

WHAT THE PEOPLE SAY

This column is open to our readers for comment on any question deemed of public importance. Writers should confine themselves to 200 words.

STOP WEEPING

Dear Editor: In reply to Mr. Jack Tilford's criticism of a remark made by Clarence Darrow before a Chicago boys' club, wherein Mr. Darrow stated that "If I were a Negro I would never salute the American flag because America has never done anything but rob you."

Mr. Darrow only spoke the mind of his race. No white man would bury his head in the sands of time and ignore similar conditions under which we live in America. If conditions were reversed would he salute our flag? He would rather die first; but we, the Negro, sit by with eyes piously turned toward the heavens, "trusting in de Lord," but losing faith in ourselves.

The old Pollyanna spirit of the past must go. We are living in a new age, which demands a new outlook on life, and our present disfranchisement in America.

The young, the "new Negro," has this new vision, and he wants and needs the co-operation of the older Negro. I do not advocate rebellion or incendiary methods, but if we sit by and do nothing but weep we deserve no better treatment.

I have the deepest sympathy for any white man who dares to champion our cause because, after he has sacrificed himself in our behalf, we, the Negro, are the first to condemn him. Let's get together, Race, and go forward. That's all.

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