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**A "FRIEND" OF THE NEGRO**

When Dr. Will Alexander of Atlanta and Interracial Commission fame was appointed Director of the Farm Security Administration, his selection was hailed as an augury of a squarer deal for the Negro farmers.

It develops now that this "friend" of the Negro has given his blessing to the formation of segregated Negro farm colonies in sections where white and colored farmers have lived and toiled side by side for generations.

The N. A. A. C. P. has asked Alexander to remove B. A. Brady, community manager of the government-sponsored Transylvania resettlement project at Lake Providence, La., for posting notices last week curtly telling Negro tenants to get out or else.

While we join in demanding the removal of Brady or any other official who bulldozes colored citizens, it is obvious that behind Brady stands Alexander who apparently favors segregation.

This supposed friend of the Negro has oked the segregated Negro projects and the removal of Negroes from ancestral homes not only over their opposition but over the opposition of their white neighbors as well who are loath to see them go.

Dr. Will Alexander is not the only offender in high position in the government, although a particularly outstanding one because of previous associations.

The studied policy of the Federal Government throughout has been to discriminate against and to segregate Negroes both on jobs and in housing projects, and usually this has been done without any agitation on the part of the whites who would have had to live and work alongside the Negroes.

Negroes cannot and will not remain silent while these officials go about factening more tightly about us the chains of ostracism and inferiority.

The better "friends" they are, the closer they need to be watched.

truth; they IGNORE it, DENY it, even though it is OBVIOUS.

Are YOU one of the vast MAJORITY?

A FEW people in this world SEEK the truth, HAIL it, WORSHIP it.

A few people are UPLIFTED and inspired by the truth to THINK great thoughts and DO great things.

Most people are depressed and FRIGHTENED by it. The DIFFERENCE lies in the ability of some few people to be HONEST with themselves and the inability of most people to do so.

The difference lies between those few who CAN entertain thoughts which are NEW or UNPLEASANT and the majority that CANNOT.

By UNTHINKING and cowardly people, ANYTHING NEW or unusual or contrary to what is established and ACCEPTED is considered REVOLUTIONARY, destructive and IMMORAL.

Only a few people are COURAGEOUS enough to face things as they ARE, to EXAMINE, to analyze, to ACCEPT that which is obviously SO.

And yet the steps to PROGRESS are illuminated by the truth, as they are darkened and obscured by FALSEHOOD.

Great men like Galileo were PERSECUTED for telling the truth about our universe, for declaring that the EARTH moved about the sun instead of the SUN moving about the earth.

Men were ridiculed, as Darwin and Huxley were ridiculed and DENOUNCED for expounding the truth about EVOLUTION, because that truth did not AGREE with accepted MYTHS and folklore.

At one time men were persecuted for attempting to learn the truth about the operations within the HUMAN

**FIGHTING FLORIDA TEACHERS**

Florida Negro teachers have served notice that they want and intend to have the same pay as white teacher for the same work.

Meeting on Thanksgiving day in Jacksonville, the teachers gathered 1,700 strong from all parts of the peninsula and voted unanimously to financially support the N. A. A. C. P. drive for equalization of salaries in Florida.

Previously it had been the custom for no more than about 300 teachers to gather at their State conferences, but this year they were aroused because John Gilbert, a colored teacher of Brevard County, had been discharged shortly after the N. A. A. C. P. filed suit for equalization of his salary with that of white teachers doing the same work.

In addition to unanimously voting to finance the fighting of Gilbert's case, the militant teachers voted to pay for Gilbert's tuition through college while the case is in the courts.

Thus Florida teachers take their place alongside the fighting teachers of Maryland and Virginia.

Elsewhere in the South colored teachers are thinking and stirring as never before as the virus of organizational solidarity and militancy permeates the profession.

This is a heartening sign which augurs well for the future because the colored teachers have been and will continue to be for some time the intellectual leaders of our group.

They have been accused of being cowardly, in fact of their shadows, a conservative force when radical action was needed, but their militant awakening would indicate that if these charges ever were true, they are certainly not true today.

It is elementary justice that colored teachers receive the same pay for the same work and responsibility that white teachers receive, because it costs both white and colored the same for food, clothing, shelter, gasoline, railfare