Republican Party Has Lost Soul, Says Kelly Miller

Kelly Miller Sees Gloomy Future for Republican Party

Says G.O.P. Lost Soul in Abandoning Principles of Its Conception.

STATESMEN, THINKERS IN DEMOCRATIC FOLD

Thinks Colored Vote Is Permanently Lost.

By KELLY MILLER

WASHINGTON.—Parties may come and parties may go, but the nation goes on forever. In course of our history we have seen sundry parties rise, flourish and fall out of existence.

Such was the story of the Federalist party and the Whig party, both of which had their day and ceased to be. Will the Republican party follow in their train?

One swallow does not make a summer, nor does a single defeat spell the doom of a political organization. The Grand Old Party has suffered several humiliating defeats in its history, but rose again as the Phoenix from its own ashes. But the recent setback was more of the nature of demolition than defeat.

Other Reversals Not Serious

The two previous reversals suffered were due mainly to personal ambition, individual jealousies and internal schism which accounted for its temporary set-backs.

In the meantime the Republican party represented a clear majority of the American people with the unrestricted right of the franchise, but the majority is obviously shifting political basis.

During the seventy years in which the G.O.P. represented the dominant influence in American political life, it built up the best perfected organization, developed the ablest staff of leaders and statesmen, and strengthened its hold on public esteem by the most distinguished achievements in our history.

Party's Soul Lost

But a party, like an individual, which loses its soul, has little further excuse for continued existence. The Republican party was conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition of equality of the colored man before the law.

It freed the colored man and gave him citizenship and the franchise. It wrote the three humanizing amendments to the Federal Constitution.

As long as it stood upon the foundation which it had laid, it stood upright, secure and unshakable. But when it began to equivocate and waver, its downfall was imminent.

Having abandoned the great principle which called it into being, it must apologize for continuing to live or find another raison d'etre. This it has so far failed to do. Its only present excuse is its record which has been discarded. The Grand Old Party has little or nothing left to come back to.

Thinkers Now Democratic

What has become of the magnificent body of leaders and statesmen who were once the pride of the Grand Old Party? They are now conspicuous by their paucity. It has been disappointingly noticeable that the most resourceful debaters and agile thinkers in public life during the past two decades have been found on the Democratic side.

The stronger Republicans have for the most part belonged to the progressive wing, which gave more hope and encouragement to the Democratic side than to their fellow co-partisans.

Wall Street Interferes

The last election took a heavy toll of what remaining talent was left on the Republican side. The two or three outstanding regular Republicans of the East are so indissolubly entangled with Wall Street and reactionary wealth that they cannot hope to lead the party to victory in these New Deal days.

So that the Grand Old Party has not only little of principle left to come back to, but few able leaders to come back with. The young, ambitious forward-looking public men are looking in the direction of progress of political thought and not backward to the stand-pattism of the Old Guard.

Tariff Policy Loses Power

The bulk of the Republican party has been mainly in the north and east, and has been built around the protective tariff. This doctrine has lain at the basis of our great industrial development around which has grown up our great cities.

By the irony of fate, the very cities which sprang into existence on the basis of the Republican protective policy have now become the chief means of it undoing. These cities are almost everywhere overwhelmingly Democratic. The ungrateful creature has turned upon its creator.

The city contingent now constitutes much more than half of our population and the urban is increasing over the rural component at an accelerated rate. The Republican party has scant hope in this direction.

Colored Vote Divided

Again the Grand Old Party gave the colored man the right to vote, but the erstwhile black ally has now turned his favor to the political adversary. In former time, the Democratic party could always count on the solid South and the Republicans on the solid colored vote.

But while the South remains steadfast in its Democratic adherence, the colored vote has become restless and dissatisfied, and can no longer be relied upon to swell the ranks of the G.O.P.

Opposition Will Come

There does not seem to be any immediate or early hope that the estranged black ally will return, in majority numbers, to its former allegiance. The comeback of the once glorious old party now seems dubious and gloomy, and yet America is so wedded to the two-party system that the triumphant Democrats need not think that they will for long bear the palm alone.

A determined opposition will develop, but it will not necessarily be a revival of the old line Republican antagonist, nor yet need it bear the old party label. It must be liberal, forward looking and progressive.

It will undoubtedly involve much of the old Republican material, just as the Republican party at first absorbed much of the principles and many of the men of its old Whig prototype.

Terrell School Boys More Fit than Girls

WASHINGTON.—A recent examination of nearly 300 students of the Terrell Junior High School by physicians and specialists in a one-day clinic revealed that the boys were more fit physically than the girls.

Pupils showing defects and need of immediate attention have been referred to various clinics and are undergoing treatment.

