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YOUR DUTY

The Democratic Party in its National Convention reverted to type after twelve years of pretense. It adopted a program for the forthcoming election that bids fair to end its rule of the alphabets that have irked the Nation no end at intervals. Beginning with the N. R. A. it has worked its way through the alphabet from A to Z and the literal explanation of N. R. A.—Negroes Robbed Again—could well have been applied to most of the other lettered agencies.

In the original platform of the Demos the issue of race was given a very prominent place. The Constitutional right of racial and religious minorities to vote and have equal opportunities with all citizens was to have been guaranteed or at least assured by the Convention. But the Convention would not dare to fly in the face of providence and alienate the south by giving this justice to Negroes. The Democrats decided that they would fare better by appeasing the south and the Negroes were Robbed Again.

The night before Truman was nominated for the vice-presidency, the supporters of Wallace staged a demonstration that created pandemonium in the convention. Delegates from state after state fell in line to form a parade which eventually included hundreds, shouting and cheering and carrying banners that stated the desires of the majority, "We Want Wallace." The Convention was wild. But it gained nothing that the people wanted, Wallace, the south did not want him. The south that for years has always denied the Negro the right to live as a normal human being. The south that has disfranchised, segregated, abused and lynched the Negro. The south that for years has denied the Colored man the right to take part in his own government. This is the south that the Democratic party sees fit to please rather than make an effort to assure the Negro they would protect the privileges that are rightfully his by law.

There is no other explanation for the actions of the Democrats than that they feel they are no longer in need of the support of the Negro or at least think that they do not have to bother about making a bid for the vote of the colored man. This idea of being sure that we as a race are going to follow like lambs led to the slaughter any program that is given us is insulting to the Negro. Why should we support a party that has treated our race this way from time immemorial except for a few years. Those few years they felt as if they needed the Negro, but now since the Democratic party thinks it is strong enough to do without us, they make no concessions whatsoever.

It is the duty of every Negro to Register and Vote if for no other reason than to use the only weapon you have with which to combat the party that is in favor of disfranchising the Negro.

It is your duty to Register and Vote to help your brother and sister in the South who are not permitted to Register and Vote in the Lily-White Democratic Primary.

To some of the Negroes, yes a large number of the Negroes here, this will be the first time you have had the opportunity of exercising your Constitutional right of a voice in your government. Take advantage of this opportunity. You have all to gain and nothing to lose but what is yours as a citizen. This is your chance to prove to your neighbor, to your community, the people who are wondering what kind of citizen you are going to be, that you are interested in your own welfare. Your chance to prove that your domination in the South was not of your own choosing and that you are not a coward, that you will fight back. Go down and Register and follow it up with your Vote.

Inter-Racial Council Saved From Dissolution

In what proved to be one of the most heated meetings of the Inter-Racial Council ever held in Vancouver, the Council was saved from dissolution by a 23-6 vote, Monday, August 14th.

During the course of the session, which was presided over by Rev. Moses Guy, three proposals were presented to the members to be voted upon, said proposals had been drawn up at an executive board meeting held earlier last month. After much discussion pro and con,

the ballot form was adopted by the members to be used in casting their votes.

Breaking the established precedent of the Council of adjourning at 10 o'clock, time was given, at the request of one of the members, to allow Mr. Angelo Herndon, who is affiliated with the Frederick Douglas School of Applied Science in California, to speak to the mixed group. Mr. Herndon commended the group on their determination to continue the Inter-Racial Council and that such a group was needed in every city in order to combat racial issues.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Dear Editor:

I'm just one of the many young boys of this community who can't quite understand why we teen-age kids, who are not yet old enough to die, aren't allowed into certain amusement locations because of our age. The thing that I can't understand is what are we supposed to do sit home and knit stockings or something. I know you older people think that we are too young to be out after 10 o'clock etc., but do you realize that in less than a year for some of us we will be required to enter the armed forces.

I know this letter is a little out of the ordinary but I ask you to put it in print because it expresses

so many of the opinions of kids around that age.

Sincerely yours,

Puzzled.

LETTERS TO THE ED —

Portland, Aug. 14.

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Dear Editor:

I imagine I do not have to tell you that The Portland Inquirer is the best paper that has ever been in Portland for our race. I have been here quite a few years and I know.

Keep up the good work and you won't lose.

Sincerely, R. H. Jones.

Dear Editor:

If there is anything I like to read better than the Portland Inquirer, it is more of it. How about a larger paper?

Innora LeRoy,
Portland, Ore.

Portland Inquirer
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Portland, Oregon

Dear Editor:

Houston, Tex., Aug. 6.
Recently a friend of mine sent me a copy of your paper. May I congratulate you on a very fine paper. I notice by the volume number that it is very young, however, it seems to be well known here already as I know some more people who have received copies.

If the Portland Inquirer reflects the real Portland, then I am sure I would like very much to live there.

My best wishes for your continued success.

Your truly, M. L. Dave.

McLAUGHLIN HEIGHTS

A program of spiritual enlightenment will be held September 20, 1944, at the McLaughlin Heights recreation center No. 1—beginning at 2:30 p. m.

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Mrs. Lampkin, Reporter.

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