

"Admittedly, Governor Landon believes in the fundamental rights of all men. He sent a telegram to the Negro Planning Board expressing his belief in the equality of all men. And promised to see that they get it if he is elected President. He is for the farmer, for industry, for trade and commerce in all of its branches. He stands four-square for a sound dollar--and prefers the gold standard. Naturally, colored people as a part of America will benefit from any sound administration of the affairs of government.

"But what about a sound body for black men? That is something made in the image of GOD! THAT IS A CAMPAIGN ISSUE. Churches, fraternities and organizations of every kind, white and black, newspapers and magazines have been crying out against America's--LYNCHING. It must be hit and hit hard. Now is the time to smash it.

"We cannot go on putting new wine in old bottles without expecting it to ferment. We cannot continue to prattle about the inalienable rights of all men to liberty, while at the same time and in the same country we torture, burn and kill colored men and women in order to terrorize and subject them to a place lower than that occupied by other Americans.

"Security and protection of life and limb is the first need and demand of the American Negro. Let candidate Landon speak and mean what he says. Basic human rights outweigh relief checks. Let candidate Landon hit the line hard. Let him tell the nation so that Pat Harrison, Joe Robinson, Jack Garner and President Roosevelt can hear that in the event of his election lynch murder is doomed, that every ounce of his energy will be directed to enact Federal legislation that will end this disgrace to civilization. Franklin Delano Roosevelt muffed this opportunity to write his name among the stars. Seize it, Governor Landon, as the highest duty of a public servant to protect the lives of even the most humble.

"This done without flushing or evasion will start the trek homeward. This done and eager youth and stalwart men and women of every creed and color who believe in the principles of the founding Fathers will rally to the standard. And a Republican victory will follow as in the days when that Party was not afraid to battle the entrenched enemies of human liberty--the Democratic Party in order to break the chains of the bondemen. As the Republican Party smashed slavery, so can it end lynching."

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AFTER TODAY, WHAT?

An editorial in the Kansas City Call runs in part:

"A few months ago the President put an end to direct relief. Recently a state director suspended all WPA projects in Mississippi. These two examples of arbitrary power, used without regard to what the citizens want, should set men and women in public employment to thinking. They have today's meal. But what of tomorrow's?