

A Proud Race

Editor of the Daily News:

I have read for a long time with interest your newspaper. I was born and have lived most of my life here in Greensboro. I have traveled with the U. S. Army. I went to school through college in Greensboro also. Up to now, I have never had a reason to disassociate myself with Greensboro. The fact is that I have been proud at times to say that I was from the fair city of Greensboro.

Today I am more ashamed of this town than I have ever been of anything I can think of at the moment. The wholesale arrests of our college students recently is without a doubt a very dark day on the pages of history as far as Greensboro is concerned.

Our college students were arrested for fighting the white man with a weapon of peaceful demonstration. The white man responded with the use of paddy wagons. In Africa the natives are more violent. They are fighting with rocks and sticks. The white man is responding with guns, tanks and planes.

Former President Truman thinks that the demonstrations are Communist inspired. What is he trying to say? How long does the manager at Kress think that he can continue to put his rope up and down? How long does the South African government think that those natives are going to be herded around like everything but human beings? How long does Mr. Truman think that the Negro is going to continue to be a good boy and stay Mr. Charlie's little boy? What does Mr. Truman think that the eventual outcome of this ugly world situation will be if it is at all being inspired by the Communists of the world? What is a logical course for us to take in this matter? Shall we all do just as the manager of the Kress store?

It is mandatory that I say a good word for our Mayor's Committee and the way in which our police department has handled the situation. Their presence has spoken with authority.

This situation can be solved without the slightest bit of difficulty, if we can sit down (not only at the lunch counter) and talk to each other and realize that we are human beings made by God like the white man and whose color does not rub off and who could not and would not rub their color on the white man if they could; because we are a proud race and consequently proud of the color of our skin.

Let us all be good-thinking citizens and look at our problems with constructive thoughts and then we will be well on the road to solving the problems that the white man thinks we are creating. We do not wish to create any problems. We desire only that which is rightfully ours.

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