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Race prejudice must go. The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man must prevail. These are the only principles which will stand the acid test of good.

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### As Living Costs Rise Electricity Drops

During the past two years, the cost of living has steadily increased.

The prices of clothes, rent, food and similar necessities have advanced from 10 to 40 per cent.

But the average cost of electric power is a fraction cheaper today than it was in 1934 or 1935.

But that is not remarkable—it squares 100 per cent with the past history of the light and power industry. Ever since the industry's inception, rates have declined. They have declined in good times and in bad. They have declined when costs in general were rising as well as when costs were dropping. They have declined in the face of higher wages for the industry's employees, higher prices for the materials the industry uses—and tremendous increases in both the regular and "special" taxes levied against the utilities.

Two factors have been primarily responsible for this record. First, no industry has done more to promote technical progress, to the end that costs of producing and distributing electricity may be reduced. The holding company has been a great element in this achievement.

Second, by lowering rates the industry has greatly increased its business—and that in turn tends to lower rates again. For obvious reasons, the unit cost of serving a customer who uses 200 kilowatt-hours a month is less than the cost of serving one who uses 50 kilowatt-hours.

It is forecast that the most of living will continue to climb for the next few years at least. And it is also forecast that electric rates will continue to decline.

And this is the industry that has been subjected to more political attack, more misrepresentation, and more unfair and inequitable legislation than any other! The historians of the future are going to do a lot of head-scratching in seeking to explain why an industry that served the American people so relatively well was the target of vote-seeking politicians.

### Catholics and the Anti-Lynching Bill

In our leading editorial in the July issue of the Interracial Review we cited the first revelations of the infamous activities of the Black Legion and pointed out that lynching and other mob outrages must be eradicated from American life. Last month we cited the killing of Charles Poole, the Catholic, by the same organization and pointed out that this crime had its origin in the horrible example of the lynching of Negroes with impunity. In both editorials we emphasized that all minority groups, Catholics, Negroes and Jews should be foremost in the fight to eradicate mob violence of every description.

Comes now additional evidence to substantiate our previous contention. Last week the entire nation was shocked by the spectacle of 15,000 people gathered from many miles to witness the public hanging of a Negro murderer in Owensboro, Kentucky. Here, the hanging of a human being took on all the color of a public sports event amidst the clamor of hot-dog and soda-vendor vendors. This spectacle was of the same stuff that motivates mob murder and lynching. How far removed are the impulses that prompted the gathering of this vast cadaverous crowd, from those which drew thousands to witness the spectacle of early Christians being thrown to the lions in pagan Rome, it is not difficult to estimate.

Certain it is that the stimulus and example of unpunished lynching is responsible for all the grim happenings of the last few months.

In regard to the Catholic contribution to the solution of these problems, we have been immeasurably encouraged by the which we reprint in this issue, as well as by the increasing support of the Catholic press in general. The interest of the Catholic press is most gratifying in view of the sentiments expressed on another page by Walter White to the effect that herein is a distinct opportunity for public service on the part of the Catholics of America.

The Interracial Review can sum up its present position in no better way than by calling upon the Catholic leaders of America to redouble their efforts in arousing popular Catholic sentiment in support of the enactment of an adequate Federal anti-lynching bill by the next Congress. Again the Catholic Press has pointed the way and there is now every reason why Catholic organizations and Catholic leaders should accept this new mandate whole-heartedly.

### You'll Pay

In the walter of debate over legislation concerning the merchandising and distributing of necessities, in the interest of the consumer must never be lost to view.

The consumer wants merchandising to be fair to all concerned. He doesn't want abuses to be permitted. And neither does he want the law to outlaw legitimate practices that cut middleman costs, and lessen the spread between the price paid

the producer and the price charged the ultimate buyer.

In recent months, we have seen how questionable or debatable practices can be corrected. A short time ago a meeting was held between representatives of the nation's principal chain stores and representatives of agricultural cooperative selling groups. The chains pledged themselves to eliminate practices farmers believed inimical to their interest. Thus, in the most amicable and satisfactory manner, honest differences were settled, and noteworthy progress was made.

The last congress passed a law regulating large-scale merchandising, the effects of which are not yet evident. It would seem, however, that the law is stringent enough—many unprejudiced experts regard it as being too stringent, and feel that it will unnecessarily and artificially inflate the cost of living. Even so, strong pressure is being brought to bear in many states either to pass additional laws, or to levy punitive taxes against big merchandising systems. If that agitation is successful, it is obvious who is going to pay the bill—the consumer.

The whole problem requires a reasoned approach, without bitterness on either side, if it is to be soundly solved. Extreme measures can do no real good—and they can do infinite harm to the 125,000,000 American consumers.

