



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

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The Honorable B.M. Miller,
Governor of Alabama,
The State House,
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear Sir:

For months, with the rest of the citizens of America and the civilized world, the Vigilance Committee of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, a nation-wide organization of graduate and undergraduate college women, has followed with deep interest and concern the court proceedings carried on in Decatur, Alabama, and known generally as the "Scottsboro Case".

Since you are as familiar with the history of this case as we are, and since you are surely convinced that if these boys are allowed to die on the evidence offered against them, it will be a horrible travesty on justice and a blot on the name of Alabama, and of America, that nothing can ever efface we are urging you to take steps at once to free the boys - all nine of them - and so deal to lynch law the death-blow it deserves.

The eyes of the world are on Alabama and you. We beg of you to be courageous enough to keep your state from shame and to uphold the flickering torch of Justice.

Very truly yours,

Esther P. Shaw

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