their policies to colored people. The colored people lost all their holdings in oil, and their homes and property, as well as all their books. Their receipts and the like were destroyed in the flames, except what was not stolen by these white fiends. They say they are going to build. Yes! Some shacks, three miles further out. We know the truth and the hearts of the Race everywherd in America, bleeds for thee. Let me know what I can do and I will thank my God, that I have the priveledge. Shall earnestly await your reply.

Have written a poem"TULSA---HOW OUR HEARTS BLEED FOR THEE". Haven't a copy hereat work. Will send you one when I write again. May God bless all of you.

Good-bye,

Respectfully Yours----

Rev. J.Luther Martin.

Rev .J. Luther Martin, #1026, Kenyon, St., N.W.n. Washington, D. .. Dear Sir & Brother:n Yours of the 2nd., inst. to hand and contents noted. I am more than glad to answer such a manly, sympathetic and heart-felt letter. First I will say that every word in your letter is true. The gathering at the jail is said to have been about 500 whites and 200, colored. When this trouble began they held a battle from 10:30 o'clock, Tuesday morning/ night until 9:00 o' clock Wednasday morning. As near as I can say the malitia arrived here somewhere about 9:00 0'clock or 9:30. But let me say that the fire had been statted before, and the police would not let the firemen put out the fire. They killed two of the firemen because they were trying to do their duty. The whites drove trucks up to the doors of the colored homes and loaded them before setting fire, while the poor people were running for their lives. Some had only one ortwo psices on; no shoes nor the like. The whites took all! their belongings; they took the colored peoples' victrolas, beddding, wearing materials, watches, rings -- in fact everything that they could get their hands on. One of the saddest things that happened , was that they took \$800:00 from an old woman, beat her and then threw her out into the street, and then set her house on fire. Many crimes like that were committed. They took over \$700:00 from one woman and then pitched her out of the window on her head. After they had disarmed the colored people; then they rounded them up like Texas cattle, searching them all the time, and taking all the money they found. A man told me --- and I know that it is true, that where tehy carried them , they had all the colored people shot to pieces, lying across the door where the people had to go in, and as they would go into the place they would demand "hands up", He said that the guards took, #11:00 from him, and \$20:00off the men just in front of him. Theman asked then guard, "are you going to credit me for my money ?'With this he said, "you-son-of -a-gun, and you---- ---don't ask again. The colored man then threw down his book. The white guard commanded, him to pick it up, or he would put him in the same fix, the dead man in the door was. In some fo the homes they intressed up in the colored peoples clothes, leaving what hey had on when they went in their, and then would burn the homes. Sad but true: -there were babies burned in these homes, when there were thousands of men, women, and children, with no place to hider nor anything to lie upon. One woman gave birth to a child that night in a truck, exposed and couldn't hide. white men cursing heafor a cow and other things. Now as to the building, the homes again for the colored people, these white people don't intend to do nothing of the kind. They said that they were going to and when they raised the money, for that purpose, they said that they were going to put it in the bank. Now listen! I know that the colored district was still burning, when I read in the papers that they were going to move "the niggers", farther out N.E., and biuld for them out there, and take their land and not allow them to build on it. But thank God; the colored people were too wise to let them do that. Now they think that they can bar them out by saying that nothing can go up but fire-proof buildings. Now as what you aan do I can't say, but I hope that you can do something for the protection of our people. Now there is a Committee, of three man here from Washington, as you know, looking after this affair, and they are to be here for three weeks. They say that theses whites have got to place every thing back, and that if they didn't that the Government would and take it from the Tulsa whites. Oh! I am about to forget to tell you that some of the colored peoplesa clothes are being taken off those white men and women righthon the street and they are being sent to jail in their under-clothes.

from Texas. I could write all day and something would be untold. Now listen! One of our finest surgeons, Dr. Namely, a friend of Dr. Jackson, came out of his house with both hands up, and the whites, shot him to death, and then robbed him in the presence of his wife. presence of his wife. God only knows and He only, will know untill, the day will come when all things will be made known!

I am told that there has been a car-load of the colored peoples' belongings, brought

I will be glad to hear from you at any time.

Respectfully Yours,

1026. Kemyon, Street, N.W in rears. (stript) WCH. 158260-8-Dictated, WOH-ECT.)

Washington, D.C., July, 12th., 1921.

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To the Honorable.

The Attorney-General, of the Unites States,

Washington, D.C., Dear, gir:-

Your letter of June, 8th., 1921, as noted above, was received in due course of mail. In reply I should like to state that I have been active, in trying to get data, so: as to in a small way , assist your Department, in ascertaing the truth in reference to the "rape of Tulsa" & You will please note in paragraph three(3), of my letter tooMrs. ****. ** ** of Tulsa, (a copy of which is enclosed), as of July 2nd., 1921, that I state that it would be more than crime in me to divulge the name of my informant ". It is for this very reason that I with-hold her name. This letter is over my signature, consequently,, the Department can hold me responsible for all statements contained therein. I may state however that the information I wrote, Mrs. John Doe, was gained from no less a source, than one spomsored by the great Methodist Episcopal Church, in the person of the Rev. Dr.W.A.C. Hughes, Field Sector, Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. The M.E. Church him and a white man there to investigate. He personally told us these facts at a Mass Meeting, held recently in one of our representive Churches. He also read letters from Tulsa. There were several white men present. As to whether or not they represented your Department, I do not know. In the attached letter from Mrs. X., there is made mention of "the guards". Does this imply, the National Guard of Oklahomao? My letter to her suggests that this is what is meant. Your Department can however verify the same. If these were men in the uniform sanctioned by the United States Government, then the crime is not only against the colored people of Tulsa, but against the Sovergein Dignity of the United States of America. As a matter of fact, the crime does strike at the cardinal principals of Americanism, which to the rest of the world stands for, Liberty, Justice and Right! I am not a lawyer, but I think I learned when I waspin school, something that goes as follows:-The Constitution of the United States say:- "ALL persons bern er naturlized in the United States of America or its Territories, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof are citizens of the United States. No state shall make or enforce any Law which shall abridge the rights, priviledges or immunities of any citizen thereof, neither shall ANY STATE, deny any citizen the right to equal protectin of the Law". I think the Declaration of Independence says: - "We hold these truths to be selfevidento, that ALL men are *** ** ** ** ** * endowed by their Creator, with certain inalienable rights; that among these are the right, LIFE, LIBERTY and the persuit of happiness I can hardly beleive that "mob-law", will supplant the Law of the Land". I cannot beleive that the so-called question of "States Rights", is more dominant than "The Powers that be", --- which is the United States, centralized in Washington. It seems to me that the question of "States Rights", was settled at Appomattox, when Lee country are doing all they can to help the Tulsa sufferers; yet I DO want to beleive that the Committe, mentioned in the letter from there, has been sent out by your Department. I want to beleive that the Government for which we have bled and died, and have ever been ready to defend, also the Flag, dyed by Negro blood from Chrispus Attucks, to Metz, will protect us from criminals and murderers at all times. We trust that your Department, will not cease its vigilance (and I have no reason to beleive otherwise), until every one of theses Tulsa, murderers are brought to justice and paid the penalty of their crimes.

Again thanking you foroyour prompt reply,

I wish to subscribe myself, Yours-for Justice and Right-

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I am a Negre man ferty seven years of age, I manufacture a medicine, I am a Baptist Minister of the Gespelo I have lived in Tulsa, Oklahema, for the past fourteen years I know not whether you have recieved a special report of the herrible affair that happened in our city seme weeks age, Hewbeit feeling that you for some reason may not be fully acquainted with conditions as they exist, I thought it not amiss to submit fer your consideration, a report which you will find enclosed.

I am indeed your humble servant

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Mest Henerable Sir.

On behalf of ten thousand Negroes that live in our city of Tulsa, I am asking that you through your Department of Justice or any other of your Departments that you doem necessary, give consideration by investigation or otherwise of the herrible affair that happened in our city on the first day of June 1921. I am asking for Federal action because I believe that it is the orleanly agency that is capable of getting at the bettem of this affair.

The local grand jury has met and adjourned some white people and some negre people have been indicted for inciting riet, leeting etc, be that as it may I feel sure that the bettem of the affair has not been reached. My belief berne out by some facts is that Fereign propaganda or some other propaganda equaly as dangerous was responsible for the whole affair, For instance upon making inquiry among my people the Negroes, a weman teld me that her son-in-law who was in Texas before this affair happened over heard a long distance telephone conversation stating that a white meb was going to form for the purpose of lynching a Negro in Tulsa, and that a Negro meb was going to oppose the white meb and that then the white meb would enlarge itself and kill Negroes leet and burn their homes and use their land for industrial purposes. Upon making further inquiry I found that some white man telephoned certain Negroes in our part of the city and advised them to form a Negro meb and oppose the white meb.

