

"The Republican party may be commended for:

"1. Another promise to integrate the Negro into the industrial life of the country.

"2. An avowal by its Presidential candidate, although he offered no method, to sponsor legislation for the abolition of lynching, from which the Negro group suffers infinitely more than any other in the country.

"On the other hand, the Republican party must be criticized for:

"1. Championing state rights, which foster sectionalism.

"2. Favoring stark individualism which, under the outmoded laissez-faire system, was part of the cause for the depression.

"3. Failure to offer a program to social-economic reconstruction which would benefit all groups.

"The New Deal has done more to bring about a national consciousness than any preceding administration. And this growth of a new concept of American sovereignty, whereby the federal government plays a much larger part in the affairs of the citizens, has tended to negate sectionalism, which made out of America an empire and not a nation.

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"THE DEFEAT of demagogues, like Governor Eugene Talmadge of Georgia (ditto South Carolina and Mississippi) and other Negro baiters, in the recent Southern primaries by Southern congressmen, who refused to employ the customary "Negro bogey" as the basis of their plea for votes, is a definite indication of the alleviation of prejudice and bigotry in that section.

"The New Deal administration probably prevented the control of the government by Fascists. This was done by the recognition by the Federal government of its responsibility for the economic protection and security of its citizens, and a broad policy in its attitude toward the minority groups. If such a policy had not been carried out, the powerful few would have usurped the American democracy for their own selfish ends.

"The New Deal must be criticized, however, for ignoring the serious problem of integrating the Negro into industry. While employment in general has lagged behind the much-heralded pick-up in prosperity, the Negro workers have failed almost completely of re-employment.

"We also loathe lynching, which continues unabated under the New Deal administration. Lynching, the most heinous crime in America today, will not be stopped by the state governments. By failing to pass the Costigan-Wagner anti-lynching bill the New Deal administration has missed an opportunity to blot out the shame of America.