

Forget It, Uncle Tom-

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Among the many evils the Negro suffers at the hand of his white neighbor is the evil of being betrayed by one of his own race. "White-mouthing" and "selling down the river" were lucrative practices during slavery and subsequently the Reconstruction Period, but progressive and educational trends so diligently sought by the Negro have produced a "New Negro" who has boycotted this business into the passe group. Yet we have a few hangers on with whom to contend as was evidenced a few days ago, but "Fret not thyself because of evil doers for they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb."

Recent activities of "Mr. Charley's boys have been the cause for much speculation and discussion. Many of us are not surprised in the least as we know a few paltry dollars are involved and for a mess of partridge, Uncle Tom would not only sell himself, but of course his people. We have this to say to those who attempt to further sacrifice us—

~~Forget it—because we have experienced deception, injustice, inconsistency, broken promises, but in the face of it all, we remain loyal and law abiding citizens.~~

~~Forget it—we are not afraid of economic pressure because we have always been the last hired and the first fired, and of course, the most underpaid,~~

~~Forget it—we will not be intimidated by threats of violence because we were born and reared in the south, which makes this atmosphere a very familiar one,~~

~~Forget It—we know whom to trust. We have chosen Christ's way - we have asked, sought, and knocked, and we know that He will answer, produce and open all doors~~

~~Forget it, Uncle Tom—what you have to tell us are mere words written for you - words that you cannot read yourself.~~

~~Whatever they are meant for - just forget it.~~

~~Forget it—for we know that the hope for a better world is found in men and women who know Christ as their Lord and Saviour. They know He keeps His promise to be with us at all times, and in all affairs.~~

~~Forget it—because we know if you were not interested in your own education nor that of your own children, you cannot be interested in the education and welfare of the children of others.~~

Our personal problems, our world problems, the race question, war, labor, and capital, the rights of children - such problems never look the same when once we see them in Christ's spirit. He conquered life's frustration and griefs. He is therefore, able to help us in our trials.

The Psalmist, David, bequeathed a source of comfort to all of us who would hearken: The very first psalm of his comforting words are: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

The first verse of the 27th number of Psalms is designed to supplement our confidence when we remember that "The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear. The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid?" With these constant reminders of a constant Friend, we reiterate - Just Forget It, Uncle Tom. You are not our friend.