

What The People Say

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OFFERS NEW LIST OF LEADERS

Dear Editor:

I read with considerable interest a letter from Alabama concerning the leadership of the Negro race in America. The writer of the letter mentioned that fact of the white Americans choosing Booker T. Washington as leader of the Negro race and of the Negro's acquiescence in this choice at first and of their glorious approval of it after B. T.'s death. Such would be the case now, if a leader were chosen.

Negroes constitute less than one-tenth of the nation's population, are socially, economically, industrially and politically insignificant. At this stage of our development leadership really not approved by, if not actually chosen by the white Americans would be merely an entertaining spectacle so far as Americas is concerned.

With these facts in view, I would suggest a somewhat different list of Negro leaders from that presented by the writer from Alabama. It follows in part:

Supreme co-ordinator, Mordecai Johnson; interpreter, Charles S. Johnson; assistant interpreter, Mary M. Bethune; strategist, James A. Atkins.

Committee on strategy: William J. Hale, John M. Gandy, J. R. E. Lee, W. M. Banks, John W. Davis, H. C. Trenhold, Fannie L. Nichols and P. B. Young. Public Relations: W. V. Foster, David Jones, David Lane, Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Lester Granger, T. Arnold Hill, John B. Watson and William Lloyd Imes. Rural Problems: Thomas Campbille Ambrose Caliver, C. S. Woodward, Joseph H. B. Evans, Doxey A. Wilkerson.

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