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Anti-Lynch Law Shelved by House

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—Anti-lynching legislation introduced by Rep. Joseph Gavagan (D.,-N.Y.) is in the hands of the House Judiciary Committee, headed by reactionary Hatton Sumners (D.,-Tex.). It will stay there until forced out by a “discharged” petition.

A spokesman for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said that no current campaign was being waged to force action on the bill, “because other problems produced by the war—such as discrimination in industry—seem more important and demand immediate attention.”

Pointing out that there has been a sharp decline in number of lynchings in recent months, the NAACP representative said his organization did not plan any immediate drive for enactment of the bill unless the trend is reversed. In other words, Negroes are getting kicked around plenty, but—at the moment—very few are being lynched.

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