Seek Action On Anti-Lynch Law

Call for a federal anti-lynch law was made here Tuesday evening during an anti-lynch rally at Orchestra hall.

More than 1,000 white and Negro citizens heard Earl Conrad, white author and newspaperman; John Pittman, foreign correspondent, and Louis Burnham, executive secretary of the Southern Negro Youth congress, cite causes for the immediate passage of a federal anti-lynch legislation.

Burnham declared the failure of the federal bureau of investigation to "find 20 lynchers of Monroe, Ga.," although that agency boasts of its wartime efficiency to trap highly-trained foreign spies. He expressed hope Negroes will not have to celebrate 100 years of freedom in 1963 by celebrating simultaneously 100 years of lynching.

Burnham told of the recent lynching of a Negro woman at Camp Hill, Ala., which was caused by the clash of a town bully with a Negro war veteran. Mrs. Mary Lizzie Norris, the victim, was killed in the Jim Crow section of a restaurant, after Australia Farrell, the Negro veteran, had repulsed an attack on him by Albert Huey. Mrs. Norris, a mother of three children, was an expectant mother when Huey shot her.

Conrad, author of "Jim Crow America," pictured a second reconstruction era as necessary to abolish the south's Jim Crow system. Pittman told how democracy works in Poland.

More than 100 local religious, civic, labor, fraternal, and veteran organizations joined with the Chicago Citizens Committee Against lynching, headed by Milas S. Stephens, to sponsor the rally.