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HARDING'S SPEECH

own peculiar characteristics. But does so because of the unfitness of they are simply racial. But surely the man, and not because of his race. racial characteristics are not to be This is good and sound advice. When used as a basis for establishing de- the President says that the race grees of racial importance. When problem has become universal, he is

President Harding asks that Negroes unfit to vote be denied the ballot, he Commenting on the President's Bir- does so because of the unfitness of mingham speech the Pittsburg Courier the man, and not because of his race. "Certainly the Negro race has its to vote be prevented from voting, he

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itating white mem, he speaks well, chaacteristics only,

tion for the individual, and the Negro knows the truth quite as well as does arises is when the white man refers to social equality as something desired they think they establish a racial that the few imperfections lurking in being superior to his own. He has accepted the truism that the white race, by unlawful practices, has gained a decided economic advantage over the Negro, especially in the United States. EDITOR MONITOR:nothing to do with race equality.

If the South and North will give I heartily appreciate and approve of

correct; but he cannot mean that the and his economic justice-give him all Negro race has contributed any more | America has to offer any other Amerto the universality of the problem than ican in these fields of endeavor, the ay other race whose members are President's philosophy of the "fundascattered all over the earth. When mental, eternal and inescapable race our President asserts that social difference" would find greater support epuality must be eliminated from the among Negroes than among whites. whole question of political and eco- The one complaint of the Negro is nomic equality, he invites the undying the refusal of the United States to query: what is social equality? Who allow him to demonstrate the truth has the unchallenged right to fix a that racial differences as such deal not standard? When the President asks in "equalities and inequalities superthat Negroes be Negroes without im- jority and nferority," but in racial

but not sufficiently. What he should As American citizens the Negro demean, and he probably does mean, is sires to be trated as other Americans that the Negro should be the very who differ from him only in race and best possible man, without qualifica- racial characteristics. He rebels tions at all. What is the best Negro? against an Americanism which treats Or what is the best white man? The a white American better than it does a statement means nothing, unless the black American. This is not Democ-President, by making use of it, meant racy. His own racial identity the to convey the idea that the best man Negro desires most of all His own is the white man; and that the Negro racial characteristics are his inherited is less than the best, and therefor in- wealth; he wants that left to him withferior, and for this reason "social out invasion of any source. He knows equality" is impossible. Is this his himself better than anyone knows him; he prefers his own leadership, and Social equality has never disturbed would succed admirably under it, if

the Negro. The intelligent Negro his leaders were allowed to prosecute knows that equality is a matter of a leadership in harmony with their opinion. If the Jew thinks he is own racial ideals. But white leaderepual to the Gentile, that is his opinion ship invariably intervenes. He desires If the Japanese thinks he is equal to own country at a wage in keeping the American white man, that is his with the standards of living in his opinion, and to him that is law enough country. He desires to be included on the question of equality. One man among the nation's assets. He desires when he is. Social equality is a ques- ance as he enjoys when he goes to

the white man. But where confusion suggestions of the President, and deby Negroes because by its acquisition utterance there is every reason to hope equality through social contact. The the philosophy of President Harding Negro does not think any such thing, will be worked out as the program

LETTERS FROM OUR READERS

Commends President's Speech

I was asked what I thought of M Harding's speech. From many angle social equality, but he does want equal public place where he is able to pay his way, the same as all other races When the Negro is allowed his rights given him by the 14th and 15th amendments-there will be no Negro

Politically, I do not believe there ought be a solid South and a solid North, pretending they are fighting over the Negro Problem—there should be no race problem. Every voter should vote for the party they think would look after all the people and the interests of the United States.

One word for the Ku Klux Klanyou say you are for 100 per cent Americans, if so you should consult the Negro first for your organization. In all battles or all other places of trust, the Negro has proven himself 100 per cent American.

SERGT. BAILEY.

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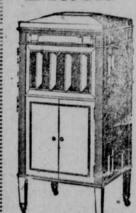
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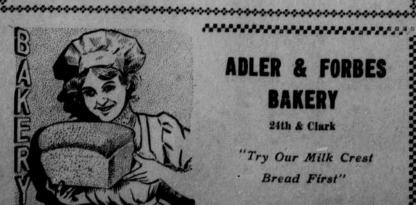
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