

The Amsterdam News presents, in a front-page editorial, the following studied evaluation of the relative merits of the two major parties:

"As a servant of our group, The Amsterdam News believes that it is its duty to support one of the political parties in the coming election. While so doing, The Amsterdam News pointedly reserves the right to maintain an independent policy at all times, because it considers that by so doing it will best serve our people.

"At the outset it wishes to let it be known that the New Deal has much in it which is beneficial to all Americans, including the Negroes, who are the largest minority group in the country. On the other hand, the New Deal has some characteristics which will prove to be harmful to the Negro as well as to other groups, and the same can be said for the Republican party as is judged from its platform and its history.

"These New Deal characteristics are definitely beneficial to the Negroes, but only as citizens and not merely as a special group:

"1. The negating of individualism and the growth in its stead of a broader social-economic concept.

"2. The decline of sectionalism and the birth of a national consciousness.

"3. More recognition of the rights of minority groups, which guarantees a democratic form of government and the forestalling of fascistic tendencies by preventing the selfish few to gain control of the government.

"4. A modicum of real political recognition of the Negro by the New Deal administration.

"5. Favoring vertical trade unionism (C. I. O.), which is opposed to the obsolete craft unions of the American Federation of Labor. The latter has always discriminated against Negro laborers.

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"Some of the liabilities of the New Deal, which are pregnant with the germs of permanent social and economic injury to the nation as well as to the Negro group are:

"1. Failure to do something about integrating the colored workers into the industrial veins of America.

"2. Indifference to lawlessness against minority groups.

"3. Failure to find and develop intelligent and unselfish Negro political leaders as a permanent part of the New Deal administration.

"4. The practice of doing-nothing policy about the share-cropper problem, which vitally affects thousands of black and white slaves of the soil.