

We must fight the good fight. The issue is not between two Negro candidates as such. A great principle of ethics and human justice is involved. Give the 30th Ward a new emancipator.

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A FEW years ago there was much talk about the "Old" Negro and the "New Negro." The debate sauntered to academic heights. In the heat of such a discussion at a political rally of Negro voters in Chicago, an old-line Negro Republican, resenting the speaker's indictment of the old antiquated leadership, asked, "Who is the new Negro; there is no such person?"

The speaker answered with this story: "The old Negro was invariably represented by white people as one who was afraid of ghosts and cemeteries. Two Negro youths of our day went to a Saturday night party in the suburb of the city, overstayed their time, and were forced to walk back to town. The road home led them past an old cemetery. As they approached they saw two shadows moving among the tombstones. The youths crept over the fence and hid themselves. They observed two white men in the act of burying something. As they were about to leave the cemetery they took a wooden cross with the inscription, 'Dead and Buried' and planted it as a marker where the hidden treasure lay.

When the white men had departed out of sight, the Negro youths dug up the treasure of many thousand dollars, emptied the bags and reburied them. Before leaving they erased the inscription 'Dead and Buried' on the marker and wrote, 'Risen and Gone.'

The story fits into the struggle for freedom or slavery steadily gaining momentum in the 30th Ward between the hand-picked henchmen of boss Henry J. Trainer, white, and the stalwart Negro Republican leaders who are calling a halt to Trainer-ism.

The United Front presented by progressive Negro leaders in the Ward for an unfettered Negro legislator to represent its interests at Harrisburg is a potent message to Mr. Trainer and other white bosses who think like him, that the "old" Negro is dead and buried; the "new" Negro is risen and gone.

The TRIBUNE calls upon Negro voters in the 30th Ward to stand solidly behind the advance forces of Negro progress as represented in the candidacy of Walker K. Jackson; it calls upon them to fight the good fight with all their might and give Trainer-ism something to remember them by.

In these days when the tendency is to give the Negro the minimum of the minimum in economic and political bargaining, it behooves Negro leaders and Negro voters to close ranks in one solid phalanx and control the sources of political patronage in Wards and Districts appreciably Negroid.

Candidate William Upshur has the mark of Cain upon him. Allied with Trainer, a victory for him means a victory for that peculiar philosophy of the white bosses of the Republican Party which avows that Negro leadership can be cheaply bought; that the Negro voter prefers white bossism to progressive, intelligent Negro leadership in his political balliwick.

Sending Mr. Upshur to the legislature is but another way to convince Mr. Trainer that he is a master in handling colored people. It will encourage him to ignore respectable and able Negro leaders in the Ward and continue to treat with his spineless, cringing Negro henchmen and stool-pigeons.