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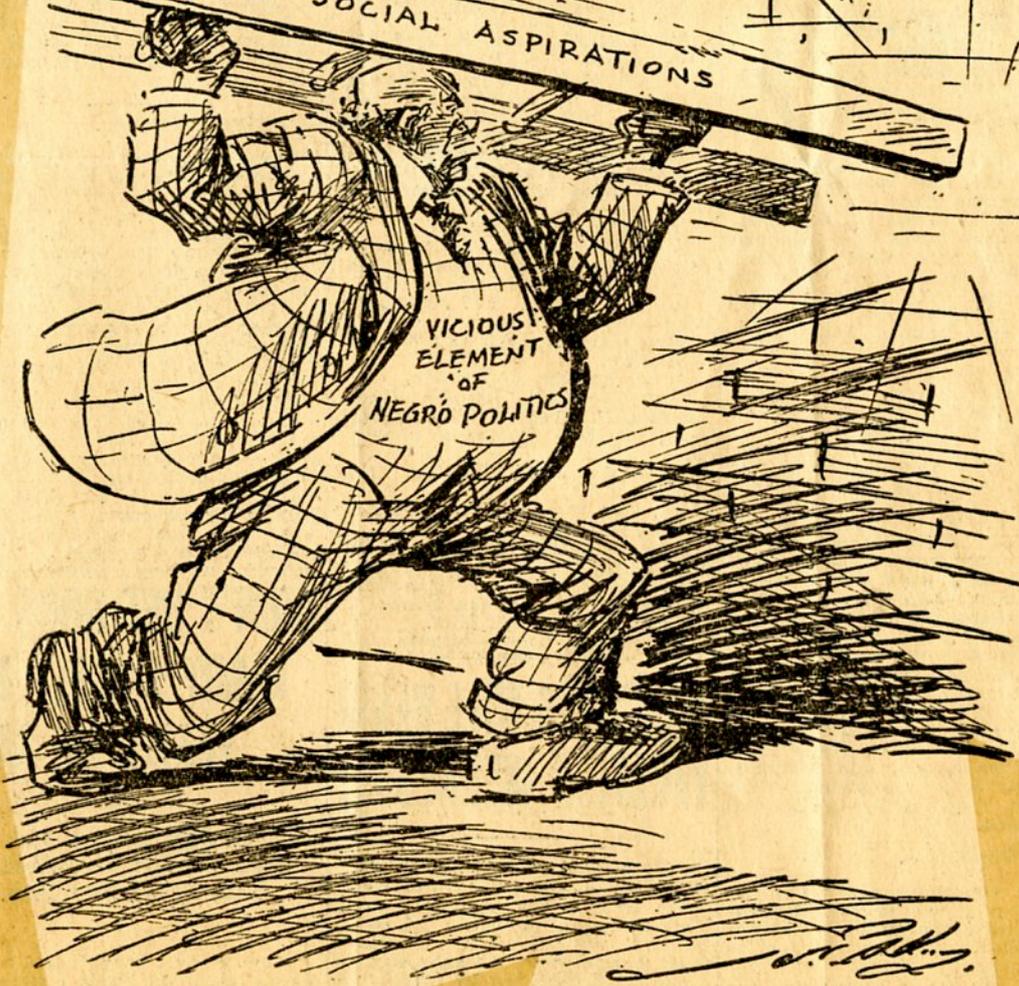
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CAREFULLY BUILT
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UN-NATURAL SOCIAL ASPIRATIONS

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OF
NEGRO POLITICS



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United States Senate Slaps The President's Face On Farm Bill.

President Hoover has failed to make the patronage whip crack over the head of The Senate of The United States.

The honest Republican leaders in the Senate put the President on notice he couldn't use them to assist him in sneaking out of his campaign pledges to the American people.

The Senate demanded the retention of The Debiture clause in the Farm Bill on two different occasions.

But the President kept his patronage seekers in the House in line and finally worked a worthless thing off on the people.

The President is now asking Congress for an appropriation of one hundred and fifty million dollars to feed to an army of hungry satellites to administer it.

"When the wicked rule, the people mourn."

Claxton Creek Seiners Lay Out Naked Bull Creek Swamp

Three of Claxton's leading citizens after having their naked bodies racked with pain from a swarm of mosquitos and other poisonous bugs in Bull Creek swamp on Wednesday night they came near freezing to death.

They thought the atmosphere that enveloped "September Morn." was more befitting of December than of June.