The physicians conducting the examinations were: Drs. William Howard, W. C. Goines, W. A. Wells, W. A. Tolson, J. E. Trigg, E. J. Watson, C. M. Wilder, Clark Carson, J. King, C. A. Allen, Walter Savoy, and W. J. Pinkard.

DePriest Feted by DePriest Club

WASHINGTON. — Representative Oscar De Priest was the guest last Saturday evening at in informal buffet supper given in his honor by the DePriest Fifteen, an organization of Washington business and professional men that came into existence six years ago on Mr. De Priest's first election to Congress.

The affair, informal in its entirety, was held at Harrison's Cafe, and offered a setting for a love-feats, testimonial and au revoir.

Fred D. Wilkinson termed Mr. DePriest "a martyr to principle." Robert H. Harrison said: "He is the noblest Roman of them all and has not been simply the representative of an Illinois district, but has been representative of a race."

Other speakers were: Garnet Wilkinson, Dr. Simeon Carson, W. H. Houston and Stanton DePriest, son of the Congressman, who confided his ambition to succeed his father upon his permanent retirement from political life. By unanimous agreement the club voted to retain its name and status until Mr. DePriest returns to Washington.

Members of the club are: Garnet Wilkerson, Capt. William Gibson (retired), Captain Bentleys, T. Tiffany Tolliver, F. E. Parks, W. H. Houston, Dr. Simeon Carson, Dr. Robert Marshall, W. Ernest Jarvis, Sam Fletcher, Judge James A. Cobb, Jerry Bonds, Congressman Oscar DePriest, Rufus Byars (president), and Robert H. Harrison (treasurer).

Dies in Gun Duel

RALEIGH.—Ed Sloan, 30, of 108 Branch Street, was fatally wounded, Sunday, in a shotgun duel with James (Fats) Blue, of 101 Branch Street, who was slightly wounded.

More to Worry About

Citizens Confer with City Heads on Parole System

Present Method of Granting Paroles Severely Criticized.

PRISONERS SHOULD SERVE LONGER TIME

Suggestion Made that U.S. Handle Matter.

WASHINGTON.—The District Commissioners, meeting in the office of Commissioner George E. Allen, in the District Building, last Tuesday, undertook to give a thorough overhauling to the District parole system.

The parole board was represented at the hearing by Dr. Emmett J. Scott, secretary of Howard University, one of the three members of the parole board. The board has come in for sharp criticism within the past few weeks for allegedly paroling several prisoners deemede by crime experts "dangerous characters."

The District Paroleo Board has three members who serve without salary. Their staff consists of only one clerk.

At a hearing prior to the meeting last Tuesday, Major Ernest W. Brown, superintendent of police, submitted a list of seventeen persons who have been arrested for fresh violations while on parole. He also submitted names of persons with long criminal records who are, in the opinion of the police department, doubtful risks as paroles.

The hearing in Commissioner Allen's office brought out many distinguished citizens, many of whom were considered crime experts, to give their views as to the present parole system. Those who testified were:

George W. Beasley, president of the Federation of Civic Associations; Father John J. O'Grady, Chief Justice Alfred W. Wheat of the District Supreme Court; Judge Fay Bentley, juvenile court; Sanford Bates, Department of Justice; Mrs. Harvey W. Wiley, James G. Yaden, president of the Federation of Citizens' Associations; F. Regis Noel, president, District Bar Association; United States Attorney Leslie C. Garnett, and Leo Rover, former United States District Attorney.

Furnished Questions

Each person who testified was furnished a mimeographed list of questions, proposed by Wilbur LaRoe, a member of the parole board, to be answered before the committee.

The questions put to those testifying were as follows:

1. Do you favor a parole system if properly and adequately administered?
2. Do you regard the parole system as primarily for the benefit of the prisoner, or primarily for the benefit of society?
3. Do you approve of a serious and conscientious effort to rehabilitate every prisoner (without any coddling) and to that end do you approve of a psychological study to determine the cause of his crime and a sincere effort to eliminate the cause?
4. Do you believe that all criminals should serve an adequate minimum sentence, taking into account the seriousness of his crime?
5. Would you have the same minimum for the same crime for all prisonoers, or would you have a variable minimum graded according to the nature of the crime?
6. Do you favor the parole of a prisoner from the institution if it is shown (1) that he has served an adequate minimum sentence; (2) that he has responded favorably to efforts to improve him, and has made sufficient progress to convince the Parole Board that he may safely be released (It must not be overlooked that even the most hardened criminal will often be as good as an angel in jail so as to win, early release and reembark on his criminal career.)
7. If a man has served an adequate minimum sentence and if very clear proof is produced of his rehabilitation, would you deny him parole because he has a bad record?
8. Do you approve the plan of the present board of insisting upon an adequate parole plan, including good home, suitable job, satisfactory environment and satisfactory parole advisor, before a man is released?
9. Do you favor that part of the present parole law which makes the prisoner eligible for parole at the end of one-fifth of the maximum sentence?
10. Do you favor public parole hearings similar to court proceedings?
11. Do you favor opening to public inspection the records of the Parole Board?
12. Should the institutional officials be required in each case to submit an adequate report and recommendation concerning each prisoner duly signed by a responsible official?
13. Should the Parole Board be deemed a branch or part of the Reformatory, or should it be entirely independent?
14. Where should the principal office and permanent records of the Parole Board be located?
15. Should publicity be given to: (a) those eligible for parole; (b) those granted parole; (c) those denied parole; (d) the conditions attached to parole; (e) the name of the parole advisor; (f) the names of those sponsoring parole; (g) the names of those opposing parole?
16. When a person writes a communication to the board favoring parole, do you approve explaining to him the prisoner's past record, and asking him whether he still favors parole and on what grounds?
17. Do you think that the facilities of the present Parole Board are adequate to enable it to carry out the purposes of the law?
18. Are the present members of the board fully competent, or would it be desirable to replace one or all of the members with more competent men?
19. Is it desirable to pay salaries to the members?