New Mr, President I am very much of the epinion that the man or men that advised the white meb to form was the same man or men that advised the Negro meb to form and urged them to eppose the white meb, and that the same man or men urged the white meb to enlarge itself and kill Negroes, lost and burn their homes etc, and that the same man or men are responsible for the handicapping the work of the Red Cress among our people and that the same man or men refused to accept outside aid for us when itness proffered and that the same man or men persistently refused to aid us themselves causing hundreds of our people here at the present time to be in a condition werse than any condition of slavery that ever existed in this country, And new when new say that we want feed, clething and shelter they answer us by saying that new want your land where your houses were burned.

The Red Cress under the direction of Mr, Maurice Willows is doing a commendable and most wenderful work among our people which is highly appreciated by all of our people,, and were it not for the Red Cress many of our people would have died from exposure, disease and starvation long before this hour, In all the good work that the Red Cress has accomplished among our people it has been done in the face of a hidden hand of opposition, you can better understand when I tell you that in many instances high efficials of the Red Cress have had to lay aside their ink and pens and take up the saw and hammer and build temperary refuges for some of our people.

I am very much inclined to the epinion that the final aim of these that were responsible for the crimes committed against our people here was for the specific purpose of embarrassing the United States Government for the reason that the saying is new being spread abread that the United States cannot again talk about the atrocities of any other nation because the crime committed here was the worst in the history of the world.

Mr, President it seems as but yesterday that ten er fifteen theusand white people armed with pistels, shetguns, rifles, army rifles, machine guns, tegather with four or five armed airplanes murderously sweeped down upon us on that fatal wednesday merning of June the first 1921. and almost the entire ten thousand celered people were killed wounded or made priseners after which hundreds and hundreds of automobiles driven by white men and white wemen came into our section of the city and stelen and taken our goods from our steres and from our homes about fifteen hundred of our homes were robbed and about one thousand of our homes and business houses, churches, undertaking parlers school houses and he spitals were both rebbed and burned, immediately after this herrible crime press reports went out from Tulsa that she would make good all our losses but te date met one deliar of our lesses have been made good by either the city, county or state. and so plane as far as we are able to learn are on feet for that nurpe sen about all that we can hear is that they are going to compel the ratifieds to build a Union Station here and that they are going to compel us to sell our lands for that purpeso.

All the help that we have ever been able to get came from the Red Cross and a few private individuals beth white and colored, Our condition beggars description and all that I can say Mr, President is that if it is not beneath your dignity and that if you can lend your attention from matters of greater importance to you than our affair that you come to our city and see for your self our ruins, our desclation, our despair. But if you cannot come, We trust, We hope, We believe Mr, President that you will act in the matter that will insure us succer, aid and protection and also that you will bring to the surface the prepagandist that is responsible for this terrible affair, that he or they may recieve the punishment that the laws of our United States Government decrees will be swift, sure and cortain.

I am subject to your command.

C. Dearman,

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Arthur T. Tallman, Esq.q

35 Bullman Street,

Phillipsburg, N. J.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of the 3rd instant in which you enclosed a copy of the direular entitled "The Tulsa Massacro", issued by the Central Executive Committee of the Communist Party of America. Atthough this matter had already been brought to our attention. I desire you to know that your action in calling it to the attention of the Government is appreciateda

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

Attam Attam

THE STANDARD SILK CO. PHILLIPSBURG, N. J. 167260-8 F.D. n. I cuclose two Copies of "The Mulsa Massacre but out by the Euliaf Executive Com, Communist Party of America. It shows to what lengths they will go, and their shrewdress in ficking up anything that can forment Trouble. I picked up these pamphlets on the street this morning. I think the hot bed of these people in this section is Easton of Just across the river from Phillipsburg n.J. yours Resp. (Arthur Malluan 35 Bullinan St. Cerentarallanher Carentar attail.

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Tulsa Massacre

the time this leaflet is in your hands all the horrible details of the mass murder of the helpless Negro population of Tulsa, Oklahoma will be

known to the entire world.

There are no words vivid enough to describe the action of the well dressed a med mob of business men who, with automobiles and airplanes, surrounded the Negro quarter in Tulsa on June 1st, setting fire to their homes, destroying ten city blocks and rendering homeless more thannten thousand Negro workers; ruthlessly slaying men, women and childrenn kill-

ing over 90 and wounding more than 200.

There is only one appeal that will stop these fiendish and bloody outrages—that is the appeal to organized force. The only language that the bloodthirsty capitalist of America can understand is the language of ORGANIZED POWER. Only by reprisals—by answering force with force—will the business mobs and their White Guards, the Klu Klux Klan etc., be restrained from continuing their brutal and cowardly assaults upon the Negro and working class population of this country.n

If there is any red blood in the veins of the working class of America it will come to the defense of its colored brothers; who are the victims of the same bloody capitalist class that exploits and murders the workers re-

gardless of color or race.

In their own interests, the white workers of America, must come to the aid of the exploited Negro masses. Their skins are darker-hued than ours, but the interests are the same. Black and White, we, the workers, have but ONE enemy—THE CAPITALIST CLASS—which uses its GOV-

ERNMENT to suppress us.

There are more than ten million Negroes in this country. Almost all of them are of the working class. These Negro wage workers, whom we have refused to admit into our trade unions, are rapidly being reduced to serfdom and peonage—to a condition of slavery worse than chattel slavery before 1861. Shall we, the white wage slaves, stand by idly and permit the CAPITALISTS to murder, rob and crush ten millions of our fellows? The crushing of ten million Negro workers can mean nothing but the beginning of a system of peonage and degradation for the entire working class of America. For the breaking of the spirit of these ten million Negro wage workers will enable the WHITE CAPITALISTS to use these colored men and women against the white wage workers as strike breakers in order to crush the resistance of the entire working class. Already there are five million wage workers walking the streets of the cities and towns of America in search of work—unemployed, desperate, hungry—and the CAPITAL-ISTS are making a general assault upon our unions, through the open shop movement, in the effort to destroy our unions and break our resistance. *
If the Negro worker can be used against the White worker, who is to

blame? We have refused to allow our colored brothers to join our unions. We have repeated all the idiotic accusations against their ace. We have foolishly allowed ourselves to be swayed by race prejudice. We have railed to ORGANIZE the Negro workers. We have refused to treat him as our own, our equal BROTHER in the CLASS STRUGGLE. WE ARE TO

BREAK DOWN THE BARRIERS IN THE UNIONS. WIPE OUT THE "COLOR LINE." There is only ONE line that we can draw—that is the CLASS LINE. White and Black, Jew and Gentile, ALL THE

WORKERS, the exploited masses, must be organized on the basis of theirn

CLASS interests.

Our Negro fellow workers were supposed to have been "emancipated" during the American Civil War. The Constitution of the U. S. is supposed to guarantee their "freedom." Since then they have been herded into separate districts, segregated in Jim Crow cars, their women subject to the assaults of white men, their children deprived of elementary education, their men denied the right to acquire trades or professions, their whole race kept in ignorance and degradation. They have been burned alive, lynched, murdered and brutally assaulted upon the slightest provocation. The hideous accusation of rapine has been fastened upon their entire race. This is the kind of "freedom" that CAPITALIST CONSTITUTION guarantees to the working class. This is the only kind of "freedom" that the WORKERS can expect from the CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT of the United States. For the Government of the U.S. is rething but the organized expression of the WILL of the CAPITALIST CLASS. The Government of the U.S. is rething but the organized expression of the WILL of the CAPITALIST CLASS. ment of the U.S. is nothing else but a ruthless DICTATORSHIP of the RICH over the POOR.

It is in the interest of both the Negro and the White WORKERS to destroy this CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT, root and branch. Shoulder to shoulder, and heart to heart, the workers of ALL races must UNITE to establish in this country a WORKERS' GOVERNMENT—THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF AMERICA.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA calls upon our colored comrades to ORGANIZE, and with arms in their hands, to resist the murderous armed assaults upon their homes, their women and their children.

THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA calls upon the White workers to assist their colored brothers and with arms in their hands, to help them to repel such armed attacks upon them by the wealthy business

men, as occured in Tulsa, Oklahoma and in hundreds of other places.

THEIR FIGHT IS OUR FIGHT. THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF
AMERICA recognizes no artificial division between the WORKING
CLASS. We call upon ALL workers of ALL racks to UNITE against their COMMON ENEMY—the Capitalist Class and the CAPITALIST STATE.

Both Negro and White workers must by this time realize the kind of "democracy" they fought for in France. This is the only kind of "democracy" that the workers can get under the capitalist government of the

United States.

