

You Appreciate Fairness, Yet Are Unfair To Governor Ritchie

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: I am writing to express thanks for your very broad and manly stand against mob violence and lynching, such as the very brutal and barbaric affair on the Eastern Shore of Maryland some weeks ago.

Being a member of this very-much-hated and persecuted race, I am very glad to know that here in Baltimore a newspaper of such high standing and national reputation as *The Sun* should take the stand for right and justice, if others lack courage to do so.

However, I do believe in punishment for guilty parties, after they have been given a fair trial, and do believe that the Constitution of this country should be enforced—not in part, with all stress on the Eighteenth Amendment and allowing the Thirteenth, Fourteenth and Fifteenth to go unnoticed.

Furthermore, it is unfair to punish some for murder and let others go unpunished for such a hideous and barbaric crime as was perpetrated on a poor, wounded, unprotected Negro prisoner who was killed for sport.

It is not only a blot on the fair name of the State of Maryland, but nationally as well. If Governor Ritchie is unable to protect Negro citizenry in Maryland, it is proof conclusive that our protection would be less possible if he became President of our nation.

Please excuse me for digressing, as my chief purpose in writing is to thank you and staff for your most pleasing editorial some weeks ago and the recent article in issue of December 27, 1931.

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