

Afro Readers Say:

Readers may write on any subject they like. Usually 150 words are enough. Beyond that expect the editor's blue pencil. "Reading maketh a ready man, writing an exact man." Sign name as evidence of good faith, it will not be published if you so desire.

A Plea for a New White Man to Match Each New Negro of Our Generation.

To the Editor:

The humanitarian and philosopher, Heywood Brown, under the caption, "It Seems to Me," in the Washington Daily News, in commenting recently upon an editorial that appeared in an Alabama daily, mourning the passing of a certain Jim Swift, an old faithful butler in the Mallory family, strikes a very significant note in the following statement: "It is beside the point to ask a colored man of our generation to behave as if he belonged to a social order which has entirely passed away."

Mr. Brown also called attention to a New York Times editorial which reviewed the Southern editorial, at the same time bewailing the fact that Negroes are now being taught not to mourn the passing of the Jim Swifts. Mr. Brown is justified in believing that the New York Times writer was from the South. Brown continues: "You simply cannot get a southerner to think realistically about any question which concerns the Negro. Drive him into a hole in an argument and he will seek refuge from the facts by telling you how much he loved the old Negro mammy who nursed him when he was a child."

Too often this is true. But did the Southerner love the idea of Mrs. DePriest's being entertained at the White House? Does he love the picture of the success of her illustrious husband, Oscar DePriest, and that of the lad Parham, that he appointed to West Point? Let the southerner tell you how much he "loves the new Negro." Speak up Messrs. Blease, Heflin and company.

We have evidences everywhere of the new Negro's taking his rightful place in the social order. But do we find for every new Negro, a new white man—the new white man who is willing to forget the mythical great superiority complex which trembles at the mere suggestion of the facts; the new white man who will not only be unsympathetic with the Blease-Heflin combine, but will not send such brain churned, diverted visioned, distorted minded individuals to Congress who will be the laughing stock of other nations?

Cognizant of the divine wisdom of the Supreme Being, I can see only one reason for permitting such personalities as these to misrepresent those unfortunates of the south who need enlightenment, and that reason is only to protect some worthy insurance company from paying large funeral benefits on worthless lives.

Bring us more men of the new type, such as Heywood Brown and others of his ilk and our constitutional and social problems will adjust themselves.

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