

Letters To The Editor

The Race Problem.

To the Editor of The Post—Sir:
Is the discussion of the proposed anti-lynching bill going to be "The Awakening" for colored Americans, or is it going to prove disastrous to America as a whole?

According to our most illustrious and intelligent Senators south of the Mason and Dixon line it is a world catastrophe crashing upon their already so-called burdened shoulders; but to my mind it is the awakening of the new South, a South which has no place for the Bilbos, Baileys, Connelys, Heflins and the rest of those Southern gentlemen who speak of purity of race, white supremacy, and the like.

Thankfully, however, those great immortals, framers of the Constitution, the groundwork upon which this mighty Nation was built, had other ideas for America and her component elements.

The colored man in the South—in fact, in the United States—doesn't ask or necessarily want social equality, but, as is his right, he demands political and labor equality. It is left with the individual, in the final analysis, as to with whom he socializes.

"No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States," and so on down through the fifteenth amendment, the Constitution calls for political equality for all citizens "regardless of race, color or previous . . . servitude. From Senator Bilbo I quote, "I do not hesitate in making the statement that if every Negro voter north of the Mason and Dixon line had on yesterday been moved south of the Smith and Wesson line, this bill would not receive a dozen votes on the floor of the Senate." This from a man who represents citizens of the U. S. A. He also states that "It is the dream of every Negro in this country to return to his fatherland in Liberia, Africa, where the black will be happy in his native land." We, the colored people of the United States, dream of happiness in this, our native land, living from day to day free of the bitter hatred our white brothers bear toward us, for what reason? Here we expect to stay, fighting for our birthright, until a power stronger than the words from a bunch of prejudiced Senators removes us to a more promising land.

We have had a great and uphill fight; the obstacles in our path have been numerous, and still are, but the fight has just begun; now, with the help of the more broad-minded and intelligent members of the other race who are throwing prejudice and racial hatred aside, who are working for a more beautiful America, where all races of men shall dwell together in perfect harmony, loving each other according to God's own doctrine, "love thy neighbor as thyself." Upon these six words rests the strength of any people banding together in these United States, a new era, namely, the new South and the new Negro.

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