

## "True Advancement"

Editor of the Daily News:

Who does Karen Myles Leach think she's kidding? I don't even think that she is fooling herself. It is my belief that the Negroes who have caused so much trouble are ashamed of their race, and I don't blame them. If my people had caused as much trouble and spent as much money just to force themselves on a people of different color and different class or any group for any reason I would be ashamed too. There is segregation in people of all colors up to a point and it is best that way. There must be social segregation in the Negro race. There is in the white, but most white people are too proud to try to force themselves on anyone.

All these years I didn't know that the white people had been so down on the Negro and had worked so hard at holding him down to the bottom of society. If the Negro has been smart enough to come as far as he has come in the past 50 years under such a heavy load it seems that he should be smart enough to carry on the way he has been without having to demand that the white people pick him up and put him where he is going.

I have always respected the Negro for what he was—just as I do anyone—and I believe the majority of white people feels the same way; we have and have always had Negro friends. There was a good relationship with the whites and the Negroes, and the Negro was definitely progressing rapidly with his own race until apparently the North couldn't stand the contrast. Segregation did not work up North, and neither race is happy about the situation so they sent down and messed up the South. The Negro was just guillible enough to fall for it. As always, Christianity is dragged into it; when anything gets in a mess, and a good reason is needed, Christianity is brought into the picture. Can anyone believe that Christianity has anything to do with such a situation that has been brought about so needlessly?

If the Negro is so interested in his race and so proud of it why didn't he raise money for recreation centers or whatever it is

he is ambitious enough to want for his people? Do they have any conception of what has been spent by the N.A.A.C.P.? Would they have spent that much money to better the Negro race in place of forcing themselves on the white race? We all know the answer to that.

Karen Myles Leach says that the Negro does not want to be ignored—well they certainly took care of that. Psychologists have said to ignore children when they were acting up—that attention is what they want. I have never seen this work; they always kept on until they did get noticed. The Negro has attracted attention now and made a great big mess of our cities and communities (which he apparently is not interested in), so why doesn't he quit now and start doing some constructive work toward the continued betterment of his people that he is so concerned with? It may take years to get back the respect of the white people but the white people helped him before and I believe they will help again—if it's for a worthy cause. In fact, I still don't believe the N.A.A.C.P. would give any help moneywise or otherwise for the true advancement of the Negro race.

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