In Russia, under the Tzar's Government, the Jews were the victims of race riots and pogroms. In Russia the workers and peasants overthrew the CAPITALIST Government of Russia and established a WORKERS' GOVERNMENT—THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF RUSSIA.n The workers of all races in Russia are UNITED. Race prejudice and race wars have

Only by following our Russian Controles' heroic example and by establishing in this country the SOVIET REPUBLIC OF AMERICA will White and Black workers be able to live and work in peace and enjoy the

fruits of their labor.

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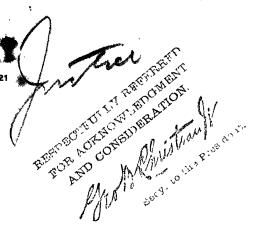
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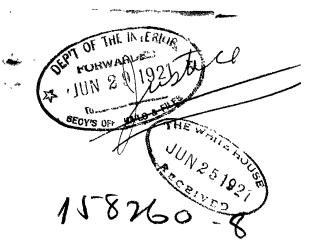
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Milwaultco, Wis., June 28, 1961.

Hon, Warren G. Marding, President of the United States, White House, Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:-

Herewith is my recent condition to the subject of MOB RULE, which appeared this morning in our local newspaper, The Milwaukee Sentinel. It is suggestive, mainly. But I am hoping that it may interest you, and, perhaps, assist you in arriving at some practical solution of this inexcusable national disgrace.

But as you have other letters from me boaring on this subject, it is not necessary for me to refer toethe matter further at this time.

I beg, emy dear sir, to be,

Your most obedient servant,

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"hy reader who wishes to verify, these statements is erred to "The Pilgrim Republic," by John Goodwin, the most thorough and authentic history of that colony.

FAIRPLAY witomes-they did not burn them. ving the wes for Oshkosh, Wis., June 15, 1921. charli. MOB VIOLENCE IN OKLAHOMA. ion and To the Editor of The Sentinels The recent lawless outbreak in Tulsa, Okla., which furception, nishes the subject for the leading article in the current iren are issue of the Literary Digest, is additional evidence of the utter hopelessness of the present social order to cope sucent, discessfully with this national disgrace. No one will be punished for this inexcusable crime, and lynch law will be n in his again inflicted whenever any community, in its lawlessn assoness, feels so inclined to do. requir-And yet "there is no evidence to show that punishment schools of negroes by mob violence tends to decrease lawlessness among the negroes, or even tends to rstrain the vicious to work element from committing offenses against the whites. On the contrary, lawlessness seems to beget lawlessness, and w gives pend its the publicity given to revolting crimes by lynching the perpetrators of them, seems really to incite others to commit similar crimes, or at least suggests to others like crimes when opportunity offers." .ce as a ny boys But the writer quoted says that "the problem of finding ter they a remedy for lynching is really a problem of increasing ome but and maintaining a popular reliance on the formulation and the administration of the law. Every measure which will in any way promote such a reliance, either by invalisuccess. dating the excuses offered in justification of the practice, or by developing a strong public sentiment against it, 'wasted. deserves serious consideration, and every such measure, resentunless likely to be productive of other evils possibly greater, should be immediately adopted and put into operation."

It would seem, therefore, that "strict and impartial law enforcement" would do much to deter the commission hich do of crime by whole communities. The difficulty seems to be and is that there is no law enforcement for the rule of the en who mob. The due administration of the law has totally failed tions to to administer justice to those guilty of mob violence. President Harding has held out hope that the subject of lynch law will receive consideration at his hands and e more by the present congress. Let us hope so, for there is action great and pressing need for constructive legislation, which will render the rule of the mob the act of criminals and to : permit be dealt with as such. DUANE MOWRY. Milwaukee, Wis., June 18, 1921. is cases y woulds the irk-**LL**SFILES entment Workmen are engaged in putting a new gilded cross the of the Spring Street Methodist Episcopal ıake up take the place of the one 50 Years Ago wrenched off some time ago by the wind careful ... The State Medical society will close its annual session here today . . s . There will Today. be a fair and festival at the Unitarian church this evening s.. "The Jolly Tailor" is the name of the attractive play which will be given at Kurz's theater ent and tomorrow evening. iren" at + + + The entire property of the Operman Brewing company eteenth was sold yesterday to Phillip Jung...Beginning next Sat-urday, open air concerts will be given There at Lake park every Wednesday and Sat- 25 Years Ago

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June 16, 1921.

Hon. Horace Porter, Mayorimf Riverside,

Riverside, Calif.

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My dear Mayor:

I have your letter of the 9th instant and thank you for writing me with reference to the subject mentioned. I can assure you that I at all times want to see the Federal laws enforced and I shall be very happy to cooperate with you and see that all citizens of the United States have guaranteed to them their constitutional rights.

I have instructed the United States Attorneys in Oklahoma to report any violations of the Federal Laws in connection with the recent race riots, and I am in hopes of having their report. "ith reference to your local cities I shall be very ha py at any time to have reports of any violations in your community.

I can not let the opportunity go by to wish you well, and it is gratifying to know an Ohioan, who has wandered westward, is still imbued with political activities.

Yours truly,

Attorney General.

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June 16, 1991.

Mr. E. C. Branch,

127 River St.,

Troy, New York.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 3th to the President of the United States, enclosing a clipping from the Troy, New York, Times, relative to the Tulsa race riot, and giving your views upon the matter, has been referred to this Department, and I beg to assure you that what you say will receive due consideration.

There is not, however, in the matter sent by you, the slightest indication that the airplane referred to was a government airplane, and therefore this Department does not feel that it should investigate that aspect of the matter.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Slaned) Appette Abbott Aderes

Assistant Attorney General.

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June the 9th, 193

Mr. Warren G. Harding, President of U. S. A. White House,

Washington, D. C.

My Dear Sir:-

I am sending you a clipping from the Troy, N. Y., Times, June the 7th, 1921 for your information, relative to the Tulsa, Okla. Race Riot. I see from this article, that an aeroplane dropped bombs on Negro Apartment Houses, in the Negro settlement. If this was a U. S. Aeroplane, did this pilot have the authority to make the attack upon these Negroes? My race would appreciate it very much, if you would have the War Department to investigate the allegation.

You can see from this report the Negro was not aggressive from the very fact the negroes was in the church, and apartment The negroesin the house, and both of was in a negro settlementa church and apartment could not make much of a fight in a church. I am of the opinion the negroes in the church especially was hiding, and possibly those in apartment also. If the negroes met the attack they did so in the negro settle. It was a strange thing to see so many white men in a negro settlement. Their business there?

The writer of this Press Article was once a northern man, but he is now a Southern man. I doubt his brief narrative being

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real facts. The Tulsa Riot will not stand an honest investigation.

If the soldiers was not compelled to turn the machine guns on God's

Church, God himself will take care of the incident in due time, in his
righteous supreme court of heaven. God the Supreme Judge, I believe the divine act of Sowing and Reaping Gal. 6-7.

God does not at all times handle cases swiftly, of injustice, only where justice is weak and the principle of justice is a joke, God takes up the case in a righteous gigantic way!

I only ask justice for my race. As citizens under the U.nS. Constitution my race is entitled to justice. The blood of our negro boys upon foreign fields was the price of justice! What may our race expect from the American Government and Flag?

Thanking you in advance for consideration of my race.

Yours respectfully,

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City of Riverside

HORACE PORTER, MAYOR

Riberside, California,

June 9, 1921.

Attorney General Daugherty,

Mashington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

I am enclosing you a clipping from the Los Angeles Timest June 4th, stating that you have as Attorney General ordered the investigation of the Tulsa race riot.

What especially interests me is the remark in this telegram that the Tulsa situation is "purely local: But I desire as the Mayor of the City of Riverside California, to urge upon you that the Tulsa riots disclose a national situation, as well as a local. Similar agitators to those at work at Tulsa are at work to my personal knowledge, in Riverside, California, and probably in every community in the United States.

I urge upon you that the investigation should be nation wide. The situation is serious and last bringing a crisis between the colored and white races in our country. I suggest that your investigation include the teachings of the National Society for Improvement of the Colored People, headquarters in New York City, and their organ The "Crisis"t I know personally some of the leaders in this movement and am personally acquainted, on the basis of personal conversations, with their extremely radical views, demanding social equality in the sense of social intermingling and marriaget

I am myself a northern man, a native of our state of Ohiot born at old Marietta. My people were abolitionists, I have myself always championed the colored people and am their true friend. As Mayor of the City of Riverside, I have been striving to quiet certain negro agitations similar to those of Tulsa caused by personal visits of the representatives of the New York Society and by the reading of The Crisis.

My conviction is that we have escaped riot in Riverside, California only by extreme care, tact and firmness in dealing with these colored agitatorst

I beg of you, and of President Hardingt most serious attention to the national situation. I can give you more light and testimony in the matter if you so desire itt

Very sincerel

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

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Graduate of University of Kansas
Teacher of Mathematics in Western Universty Several Years.
Prominent in Fraternal and Religious Organizations in
Kansas and Missouri
Brother of Dr. John A. Gregg, President of Wilberforce
University

A Safe, Sane Christian Leader, in whom the People Have Confidence.

