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## Editorial

### A CAMPAIGN OF SCANDAL

So far as the Negro is concerned the present campaign of the next Presidential election in the United States has been and still is a campaign of slander and disgrace on the part of both major parties. Both parties are playing their master hand to win the Southern votes with the Negro as the scape goat. In order to convince the South of its lack of interest in the colored race the Republican Party has eliminated Howard and others from the council of the high and mighty. It has recognized the "Lily Whites" as the controlling element of the party throughout the South. The petty wrong-doings of the colored politicians are costing them their jobs and prestige while the gigantic grafts and robbery committed by the whites within the ranks are being forgotten or winked at. Herbert Hoover's campaign managers will go to all lengths and breadth to brand as a deliberate lie, the story that he danced with a colored woman while visiting the South recently but they refuse to add the rejoinder that had he been permitted to dance with a colored woman he would have had one of the most graceful dances of his whole career.

The Democratic party most vehemently denies that Governor Smith "ever had a negro stenographer." It goes a step further and asserts that the only colored people employed by the State of New York under Smith's administration are those to fill such jobs as they are given in the South, to wit: porters, janitors, charwomen, etc." The Crisis claims that this is correct, that Smith twice vetoed bills that would have given the colored people a magistrate of their own race in Harlem; that he has never given a negro a major position, that he has seldom received a colored delegation and that it is doubtful if he is personally acquainted with a dozen of the fifteen thousand negroes of his state.

"And these be Christian men," and if the colored folk can see in either of these two parties any hope for betterment of their con-

dition, indeed they must be a race of extreme optimists.

Du Bois says, editorially in the Crisis that any negro is a fool that votes for Hoover. We would not go so far as that lest we be in danger of hell-fire, but we would certainly LIKE to say that, judging from the football tactics with which the negro is being treated in the present campaign, any colored person who has the temerity to vote for either Smith or Hoover is a DARN FOOL. The Republican party has had many years of rule, with a majority in both houses, but it has done nothing to enforce the 14th and 15th amendment, it failed even to pass a bill which would make lynching a Federal crime. Since it is now bidding for the Southern votes, the colored people may expect even less than they have received in the past. The Democratic party WILL NOT jeopardize its chances to hold the South "solid" by giving the Negro even a semblance of manhood rights. The only hope politically for the Negro is to unite his forces with a new party, a party with a new vision and a new ideal. But perhaps the time and the party is not yet at hand.

And so—the question for the Negro to decide is whether his lot has been better under prohibition, than it was before, whether the savage instincts of the anglo saxon with whom he must live have been more or less controllable since the reign of prohibition, whether the race itself has become better off materially, economically and more thrifty since strong drinks have not flowed so freely. Every indication is that the negro has been wonderfully blessed by prohibition. So he should therefore vote for Prohibition and not for the Democratic nor the Republican party. If neither party will enforce the 14th and 15th amendments which is vital to his welfare, common sense and reason argue that the Negro should cast his vote with the party that WILL enforce the 18th amendment which has meant much to his material and spiritual development.

### Letters to the Editor

October 17th, 1928.

Mr. J. F. Jenkins,  
95 Glenwood Avenue,  
London, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Jenkins:—

I read with interest the article on Dr. Ross in your paper of the 29th. I remember him very well indeed as a picturesque figure on the streets of Toronto when I was a lad.

The recognition he received from Foreign Governments for his Botanical research were very numerous, and I thought he had passed away many years before the date mentioned.

I do not know why he left Toronto, but his conservatory on Isabella St. was perhaps one of the most notable in Toronto at that period.

Yours truly,

WALTER DODD.

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