They went out to seine a fish

DEPUTY SHERIFF BREWTON BREAKS UP THREE STILLS

Deputy Sheriff H. B. Brewton has got the caps of three illicit stills dangling from his belt as a result of the week's activities.

Two of the stills were caught in the county not far from Blitchton, and broken up.

The other one was caught near Eldora.

The owner of the still got stiff and was reported to have attempted to chase the officer and protest against the destruction of his joy juice producing apparatus, but as soon as some body told him possession would add an extra burden he lit a rag and left for other climes. His wife also raised a racket about her good whiskey still being disturbed, but somebody probably whispered in her ear that good discretion would suggest silence along this line.

They have got Lyndy off of the front page, at last.

hole, built up a fire and struck camp, shucked off and waded in the fish hole waist deep, and began to wield the seine.

Visions of an enormous dragnet catch faded when Game Warden Thomas Beasley yelled out from the direction of the camp:

"Come on in boys, I know who you are, besides I have got all of your clothes in my automobile."

"Let the congregation all stand and sing, That Awful Day Will Surely Come."

The boys were

Prominent Fertilizer Man Pulled With East Side Negro Gal

T. C. Helwagen, Superintendent of the Chatham Chemical Company, and a well known business man of Savannah, cashed in two hundred dollars for himself and two hundred dollars more for his "black rose" in police court a few days ago.

It seems that Helwagen, a prominent white man, likes to run with the culud gals.

The police raided a negro house just after midnight one night last week and dragged out Helwagen and his negro female spouse.

They were given a ride to the Police Station together, and next morning Judge Schwarz put the blocks to them both.

He assessed fines of two hundred dollars each, or sixty days. Helwagen boldly walked up and paid the fine for himself and that of the negro woman as well.

This fellow, has been caught in these scrapes before, in fact it is not the first time that The Hawkeye has had to deal with his unholy walk.

Being caught with a negro woman at midnight, didn't seem to phase him, his Fertilizer Company put him back in charge of his department and everything is serene now until the police makes another raid along about the time the roosters make the first crow for the day.

The sentence first assessed a jail sentence in addition to the fine, but strenuous efforts got the jail sentence off.

The defendant is an old offender along this line.

He sho loves his cotton eyed "chocolate babies."

Maynor Made Costly Early Morning Drive

John P. Maynor, a white citizen got in the bad when he made a mighty reckless automobile drive at Habersham and Fifty Second Street at three fifty a. m. and side swiped the automobile of Mrs. M. Goodfrey that was parked by the side walk. He got a fine of two hundred dollars or sixty days and City Court stuck to him.

Man and Wife Mix It Up On Bryan St.

At three o'clock a. m. when a man and his wife certainly ought to be at peace with each other, Sam Gardner colored and his wife Nellie, were engaged in a bloody fight at their little domicile at No. 615 West Bryan Street. This is in the heart of Yamacraw, a section noted for its sobriety and general loveliness.

The police came and carried the warring couple in.

Forty dollars or thirty days each.

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BEN LARRABEE
ST. LOUIS



June 22, 1929.

Hon. Herbert Hoover,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

With all respect;-

I, as just a plain citizen of the United States, that voted for you for President, join with my fellow Democrats of Texas and Florida and elsewhere in bowing my head in shame at our lack of judgment.

In the face of warning that the Republican party leans toward social equality with Negroes, we were swept off of our feet for the time being, but you can rest assured it will never happen again.

Social equality between the Negro and the White man cannot be accomplished in this country half as quickly as a Roman Catholic can be elected President, and we saw how impossible that was last fall.

It won't work.

Just because the Republican party is in power does not make it right to attempt to force such an abhorrently low standard of social appraisal of our race down our throats.

Of course, I do not expect even recognition of this letter because I do not amount to enough in the country to justify it, but I think the people who think like I do and other voters amount to considerable and I am writing this to you for what it is worth.

Sincerely and respectfully,

BL:CJ

H. H. Sutton



HERBERT H. SUTTON
912 MAGNOLIA BLDG.
DALLAS

THE WHITE HOUSE
JUN 29 1929
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June 26, 1929.

Hon. Herbert Hoover,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Its doubtful that you will ever see this, but it will give your secretary an added increment to pile on top of the already large file which he has no doubt received from locations south of the Mason & Dixon line.

