

Second-Class Citizen

Editor of the Daily News:

Since "Black Monday" in April of 1954 the term "second-class citizen" has been used much by advocates of race mixing. This term has been generally used from New York City headquarters of N.A.A.C.P. all the way down to official Washington and out through the many channels of left-wing propaganda now so readily available to the wiles of social, economic and governmental revolutions right here in our native state and nation.

The assumption seems to be that where Negroes and whites live a separate social life, the Negro is automatically a second-class citizen. This assumption seems also to follow the job seeker either in private or public employment, and even of recent weeks into the stores and lunch counters, etc.

If association, service or employment is declined a Negro because of race, suitability or otherwise, then he is by N.A.A.C.P. standards being rated as a second-class citizen. Such assumptions are not necessarily true, of course. He might be a first-class American Negro citizen, or he might rate second-, third-, fourth-, fifth- or sixth-class American Negro citizen, if classified actually by his conduct and loyalty to the high purposes of government as established by our founding fathers.

Yes, he might possess a posture of gracious dignity as a first-class American Negro citizen. All of that is very creditable, very honorable, but it does not make a

Negro citizen into a white citizen, and vice versa.

Each will have to accept the reality of what he is and should seek to develop his own potentialities without interfering with the personal rights or private business or property of the other. Racial differences must be recognized and respected. Racial integrity and identity must be preserved to posterity of each race without fail.

First-class citizenship is not a label, badge, station or decoration bestowing human dignity and respect, but it is a quality of character built up and earned through patriotic effort and devotion to the peace, happiness, welfare and security of one's country.

Lunch counter sit-in gangs of nothing-to-do students, supported by some school officials who apparently teach revolution rather than stability of government, have, for weeks now, continued to make raids on certain chain stores and other privately operated business places apparently to create a nuisance, harass, confuse, incite to riot and kindle race hatred in a pious garb of righteous pretense.

These are not hunger strikes, but they do signify poor training for first-class citizenship in our form of government.

The planners of this attempted revolution evidently selected North Carolina as the weakest state in the South on segregation and Greensboro as the weakest point in the state. They evidently figured on much friendly publicity here and a frenzied and awe-stricken people. This is just one of the social barriers the N.A.A.C.P. and other left-wing forces are striving to break down. Their avowed goal is total racial integration in all areas of life. So say the directing trouble-makers in this phase of an attempted social revolution.

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