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### POLITICIANS

When appearing before colored audiences, as many of the politicians have done and will be doing for some time, we advise that the following don't be among those observed:

Don't start out by telling of the "wonderful progress" that the race has made since being set free by Abraham Lincoln. We have heard that from every January first orator and from political speakers ever since 1890. The fact is we haven't made as much progress as we might have.

If a speaker wants to get a cold reception just let him start telling about his "black mammy". The fact is most colored people have had or have black mammys and it is nothing new to them this black mammy racket. No matter how honest and well-meaning the speaker who tells a bout it, he loses friends and makes disinterested listeners of his Negro audiences.

Watch out for the phrase, your people". Many a politician has lost the Negro vote by employing this phrase in addressing colored groups. The Negro, paradoxical as it may appear, prefers to be considered of the people and it is well to keep in mind the first words of our American Constitution, "We, the people, etc."

Don't forget that colored boys grow up sometimes and become men—just like white boys do. Therefore colored men resent being referred to as "boys".

Don't patronize. Talk straight from the shoulder on issues and needs of American citizens and your stock with a colored audience will go up. If you have special measures or matters pertaining to colored constituents, speak them without pomp or condescension, without kid gloves or a blacksmith's tongue.

### MR. RANDOLPH

A. Phillip Randolph, leader of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is made of the kind of stuff that spells success. He is intelligent, learned, self-sacrificing, fearless and courageous and under such a leadership, the cause he represents cannot fail. The race needs more men like Randolph with guts and backbone to represent it before the eyes of the world.

### TIME CLEAN HOUSE

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 The new federal tax bill is in effect and the public is beginning to pay on every hand to maintain a wartime cost of government in sorely depressed peace times.

Various states are in the same position as the Federal government.

Within the last five years, according to a list recently issued, 122 cities in the United States, along with 104 countries and improvement districts, have defaulted on principal or interest of their bonded debts. Since that list was issued, Chicago has announced default on \$9000,000 of bonds and interest, along with statement that there is a delinquency of \$39,000,000 in 1930 taxes for Chicago and Cook County.

The people begin to realize that public indebtedness which they pay by taxing themselves, is due largely to burdens which they themselves demanded or encouraged.

Cities have been loaded down with innumerable "service to the public." A study of these innovations has been made for Detroit by William Anderson, and his findings are equally applicable to practically every larger city in the country.

Detroit was chartered in 1824 and from then to 1861 established 17 city activities which were fundamental functions of government for all the people.

From 1862 to 1886, it added 14 other functions, largely indispensable.

From 1887 to 1900, it added 24 functions, many of which began to branch away from governmental functions in to special services for special classes.

From 1900 on, more than 100 functions have been added, covering almost every conceivable activity from operating industries in competition with private citizens and taxpayers, to furnishing social services of all descriptions.

Most of the activities were worthy in purpose, but a pyramiding of governmental luxuries does not answer the question as to what happens when extravagant tax expenditures and a multiplicity of public servants and bureaucratic activities become impos-

### ABLE FOR PROPERTY AND INCOME TO BEAR

Many families are now doing without luxuries which they enjoyed during normal prosperity of a few years ago. They are eating simpler food, buying plainer clothes and using their automobiles longer. Government officials should realize that they no longer have the same tax resources to draw on, any more than the private citizen has the same income he had a few years ago.

Taxation budgets have been balanced by increased taxation, rather than by increased economies and reduced governmental overhead. This process must be reversed and budgets balanced by bringing government expenses and taxation within the ability of the people and industry to pay, without hardship, out of normal peace time income.

### A RESPONSIBLE PEOPLE

It is amazing how little wild talk there has been during the depression on the part of labor and political parties of dissent.

There have been no strikes, no threats of reprisals. Labor, speaking generally has shown a disposition to bear its share of the burdens that have fallen on all alike. Widespread unemployment and an unavoidable drop in the average wage scale—a drop which has largely been compensated by lower commodity prices—have not shaken the faith of an overwhelming percentage of workers in the stability of the government and the ability of industry to work its way out of its troubles.

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Carolina debutantes of the last two seasons are sponsoring the ball, which will be attended by nearly everyone of note in the State, including the Governor.

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# Republican Platform

By KELLY MILLER

The Republican National Convention has met and adjourned. The platform was probably the longest on record. It touched on many topics of foreign and domestic concern, and left scarcely any question untouched. Even the Negro was given a cold and colorless reference. Just how effectively the race leaders pressed their suit upon the attention of the party management has not yet been made clear. There were some thirty-five or so colored delegates and alternates. Two of them seconded the nomination of the candidate in glowing phraseology and glaring rhetoric. But it does not seem that they presented any definite proposition, seasonably, to be

colored employees in the government service? If Mr. Hoover is reelected, will his second administration be an improvement over the first in this respect? These are some of the specific things we should like to know. But the platform throws no light on the question.

It would have been far better had the platform made no reference to us at all, leaving us to hope, if but faintly, that as American citizens, we are entitled to share and share alike in the broad provisions of the platform. The left-handed insincere reference is an affront to our intelligence. The race is rapidly becoming intellectually of age. It would not continually be beguiled by empty words and flattering phrases.

As I indite this release, the Democrats at Chicago are in the throes of adopting their platform. I hope that they will omit all reference to the Negro unless they are prepared to deal with the question more frankly than did their Republican adversary.



KELLY MILLER

Committee, and to Mr. J. J. Shouse, executive secretary of the National Democratic Committee. They both received the delegation courteously and gave assurance that opportunity would be given to have the matter brought to the attention of their respective committees. It was then thought and hoped that the matter would be followed up by the personal appearance of representatives of the League before the resolution committee of both parties. I regret the necessity of expressing the fear that this was not competently done. The thirty-five representatives of the regular organization who were present in a delegated capacity, as usual, step on their rights and failed to make appearance before the subcommittee during the period of the hearing, but delegated Mr. E. P. Hooge, of Mississippi, to appear belatedly before the full committee after the hearing period had expired. Thus as ever, the Africans slumbered and slept while the bridegroom tarried and arrived at the feast belatedly without oil in his vessel. Even the ever-alert N. A. A. P. was caught napping.

The tepid reference to the Negro in the Republican platform has no more meaning than its double entendre declaration on prohibition. We are assured that the Republican Party always has and always will stand for the equal rights and privileges of the Negro. I suppose that the committee which indited and approved this pronouncement must have indulged in a hearty laugh at the ease with which they supposed the unsophisticated Negro could be duped. We asked for bread and they gave us a stone; we asked for the thing, and they gave us a theory. If, as the platform declares, the grand Old Party has always stood for those things, they have done so feebly.

We want them now to do so firmly. Does the Republican Party of 1932 intend to tell us that it proposes in the future to stand for the equal rights and privileges of the Negro, in the same way that it has done under Taft, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover? If so we know exactly what they mean. But we want this stand translated from the passive into active voice.

The chief question in which the Negro is interested center around the enforcement of the Fifteenth Amendment and the fair application of the civil service law. Does the Grand Old Party expect us to believe that it stands for the enforcement of this amendment. If so what has it done during the past decade even at times when it has had full control of the presidency and both branches of Congress? If the platform had declared for the fair enforcement of the Civil Service law without racial discrimination it would have gone a long way toward giving us reasonable satisfaction. But we were told to judge the future by the past. Has any one of the last four Republican administrations turned its little finger towards removing racial discrimination in the civil service or in the treatment of

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