

Negroes Being Driven Into Communism, He Thinks

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING SUN—Sir:

When I think of Lincoln, John Brown, Rabbi Stephen Wise, Cardinal Gibbons, the Rev. Parks Cadman and Heywood Brown my faith in humanity—white humanity—in spite of the injustices heaped upon my race, remains undimmed. Nevertheless, though, the events leading up to the recent lynching of Matthew Williams at Salisbury convinces me conclusively that there is no color question in these United States—it is an economic one; one that designates the Negro, because of his recent enslavement and his present enforced impotency, to remain forever an economic slave to be ruled by the decrees of his unscrupulous white capitalistic overlord. Any attempt on the part of the Negro to throw off this new yoke of slavery will be drastically dealt with by those who profit by this savage system. In the vernacular of exploiting whites, "Lynching is perpetrated against niggers as a means of putting the fear of God in their worthless black hearts—to make them know their place."

There is no wonder that Negroes in alarming numbers are turning to Communism and other forms of radicalism in search of permanent security after having experienced the barbaric treatment accorded them by white Christians. Indeed, if my conversion to Christianity had been actuated by the practices of some white Christians, and after this Salisbury lynching orgy, I, too, would embrace Mohammedanism; by Allah, the compassionate, I would.

As I have stated before, in spite of all that has happened my faith in white humanity remains undimmed. I feel sure that those responsible for the lynching at Salisbury will be brought to justice. And I personally want to thank Rabbi Israel—and all others who are in agreement with him—for his sincere urgings that justice be done.

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