As one engineer to another, and from a Texas Hoover Democrat who took great pleasure in casting my first Republican vote for a presidential nominee, I must say that the actions of your wife in allowing the wife of a negro Congressman to attend on a footing of social equality with the wives of other Congressmen, has given these rock-ribbed Democrats down South the chance to give us the 'Ha Ha' and 'I Told You SO' when discussions have come up, and unless you take some definite stand as regards clearly defining your attitude, as well as that of your wife, there are many thousands of the Hoover Democrats who will return to a straight ticket in 1932 and you will have no chance to carry a single Southern State.

Being the first ENGINEER who has progressed sufficiently far in public opinion to be able to override the dictates of the politicians controlling party machinery, it was my hope that you would give us a wonderful administration and I'm still of the same mind as to qualifications, but social equality down South will kill even the best vote getter even though he may be the most wonderful engineer in the world.

Very truly yours,

Herbert H. Sutton

Herbert H. Sutton, E.E.

DR. K. H. PATTERSON
EYESIGHT SPECIALIST
HENDERSON, N. C.

June 14th, 1929.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
Washington,

Dear Madam:-

You and Mr. Hoover richly deserve all the criticism that you will get as a result of your going out of your way to give social recognition to the DePriest woman.

The negro should be given every opportunity to better their condition and enjoy his citizenship the same as any one else, but he is not the white mans social equal and should not be accepted as such.

The negro has a very earnest desire for social equality, in spite of his denial, and you have done mere to increase that desire than any one in this country could have done, and the result will be far reaching in breeding hatred for the white man, because the white man simply will not accept him as their social equal. Politics notwithstanding.

Millions of us regret the blunder you have made.

Yours truly,

K. H. Patterson

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H. C. Jennings.
315 Drew Ave.
Houston, Texas.

June 15th 1929.

Mrs Herbert Hoover.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs Hoover;-

It is with very deep regret that I read in the papers of your entertaining the wife of the negro congressman from Illinois, I am one of the democrats with my wife who helped to give Mr Hoover his votes in the south, I am from Tennessee, my wife from Louisiana, and it seems so hard ~~for~~ for us to understand why you would do such a thing, It can only bring harm to the negroes in the south, that cannot see why they are not just as good as any other negro.

I have liked Mr Hoover for years, and I hope that this will not hurt him in his duties, at the same time I must be frank to say, that he has lost two votes, and just as many more as I can take from him, sorely on account of your entertaining this negro woman. Your doing this can only hurt the negroes cause in the south, and take from your party any number of votes.

Begging your pardon for such a message, but I just had to say a little something, to let you know that this kind of treatment of the negro, does not set well with those of the southland, who love the negro in his place, But not at our dinner table.

Yours most respectfully.

H. C. Jennings



TOWSON E. SMITH

PRODUCES NICE FRUIT, FAT LIVESTOCK, ETC.

FLINT HILL, VA.

June-17-29,



Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mrs. Hoover :

You as the first Lady of the Land and first lady to have acquiesced in socially entertaining a colored woman, Mrs. DePriest, the wife of a negro Representative as one of your selected guests in the home that is supposed to be the standard of excellence; The home for which all of us Americans in time of war would be willing to die for to protect has in my opinion been lowered in its social standards in the minds of every Southerner, or last Campaign voter or present supporter as well as millions of voters in the North I hope. The Solid South I am sure if given one more chance would not select you to represent them as First Lady of the Land.

Well it just hurts me so ^{to} learn that your high accomplishments in social popularity demanded such blending to force you to feel it necessary in order to hold your own among the colored voters reminds me of the P.S.

Yours Disappointed Forever,
Towson E. Smith
Towson E. Smith,

P.S.

I was told that a wealthy Southerner before leaving for a three month trip in Europe decided to leave his butler with his friend in New York City until his return. Sufficient money was left with the butler so as not to in any way embarrass people where he was lodging until his Southerner Boss returned.

The butler was at once invited to dine at the family table and to sleep in best of bed in a costly home. After three months of such social and courteous treatment (in which the butler was not even asked to work as was supposed he would be requested to do free) the Northerner one day when rather familiar with butler asked the butler why it was he seemed to think so much more of his Boss than he did them for they had done all possible for the past three months to make you our equal. Lord God Mr. My Boss a white man and a gentleman with it; He would not allow any Negro to eat at his table; He is above eating with negroes I tell you he is a hightone Southern gentleman.

C. L. NETHAWAY20 YEARS LOCAL AGENT
REAL ESTATE**FLORENCE ACREAGE AND CITY PROPERTY A SPECIALTY
TRADES CONSIDERED**

I NEVER SELL OR RENT FLORENSE PROPERTY TO NIGGERS, JAPS OR CHINKS

ONE BLOCK WEST END OF CAR LINE

[FLORENCE] OMAHA, NEBRASKA

June 19, 1929.

