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EDITORIALS

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Between the Lines

One of the emphatic results of the recent elections was concrete evidence that the Negro is in politics no longer a child, speaking and thinking as a child; but that he is growing up and putting away childish things. This of itself should encourage the nation and the Negro.

Too often in the past the Negro has appeared childish trying to be uncompromising and compromising at the same time. The Negroes of the South, beset with a contingent of whites determined to eternalize their second rate citizenship, have been forced, in the nature of things, to compromise as a means of survival.

Negroes too often seem to forget that domination and submission are two of the cardinal qualities of survival. All great peoples and nations have taken their turn at submitting and dominating. Even the American Indians, the most unrelenting foes of oppression, have been forced to submit or perish before the white man's civilization and the tactics thereof.

The fact remains that most of history's oppressed or enslaved peoples have chosen to survive through submission, until the hour of deliverance had struck. This is illustrated no less by Israel in Egypt and the Negro in America than by the American Colonists.

The American Negro by submission and compromise has survived and at present beholds a better day in prospect. The most dangerous thing about being a subjugated people is that complacency which ceases to hope for something better. Negroes in this country, to their credit be it said, have never been satisfied with their enslaved-

ment or with the second rate citizenship that has been meted to them since their emancipation.

There was the further result that the position of northern Negroes on many matters appealed powerfully to the finer instincts of men because of the forthrightness of their speech and language. The southern Negro felt quite as deeply or perhaps more so than the northern Negro possibly could have, but his voice was muffled by a different set of circumstances.

The point raised here harks back to pre-election maneuvers when Senator Sparkman was accepted as a running mate of Stevenson. Sparkman's record in congress was not reassuring. It called for apologies, but most of the Negroes strung along with him because he was lined up with the Fair Deal of Truman. Even Congressman Powell who is hailed as the most uncompromising of the uncompromising strung along with Sparkman.

Jim Crow

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its last breath. They advise the South to recognize this and prepare for the transition.

A spokesman for this group, Neville G. Penrose, chairman of the Texas Good Neighbor Commission, urged formation of community committees to smooth the transition.

Thomas Abernathy, successor to John Rankin in the senate, said he expected the court to render a decision similar to the recent one in connection with interstate travel on railroads.

Whatever the decision will be,

Decoration Tips for Christmas



SUBTLE AND VERSATILE—that's the latest word on this year's Christmas decorations for our homes. Holiday arrangements in the new style feature our favorite winter flowers, then capture the Christmas atmosphere through foliage and accessories. Caroline Burke, NBC-TV star chooses a Yuletide creation by Alyn Wayne, official flower stylist for the 9,500 members of the Florists' Telegraph Delivery Association who handle orders for flowers-by-wire all over the world. Wayne creates a charming dinner table design by contrasting red roses with holiday green and silver. Flowers, foliage, candles and silver-painted thistles are held securely in a shallow dish by white styrofoam.

It probably will not mean the sudden end of segregation in public schools. It will mean, however, that segregation no longer has judicial blessing.

Harvard

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opportunities which are substantially inferior to those available to white children otherwise similarly situated.

According to the article, the result of these cases has been the admission of Negro children to a state-operated undergraduate col-

lege, high school, and elementary school despite a state constitution imposing segregation.

The article summed up Redding's legal philosophy:

"The Negro who undertakes to work, to live as a lawyer in the south, not only as a professional obligation, but out of sheer self-respect, must fight color discrimination in all its forms. I do not know how he can live with his conscience unless he does. Such activity may well be the major public service he can expect to

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