Detailed to direct the relief work for the **Tulsa Riot Victims**

S. D. HOOKER CHAIRMAN, COLORED CITIZENS RELIEF COMMITTEE TULSA, OKLAHOMA

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FOREWORD

An earnest appeal for the helpless, destitute, law abiding, city building, irrocent of offense colored citizens of Tulsa, who face extreme suffering if help of all kinds is not immediately given.

G. A. GREGG.

Leaving Tulsa as I did on of Florida extends into the ent at the graduation of my two daughters, Ruth and Eunice, the latter from the Eighth grade, May 27th, and the former from Western University, June 2nd, found me away from Tulsa on the dates of the riot, May 31 and

the Tulsa that I found on my re-

turn, June 5th.

I left a Tulsa throbbing with life and high hopes, people who were happy, people who in the main were prosperous, a wide awake, alert, active, forwardlooking folk. Some who had come in the early day when it tried men's souls, and now were resting and beginning to enjoy praises of Tulsa, prosperous.

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the colored section like the state | theatre catered to the pleasure

May 26th, 1921, to be pres- ocean. This hill is owned by a white man. From it one can get a fine panoramic view of Tulsa and the surrounding country. The white people would not buy it and the colored could not, although they lived on three sides of it.

ates of the riot, May 31 and the good people of color were building magnificent church structures. One, Mt. Zion Baptist, had merged into completion at a cost of \$85,000—hardearned and frugally kept. It was a consolation to the old members who had labored many years and now, in a home comfortable, were ready to worship God and patiently serve until He called them home.

Paradise Baptist church was a cozy brick building situated the fruits of their years of toil. on the north side of standpipe People who were singing the hill, while Mt. Zion was on the south side of it. The members No man, be he millionaire ort of this church were building on pauper, had more pride in Tulsa | the pay-as-you-go plan.* It was than her upstanding, forward- | completed with the exception of looking colored citizens. None interior furnishings. The Meth-clamored harder against the odist Episcopal and African overbearing police system and the evils of the underworld.

Methodst Episcopal churches had their first story completed Ten months in Tulsat ten ac- and money in the bank for the

There were four well equipped drug stores day and then on platform and in storest Elliott & Hooker, men's press the phrase "The Dawn of and women's furnishing store a New Day" was in actual use. carried as high a grade of goods as any in the city; two fine ho-Tulsa's colored citizens settled tels accommodated the travelin the north end of the city, sep- ing public; Welcome grocery arating themselves at right an- was a model, modern barber shops and two shoe shops with Standpipe hill jutted out into uptodate machinery. Dreamland

The Tulsa colored people in every sense of the word were building a modern, up-to-date

business city. rhey were constantly handicapped as to public utilities, which were managed and controlled by the white man. They the young people, a few active constantly prayed him to extend wide awake, progressive citiand furnish the same. Procras tination, political promises and hope deferred was the final result. The colored section of Tulsa was insufficiently lighted. And if evil did hold sway and the bad Negro did exist he of the Hunton Branch Y.M.C.A. had the cover of a neglected city darkness in which to ply his evil of \$3,012 for the first year's trade. They have cried "Let work. The central association there be light" and there was no | stood ready to furnish \$1,000 of

tallow dip or darkness prevailed themselves with all the modern in their city. In Tulsa white

The unsanitary condition, the surface tub-toilets, the stench therefrom increased the wonder that the health of the community was as good as it was.

The colored man of Tulsa built his home not upon sand, but upon an exceedingly great faith, for when fire does break out all he can do is to stand by and see all his earthly possessions go down in ashes. Water protection was insufficient.

In spite of all the physical and mental handicaps he has wrought well, and though a part of his city lies in ashes, the carpenter's hammer is heard and new lumber in the form of a house flares up in every direction. The Tulsa attitude of the black man is to build and rebuild.

The Young Men's Christian Association was the latest addition to civic betterment. This is an inspiring chapter in the

city's history. Conscious of the unwholesome moral trend of the life of zens, on their own initiative and the friendly counsel and co-operation of that fine Christian gentleman, Mr. C. E. Buckner, general secretary of the Tulsa "Y" set about the organization

They raised their own budget

it, but the board of managers, ment wholesome ideals and betled on by that prince of men Mr. S. D. Hooker, raised the full amount themselves. The membership was more than 500 men

and boys.

In like manner they raised the budget for the next year's work, notwithstanding the tightness of the times they increased the budget to \$5,207 and had the pleasure on Tuesday evening before the Tuesday of the riot. of rejoicing over the fact that the entire amount had been pledged.

Shortly before that a community institute was held. For the first time in the history of the University of Oklahoma, the Extension Division, consisting of seven white men and women, experts in their line, carried on a three-day session in the colored community of Tulsa. They touched and stimulated the church school, civic and home life of the people in a most encouraging manner It gave our people a new hold on the cheering possibilities of life. The workers were pleasantly informed as to the inner life and cravings of the colored people. The latter did not know that white people could be so kind, helpful and interested in their personal problems. The institute cost \$1,000. The people thought it worth many times the cost.

These are some of the evidences of the new attitude of mind developing in Tulsa's colored citizens.

Just another fact showing the desire for civic improve jail—colored men fearing the

ter things for Tulsa.

Just a week before the riot. the board of managers of Hunton Branch Y. M. C. A., together with the mayor and city commissioners invited President King of the Republic of Liberia to be Tulsa's guest. President King accepted.

This would have heartened the colored citizens of Oklahoma to make more of their opportunities. The \$1,000 cost to the colored citizens of Tulsa for this visit of President King and his party was no deterrent.

The houses of Tulsa's colored citizens ranged from the temporary floorless box house to modernly equipped ones of the latest and best interior and exter-

ior furnishings.

This, in brief, and in brief only, for much can be said of the high hopes and aims of the colored citizens of Tulsa. This is the Tulsa that I left on the night of the 26th of May 1921.

And the Tulsa that I found on my return the 4th of June. What a contrast!

Tulsa had turned a page to run parallel with the Huns and Goths—vandals of Europe or the Indians in Custers last

charge. An awkward colored boy steps on the toe of a white elevator girl—she slaps him—a retort discourteous on his part -arrested on the charge of assault and battery—newspaper omits "and battery" — public thinks rape — threateningn groups of whites gather about

usual happening, gather to pre- | found on their persons was takvent a lynching—a careless, reckless shot—and the restraints of civilization are thrown aside and men became brutish beasts.

The boy ought to have apologized. The girl ought to have recognized the accident. The paper ought not to have garbled the story with false emphasis. White men ought not to have gathered about the jail. They should be willing to let the law have the right of way. The colored men ought to have trusted those whose sworn duty it was to protect the pris-

A cordon of police could have surrounded the first groups, white and black. But these are sad words "It might have been." But nothing that happened can justify the driving of twelve thousand innocent sleeping colored people, clad in their night clothes, out into the streets, marched to convention hall and elsewhere, then loot, rob and steal the hard, laborious earnings of a struggling people, handicapped at best.

I have worked ten months, with these people. I have had a deep sympathy for them in their struggle against great

Loot — they backed auto trucks up to the vacated (by force) Negro homes and loaded everything movable and of value. One colored woman went to eleven different white homes and in each recovered portions of her household goods.

Rob—Every bit of money be slain by the cruel bullet of the

en. Masonic rings were removed from thier fingers, watches and chains from their persons. In fact, everything of a material nature, etc., preparatory to the cruel initiation which has not yet ended was taken from them. And so in their penniless, destitute condition they were corralled, first one place and then another.

Thanks to the good people who took them into their homes, fed and clothed them, housed them until the cruel police order compelled even the white people to give up and send to the fair grounds those whom they had befriended. Kind offers were thwarted by the police regulation.

With homes looted, homes and stores burned to ashes, with the sick, aged and enfeebled carried out or left to perish in the flames; mothers giving birth to children in the open, herded, corralled and guarded like prisoners of war, and before the smoke of a thousand homes had blown away the trembling, homeless learn that the city fathers have passed an ordinance "making it forever impossible for them in their destitute condition to go back and rebuild on their own home place.

While their hearts are bleeding, their homes and all the relics that make the memory of life's past sustaining with shocking realization that their families and broken and scattered and fearing that they may

mob, with trembly, weak, tired, hungry and hungerless bodies, compelled to be in the stalls of the fair grounds under a heavy, cruel guard of home-guardsguards who greet them with harsh orders and vulgar lan-guage—while suffering all this and more, the mayor and commissioners, the Real Estate Exchange, the Welfaret Board are like those who crucified Christ, casting lots for the Negro's hard-earned land.

Aht if they would only stop and think how long it required those poor struggling people to own that little portion of earth!

