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The following item in which reference is made to you, appeared in this week's issue of The Philadelphia Tribune.

Since it may have escaped your notice, we are sending it to you for your information.

With best wishes,

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Very truly yours, THE PHILADELPHIA TRIBUNE

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## ROOSEVELT APPROVES LYNCHING

RESIDENT ROOSEVELT evidently agrees with County Attorney O. P. More, in Texas who stated, after two colored boys had been lynched, that he did not intend to take any action because the lynching was "an expression of the will of the people"

This conclusion is reached because the President has joined hands with the Southern bloc of Democrats who are determined to defeat any Federal legislation which has as its purpose the checking of mob murders in the United States.

Those who advise the President have convinced him that it is politically dangerous to take a stand favorable to the Costigan-Wagner Anti-Lynching Bill. He has indicated an intention of keeping his hands off the question. This is not exactly new, because during the last session of Congress, when the Bill had a fighting chance to pass the Senate, the President kept quiet.

The President was urged, begged and supplicated to move his little finger to indicate his attitude. The greatest "liberal" in the 'history of America refused to say one word against the most damnable crime in America. He may not, like Pilate, wash his hands of the whole matter. It will arise to damn him not only at the next election, but will affect his sleep every time a human being is lynched. Because he must realize that he, by his silence, gave his approval to the institution of lynching.

The greatest "liberal" has chosen to join the mob-o-crats of Georgia, Texas, Florida and Mississippi, rather than Join forces with Senators Costigan and Wagner who represent the highest and best in the Democratic Party.

The President's attitude may be politically expedient, it may keep the Solid-South for Roosevelt, but the thoughtful people of America will remember always that Roosevelt kept sileut when a matter of justice and human life was in the balance, and his word might at least have checked mob murders in America.