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Editorial

The Influx of Colored People

The continued migration of tens of thousands of Colored workers and their families from the south to northern cities, the effort of the south to stop the movement, the manner in which these people are being assimilated is attracting the attention of pulpits, press and the political arena. From an editorial appearing in the London Free Press of Aug. 16, we quote the following: "The fundamental cause of the migration is to be found in the growing restlessness of the Southern Colored man, who feels that he has been too long kept in subjection and not given any responsibility. An impressive document has been sent to the Georgia Legislature by a group of leading Colored citizens of that state which sets forth the views of the Negroes, not only in Georgia but all of the South. It is an illuminating and courageous document. . . . The reason given for the movement is poor wages, high cost of living, insanitary housing, the oppressive labor methods, growing out of absentee landlordism and the employment of overseers, inadequate educational facilities, discrimination against Negroes to which they are not subject in the north, inequality in the enforcement of the laws, mob laws, etc. The Georgia Negroes deny, in this document, that they have ambition for so-called social equality or for political domination. . . . It is a touching appeal and should not fall on deaf ears of the people of the United States if they are to solve the Negro problem. A democracy cannot be run successfully and permanently without all the people being consulted; and this is the situation in the United States to-day."

In his concluding sentence the writer pronounces a preachment that should not only be taken seriously by the United States and by all other democracies but also by all governments of all peoples. No government can long endure, which does not consider the interests of all of its groups, however small or insignificant those groups may be.

The influx of the hordes of southern Colored people into the north, coming as they do in many cases with their ignorance, poverty, with that uncontrollable impulse to run wild, which comes with the first taste of real freedom after years of unjust subjection and cowardly oppression, is bringing by far a greater problem to the northern Negro than it is to the northern whites. It is on their shoulders that the greater burden falls, and the manner in which they are meeting this problem and in which they are bearing this burden should go down in history as a lasting tribute to America's black sons and daughters. Many new organizations have come into being to meet the exigencies of this very situation; organizations working hand in hand, co-operating with the N.A.A.C.P., the Urban League, the Community League, the Inter-racial League, the Church, the Press, Businessmen's League, the International Women's Council, —all of

these and more, are vying with one another to solve the new problem. Their time, their money, their advice, they are sharing with the new-comers in order that they may be properly started, properly housed, properly schooled and properly assimilated. "A greater love hath no man than this."

The coming of the Colored people from the South to the north has caused a new angle to be inserted into the race problem. But back of this problem lies a story that is as pitiful as it is pathetic; a story of outraged and raped womanhood, of rape and murder, of enforced poverty and ignorance, of poor school facilities, of lack of time on the part of children to attend school due to the "share crop" system, which is, in most instances, a case of day-light highway robbery, and last but not least a story of lynching and burning. Who then, is responsible for this new problem? Is the Negro responsible or are those to blame who created such conditions? The memorable document of the Georgia Negroes to which we have referred, regrets the migration, believing that there is probably no place to be found in the world, a better place for Colored people than our southland, and admits that there is much to be lost in abandoning the economic, social, religious and educational institutions which they have built up in the last 50 years but the great wonder is not that so many come north, but that so many remain in the south.

Open Letter to Manufacturers

We are aiming to do all we can to promote the interests of our race and get them interested in other things than the menial work which is offered a great many of our people. There are many whose qualifications fit them for greater things but whose environment prevents them from having the opportunity. There are many who advertise in magazines who are paying hundreds of dollars for space to tell of the merits of their goods, and there are hundreds of new things put on the market which are never seen or heard of by many of our people. Many of the magazine ads. are never seen and still if many of those things were seen and known of they would be used by our people. Makers of the goods that are in general use would put their ad. before our people and give them a chance to distribute their goods. This would not only be helpful to the race, but at the same time it would benefit the manufacturers. We would be glad to have the opinion of those who are interested in the distribution of merchandise on this subject. There are many of our people doing business, and young men and women who would be glad to represent any firm which would give them a chance. If you can use one of our race, the Dawn of Tomorrow will be glad to render any service in securing a desirable representative for you.

CO-OPERATION

Listen to Logan while he raves about it. If one thousand Colored men in Canada would invest one dollar each, to organize a company to open up in some one of our cities, say Toronto, Hamilton, Brantford, London or Windsor, a shoe shine parlor, barber shop or a restaurant. In any of these Colored help alone could be employed. Choose out men tried and true to manage affairs, each person investing one dollar be given checks for 10 shins or 7 checks for shaves. If it were a restaurant 2 checks for two meals to be used inside of 6 months from the time of purchase. To remain a member of the company one must purchase one more dollar's worth within the same time limit. In using these checks you are to spend an equal amount of money or bring some one with you that will. Now thus far, we have \$1000 and one thousand customers and advertisers to begin with, with others coming if the business was conducted in the right manner. The persons who fail to use their checks, boost or patronize the business fall off like the blossoms of

Press Comments On Harding's Death

"History, we believe, will place high in the book of gold, the name of Warren Gamaliel Harding. His conciliation and his neutrality served his people in good stead at a vital time, both at home and abroad. He will be known as Harding, the after-war President. Colored America laments the passing of their amiable and able Chief Executive."—New York News, N.Y.

"Negroes, like all other Americans, wear the sombre garbs of mourning. Negroes share the sorrow of the nation; and although they have not enjoyed the official attention of the recent Chief Magistrate of the Nation, they are too loyal to the sense and spirit of the occasion not to lower the flag at half staff, and stand at attention during the funeral hour. The President has died, and his remains will be followed to their last resting place by the whole nation whose servant he was. Peace to his ashes, and may no man arise to do violence to his memory."—Pittsburgh Courier, Pa.

"That Calvin Coolidge will strive to do his duty no loyal American, whatever may be his party, will deny. Let each one of us do our part to have him feel that he is being sustained in his work by the confidence and affection of the nation."—Journal and Guide, Norfolk, Va.

"If President Coolidge, like Roosevelt, though carrying out the policies of his predecessor, courageously meets the questions affecting the life and happiness of the American people in the spirit of a square deal for everybody without respect for lines of color, special privilege and racial cleavage, he will justify the hand of fate that has swept him to the highest and most important position in the gift of men."—Afro-American, Baltimore, Md.

NOT YET.

She—Jack said he'd kiss me or die in the attempt.
Her—Good gracious, did you let him?
She—Well, you haven't seen any funeral notice, have you?

an apple tree and are out of the company. They forfeit their membership. Every place in the business to be pure white in color, clothes, etc., the only dark spot the man and the shoe polish. Cater to the best class of people, that would appreciate an up-to-date place and service, for both Colored and white people. Now that we have the money and the customers, let us secure a small place of business, in, we will say, Toronto, as there are more Colored people there, choose our men to carry on. Start them, patronize them, (your own enterprise). Tell others that while in Toronto to go to The Dominion Sunshine Parlors, The Canadian Co-Operative, or any name the company may choose. Make it a success. I say, MAKE IT A SUCCESS. Start a chain of places in other cities, by investing another dollar. If we loose, and we should never think of such a thing, we have only lost one dollar. If we win we can branch out farther, and make it possible for something greater. IT CAN BE DONE IF YOU WILL HELP. Think it over, then tell us what you think.

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This article is the first of a series of articles on Co-operation which we have invited our reading public to submit for publication. We think the above article shows much forethought and a deep consideration of the subject involved. We see in it the nucleus for the beginning of a chain of Negro business enterprises.

Who will be next?

THE EDITOR

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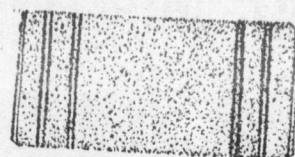
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