

A Note Of Bravery

The old Ku Klux Klan organization took a terrific defeat the other day down in Florida when the new Negro of today demonstrated that intimidation and terrorism no longer frightens them. The Klan tried to keep the Negroes from exercising their citizenship rights at the polls, but the Negroes marched to the polls and cast their votes, the largest in the history of Miami.

Hooded gorillas gathered around the polls, paraded the streets, staged dummy lynchings and cut all kinds of foolish and silly pranks to scare the Negro, but they got a big laugh and a big vote in return.

We commend those citizens of Miami for standing up and being men and women. We hope that the Negro population throughout the United States will profit from that demonstration of bravery, courage, self control and organized action. There are many cities in the south where our people cannot vote, all because of some foolish scare as was tried in Miami. Even in some of our northern cities, our people fail to exercise their civic rights because of fear. In many cases they must obey the political bosses who throw scares into them on the patronage score, the job score and that a minority group must follow the dictates of a political machine. The citizens of Miami demonstrated considerable more guts and courage than we do in some of our northern cities. The only difference is that in the south, the Klan use white sheets over their faces to scare the Negroes and

keep them from voting, while in the north the political bosses use the patronage to make the Negroes vote the way they want them. If the Negro in the south dances to the music of the klans and not vote, what is the difference in the results, when they dance to the music of the northern political bosses and vote the way they want them?