

"Treated Like Enemy"

Editor of the Daily News:

Racial tension is increasing in many sections of the country. Authorities appear baffled, as they seem to be caught between fixed patterns and demands for changes. It looks as though we are preparing ourselves for a final dive into a pit of self-destruction. I often ask myself this question: What has happened to our national gauge of individual initiative?

As a colored man myself I prefer to write only facts pertaining to race issues. It is true that throughout the United States, as well as the South, the colored person's position has never been at its best. In most cases, he is underpaid for his work, and he is overcharged for the things he buys. He is not free to deal with affairs which are strictly of his concern. The generosity which is extended to him is similar to that offered to Christ by the devil upon the high mountain. He is called friend and treated like an enemy.

Yet we forget that God always comes to the aid of the oppressed, and He is the same today as always. God works in many mysterious ways His wonders to perform. I do not know his plans. I only know that I am born to die and it will not be both ways at the same time.

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