EDITORIAL PAGE

Nothing is politically right which is morally wrong.
—DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Now Look A-Here, Honey Chile

A "dear" old lady, writing to one of the daily papers last week, sticks her chin out too far for us to forego the temptation of clipping her right on the button.

She refers to the Northern Democrats, who put the civil rights plank in the Democratic Platform as "cheap politicians, who won't let us Southerners alone to work out our salvation on the colored subject."

Inadvertently, this ancient person exposed her hand.

She didn't mean work out her own salvation on the colored subject; she meant work her own salvation out of the colored people.

That is what the South has done and is doing. That is what Southerners, such as our "dear" old lady, would like to keep on doing.

That is the reason this "dear" old soul boasts about the fact that she has had servants in her family for 41 years. She says she "loved them, nursed them when ill and buried them in the family burial plot," when they died.

She probably means buried them in the rear of the family plot; loved them and nursed them the same as any farmer would a good work mule.

This Southern gentlewoman, with the fragrance of honeysuckle and magnolias in her tone, boasts that she watched over the interests of her servant in Baltimore, "seeing she (the servant) was not cheated in CERTAIN WAYS."

It none of her sights, however, does she boast that she paid the servant a living wage which enabled the employee to educate her family and earn an independent living.

Instead, she wants the servant depending upon her for protection against cheating IN CERTAIN WAYS ONLY, but not against being CHEATED IN EVERY WAY.

The cheap people are not the Northern Democrats, who are working for civil rights, but certain Southerners, who want to get their living out of the colored people and see that they are exploited in that way.

Good Lord, deliver us from such friends, such employees!

For the sooner we work out OUR OWN salvation and quit letting people work on us, the sooner we protect ourselves IN EVERY WAY, the better off we will be.

The quickest way to accomplish that is through the enactment of civil rights legislation.

The Sun, Too

We note that the Baltimore Sun also has suggested that the Northern Democrats compromise with the Southerners on Civil Rights for fear this will mean a split of the party and the formation of another party.

To the Sun, a compromise on citizenship for colored people is desirable because a two-party system must be maintained at all hazards.

Well, people know the Sun.

The Sun is the only paper we know that would compromise the Ten Commandments, the Constitution and the Bill of Rights to keep the Southern Democrats in the party's fold.

The truth is the Southern Democrats have been a liability for 100 years, both to themselves and to the Democratic party.

Neither they nor the nation can make progress so long as they keep trying to deprive seven million people of their civil rights, which includes the ballot and the right to be free of mobs and of jim crow, as well as the right to get a job wherever there is one to be had.

Two Roads Before Him

Governor Lane is in the middle and he has to make a decision to go one way or the other.

The Morgan College program for new buildings (including a gymnasium and auditorium for construction) which the State has already approved, amounts to some four million dollars.

The majority of the Morgan program has not only the approval of the Board of Public Works, but of the Marbury Commission, appointed by former Governor O'Conor to study higher education in the State and, of course, for the colored people in the State.

It was somewhat startling last week for the people of Maryland to wake up to find that Mr. Byrd is asking an appropriation of 19 million dollars for the University of Maryland, of which $3,450,000 is for Princess Anne.

The AFRO has no objection to that appropriation for Princess Anne, provided the State can go ahead with its expansion of Morgan College also. But if the State cannot do both, then it must do the one at Morgan, or, go back on its commitments.

In carrying through, the Morgan program, the State would be acting in full agreement with the Marbury's Commission's report which recommended the closing of Princess Anne on the grounds:

1. That it was too far away from the center of the colored population;

2. That it was simply duplicating in some measure the work which is being done much better at Morgan;

3. That Princess Anne is a non-accredited institution; and,

4. That Princess Anne has been excluded by the University of Maryland for many years.

Since the Marbury Commission's report, President Byrd of the University of Maryland has gotten a move on him.

For the first time, he appointed a well-known educator to be president of Princess Anne. A football team was produced of high quality. The president of Princess Anne has set about obtaining a high grade faculty.

And, the state is now in the business of competing with itself with her institutions for higher education for colored people.

President Byrd himself said some time ago that, if Morgan were to spend 10 million dollars in 10 years, it still could not be the equal of the University of Maryland.

We now seem about to embark upon an attempt to support two schools, each of which should be the equal of the University of Maryland, at a far less sum than 10 million dollars.

The Governor and the Legislative Council are going to work on these requests for appropriations prior to the meeting of the next legislature.

The policy that they set up will be watched with great interest.

Poor Mr. State's Attorney

Bernie Wells, State's Attorney, wrote to Harold Buckman of the Progressive Party the other day, asking him not to hold any further interracial sports events because he, the State's Attorney, had received letters threatening violence.

Mr. Wells is a peaceful man. He wants to get along with everybody, but, in that letter to Mr. Buckman he led with his chin, and Mr. Buckman was quite quick to point that out.

In reply to Mr. Bernie Wells, Mr. Buckman said he was greatly astonished that the State's Attorney was warning him of mob violence because citizens—colored and white—desired to have mixed athletic contests in a public park.

Said Mr. Buckman:

"It would have been more fitting if you could have stated that you would extend the full protection of the law to any citizen desiring to enjoy the recreational facilities of the park. I am rather surprised to find you, as State's Attorney, protecting those who threaten first a breach of the peace, and, second, to infringe on the Constitutional rights of citizens."

We have gotten to a new low in our State's Attorney's office, when the Attorney, who has been under fire for a good many years because he never tries cases himself but farms them out to his subordinates, permits his office to bow to alleged threats from would-be rioters.

The picture of a timid mousey State's Attorney probably is not gratifying to the people of this city which has nearly a million inhabitants.

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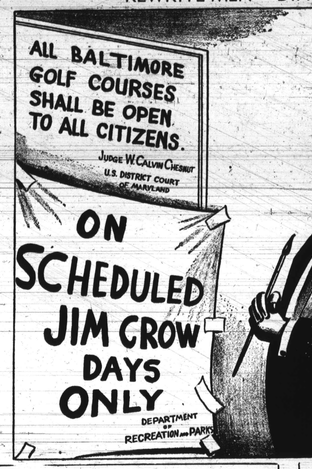
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