

THE DIFFERENCE NORTH AND SOUTH

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The attitude of Southern people towards Negroes is entirely different than that of Northern people. The difference lies primarily in the fact that Southern people like and understand Negroes, as individuals, while Northern people, not understanding them, like Negroes in the abstract. Northerners tender Negroes a sort of lip-service liking. To a Northerner, there is something foreign about a Negro, whereas Southerners accept colored people as "part of the place".

This has always been so. And I think the reason is obvious. Northerners ("those people", as General Lee called them) have never had the experience with Negroes Southern people have had, that is, centuries of intimate, morning-noon-and-night contact.

As a result of this experience, Southern people have come to understand that Negroes are different.

Northerners, on the other hand, are prone to look upon Negroes as White people with black faces. Then, when Negroes do not act as do White people, disappointment sets in. This is followed by dislike, then by contempt, and if the rub continues, by hatred.

That never happens in the South; Southern people, as I can understand the differences.

Let me point this up for you:

During the four years it took the North to subdue the rebellious South, slave trouble in Dixie was almost unheard of. What trouble arose was on an individual nature, some Negro or another would turn "rogue", that was all. Moreover, when things got tough, when Southern people found themselves approaching starvation, Negroes shared equally in what little was to be had. Southerners, during those lean years, didn't give the first thought to blaming the colored people for their troubles. There was no impulse to "get" the Negroes. There wasn't, then, and there isn't, now.

But see the difference in the North, once the going got rough up there.

In the North, by July 1863, rank-and-file opposition to the war had grown to such an extent the authorities could not fill their draft quotas. From the very beginning they had had trouble in this regard; Northerners of draft age would not respond. And when Lincoln, by his Emancipation Proclamation, changed the conflict from a war-for-union into one of free-the-slaves, the situation got out of hand, enlistments ground to a halt.

Bounties to \$750 were offered as stimulus (Southern soldiers, nearly all volunteers, were paid \$11 per month, Confederate). But that didn't work, either. In desperation, U. S. agents were dispatched to sweep Europe. As a result, some 400,000 to 500,000 Irish and German people were imported to serve in the Northern army — as many men as the South enrolled, first to last.

When even that didn't suffice, when the New York authorities, for instance, were forced to go after "enlistees" at the point of a bayonet, trouble ensued, trouble known in history as "draft" riots but were, in fact, "race" riots.

Beginning July 10, White mobs began to roam the streets of New York, screaming, "Kill all niggers". And did their best to do so. For four days terror reigned. Whenever a Negro could be caught, he was either lynched, bludgeoned to death, or burned alive. Kill-all-niggers reached such proportions a mob even swarmed onto a British ship then in New York harbor and cruelly beat up its Negro crew. In 10 days time, 350 people, White and Black, were murdered. Not even cannon fire and charging cavalry could quell the bubbling race hatred that rocked Little Old New York, that July of '63. Quiet came only when the authorities capitulated, promised to suspend

the draft — and not another Negro was to be found.

Nothing like this has ever happened in the South. Hardly. Southern people understand and accept the differences between races; Northern people do not.

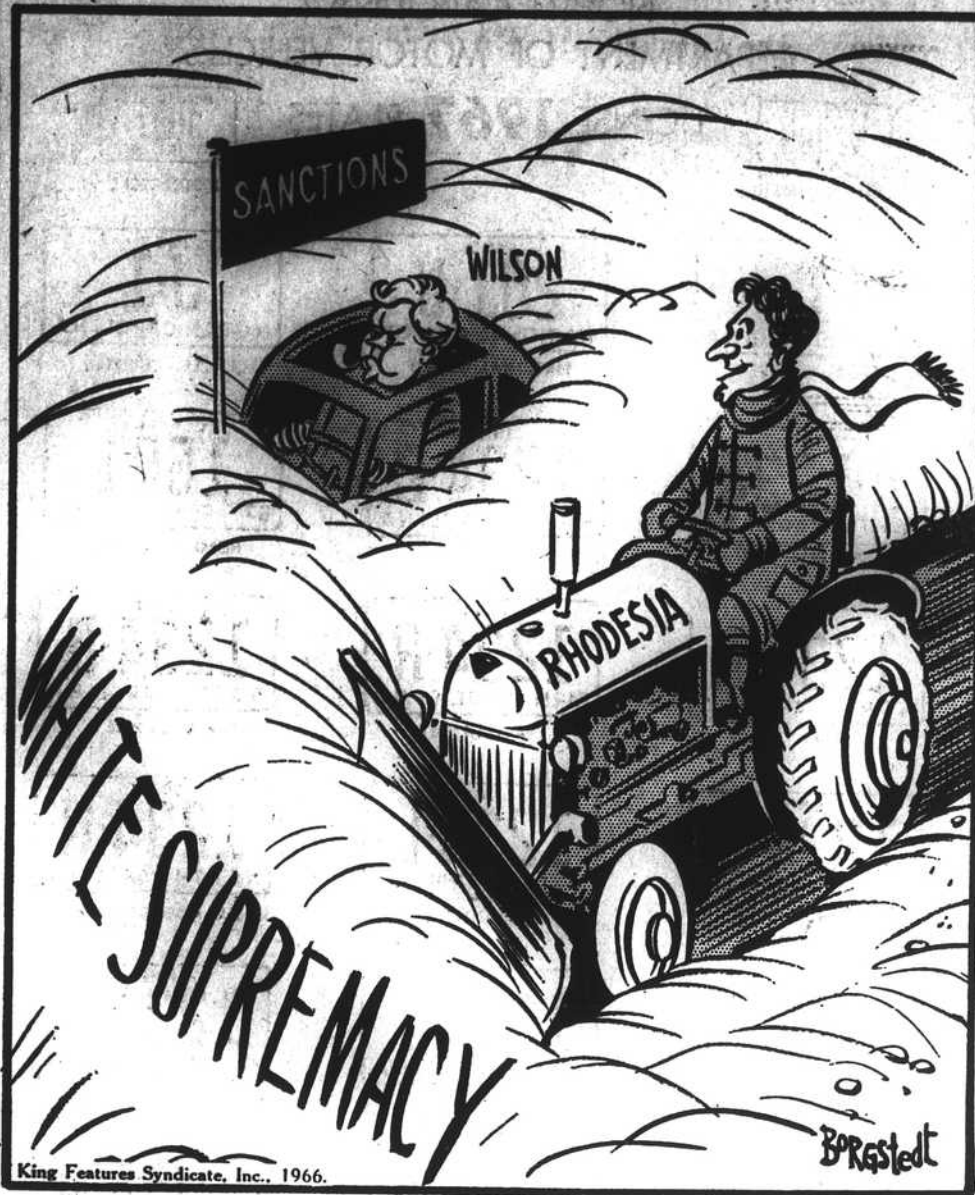
We are on a parallel course today. As today's race problems degenerate, the worst results will occur — as indeed they are occurring — in the North.

Left alone, Southern Whites and Blacks get along just dandy.

But the abolitionist can't stand that, so they make trouble and, in time, suffer the backlash.

Retributive justice; isn't that the phrase?

'Get the drift, Harold?'



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