### Where Credit Is Due

This year through the cooperative efforts of the railroads, the grain elevators and the flour and feed mills, the railroads have handled the heaviest crop of wheat from the Southwestern states for any year since 1931, without car shortage, J. J. Pelley, President of the Association of American Railroads, recently announced.

This was accomplished in the face of the fact that during the same time movement of other commodities throughout the country was greater than at any time in five years.

The American people take first-class railroad service for granted with little thought given to the amazingly efficient and progressive organization that makes such service possible. The railroads have had a lean financial experience during most of the past fifteen years—yet they have practically eliminated car shortages, have speeded up both freight and passenger train schedules, have further improved their exceptionally fine accident record, have kept rates at low levels, and have bettered service to the public in almost every particular.

It may sound sentimental to say that the pioneer spirit has never left the railroads—but that is a fact. The lines are tireless in their efforts to lower the cost of operation and to better service. They carry on exhaustive research work dealing with problems ranging all the way from smoother road-beds to stronger freight cars. America enjoys the best railroad service in the world—and railroad managements are zealous in maintaining their lead over the railroads of other countries.

There isn't a person in the nation who doesn't benefit in

Nothing Dared is Nothing Gained

By R. A. Adams

(For the Literary Service Bureau)

Know ye who boast ambition's fire,  
Who unto lofty heights aspire,  
That always has the fact remained,  
That "Nothing dared is nothing gained."

Treasures that everywhere abound  
By effort diligent are found,  
And only thus can be obtained;  
For "Nothing dared is nothing gained."

This warning to the timid soul  
Pining to reach some cherished goal;  
By Destiny it was ordained  
That "Nothing dared is nothing gained."

Being undubiously so,  
'Twere well all who aspire should know  
This truth unvarnished and unfeigned,  
That "Nothing dared is nothing gained."

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one way or another from a progressive railroad industry. And there isn't a person who wouldn't suffer to some extent if the rails were lethargic and backward. It's right and proper to expect the railroads to give us fine service—but credit should be given where credit is due.

### The Common Good

Sage counsel for farmers recently came from Dean H. W. Mumford, College of Agriculture, University of Illinois. He said:

"Whether or not farmers intend to improve their standard of living and financial security, or slide into a limbo of economic uncertainty, depends upon their ability and determination to more universally recognize the value of cooperation and become organized for it.

"On the other hand, agricultural cooperatives and other forms of farm organizations cannot serve agriculture in a large way unless they have as one of their definite objectives the promotion of the common good. Farmers are justified in cooperating for the purpose of securing economic justice. But they will destroy their organizations if they use them to promote social or economic aggression."

Wise cooperative managements will stick to the business of selling their members' produce—and not follow will o' the wisps that can lead eventually to ruin.

### What A Cook She Turned Out To Be



### A. & I. State

#### Opens Sept. 28

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 12—(C)—The twenty-fifth academic year of A. and I. State college begins Sept. 28. Over 1,000 students are expected.

### Dr. Harris Returns

New York, Sept. 12—(C)—Dr. Abram L. Harris of Howard university, returned to America last week from several months of study abroad on a Guggenheim fellowship. Dr. Harris spent about three months in London, then some time in Poland, Moscow and Paris.

### Repulse New Addis

#### Ababa Attack

Addis Ababa, Sept. 12—(C)—A new attack on Addis Ababa by 12,000 Ethiopians was reported blocked, with loss of 200 Ethiopians and 15 Italian native soldiers.

### How To Manage Our Political Lives

BY

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To the Colored Group of America,  
Greetings:

In Parts One and Two of these communications we have discussed some recent history, and some history not so recent. We have considered the fatuousness of the Republican Party and the contemptuous insults of all prejudiced parties as illustrated by the "Pork Chop" incident. We have hastily reviewed conditions facing the country today. We have visioned a hope for the colored group and its progress during the next half century.

In this communication, let us see if a plan at once practical and feasible can be developed through which to accomplish the degree of progress that is so earnestly to be desired.

Let us start by repeating—the Republican Party came into being as the champion of human rights. It established the great principles upon which, as a basis, we took our position as a Nation. It proclaimed and defended the doctrine of defense for all citizens in the right to work and to enjoy the fruits of their labors by:

- (a) Protection of American Industries by means of Import Tariffs.
- (b) Anti-Monopolistic Laws.
- (c) Exception from the effect of anti-monopolistic laws in favor of laboring men and women.
- (d) And many other laws representing principles making for the right to "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" for the citizens of a Republic.

Whatever failures may have been registered in the administration of these laws established by the Republican Party yet the institutions and principles were, and are, sound—and "for the greatest good of the greatest number."

Of the present day fantastic proposals of economic departures in the field of humanitarianism almost all are the outgrowths of the principles of the Republican Party under which the Nation took its place in worldly estate with the highest standards of living ever known—anywhere.

