

# **A Negro Editorial**

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# **FRANK GRAHAM**

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The substantial majority that Frank Graham polled in the recent primary was encouraging from many angles. In the first place Negroes supported Graham although he had to recant from some of his liberal positions; as for example the FEPC. Everybodys knows that Dr. Graham is in favor of the FEPC; but he had to back down before the terrific onslaught of his enemies who were doing some deadly gunning for the man's political life. So long as Frank Graham's heart is on the right side; Negroes can afford to let him make a "strategic retreat" if by such retreat he can win over those who are a 100 percent against Negro advance.

The Frank Graham episode should awaken Negroes to the advantage of certain strategies in the fight for liberation. To have forced Dr. Graham to stand up to his former position on the FEPC would have meant his political undoing. It is far more desirable to have in office a man who is partly for us and our program of liberation than to have one who is wholly against us. Call it gradualism or compromise; it is common sense.

The whole-hog-or-none attitude toward Graham would have slaughtered him to the delight of his enemies and to the detriment of our cause. Now comes the exhilarating news that Alabama has been wrested from Dixiecrats. As between the orthodox democratic party with all its shortcomings and the dixiecrats with their reconstruction psychosis; give us the former. North Carolina's leadership of the South is positive and convincing!

# **VOTE FOR WILLIS SMITH**

# **AND SOUTHERN DEMOCRACY**

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