

AN OLD RESIDENT OF THE "QUEEN CITY."

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Hon. Harry C. Smith,
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Cleveland, O.

Dear Sir: Your editorial, as quoted in "The Cincinnati Union", recently, should give those who think in terms of American citizenship rights deep food for thought on a matter that should have been stopped when the 14th amendment was adopted into the constitution. Even the great state of Ohio's "Black Law" has been rocked to sleep by some of Cincinnati's most influential citizens and they are still rocking. These people, who are protesting, are only dupes used as decoys to fool the people. As a once citizen for over 50 years of Cincinnati, I know, W. P. Dabney knows, and Harry C. Smith knows just where the blame is. A 150 Negroes looked wise and winked at each other while Peter H. Clark, Wm. H. Parham, Andrew J. DeHart and Miss Jennie

Porter took away their constitutional rights. It's well within the memory of many living, today, how the white man fought for the "Negroes'" citizenship to its fullness. John Brown, Abraham Lincoln, Frederick Douglass and Charles Sumner. Today, we have the "new Negro" and the "New Deal", and they are a mess. Take the NAACP. It has only furnished a soft job for a gang of windy parasites. They should be and they will be classed with our race-pride bamboozlers, called by some "our professional men", especially our Negro undertakers who have a gentleman's agreement with the whites not to bury Negroes. Yet neither of them spend a cent with legitimate colored businesses. Take the Negro from the South. He is a fool and don't know it. He is oversmart with ignorance, and if his "eyes were clear and his brains would function to the northern idea he would know that the most of his troubles are self-made."

J. W. Rawlings.