American institutions under which our Nation grew to greatness, however, called for INDUSTRY, THRIFT, NEIGHBORLINESS, PATIENCE, PERSEVERANCE, HONESTY, CHARITABLENESS and MORAL DECENCY. There was no place in their program for Class Hatred, Communism, Contempt for Thrift, Dignity of Mediocrity, and Bureaucratic Government of such tyrannies as shame the injustices of 1776—instituted by a Tammanyized government bent upon the most extraordinary program of pillage ever known in history.

Faced with the necessity of making a decision of how we are to vote, let us recognize that we—the humble people—have the balance of power and determine to make the best use of it.

Let us now consider just what balance of power is.

Balance of power, to true Americans, means RESPONSIBILITY. It embodies the spirit of guardianship. It means self-denial. It means conscience. It means solemn obedience to the obligation of that oath taken by every member of our beloved Fifteenth Infantry—"To preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States."

Balance of power does not mean the right and opportunity for redistribution, plundering, or tyranny of any kind.

The past few years have indicated but little fitness for being entrusted with such responsibility on the part of those who now exercise that balance of power.

On the other hand my experience in civic as well as military effort throughout many years of association with the colored group, has enlisted my belief that you are worthy of the

Adulation, under the leadership of Senator E. D. Smith, of South Carolina.

So much the better! The Colored Group of America is now morally free actually to exercise its Balance of Power in the seventy years of political development next to come, as it was after the close of the Civil War free to exercise its newly found human rights of freedom in individual progress.

But you've got to make your advances on your own efforts! Nobody is going to do it for you.

Nobody made Frederick Douglass a present of his greatness—nor Booker T. Washington—nor Charles Young. They triumphed through their own staggering efforts.

And their efforts were efforts to serve and to help others!

Let that be your program and your watchword!

In a sense, the Colored Group of America is the most completely organized group of any unofficial groups or parties in the world.

To begin with, you have the markings of your birth—the dignity of the bronze uniforms of nature standing out above and beyond the uniforms of the cloth of blue or of gray or of khaki or of olive drab. The uniform of nature that has never been marked

### A Practical and Feasible Plan

#### United You Have the Balance of Power

#### Exercise It for Progress—Not As Politicians

#### THE THIRD OF FOUR LETTERS

You can address and obtain responses from at least six million adults with the cost of less than five thousand letters.

Your political organizations and clubs or committees might well be disbanded. So long as they are maintained, they must be maintained upon a basis of professed allegiance to one or the other of the officially set up political parties—and, so long as such a condition rules, your strength is divided and your power and influence neutered.

Your watchword and slogan should be a paraphrase of the inspirational slogan of Yale University:

"For God—For Country—and For Yale!"

(Possibly:

"For God—For Country—and For Negro Justice!"

—or some such principle.

You should never send delegates to any convention.

want to accept—and can get—with a clear stipulation and agreement signed by the appointing or hiring agent to the effect that the appointee is entirely free from any political obligation or allegiance.

In your district elective candidacies you should not make much of a campaign for election, or spend much, if any, money. Just let the voters know that you are a colored man or woman; and of your qualifications. By such a course you will win many more elections than you win under the present system.

You ought to have about sixty congressmen, right now, upon the basis of proportionate racial representation. If you eliminate the states from which you are practically debarred from voting you ought to have at least 25 congressmen. But, when you have one congressman at a time, now, you all get quite excited about it. It doesn't make sense.

"Well!" I fancy I hear somebody protest. "Well—that is a funny way for Colonel Little to talk, after all the protests he has registered, through the years, against the maintenance of class barriers and class distinctions."

It may sound inconsistent but I don't believe it is really inconsistent. When two or more powerful groups get together, to divide a group that could be powerful if it were not divided—with a purpose of exploiting and despoiling the outside group, then I believe that the under-dog group owes it to itself and to its families and to the dignity and welfare of its race—to unite—not only in defense, but in counter-offense.

We are admonished in the Bible:—

"Resist not evil. Whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Well, your group has been long suffering. I feel that your supply of checks must be over-exhausted.

In "Part Two" of my "Report," addressed to you last week, I advised you to "Suspend Judgment" until about October 20 before making up your minds as to the Presidential election.