Yet by every method known and being discovered by the combined trained minds of the best legal talent that the city and state affords, not one loop hole is being left through which or by means of which the colored citizen can ever again rebuild on his own land.

We appeal to the conscience and good judgment of the American people, where is the linet separating the lower element that cleared the way and the higher element that sat at noon luncheon under the cool of the electric fans and carefully and judiciously planned that this "never again would be a Negro section.

And immediately proceeded to publish without the owner's consent or offering a cent:

"Wanted, Wholesale Houses in Tulsa."

"New Walfare Committee in active campaign to Better City." "Through the reconstructon

mayor and city commissioners Tuesday (June 14), Tulsa extends a welcoming hand to wholesale houses and industrial plants which are to be located on the trackage property in Little Africa swept by fire and which is now within the city fire limits restricted to the erec-

tion of fire-resisting buildings".
"The committee also expressed a sentiment in favor of using a part of the burned area for a union station whenever such a project is ready for consideration by the railroads entering Tulsa."—Tulsa World, June 15,

Think of it! A union station where the races of men pass through, built upon the blood stained soil of the Negros' property. What an approach to to Tulsa! What a gateway to the "Magic City of the Great Southwest." A symbol of greed and blood!!

And added totthat anguish of soul comes quick and fast the police regulation hat all Negroes to have the freedom of Tulsa's streets must wear a green tag stating age, residence, name, and name of employer, who must be white. Men who did business for themselves had to find a white n an to sign their cards. If not mployed, a red card must be worn. This readst "If the bear, is on the streets after 7 o'cloc he will be arrested and taken to the fair-ground"—By some called the "bull-pen."

The guards are ple ed at all roads entering the colored seccommittee appointed by the tion. Men, women, boys and

rough, rude and discourteous. Every step from the sudden awakening by the firing of guns and the buzzing of airoplanes to the present moment evidences in increasing humiliation. Those who were privileged to return to their homes found their contents gone or mutilated. Everything from a shoe a piano to an automobile was found in the homes of white folks.

I left a happy, hopeful, progressive people; I found a crushed, humiliated, discouraged humanity. I left a praying peopler I found them wondering if God is just. I left a Young Men's Christian Association with brightn and promising prospects, just ready to jump into a \$150,000 building campaign; I found a budget destroyed, resources consumed a board of managers in despair.

Tulsa has destroyed the homes, taken the lives and maimed the bodies of the best friend the white man has in American rea, the world.

There is no man in the world that has stood by and will spot that will not out. he white man like the tand by t Negro.

There is no justification for the whosale destruction of property and resources of the thousand of innocent, law abiding, home building Negroes. We do not condone the wrong deeds of the had Negro. We deplore his existence. We pray the cooperative influences of all peo- to others.

girls are held up by these ple to help reform or restrain guards, many of whom are him as well as his co-partners rough, rude and discourteous. In white. We find it difficult to reach him. You find it diffin cult to reach his white partner. They clash. You and we are thrown into a whirlpool of human rage. We who emerge with bloody bruised bodies, and the savings and buildings of a lifetime smouldering in ashes must face each other and realize how trivial and avoidable the cause and how deplorable and lasting the results.

Is the spirit of America dead? Shall the color of a man's skin be the symbol for adverse sentiment?

Am thoroughly convinced that an active wide-awake Christianity will cure this human ill.

There come times in a Christian program when it becomes necessary to "drive out the money changers" and land grafters.

Unhappily Tulsa has worked into that stage.

Tulsa is not all bad. There are good citizens in Tulsa. They, as much as any, deplore the

We need a nearer approach to the principles and teaching of the Golden Rule. The hammer and claw, pistol and gun, create hate. And hate hurries us on to destruction.

There is no place in a Christian program for hate.

Let's make America safe for her own citizens and courteous

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In Oklahoma negroes were killed, herded in barracks to save them from murder. Some say the white nen wanted their oil lands. More probably trouble started because white men out of work saw negroes working.

Senator Medill McCormick wants a committee "to report on race hatred" in this country. The committee should go to the zoological gardens, and report what it finds there. The dog hates the fox, his cousin, and doesn't hate the elephant, so different. Human beings are animals and hate their brothers, as the dog hates the fox or the wolf. They will stop that when they stop being animals—that's a long way off.

1026 Kenyon, St

158260-8 Washington, D.C., June ,4th., 1921.

To the Honorable Warren G. Harding,

President of the United States,

Your Excellency:-

Enclosed please note a copy of a letter, the which I have this day forwarded to Attorney-General Daughty. Knowing only as a layman, the burdens left you by a former Administration, I fain would withold this letter, but for the fact that thousands of offenseless and defenseless women and children are suffering for something for which they are not responsible.

Itseems to me that your being President of the whole country, devolves upon you manifold duties. I am broad enough to wish that youwill do nothing that will make enemies for you of any section of the country, who at some other crisis would exert all their influence to defeat your plans.

In view of the foregoingo, I shall refrain from doing the usual thing under such circumstances viz: --asking you to rush into public print on this subject. Your position on such matters as this is well known..

I shall however ask you to lend your weighty influence to your Attorney-General, to do justice to all concerned in the Tulsa tragedy.

I feel for these mothers, daughters, sisters and children, the same as if/ they were my very own.

Knowing your stand for pure Americanism, I shall rest/ case in your hands. May God strenghten your arm. May He ever guide you to boldlydefend the cause of Justice and Right!

Wishing for you a prosperous Administration,

Allow me to subscribe myself,

Yours -For-Pure- Americanism-

Rev. J. Luther My Shirtson

P.S. The inclosed clippin vanes Today in Saturday

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#LO26 Kenyon, Stree N.W.

Washington, D.C.,

June, 4th., 1921.

To the Honorable,

The Attorney-General of the United States of America.

Dear Sir:-

Enclosed you will please find a clipping fron The Baltimore Sun, of ever ate.

The marked paragraph is vitally significant in placing the blame of the why,
of the Tulsa riots.

The writer has talked to some people from his vicinity and it is the commensus of opinion that this district was the most prosperous of all the colored sections of the Southwest. What valid reason can the people of Tulsa, give to the worldfor deliberately destroying an entire "Little Africa"?

If your Office works on the presumption that the colored people owned too much property, and that their holdings in oil was an incentive to the complete destruction of amentire colored settlement, does it not accur to your Office that this would furnish a motive?

The Negroes are going to have their homes rebuilded, but as we understand ON ANOTHER PLOT OF GROUND; -----the destroyed section; s to be an industrial centre.

I submit this for what it is worth.

Trusting that a people who have ever stood ready to defend the country from the days of Crispus Attucks, Peter Salem, and with Jackson at New Orleans, with Roosevelt at San Juan Hill, at Carrizal, in France and elsewhere; that they, Sir, will receive absolute justice at your hands (and we have no cause to surmise otherwise) ------

I Am Yours,

For Justice and Right,

For Justice and Right,

Rev. J.Luther Martin.

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June 13, 1921.

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Mr. John E. Arnold,

Oil & Gas Purchasing Agency,

208 Lorton Bldg.a Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 2d to the President of the United States, relative to the recent race riots at Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been referred to this Department, and I beg to assure you that the matters stated by you will receive due consideration.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) R. T. Toward

Assistant Attorney General.

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Mr. Warren G. Harding, The White House. Washington, D. C.,

Secy. to the President.

Personal and Confidential

My dear Warren:

STEWART-HERRON

As a Rotarian who organized the Rotary Club of Wichita Falls, Texas, I know I can absolutely depend upon your right heartedness to serve the cause of God and humanity in this present matter:

My business has brought me toalive in Tulsa, Oklahoma, the scene of the gruesome outbreak of lawlessness described in the enclosed paper which happens to be the least sensational of our daily papers.

Our State Governor is a Democrat, and a very fine gentleman: and our State Attorney General is a Bemocrat, and a very fine gentleman.

Our County Sheriff is a Republican, and a gentleman.

Our Mayor and City Officials are all gentlemen regarded as being clean government citizens; buta----

Our State Attorney General has already been announced as a candidate for the next Governorship of Oklahoma, anda----

Local factionalism between political parties and between the city and county officials, has, I believe, led to a lack of moral courage on the part of the proper persons to sufficiently uphold the rights of our own citizens, white and black, as prescribed by the Federal and State Constitutions - possibly - I hope not, but am led by observation to believe - by their fear of the effects of their activities in behalf of righteousness upon their own chances of getting political rewards in the future. God versus politics, and you have within your personal reach the power to see to it - by proper investigation thru the Department of Justice - that Law and Order must prevail here.