Dear Mrs. Hoover,

My WIFE and I are dumb-founded tonight to read in the papers that you have entertained a nigger lady, the WIFE of Congressman elect DePriest of Chicago, Ill.

This makes a great cut in our appreciation of you as an AMERICAN citizen. It knocks the bottom of WHITE SUPREMACY in a cocked-hat. In fact, its too degrading for an argument. It places them on an equality with the CAUCASIAN RACE, and assists for the amalgamation of the races.

I fear you do not understand the amount of damage you have done to this Country. The writer would feel very unpatriotic to his Country if he would allow himself to sit by a nigger in any dining room, including the HOME. I know and you ought to know that the nigger cannot be handled in this manner and be considered successful for these United States. I'll admit however its a nigger vote getter for your distinguished husband, whom we all supported because of the fact we wanted an AMERICAN on guard at Washington, D. C.

You must remember we already have 3,000,000 mulattoes in this Country, and now you encourage them as being your equal, making the younger set of nigger girls and boys feel as if they were good enough to intermarry with your Son, and the Sons and Daughters of other AMERICAN families.

I wonder if the Northern people will ever wake up to the fact that the nigger cannot be handled that way, and be a safe factor to contend with. The nigger is here and I want him to be a nigger (stay black). I want him to also have a nigger's job. WHITE SUPREMACY must prevail in AMERICA. If it does not, in another 100 years at the rate we are going, we will be 50 per cent. malattoes. Do you think that is good for this Country?

The correct solution of the nigger question is their complete disfranchisement by Constitutional Amendment and to treat him more like a hound dog, than a guest at your table at tea. Then you will not have him dictating to you and on an equality with the CAUCASIAN RACE.

Very truly yours,

C. L. Nethaway
Eunice E. Nethaway



Opposite The State Capitol
On The Park

State And Eagle Streets
Albany, New York



Personal Attention.

Albany, N.Y.

Hon. Herbert Hoover,
White House.,
Washington, D.C.

June 18, 1929.

Hon. Sir:-

The reception of Mrs. Oscar De Priest, at the White House by Mrs. Hoover, is a great victory for the principles, of social, and political equality of all races, upon which this nation was founded.

Those that oppose such principles are the enemies of this nation, and should be dealt with accordingly, and their political power must be crushed if America is to remain a land of freedom, and equality for all.

We hope that as a result of the opposition, and reaction to the reception of Mrs. De Priest, along with other wives of Congressmen, that there will be a large number of Colored Congressmen elected, and also Senators from many of the Southern states.

The colored people have always been loyal, and patriotic American citizens, and of tremendous value to the nation in times of peace, and in war, and any discrimination, or injustice extended to them should be prosecuted with vigor by the Federal Government.

The statements of the Governor of Texas, and Southern Senators is an open attack and insult to the Constitution of the United States, and those that have made such a public, or private statement should be dealt with by law, and cannot longer be considered patriotic, or loyal American citizens.

We wish to congratulate President Hoover, Mrs. Hoover, and the distinguished guest of the White House Mrs. Oscar de Priest. We hope that there will be many more such meetings of all good American citizens.

WORLD NEWS SERVICE.
Yours very truly, Ralph Spooner, Rep.

"Multum in parvo"



And
With Mrs. Hoover (see over)

With Mr. Montgomery's
Congratulations and
Compliments to Mrs. Hoover.

**Mrs. Hoover Condemned
For Tea to Mrs. De Priest**

Austin, Texas, June 15 (AP)—The Texas Senate was on record today as condemning by resolution Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the President, for entertaining Mrs. Oscar De Priest, wife of a Negro member of Congress from Illinois, at a White House tea last Wednesday.

Brooklyn Eagle JUN 15 1929

"The principle which the Hoovers stood for was the right of the voters of any district to be represented by a qualified representative of their own choosing" — NY World, June 17, 1929 —
— And the true spirit of Universal Brotherhood and World Peace. —

(see over)

San Fernando, Calif, June 15, 1929

Mrs President Herbery Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs President,-

The Lord said he would visit the sins of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation. The iniquity of slavery is thus handed down in the South in the form of Negrophobia, which afflicts practically the whole people of that section, not excepting the high-brow element, for whom it is a sort of softening of the brain. You did the Christian thing in having Mrs Depriest at your Tea.

