

"Delegate or no delegate, next year you're staying home . . ."

WHAT AFRO READERS SAY - - -

'I wholly disapprove of what you say but will defend to the death your right to say it.'—Voltaire on Helvetius.

MISSISSIPPI MURDER

Detroit—How can the American people criticize what's going on in other countries when they sit back and let a child be murdered in Mississippi?

It's about time the Federal Government, state officials and the people do something about it. They talk about democracy, but what are they doing about it?

God made all of us, some light and some dark, but there is no reason for those who are light to think themselves better than the dark ones. After all, we all are human beings.

If this crime (murder of Emmett L. Till, 14) goes unpunished and the laws are not changed to keep it from happening to someone else—we all ~~body~~ well dig a hole in the ground and pull the dirt in behind us.

A. HAMILTON

Detroit—After reading the accounts of the lynching and viewing the pictures of Emmett (Bo) Till and his mother, it can only be said that Aug. 28 was "The Day America Hung Her Head In Shame."

My one request is that you will please publish a picture of the woman who started this "shut heard around the world"—this unskillful flower of southern womanhood, this delicate example of female virtue, this outraged accuser of children and babies.

I know that all the males of both races would like to see this curiosity because the women of my race certainly would.

(Mrs.) R. J. MARTIN

New York.—Emmett L. Till was murdered. His murder was planned and executed deliberately, premeditatedly, bestially, tortuously and with malice aforethought in the name of the "protection of white womanhood."

White womanhood in the United States will be branded as an accomplice to this murder if the lynching of this teenage lad is not legally avenged through the development of a nationwide crusade against racism and all its degenerate and demoralizing ramifications.

Womanhood without regard to color must be aroused. But the responsibility of white womanhood is of a special character. In its name and behind its skirts the KKK, White Camillas, White Circle Leagues and other hands of racist terrorists have been organized and allowed to flourish. The white ruling class, while despoiling colored womanhood, has tried to create an illusion of respect for women. This lie is exposed in a hundred ways, but

The Weather

North and Middle Atlantic States
Sept. 21, 22, 23—Very windy along
Mississippi river and westward into
Oregon and Washington.
Sept. 24, 25, 26, 27—Fine fall weather in
western states, and along the Miss.
river. Strong winds in the lower
Atlantic and Gulf states.

none so clear as through its lynchings which destroy the moral integrity of the nation.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON

'QUOTE OF THE WEEK'

Baltimore—I have occasionally seen in the AFRO a column called "the quote of the week," which calls attention to pertinent issues. I think this is a fine idea.

I think that this quote from Dr. K. S. Bernhardt, professor of psychology at the University of Toronto, is also pertinent, especially in view of your recent series on juvenile delinquency.

The quote is:
"We may get thrills out of narrow escapes or thrills from fear-producing movies or books, but these thrills may be experienced at a serious cost to our emotional health."
The statement was made about adults, but how much more serious when it is applied to juveniles!!!

P. H. MURTISCHAW

EQUAL JUSTICE UNDER LAW

Philadelphia—Upon my return from out of town I got a copy of the AFRO and saw the article "They Hanged the Wrong Man" in the magazine section.

It is a dramatic record of a pathetic and grim tragedy which, however, as lifted far above the stupid ferocity of its perpetrator by the noble, yet protesting, resignation of Euel Lee to his fate in the words which you have quoted.

I am deeply thankful for coupling the Brown case and the Euel Lee case, because I feel that Brown and Lee, through their sufferings, have served the cause of all discriminated against minorities.

I regard these as the two most significant cases in my efforts over the years to achieve realization of the motto, "Equal Justice Under Law."

DAVID LEVINSON

NOTE OF THANKS

WASHINGTON—Thank you for the check I received Saturday, Aug. 2 for the Famous Names Contest.

I was surprised and happy to be one of the winners.

(Miss) A. S. BROOKS

TROUBLE IN ELKDOM?

Pittsburgh—I read your article on the Elks following their recent convention, and it was really up-to-date on the way that they are losing out from the standpoint of membership and accomplishment.

Not nearly so many attended this year's convention as did the one in Chicago, and among those absent were many persons who have been outstanding in Elk activities in the past.

I listened to all of the great speeches that were made during the convention, and to think that so many of the Elks who heard them will just return to their herds and lounge around until time to get

ARMY DISCRIMINATION

San Francisco—This letter is written to point up the kind of discriminatory allegations now used by the U.S. Army in issuing undesirable discharges to soldiers for supposedly security reasons.

Pvt. Charles Marshall, son of Daniel G. Marshall, Los Angeles attorney, was given an undesirable discharge at Fort Ord, Calif., March 26, after 19 months of exemplary service as a two-year inductee.

Included with the vague "disloyalty" accusations against young Marshall were:

1. That his mother "entertained Nones socially at a tea in her home."

2. That his father sponsored "a law establishing miscegenation in California. (He defended a case involving a colored-white marriage before the California Supreme Court which invalidated the state's old "anti-miscegenation" law.)"

Since March, 1954, hundreds of servicemen have been given similar UD's for exercising their constitutional right not to sign the Army "loyalty certificate" for just such charges about their pre-service associations, friends and families.

Our committee (Veterans Civil Liberties Committee) is fighting the issuance of these political UD's through the courts. We believe that the above allegations demonstrate how one brand of bigotry—in this case McCarthyism—begets another: Intolerance.

ROGER ST. HELEN
(For the VCLC)

Winston-Salem, N.C.—Many of us young people—colored and white—have felt that this is a grownups' world, but in recent months' history has suddenly called upon us to play a major role in helping bring real democracy into practice in the South.

In wide sections now for the first time—in Maryland, West Virginia, Missouri, Kansas and Texas, Washington, the nation's capital; in government projects in Tennessee and in Army camps in North Carolina—students have been proving that democracy will work.

They are proving that in spite of years of prejudice and segregation our American young people—southerners, too, know what democracy is and have the courage and understanding to make it begin to live—if we have the chance.

The tragic lynching of Emmett Louis Till in Mississippi and the bombings and mob threats in the Carolinas show us that students, too, are in a frontline struggle for full freedom in our beloved country.

THOMAS L. JONES

BAPTIST, RAIL J.C.

Phoebus, Va.—This seeming love of some preachers in the National Baptist Convention for the discriminatory Illinois Cen-