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EDITORIAL

Whites Lose Nothing When Negroes Get Vote

BY ROY WILKINS

A scanning of the latest sample of "fan" mail had been interrupted by the telephoned message that the Senate had voted 77 to 19 to pass the voting rights bill.

"When are you apes," the letter said, "going to get wise to the fact that whites are not going to stand for a black takeover?"

"You people are never satisfied even if the government in Washington gives you everything and puts you ahead of whites. Why don't you go back to Africa?"

The go-to-Africa bit is old stuff to American Negroes. They have been in America for 346 years. Besides, no African nations have as yet offered any land as an inducement to American Negroes to migrate. In fact, most African countries are busy dividing up the land and other resources among their own people. For all their talk—nearly all of it sincere—about the binding qualities of blood ties, colonialism, apartheid and U.S. racism, most Africans regard American Negroes as Americans. They are courteous and sympathetic, but they prefer American Negroes in Kentucky rather than in Kenya.

What's Being 'Given'?

The new argument, so mischievous because it is a reiterated distortion of the frequent headlines that unthinking people use for guides, is that the Negroes are being given "everything" by the government. This is not the way the Negroes hear it or feel it.

Take the voting rights bill. Finally, after 100 years, it recognizes that several millions of Negro citizens (not just one or two, here and there) have been cheated of the right to vote. Most white people take the right to vote for granted. It is like the water they drink and the air they breathe; it is always there.

But in half the counties of Alabama, less than 15% of the Negroes of voting age have been permitted to register to vote. In Mississippi, the count is 76 out of 82 counties. Five Mississippi counties with a Negro voting population of 15,400 have not a single Negro registered. One county has three one-hundredths of 1% of its Negroes registered.

When the Congress passes a voting bill to get at this wholesale racial disfranchisement, it is not "taking" from the whites and "giving" to the Negroes. Anyone who so interprets the voting rights bill vetoes the language in the Declaration of Independence: "governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed."

Same in Other Fields

What goes for the voting rights bill goes for the equal employment opportunity section of the Civil Rights Act, and for the Federal Aid to Education Act, together with a greatly accelerated plan for desegregation of the public schools, in the North as well as in the South.

The domestic headache that we call the Negro problem is a bundle of complexities including voting, education, employment, housing and public accommodation. The southern and northern white people are facing this puzzle in the 1960s because their forefathers came up

(From the Las Vegas Review-Journal)

Debunking Panic Pitch

One of the most reprehensible con artists of our day is the unscrupulous real estate swindler who practices "block - busting."

Any white homeowner who has fallen for the panic pitch of such people and sold his home for less than its real value has been gypper, says the Urban League of Cleveland.

A survey conducted by the league of every Ohio city for which housing data was available from the U.S. Census Bureau reveals "not one shred of evidence to indicate that home values fall in changing neighborhoods."

Quite the contrary. In not a single one of 338 census tracts—whether all-Negro, all-white, mixed or changing—did values decline between 1950 and 1960. All showed increases, "some of them whopping," and were as a rule greater than could be accounted for by the inflation of the dollar.

Many Negro neighborhoods and changing neighborhoods, says the report, registered home value increases greater than all-white neighborhoods.

with the wrong answers, or with no answers, from the end of the Civil War until May 17, 1954.

The Republican Senate leader, Everett McKinley Dirksen of Illinois, put the voting bill result this way: "It has taken us 100 years to catch up with this problem."

If white people had been barred by the millions from voting for a prolonged period (much shorter than 100 years) they would have staged a shooting revolution long ago. They are now nervous and excited over reapportionment and the possible shifting of a few seats in state capitals and in Washington. Think how nervous they would be if they could not even vote, shifts or no shifts!

(From the Los Angeles Herald & Examiner)

Alabama, U.S.S.R.

A group of embittered and disillusioned African students has flown home from the Soviet Union to Kenya.

They were victims of racism in what is described as the "Alabama of the Soviet."

The location in question is Baku, the large Caucasus oil port on the Caspian Sea. To avoid being assaulted there, it was reported, Africans had to travel in groups.

Similar reports have come in the past from Czechoslovakia plus other parts of Communist-controlled Europe and the Soviet Union.

Such events go unrecorded in Communist newspapers and are not broadcast on Communist news programs.

Yet the Communist press and radio daily pour forth invective-filled accounts of racial incidents in the United States. These accounts are picked up and re-distributed by the African press—rightly concerned with racism wherever it manifests itself.

But all persons concerned with the plight of the Negro or with any other social injustice should recognize Communist propaganda for what it is.

It is merely a weapon in the Communist armory, designed to achieve world domination. It is not concerned with injustice to anyone. If it was, it would report what is going on in its own backyard.



AFRICA in Today's World

By DR. CHARLES I. WEST

AMERICAN CONFUSION and concern regarding the role certain African nations are playing in the ideological struggle between Communism and the Free World continues. We believe this condition is largely attributable to misconceptions passed on to the public by some prominent Western commentators far removed from the scene. The conclusions drawn by these distant observers are often in direct conflict with reports from the Dark Continent by reputable news services.

Unfortunately, there is considerable evidence that the confusion and concern have been heightened by our own Central Intelligence Agency, which possibly has misinterpreted the true political climate in some sections of Africa.

For instance, one of our local dailies recently captioned the Robert S. Allen-Paul Scott report from Washington—"Kenyatta's Red Ties Exposed." The report went on to say:

"Undersecretary of State George Ball isn't reading the CIA's latest estimates or he is deliberately misleading Congress on the pro-Soviet policies of several African nations the U.S. is supporting. Most glaring of Ball's suppression of information or lack of knowledge is his characterization of Kenya's President Jomo Kenyatta, the former Mau-Mau leader who received his training in Moscow.

"Testifying behind closed doors of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, Ball described Kenyatta as an independent African leader pursuing a middle path between the U.S. and Russia, stating: 'My opinion is that Mr. Kenyatta is a pretty mature individual trying to follow something of a middle path, and is well aware of the danger to him of falling under the domination of either the Chinese or the Russian Communists.'"

THE ALLEN-SCOTT REPORT claimed that Ball's testimony came a few days after the State Department had received word from the CIA that Kenyatta had just dedicated a new Communist training center near Nairobi. It also was charged that Ball was responsible for deleting from the hearing record any reference to an allegation that Kenya's leftist Vice President, Oginga Odinga, had received a large amount of cash from the Russians.

According to Allen and Scott, the CIA report documented "Kenyatta's close ties with the Kremlin and (his) dedication to spreading Russian Communism in Africa," and pointed out that "the Lumumba Institute began its first three-month course for political party workers in March and it was immediately clear that this Communist ideological center would become a significant new Soviet force in Kenya and Africa."

It was further stated that the CIA had ascertained that "a key part of the studies of the 70 students will be learning the biography of Jomo Kenyatta, the principles of Soviet socialism, the African road to socialism, and Communist Party organization. . . These subjects are being taught by two Russian teachers and eight Kenyan Lecturers at the institute who have studied in Moscow and received thorough indoctrination in Communist theory and terror operations."

Allen and Scott also inferred the CIA is satisfied that Premiers Ben Bella of Algeria and Fidel Castro of Cuba are actively supporting Kenyatta's "backstage efforts" to use the Organization of African Unity (OAU), which he

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