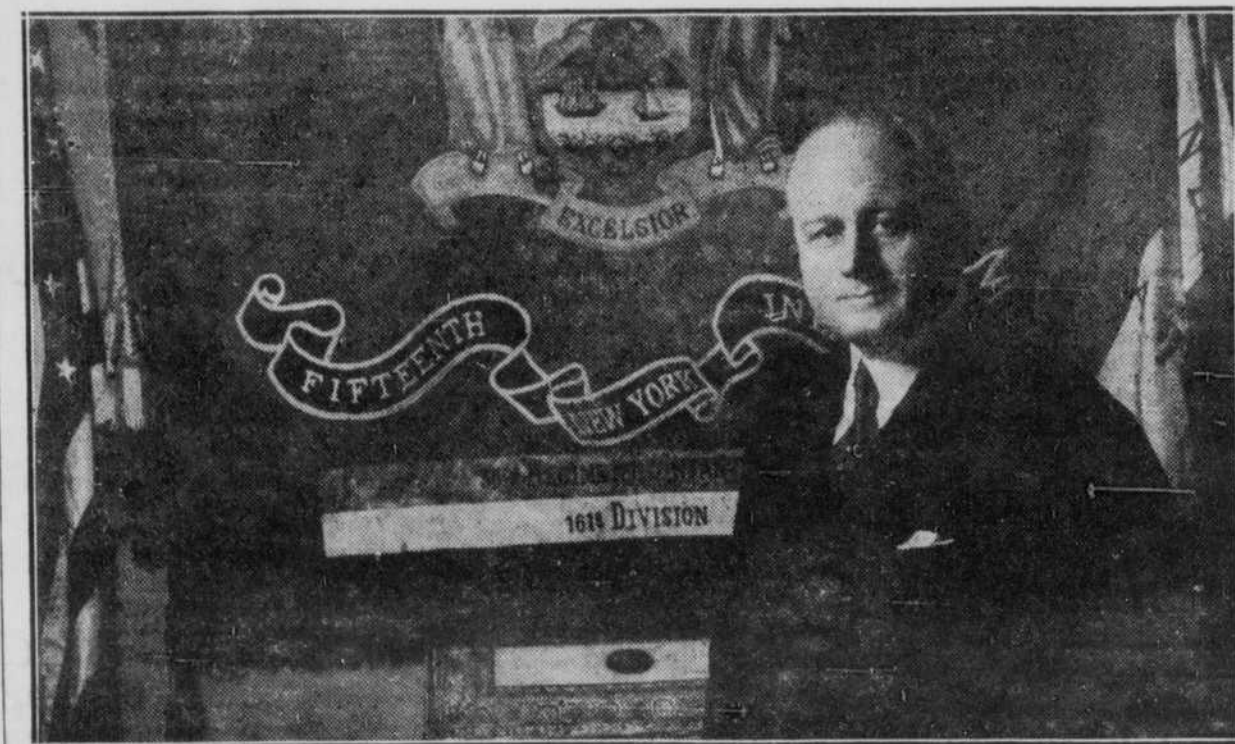
No party and no candidate has, as yet, offered anything worthy of consideration as a bid for your vote.

If the men who seek your support are in no hurry—why should you be in a hurry?

You have been fooled in the past. Don't permit yourselves to be fooled again.

In 1928 the Hoover party promised you well. Ask Messrs. Church, Howard, De Priest, Davis, Moore, Abbott, Scott, Vann, Boozie, Jones, Bundy, Henry, Fillmore, Harris, Wilbecan and hundreds of other leaders why, after such promises, the group went against Mr. Hoover in 1932.

In 1932 the Roosevelt party promised you well. Well, today, leaders of the Roosevelt party "take a walk" out of the convention when a colored minister has the effrontery to venture to pray to God in their Lily-White presence. But—to help in the swallowing of the insult—they give you—"Pork Chops."



responsibility of the Balance of Power.

In that belief I am pleading with you to take it—and to prove yourselves worthy of holding it—even in the face of such prejudice as we know is to be met.

A political party, to paraphrase the old adage, can succeed if it deserves to succeed—and if it gets some "breaks," and will take advantage of such breaks as it gets.

The colored group this year has certainly been presented with the breaks. Cleveland had little to bring the colored citizen back to the G.O.P.

But what was done, or not done, at Cleveland was as nothing when compared to the brutal exhibition of contempt and insult offered at the Democratic Philadelphia Show of Self

or even associated with a blemish of dishonor in the tests of patriotism.

Then you have your churches and their great memberships. How often have I, during the past seventeen years, drooping with physical fatigue and mental and spiritual discouragement, slipped in, unobserved, to one of your Harlem services—and gone forth again an hour or two later—a man once more of hope, determination, and confidence.

Next come your Fraternal organizations. After that the Community Center Associations of hundreds of affiliations and derivations.

The Colored Balance of Power Party of America is all formed ready to function. Your treasury is already provided—because your treasury requirements are as nothing.

You should never attend any caucus or conference with outside groups or associations. They might be found to have bound you to a support of principles and candidates not your own, or to your own interests.

No member of your group should ever accept a nomination for any elective office, from any political party other than The Colored Balance of Power Party of America.

On the other hand, some member of your group should be a candidate for every elective representative vacancy in every legislative tribunal at every election—national, state, county or town, where your population amounts to as much as five per cent of the total population.

In appointive offices and political positions you should accept all that you