Altho' we are taught that Masonic Bodies must not hold any sort

Mr. Warren G. Harding, 6/2/21 - Page #2,

of communications with Negro Masons, I feel sure that this is a time when you and I as Masons can each do our part to contribute to the relief of poor and penniless Master Masons (Negros, their widows, and orphans. You by your personal influence in the right direction in Washington to bring about a state of due respect and honor in the entire state of Oklahoma and particularly in Tulsa and county circles - for the duly constituted officers of the law in whose hands this negro rapist was held at the time this outbreak started. Me to do my share here locally. I am sure that you will cordially do anything you can legally and morally do to relieve the situation as well as to try to put "our house in order" so that "It Must Never Happen Again".

The Grand Master and Most Worshipful Potentate of Masons every where surely did not intend, in His wisdom, as per the words of His Son, Jesus Christ, that there should be one moral law or code of ethics for benefit of one color, and another - less righteous - for the negro, or other races among our citizens.

I blush with shame to think that the fair name of our city has been smutted by any such circumstances, and even the "it was done by an element among both whites and blacks who may be claimed to be the "tougher" element, but I am sure that after due examination and strict trial, your investigators would find conditions in Tulsa and vicinity disgustingly rotten, as witness the facts brought out in the testimony of Rav. Harold G. Cooke, and Mr. C. E. Buchner in the recent investigation of Police Circles in the matter of immoral women and whiskey selling.

Courteously and Fraternally yours,

John E. anold

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June 13, 1921.

J. R. Coffey, Attorney at Law,

206 Love Bldg.,

Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 4th, relative to the recent race riots at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and to assure you that the views stated by you will receive due consideration.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

(Signed) R. P. iteratt
Assistant Attorney General.

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Hon. Harry M. Dougherty, Attorney General, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Should the Department of Justice of the United States decides, as I think it should, to take a part in the investigation of the cause and effect of the late race riot at Tulsa, Okla., I am sure you will undertake a route in which you can at least hope to obtain the facts desired. In this and some other parts of the country, when calamities like this occur, some times the investigators start out with the intention not to get and report the truth. The situation in this grand country is growing worse in some respects as regards race relations. The good folks of both races wiselya(?) try to make a pleasant showing; but, in many instances, the class of men who will accept the smaller offices are not the best men to act in such cases as we have on hand at this time.

I am a colored man and I am in position to say that it will require men of both races, instead of one, and they must be honest men of high motives, to effectively do this kind of work.

This is a delicate affair and I don't like to get mixed up in such things; but, if I can be of any service to your department in assisting your representatives here, call upon me.

Very respectfully,

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June 13, 1921.

Ellwood Heacock, President,

2027 North College Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. Spring Street Settlement (For Colored People),

Dear Sir:

occurrences, has been referred to this Department, and I beg to expressing your views in regard to the reason and remedy for such States, calling attention to the race riot at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Your letter of June 3d to the President of the United

assure you that your remarks will receive due consideration.

Respectfully.

For the Attorney General,

Assistant Attorney General. (Sigmed) R. P. Stewart **ABURODZĘ**

2027 N. College Avenue, Philadelphia, Pa., June 3, 1921.

Hon. Warren G. Harding, President, Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:-

As a citizen of our Republic which stands for so much in the cause of human welfare and as one who is interested in the progress of the Negro Race I feel called upon to ask your consideration of the antagonisms between many of the white race and our colored citizens.

The awful riot reported as having occurred in Tulsa, Okla. is but an expression of this unfortunate condition. I am sure that when the facts are known it will be found that a Negro was unjustly accused of a serious crime and was in danger of being lynched when his colored friends, probably many of them ex-service men who had fought to make the world safe for democracy, determined to defend him and theira attitude was violently resented by white men who often claim "the black man must be kept in his place".

In nine out of every ten race riots the fault lies wholly with the white people and has its foundation in the meanest kind of injustice.

Our National Government as well as State and local authorities should see to it that our Constitution and laws are enforced in behalf of all of our citizens without regard to race or color. The most searching investigation should be made by the Federal authorities in this murderous and wide-spread Tulsa riot and the guilty parties punished. It is necessary as a lesson to the whole country as a matter of justice. Many of our returned negro soldiers have highly resolved that the lynching business must stop. No more important question is before the American people today.

Assuring you of my appreciation of your kind attention, I remain,

> Very respectfully yours, Elwood Heseochtresident, Spring Street Settlement. (For Colored Peoples) JUN

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June 13, 1921.

Hon. Channing H. Cox,

Governor of Massachusetts,

State House, Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of June 3d to the President of the United States, enclosing a letter from the National Equal Rights League, of Boston, Massachusetts, has been referred to this Department.

The letter of the National Equal Rights League calls the President's attention to the recent race riot at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and requests him to cause this Department to make an immediate investigation of the matter to the end that all persons accused may be protected in their rights under the Constitution. In your letter you state that the citizens of Massachusetts are very much stirred by these terrible outrages and will stand behind the President in any endeavor to punish the guilty and make such crimes forever impossible in this country.

The views of the National Equal Rights League and of your honorable self will receive the due consideration of this Department. You are, however, undoubtedly aware that, under the decisions of the Supreme Court of the Wnited States, the Federal Government has no jurisdiction over matters of this kind.

Respectfully,

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For the Attorney General,

(Bissed)eR. P. Stewart.
Assistant Attorneye General.

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS **EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT** STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

> Referred by Referred For Consideration: 3d June, 1921. to the Fresident.

To the President of the United States, Washington, D. C.

Mr. President:

At the request of the National Equal Rights League, I am forwarding an appeal for aid to the victims of the recent mob violence in Tulsa, Oklahoma. All the citizens of Massachusetts are stirred to the depths by these terrible outrages, and they look to you for leadership in giving aid to the afflicted, and they will stand behind you in any endeavor to punish the guilty and to make such inhuman and barbaric crimes forevermore impossible in this land of freedom and justice.

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Respectfully yours,

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NATIC NAL EQUAL RIGHTS LEAGUE

ORGANIZED TO SECURE EQUALITY AND JUSTICE FOR THE RACE

WILLIAM MONROE TROTTER, CORRESPONDING SECRETARY OFFICE, 34 CORNHILL

TELEPHONE CONNECTION

BOSTON June 3, 19 21

The President, Warren G. Harding, WMhite House, Washington, D.C.

Sir:

The Colored citizens of Boston and vicinity and others in sympathy, through the National Equal Rights League, appeal to you as the Executive head of this rich and powerful government to take note in mind and heart of the brutal slaying of dozens of Colored Americans citizens by white American mobists at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and of their ruthless, wholesale attacks upon women, old men and children by burning down all the homes and property in the large Colored residence and business section. We urge you, facing this disgrace to our country and calamity to an ethnic group of citizens, in mercy and justice, to secure from Congress appropriations for immediate care of sick and disabled, and for ppensions for those rendered permanently dependent by the mobs destruction, or permanently disabled by it, and to the families of those slain.

We request that you cause the Department of Justice to make immediate investigation to the end that all persons accused be protected in their rights under the constitution.

May the terrible series of lynchings which have culminated in this message lead you to wrge upon Congress speedy passage of the Dyer Anti-lynching Bill in order that, as you said in your message, Barbaric lynching may be wiped from the banners of the Republic,

Yours for protection of life,

Wm, Uning Trotter, National Secretary

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June 21, 1921.

Mr. Oscar J. Berend,

934 Kennedy Bldg.9

Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 15th, enclosing a clipping from the Tulsa Tribune relative to alleged arming of negroes, and to advise you that the matter will receive due consideration.

Respectfully,

For the Attorney General,

W. C. Herron

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June 13, 1921.

Attorney Generals Office, Washington, D.C.

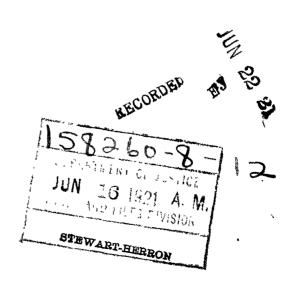
Gentlemen: -

I am enclosing herewith a clipping from the editorial page of the Tulsa Tribune. In this editorial I have blocked out and underlined a certain paragraph and sentences which I wish to call to your attention.

A timely investigation of this reported condition and if found substantially correct,
immediate effective action should be taken to avoid
further occurrence similar to the Tulsa race riot,
which are the results of such agitation as mentioned
in this editorial.

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THE property owners, business men, and righteous citizens of Tulsa hold a responsibility not only to see that unnecessary suffering following the tragic hours of the race riot is prevented, but also to make sure that a sound and permanent scheme of reconstruction is worked out in which those who prize the reputation of Tulsa may participate. But in doing this there should be no false and misguiding sentiment created, no unstable standards encouraged.

The city cannot condone the looting and stealing but we must not confuse those lawless practices with the heroic defense by the white men who stood their ground and saved this city from a more serious disaster than that which we experienced. Those who suffered in defending our city from a more serious disaster should be cared for and helped and honored They defended all of us when our officers of the law, who did

not suffer a scratch, failed us.

