

Writer Discusses Communism and The Negro, Finds It Undesirable

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REAL NATURE OF THE NEGRO
THE RED MENACE

Because of the widespread lack of understanding of the real nature of the Negro, just now there is a bitter contest between the "New Negro" and the "Old Guard" over what the race wants. Because I love the new and honor the old I would harmonize the differences of both. The older Negro from experience, some of it bitter, has learned more of the real nature of black folk. If you will watch them in fraternal or church organization you will find them soundly democratic and conservative. It is a good thing that they are, for if it were his nature to run after every ism, he would have been exterminated long ago. Kelly Miller and his type know too that the race is not conservative from cowardice but from wisdom and common-sense. I have lived with and studied mass Negroes for many years, and I have the deepest respect for their judgment. I have not their wisdom or courage, but they have shown it to me every step of the way. It is we, intermixed with Aryan blood, who are rash and hasty.

When we are young, we are all radicals, impetuous, combative. When the Tulsa riot was in progress, I came to realize why God had never given me a son. As that airship soared over the colored district and threw bombs on black homes, anger grew hotter and hotter within me and if I had had seven sons that day I would have devoted every one of them to death. I was a few miles away in a smaller city and they should have gone out one by one to counter fire with fire. I would not have expected them to have returned except on a shield. I have always been very gentle, but that day when I went downtown, I did not stay on my side of the walk. I went recklessly down the middle. I was still angry, but sometimes that means to be a fool. Many Negroes acted that part then, for it would not have done to show fear that day. The real Negro is gentle, but he does not fear death. The Negro within me was aroused.

The mood of that day was the result of my age. All of the radical things that we think that we ought to be doing are entirely unnecessary. God rules the world. I this slow infinite way he is grinding to powder the things that stand in our way. The power of our bombastic utterances is negligible as to alleviating our condition. We had nothing to do with the coming of the World War that opened the door of labor in the North to the Negro. We have had nothing to do with the "revolt of youth by which the young white American is discarding all the "black code" opinions of his elders. The bars are almost down but radicalism, lacking faith, cannot see it. A bright, new day is ahead of us, in which we can have no part if we do not believe in it. A day in which the white and black man shall with united hands untie the knot of world problems of disaster. The mills of the gods grind slowly much better and finer than the mills of our petty ill will.

The white man came back across the water not influenced by anything we were saying but convinced by God that in the European struggle that he was paying for the exploitation and ruin of weaker peoples. He fears to heap up this debt. He sees in growing crime waves his punishment for encouragement of lynch law. He realizes, though he will not yet acknowledge it, that the Negro has grown up into the status of a man. We do not have to join the Red Menace to secure the rights of the Negro and though the new Negro may rave and

poke ridicule at the conservative older leader, the masses of black people are not going to stir one step into the ranks of Communism. First of all, Communism is being used as a cloak by whites out of power to get into power. So far they have been unsuccessful, therefore, they have taken the Negro into the fold, as do all whites wherever shock troops are needed for Aryan advance. At the hour of danger the Negro is ever welcome in Aryan ranks, as a kind of human breastwork.

I would not be unjust to Russia. In Communism she only seeks to go back to her olden form of government. The primitive inhabitants of Russia are Hamitic. Many of the strange customs of the Scythians, such as impaling the attendants of the chief around his tomb, burying his favorite wife with him, etc., may be found in late ages on the west coast of Africa. The first ancient forms of government were communal and almost perfect in equality of opportunity. It was through communal enterprise that the pyramids were built by black Ethiopians as may be seen by the pictures on the monuments. They were not slaves as white literature would have us believe but built the pyramids as were built all the Cushite wonders of old. Once Russians lived in peaceful communal villages, like those of India. The modern Russia, more largely Aryan, cannot bring about communal equality.

In justice I want to say that there are long-headed nations in western Europe quite different in nature from the broad-skulled Turanian-Aryan types. They are white nations that primitively originated from Africa. In these nations is the spirit of kindness and justice toward darker peoples. In Italy we see Fascism a variation of an old Ethiopian form of government, where the trade guilds dominated society. We see secret societies still strong in West Africa that once ruled. Among the nations of western Europe the long-skulled types occupy the foremost ranks in culture but we have to contend with a broader-skulled Aryan who believes in force and does not believe in equality. It is this type that today controls the Communicative movement. Bloodshed and terror is native to them, and they are not going to be followed by any intelligent son of Ham, white or black.

Already this type has overthrown the wing of their party which stood for constructive cooperative programs, that would win intelligent men. They do not want to change and improve our government, but want to overthrow law and order. They were a race when they first appeared upon the frontiers of western Europe, who with fire and sword played the program that they outline today. They are plainly shown in the Scriptures as of the powers of hell and Satan and we are shown that they will fall. As a race we must not allow ourselves to be embittered by the sharp competitions of today. Men who believe in destruction are never creators. Out of their personal failure has grown the spirit of hatred and willingness to bring universal ruin, where the innocent would be more likely to suffer than the men whom they hate, where all that the spirit and intelligence of the ages has built up would be thrown down in a moment of murderous debauchery, never to be rebuilt again in our age.

I would ever wish to see the Negro join hands with the Afro-European nations in helping to make a better world. It was because they are related to us in blood that Darwin and Huxley said: "It is more likely that our ancestors are to be found on the African continent." This is why Franch reaches back home for her tried African auxiliaries, that stand between her and her Teutonic foes across the

Rhine. This is the reason why you cannot keep some of our black folk from loving white folk. We are the another race. The root must ever rule the branch. I can see how Ethiopians could lead broad-skulled Euro-Asians types to better ideas of Communism but I do not see how selfish individualists as are all east Teutonic types could lead black folk into anything that would bring real communal equality to the world. The next three articles will deal with why the Negro masses will never join the Red. We shall write with all fairness to Communists.