

EDITORIAL

A Cheer for Landrum

HURRAH FOR PHIL!

It isn't too often that the Negro press can lead a cheer for a Congressman from the "deep South." But we would like to do just that for Rep. Phil M. Landrum, a Georgia Democrat, for his remarks in the House last week.

It seems that some Republican opponents of the administration-supported "anti-poverty bill" that Rep. Landrum helped introduce in Congress have been trying to stir up votes against the measure among Southern representatives by claiming the proposed law will primarily benefit Negroes because of their comparatively poor economic status.

Right in the middle of a spirited debate on the merits of the bill last week, Rep. Landrum, usually soft-spoken and imper-

turbable, jumped all over Republican members of the special House committee conducting hearings on the measure.

"I want it clearly understood here that it is a source of pride to me to have my name on this bill," Rep. Landrum proclaimed in ringing tones.

Insisting that the program is designed to eliminate poverty wherever it is found, among Negroes or whites alike, Rep. Landrum hotly declared that the bill "is and should be color blind."

WARMING UP TO the subject, Rep. Landrum advised opponents of the bill that they "are not going to lessen my enthusiasm for this program . . . In fact, your continual reference (to the Negro) will only intensify my enthusiasm."

It is a continual source of disappointment to us how certain members of the party of Abraham Lincoln go out of their way to antagonize the Negro. This is not good for the traditional American two-party system of government and can only work toward the detriment of the country as a whole.

In this regard, we must also pay tribute to Republican presidential candidate Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona for his candid appraisal of an unwholesome situation.

At a recent press conference, the outspoken solon from our neighboring state was asked if the Republicans had a chance to "get the Negro vote this year?" Without hesitation, Sen. Goldwater replied:

"No!"

HE THEN WENT ON to say that, "The Republicans do not have the Negro vote. It is our own fault. We lost it in the thirties and it's been gone for 30 years. I think we will lose the vote in the big cities and I don't believe we can change the situation this year."

For the good of the country, as well as the Negro, we would like to see some Republican politicians try to change this sorry situation by earning support from the Negro voter.

AFRICA in Today's World

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A CHRONOLOGICAL SYNOPSIS OF MAJOR AFRICAN HISTORICAL EVENTS

(Continued From Last Week)

- 1807 - British Parliament made slave trade illegal.
- 1814 - Cape Colony became established under British rule.
- 1815 - European powers met in Vienna to decide the partitioning of Africa.
- 1822-23 - Freed slaves from America and West Indies settled in Liberia.
- 1833 - Slavery abolished in all British colonies.
- 1841 - French established in Quatorial Africa.
- 1842 - Christian missions set up in Nigeria.
- 1847 - Liberia became independent republic.
- 1855 - Livingston discovered Victoria Falls.
- 1860 - Speke and Grant discovered source of the Nile in Lake Victoria, 3 years after Speke had discovered the lake.
- 1866 - Diamonds discovered in South Africa.
- 1869 - Suez Canal opened bringing about a decline in West African trade.
- 1871 - Stanley found Livingston on shores of Lake Tanganyika.
- 1877 - Stanley expedition crossed Africa.
- 1884 - Germany colonized South-West Africa, Cameroons and Togoland.
- 1885 - Africa repartitioned by European powers at Berlin conference.
- 1891 - British colonized Nyasaland and the Rhodesias, and established protectorate over Bechuanaland.
- 1905 - Italians colonized Somaliland.
- 1910 - Union of South Africa formed.
- 1911 - Italy annexed Lybia from Turkey.

1922 - Egypt became independent from British protectorate.

1927 - Firestone established rubber plantation in Liberia.

1931 - South Africa became independent of British control.

1935 - Italians invaded and conquered Ethiopia.

1941 - Italians driven from Ethiopia and Selassie was returned to throne.

1945 - League of Nations mandated territories were placed under United Nations trust.

1951 - First election in Gold Coast held. Kwame Nkrumah was released from prison to become first African Prime Minister.

1952 - Mau Mau rebellion started in Kenya.

1956 - South Africa removed colored voters from rolls.

1957 - Ghana became first Black Dominion of the British Commonwealth with Dr. Nkrumah as Prime Minister.

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