It appears to be reasonably well established that certain lawless negroes had for some time been collecting arms and ammunition. It is also well established that lawlessness was allowed to run unarrested in the old "Niggertown." The citizens of Tulsa become derelict of duty if they do not now give Attorney General Freeling the fullest support and co-operation in his investigation into officers of the law who failed to function not only during the riot but before. Tulsa, Mr. Mayor, is in no mood to witness another whitewash exhibition.

What are the officers of the law, county and city, doing NOW to get the negroes here who have advocated gun play? Many of them are doubtless now in hiding in and around the city. The people ought to have a report from the officers of the law as to what is now being done to apprehend these negroes.

The New York World accepts the uninvestigated statement of five negroes in New York City that the disaster here was the result of oil men who were anxious to acquire the property occupied by the negrous and known as "Niggertown." Such a statement is not only viciously untrue but it illustrates the kind of incendiary propaganda which negro agitators spread. If the good negroes have any regard for their race they themselves will take such foes of their race in hand and stop this kind of criminal lying.

this kind of criminal lying.

e ew York Times, in ... issue of June 6, page 7, reports that Herbert H. Harrison, president of the Liberal League of Negro Americans, at a meeting of negroes held at 135th street and Lennox avenue, New York City, urged the negroes to arm. He declared, "I should not be surprised if we saw three splendid race triots by next September." He also advises man as president of that society he is to name a committee of negroes to go to Tulsa to investigate conditions there but the names of that committee are not to be made public because if they were "then some one would be waiting for them when they got out to Tulsa"

Some one ought to be waiting for them. Because of this statement every negro arriving in Tulsa should be subjected

to a rigid examination.

This is but another convincing evidence that the race riot here was planned by the bad negroes and that the law-defying negroes are planning more "splendid riots" to be delivered by September. Get that word "splendid." In all these "splendid riots" the bad negroes will trump up the lie that the whites started it.

This kind of thing is lawlessness in the extreme. This kind of thing is the repudiation of the government itself. This kind of thing is defiance of the law of the land. This kind of thing is treason.

The negroes who respect the law and who desire to be looked upon as honest and respectable Negro-Americans must suppress this thing. If they do not suppress it they condone it. America is not going to submit to any such plotted outrages. America is not going to submit to any attempt to shift responsibilities for this kind of outbreaks. The negro newspapers are full of just this kind of incendiary stuff. And IT MUST BE STOPPED.

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June 8, 1921.

Rev. Luther J. Martin,

1026 Kenyon St., N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 4th, enclosing a olipping from the Baltimore Sun relative to the Tulsa race riots.

The Department thanks you for calling this to its attention and assures you that the matter will receive due consideration.

Respectfully,

For the AttorneyaGeneral,

Assistant Attorney General.

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Washington, D.C.,

May, 4th., 1921.

To the Honorable,

The Attorney-General of the United States of America,

Dear Sir: -

Enclosed you will please find a clipping from the Baltimore Sun, of even date.

The marked paragraph is vital significant in placing the blame as to the why of the Tulsa riots.

The writer has talked to some people from this vacinity and it is the consensus of opinion that this district was the most prosperous of all the colored section in the Southwest. What valid reason can the people of Tulsa give the world for deliberately destroying an entire "Little Africa"?

If your Office works on the presumption that the colored people onwed too much properly and that their holdings in oil was an incentive to the complete destruction of an entire colored settlement, does it not occur to your Office that this would furnish a motive?

The Negroes are going to have their homes rebuilded, but as we understand ON ANOTHER PLOT OF GROUND, the destroyed district is to be an industrial centre.

I submit this for what it is worth.

Trusting that a people who hasaever stood ready to defend the country from the days of Crispus Attucks, Peter Salem, And with Jackson at New Orleans, with Roosevelt at San Juan Hill, at Carrizal, in France and else where; that they Sir, will receive absolute justice at your hands (and we have no cause to surmise other wise) -----

I Am Yours ,

For Justice and Right,

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Informal Investigation Will Be Made By Agents Of Department Of Justice.

SEARCH FOR RINGLEADERS ON

Radical Negro Leaders Blamed For and also as an axample for other cities. Trouble—Martial Law Lifted.

Washington, June 3 .-- A general inquiry into the race riots at Tulsa, Okla., has been or bred by Attorney-General Daugherty, it was announced today at the Department of Justice.

The purpose of the investigation, offilaws. Preliminary reports, it was added, show that the situation is parely local.

The inquiry ordered is informal and will be made by the department's agents in the field. Officials indicated that it was not probable that a special investigation would be ordered. They expressed the belief that the situation would work itself out without the intervention of the Federal Government.

Has Suspects' Names.

Tulsa, Okla., June 3.—Search for a number of alleged ringleaders of the race riots of Tuesday night and Wednesday, the lifting of martial law and progress on plans for rebuilding a negro 'zone'' were developments in Tulsa today.

Adjutant-General Barrett in charge of the State troops here, announced resi- ringleaders in the trouble and that these accord with the desire of the Adminpersons when apprehended would be istration to obviate price fixing through Commerce it vas unnecessary to keep the Commerce Department in co-operathe troops after today, and this after- tion with the various industries also noon issued the governor's order re- was indorsed. storing civil law.

ence, discussed the request of Gov. J. B. A. Robertson, for a searching inquiry and decided the best plan would the be to handle the investigation through the grand jury. A special committee from the bar association, it was announced, will be appointed to co-operate with the county attorney's staff.

For Model Negro Section. The committee of seven also considered the rebuilding plans and steps are to be taken to provide a well-built negro section, this to be done in part as an atonement for the harm done, An order was issued from mititary headquarters early today demanding the arrest of anyone offering for recording deed or transfers of any property in

the ourned district. Commanding Tulsa county, under the martial law proclamation, in an order asserted that irresponsible persons were seeking to obtain the property at much less than its value. cials said, is to determine whether the disorders were in violation of federal diegroes was blamed for the part of the negroes in the race war here, in statements today by several prominent negroes and by Police Commissioner J. M. Adkinson.

According to Commissioner Adkins, the police were aware that negro radicals had been at work for some time. He said negro citizens had been warned several months ago that responsibility for any trouble would rest upon the

TALKS WITH TRADE BODIES

Hoover Discusses Business In Light Of Trust Laws.

Washington, June 3.—Representatives of trade associations assured Secretary Hoover in a conference today at which the collection of business informah has this afternoon he had the names of a tion was discussed in the light of the number of persons suspected of being anti-trust laws that they were in full turned over to the civil authorities dissemination of trade figures. The pro-General Barrett tod the Chamber of posed publication of trade statistics by

The Secretary said he was sure only The committee of seven at a confer- a very few associations were engaging

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Chief Bureau of Investigation Department of Justice washington DC Stop five riots Tulsa Okla May thirty first negro Dick Rowland Charged by white elevator girl with attempted assault Rowland jailed in county jail same evening while mob of about twenty five armed men go to county jail to lynch Rowland about same sized mob of armed negroes go to jail to protect Rowland Sheriff refuses to disarm or arrest any of either mob negro mob starts to leave but returns shortly and some one apparentaly white man fires a shot negroes flee shooting as they run and make a stand at Frisco Tracks and Boston Street white mob augmented by several hundred apparently mostly crooks and follow negroes to negro section both sides shooting but negroes retreating whites invade negro section shooting at fleeing negroes and setting negroes residences church and business buildings on fire until seven AM next day looting as they go national guard arrive about then and martial law proclaimed rioting ends suddenly and everything now normal known dead are nine whites eighteen blacks undoubtedly many dead negroes in burned houses property damage in negro section about one million five hundred thousand Sheriff and Police pepartment apparently made no effort to preserve order Sheriff accused of calling armed negroes to jail in first instance everything now quiet National Guard still on duty state grand jury probe ordered by governor with state attorney general to conduct which is set for June eighth no Federal violation appears trouble started spontaneously and due to fact that county and city officers have been for years notoriously

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The Turka Massacre!

By the time this leaflet is in your hards, all the horrible details of the mass murder of the helpless Negro population of Tuka, Oklahowa will be

known to the entire worki.

There are no words vivid enough to describe the action of the well dressed armed mob of business men who with automobiles and airplanes, surrounded the Negro quarter in Tules of June 1st, setting fire to their homes, destroying ten city blocks and readering homeless more than two thousand Negro workers; ruthlessly sliving men, women and children; hilling over 90 and wounding more than 200

There is only one appeal that will step these fiendish and bloody converges—that is the apeal to organized force, the only language that the bloodthirsty capitalist of America can understand is the language of ORGANIZED POWER. Only by reprises—by answering force with force—will the business mobs and their White Guards, the Klu Klux Klan, etc. be restrained from continuing their brut d and cowardly assaults upon the Magro and working class population of this country.

If there is any red blood in the vens of the working class of America it will come to the defense of its colored prothers, who are the victims of the same bloody capitalist class that exploits and murders the workers

regardless of color or race.