Would Make It U.S. System

U.S. Attorney Garnett was the only person testifying who was against having a District parole system altogether. Mr. Garnett declared that inasmuch as the District was a Federal territory, and that all crimes committed within its jurisdiction were crimes against the United States, that the parole system should be handled by the Federal government and not by the District government.

All testifying were of the opinion that no prisoner should be eligible for parole until he has served at least one-third of the maximum sentence. The present parole law in the District makes the prisoner eligible at the end of one-fifth of the maximum sentence.

The majority of persons testifying were against public parole hearings, and the opening of parole records to the public. Many were against publicity on parole matters, except in extra-ordinary cases where the public's interest is aroused.

Facilities Inadequate

Opinion was unanimous that the present facilities of the parole board are inadequate for carrying out the purpose of the law. The present board is fully competent for the purpose, the citizens declared, and should be paid for its services.

Morticians Elect

WASHINGTON—The Independent Funeral Directors' Association of Washington elected the following officers at its December meeting held this week:

John T. Stewart, president; J. Clayton Bentley, first vice-president; Annie F. Holloway, second vice-president; Joseph S. Cornish, third vice-president; Ralph G. Barbour, financial secretary; P. Richardson Johnston, recording secretary; M. E. Winslow, treasurer; Robert G. McGuire, sergeant-at-arms, and Eugene Ford, chaplain.

Alumni Secretary Fetes Washington Theatre Manager

WASHINGTON.—George Clark, manager of the Lincoln Theatre and as the understudy of Rufus Byars, was the guest of honor at a luncheon given by Michael "Casey" Jones, Howard University General Alumni Secretary, Tuesday, in Sojorner Truth Hall on the Howard Campus. Among those present were: William B. West, dean of men; Prof. John H. Burt, and Clarence Davis, head of physical education at Howard.

At the luncheon, Mr. Jones said: "The Howard Alumni want to go on record as commending Mr. Clark for his splendid efforts in putting over the Howard-Lincoln pep meeting at the Lincoln Theatre on Thanksgiving Eve. At this meeting both teams were greatly heartened and many were inspired to brave the weather and attend the game at our stadium Thanksgiving." The secretary concluded by saying, "We also want to acknowledge with much appreciation the liberal attitude of A. E. Litchman, Rufus Byars, and E. J. Haley without whose support Mr. Clark could not have succeeded."

Chicago Meet Planned

Benjamin G. Pollard, president of the Howard Alumni Association of Chicago, who visited Washington, last week, to witness the Howard-Lincoln game called at the headquarters of the general alumni association and confirmed his assurance that all plans have been completed and the Chicago Howard Alumni are eagerly waiting for Kelly Miller and "Casey" Jones, the general alumni secretary, to attend the special adumni banquet and reception to be given in I.O.G.E. Hall, December 16.

The attendance of the Thanksgiving dance and reception at Masonic Temple under the General Alumni Association of Howard University was more than 1,400. Hundreds of alumni from many cities mingled with the vast crowds that lingered until after 3 a.m. New York, Philadelphia, New Jersey, and Baltimore were represented. Chicago had a surprisingly large number of alumni present.

Will Help Needy

WASHINGTON.—The Welfare Committee of the local branch, N.A.A.C.P., pledged cooperation in finding help for needy cases, at a meeting held at the Y.W.C.A. Tuesday night.

The committee announced that persons who know of genuinely needy cases should call Mrs. Mary Church Terrell, 1615 S Street, northwest, or phone North 3691. Members of the committee include Mrs. Terrell, chairman; Mrs. Constance E. H. Daniel., Miss Maude Brown and Miss Jeanette Carter.

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