

GEORGIA'S GOVERNOR DENOUNCES PREJUDICE

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in the South can be traced to bigotry in office and out. He gave concrete examples of acts of his predecessor, Gov. Talmage, as a rabble rouser. Further on in this interview he said:

The South has suffered with inferiority. She has been humbly grateful for the crumbs from the North's table. The average American annual income at the time of Pearl Harbor was \$604. In the South it was \$314. The average Negro income was considerably lower. No plan to cure the South of its ills will succeed which does not make that differential its first order of business. As long as a large segment of our population is so far down the economic scale, the South will not thrive.

The so-called race question is an economic one, not social. Pay the Negro good wages for his work, give him the opportunity to demonstrate his own capacity to learn, work and earn, give him his Constitutional rights and you have solved this distorted so-called race problem. Only the demagogue tries to make political capital and social equality, of racial intermarriage. Let's not confuse ourselves and the issue with such absurdities. And let's make very sure that those who for one reason and another try to confuse us with such claptrap do not stop us of the South in the job that lies immediately ahead.

The South can help herself! She can and will when she finally refuses to be exploited and to exploit. For years, the South, through her Governors Conference has petitioned the Interstate Commerce Commission to rewrite her constitution.

Georgia's new constitution will write into her fundamental law the prohibition against the already discarded poll tax. It will place but two qualifications upon the right of all Georgians to vote: that they shall be at least eighteen years old and that they be literate enough to be able to understand what they're voting on and about.

Much of the bad government that we've had in the South can be traced to bigotry and intolerance, in office and out. In any society plagued by poverty, there are those living at a bare subsistence level whose antipathies can be fanned into flaming hatred of those of another race, whom they see as competitors.

The entire racial problem in the South is economic, at its roots. "The Race Problem," spelled with capitals, is something else again. It is an invention of unscrupulous demagogues, usually scalawags serving non-

resident masters bent on exploiting Southern resources and Southern workers.

Make the South genuinely prosperous, so that there is economic opportunity for every citizen, white and black, and the two races will live on friendly terms. The low income of the South is responsible for the squalid housing and inadequate diet, the disease and high mortality rate of the Negro citizen. The ten million Negro citizens of the South are not a special, separate problem, any more than they are a special and separate resource. They are part of the South, and their economic welfare is part of the section's economic welfare. They are entitled to decent housing, decent clothing, good schools.

It's Not Good—It's Bad

It isn't good to see a state plundered openly by a political mob, the governor going to the penitentiary as a common thief, presently to be welcomed back on his release with a testimonial dinner. It isn't good to hear the screams against abolishing the poll tax, coming from politicians who are afraid that the men overseas fighting for their right to scream may vote them out of sinecures. It isn't good to hear people talknig about States' Rights, without any mention of State's Responsibilities to their citizens and to our common country.

But the South is waking up. We like the sweet smell of magnolia blossoms and honeysuckle and gardenia, and the song of the mockingbird, but the new South regards them as pleasures not as opiates. We like the dreams of stately manor houses, of heres, of incorruptible gallantry wooing women of melting beauty while the banjos strum happy, haunting plaintive melodies from the snow-white cottonfields. They are nice dreams, to while away the hours between making the turbines turn or terracing the new pastures. But the new South is waking up and is going to work in a world of reality to achieve her proper destiny.

The rest of the country is slow to realize this new emotional maturity of the South. We are still greatly misunderstood. We can't expect not to be, perhaps. But we are telling you.

In my editorial in last week's issue, under caption "A New Breed of ogs Needed" I said, "We need a new breed of citizens in those parts of the coun-

try who will have the nerve, guts, and christian fortitude, like the young governor from Alabama; this was erroneous and inadvertently placed; I was referring then, to the aforesaid esteemed and capable Governor of Georgia, Mr. Arnall.

We agree with both Mr. Arnall and Hon. Marshall Fields, editor from Chicago, Ill., when they say that education will be matters will be adjusted." We the medium by which racial must look to the younger generation to solve same. We cannot expect any degree of success or any concrete action from the "Uncle Tom Type" of our group, nor from the hydra-predjudiced bourbon element of the white race, whose minds are warped and who will not listen to reason.

Governor Arnall is a young college man with vision, foresight and the courage to be reasonable, fair and impartial.

We need more of his kind. May God continue to raise up champions for us who will fight our battles and remove the barriers that thwart our progress.

HOUSE SAVES FEPC MEASURE

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past two weeks, returned to his desk and got in a two-minute speech against the Colmer amendment on the last day of argument on the bill. He revised and extended his remarks for the Congressional Record.

Said Rep. Powell:

"I think we are going to do ourselves a grave injustice if we confuse what is before us now with a permanent FEPC. Despite speeches of some of our colleagues, we are still at war, and it is a bitter war. Men are still going to die before we win it with a complete victory.

"If a temporary FEPC has been of assistance to us during the past four years, we must by all means continue it. We are going to need the 100 per cent cooperation of every American citizen, North and South, to whip fascism in the Pacific.

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employment for service men are positions as local board clerks, in charge of the details of price control and rationing in various communities. There are also positions for investigators who help stamp out black market operations and check on violations that impede price control and rationing programs. The agency is especially desirous of employing veterans who have had business experience or who have worked in war agencies before they entered the service.

Veterans can get information on how to apply for an OPA job at any OPA regional or district office or local board. They can also get this information at any regional or branch office of the United States Civil Service Commission; any secretary of the board of the United States Civil Service Examiner located in any first or second class post office; the veterans' division in the nearest United States Employ-

ment Service office, or any veterans' organization.

Another important step in the agency's program was the appointment of veterans' advisers in all its regional and district offices and in the national office. In each of the 93 OPA district offices, Mr. Bowles directed the establishment of OPA veterans' advisory committees to discuss and plan with district directors:

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