In their own interests, the white borsers of America, must come to the aid of the exploited Negro masses. Their skips are darker-hued than ours, but the interests are the same. Tack and White, we, the workers, have but ONE enemy—THE CAPITALIST CLASS, which uses its GOV-ERNMENT to suppress us.

There are more than ten million Nognes in this country. Almost all of them are of the working class. These Negro wage workers, whom we have refused to admit into our trade a cost are rapidly being reduced to seridom and peonage—to a condition of ske on worse than chattel slavery efore 1861. Shall we, the white wage - des, stand by idly and permit the CAPITALISTS to murder, rob and crust der, millions of our fellows. erushing of ten million Negro workers or the nothing but the beginning of a system of pronage and degradation for the entire working class of America. For the breakings of the sport of these ton million Negro wage workers will enable the WHITE CAPITAL STS to use these colored men and women against the white wage worker- as stake breakers in order to crush the resistance of the entire working class. Already there are five million wage workers walking the street of the cities and towns of Americe in search of work-unemployed, destarate, huntry-and the CAPI-TALISTS are making a seeneral assault that our unions, through the open shop movement, in the effort to destroy one and break our resistance

If the Negro worker can be used as the Whote worker, who is to blame? We have refused to allow our as the hothers to sain our anions. We have repeated all the idiatic accusators against their race. We have facility allowed ourselves to be swared as proposition. We have failed to ORGANIZE the Negro worker. We have refused to treat him as our own, our equal BROTHER in the CLASS STRUGGLE. WE ARE TO BLAME

THE COLOR LINE." There is only ONE line that we can draw the the Called Line. White and Mark, Sew and Gentile. All

PORKERS, the exploited marror, trust he organized on t CLASS interests.

Our Negro fellow workers were supposed to have be during the American Civil War. The Constitution of the U. A. is a to guarantee their "freedom." Singe then they have been berded ! arate districts, segregated in Jim Free cars, their we accounts of white men, their children deprived of all their men denied the right to acquire trades or professi race kept in ignorance and degratiction. They have been burned a brached, murdered and brutally askaulted upon the a lynched, muriered and britally admitted upon the alightest gravess. The hideone accusation of ravine has been fastened upon their action within in the hind of "freedom" that CAPITALIST CONSTITUTION of autoes to the working class. This is the only kind of "freedom" that WORKERS can expect from the CAPITALIST COVERSMENT of United States. For the Government of the U.S. is nothing but the organic accurate of the WILL of the CAPITALIST CLASS. The Government of the CAPITALIST CLASS. est of the U.S. is nothing ofer but a ruthless DICTATORRILL of RICH over the POOR.

It is in the interest of both the Name and the White WORKE setroy this CAPITALIST GOVERNMENT, rost and been ilder, and heart to heart the workers of ALL races a which in this country a WinkErith, Coneument—the south

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THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA and a m to easist their colored brotherp and with arms in t them to repel such armed attacks from them by the wealths an occurred in Tules, Oklahoma and in hundreds of other s

THRIR FIGHT IN OUR FIGHT. THE COMMUNIST PARTY O AMERICA recognizes no artificial distation between the WORKIN CLASS. We call upon Al.1. worker of Al.L races to WHITE a COMMON ENEMY-the Capitalist Class and the CAPITALIST

Both Negro and White worker- must be this time realise the l marrary" they fought for in France. This is the only him that the workers can get under the capitalist movem led States

In Russia, under the Tear's Government, the Jour were the of race riots and partrems. In Rusen the workers and passes the CAPITALIST Covernment of Passes and established a COVERNMENT THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF RUMBA. of all races in Russia are L'NTTID). Race project

Only by following our Russian Comrades' horate tablishing in this country the SON'INT REPUBLIC OF White and Black workers he able to live and work in an fruits of their labor.

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HAIL TO THE PROFETARIAN REVOLUTIONS

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. LONG LIVE THE WORKERS REPUBLIC OF AMERICA!

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P.O. Box 348 Hartford, Conn.

Hon. William J. Flynn, Director, Bureau of Investimation. Department of Jactice. Wushington, D.C.

Dorr Sir:

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter concerning the COMMUNIST PARTY OF AMERICA circulars entitled "THE TULSA MASS ONA" from the Honorable Frank 3. Brandagee, Senator from Connecticut.

Replying will state that the Chief Agent of the COMMUNIST F BTY, who was hundling these particular circulars and way others, is now contined in the Hertford County Jail, having been arrested along with two others. for directing and distributing the COLOUNIST PARTY circular throughout the it to of Connecticut.

An Agent of this office secured a sworm statement from the Chief Agent of the CORNELST MARTY which is now on file in the Washington Office under the name of HAROLD 12:3 TURS et al. who was sentenced for both perjury and the distribution of circulars under the Act concerning Sedition. Public Acts of Connecticut.
Approved May 17th, 1919, to five months in the Hertford
County Juli, and fined 7100,00 and costs. The Hemorebie Semitor may be assured that we have the right man serving his sentence, along with two others for distributing the circular The TULES MASSARE".

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J . P. Hooney 7/26/21 7/21 to 24/21 EDWIN C. SHANAHAN.

THE TULRA MARSACRE: Circular.

At Chicago.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 19, 1921, Initialed JEH: JPO, in regard to one ton of the above circulars seing received at 631-33 W. Huron, 631 No. ParkaAve., and 39.44 Metropolitan Pl.a. Ch.cago, III.

Agent visited the above addresses with the following results; 631-33 W. Huron; no such address: 631 No. Park Ave., no such address: 631 No. Park Ave., no such address: 3934 Metropolitan Pl.s is a two story red brick building; riret floor occupied by a widow and one child; name Mrs. Eubik. Second floor occupied by John Turcan, wife and two children. Turcan employed a laborer at C.N.a. Car Shop \$5. Has first papersa only; has be n in this country for 16 years. The above information obtained under pretext.

Agent then conferred with Asst. U.S. Attorney R.A. Milroy in regard to the possibility of these seing a violation of any federal etatute. On July 22, 1921, the following letter was received from office of the .Stattorney:

"... In reply to your letter of July 15, 1921, concerning the phamplet entitled, "The Tulsa Wassacre", beg to advise that I have carefully examined this phamplet and I find in it no special violation of any Federal Statute.

I suggest, however, that you take the matter up with the State's Attorney with a view to proceeding against the author of the phamplet under the Syndicalist Law.

Acting upon the suggestion contained in this letter Agent

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Sproceeded to the Destective Bureau, Chicago Folice and conferred with Sargeant McDonough about the matter. Sergeant McDonough stated that he would proceed to act on this matter under the State Cyndicalist The of Illinois. Agent will make further report upon result of & recent McDonough's investigation.

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August 12, 1921.

Sm. P. Hazen, Esq.,

Box 348.

Hartford, Conn.

Dear Sir:

A letter has been received by the Department from Sidney Blumenthal and Company, Incorporated, at Shelton, Commentationt, enclosing a copy of the Communiat leaflet entitled "The Tulsa Jassacre", which it is alleged was scattered throughout the city of Thelton on the morning of August 7th. The letter from Blumenthal Company was initialed 5 dekis. The and offers any assistance possible in an investigation of the matter.

Ver; truly yours,

Chief.

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PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE . REPORT MADE BY:

Hartford. Conn.

8-19-21 8-18-21 WILLIAM T. LYNCH

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Distribution of Radical Literature

FACTS DEVELOPED

At Shelton, Conn.

Reference is made to letter from Chief of Bureau, dated August 12. 1921, initialed TFE-AS. relative to the distribution of the Communist leaflet "The Tulsa Massacre", in the Town of Shelton. Conn. Under instruction of Acting Agent in Charge EDWARD J. HICKEY. Agent called on the informant in this matter. L. deK. HVBBARD. Operating Vice-President of the Sidney Blumenthal Company, Shelton, Conn. on the above date. He stated that the leaflets were distributed on the principal streets of shelton during the night of the 6th. or the early morning of the 7th. of August. 1921. Hethas no information relative to the persons or organizations responsible for the distribut in As far as he knows there is no local organization of the Communist Party in the Town of Shelton.

Agent then called on Chief DONOVAN. of the Shelton Police He stated to Agent that he had been unable to get any trace of the persons responsible for the distribution of the leaflet. We is of the opinion that there is no local organization of the 10:40 - ANS3-Communist Party in his town.

Both of the above mentioned persons stated that they would com unicate further with this Office in case they obtainfed any; ALC HORE

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This investigation is alosed.

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My dear Seminer:

informing to your recent letons which has state established to next me or the State of Connections. I am sure you will be interested in Apprendicate that the parties responsible have been afterested and Apprendicate

For your information i applies a spin of letter from our agent in Charge at Mariford which spec ages fully into detail.

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