With Sincere Respect,

L. D. Ratliff.

Negress at Tea Party Deplored by Texas Senate

AUSTIN Tex.) June 14. (Exclusive)—Several resolutions censuring and deploring the action of Mrs. Herbert Hoover in entertaining at tea the wife of Oscar Depriest, negro Representative from Illinois, were introduced in the State Senate today. The discussion of the incident lasted several hours and finally resulted in the elimination of the satirical expressions and the adoption of the more serious declarations of condemnation of the social event as one in which Mrs. Hoover recognized the negro woman as her social equal.

Senators Love of Dallas and Hyer of Fort Worth, the only members who voted for Hoover for President, joined with their colleagues in deploring the incident. Love declared that in placing the negro on social equality with her Mrs. Hoover endangered white civilization and did real harm to the black race.

Portland, Oregon

June 15-29

838 E 12 st North

Dear Mrs Hoover

are First Lady.

I notice in this morning's paper that you entertained Mrs Oscar de Priest. the wife of are representative from Illinois. may God bless you for the kindness that you shew to others, and may He also bless those that criticise you. we are all God's children.

a Christian friend
Mrs L. A. Sykes.

Rev. W. E. S. James
Locust
205 East ~~Guadalupe~~ Street

San Antonio, Texas

June 15th/29

Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
The White House,
Washington D. C.

Dear Madam,

Probably you are too busy to bother yourself with personal attacks, but still you may wonder how some of us in Texas are reacting to the vote of censure the Senate of our State passed on you yesterday.

I am enclosing a letter I have just sent to the author of the measure. In it you will at least see how one minister of the Gospel of Jesus feels.

I hope that you will not let this somewhat disgraceful act of the Senate of Texas wound your sensitiveness. I trust that you will continue to be your true womanly self, doing those things the finest American ideals demand and above all, following the Christ, our highest standard.

There were many high souls all over the land who read the account of your entertaining the negro woman with deep gratitude and admiration for you. Let this suffice.

Wishing you Divine guidance in your difficult sphere,

I am sincerely yours for the highest,



Rev. W. E. S. James.

REV. W. E. S. JAMES,
First United Presbyterian Church
204 E. Locust St., San Antonio, Texas

Rev. M. E. S. James
Locust
205 ~~117~~ East ~~Guadalupe~~ Street
San Antonio, Texas

June 15th/29

Miss Margie E. Neal
Carthage,
Texas,

Dear Madam,-

This morning's (June 15th) issue of the San Antonio Express brings us word of the Senate's action yesterday re Mrs. Herbert Hoover entertaining the negro wife of the negro Senator of Chicago.

I do not know anything about the negro Senator nor his wife, but I desire to express my sorrow that the Senate took this action and my deep regret that the author of it should have been a woman.

Has not womanhood through the long ages past suffered enough from prejudice, custom, and supposed racial inferiority? Now when the first woman of the land has the simple womanhood and moral courage to do what here finest womanhood dictated, is it not tragic that she should be attacked by one of her sisters?

The great emancipator said, "no question is ever settled until it is settled right." The "Negro" problem will never be settled so long as the negro remains under one disability. Resentment over one injustice will continue to cause a festering sore until it is righted if it takes a thousand years. Our worthy lawmakers and all others who love our land, realizing that existing conditions bear the seeds of bloodshed, must gradually right these wrongs and pave the way to that full enjoyment of brotherhood, without which this nation cannot remain undivided.

The greatest State in the greatest nation cannot afford to make itself a laughing stock for the rest of the world by taking an antiquated attitude

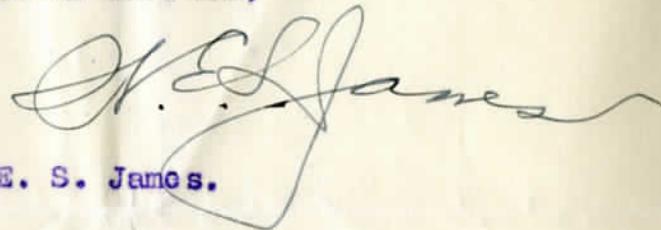
Ultimately the Spirit of Jesus must prevail. Our highest wisdom is to apply His principles to all our political and inter-racial problems. I hope

that you may be a leader in this application. It is a most fascinating and yet most difficult and important and far reaching work, worthy of our very best intellect and courage.

If this letter seems to you rough to the verge of discourtesy, please pardon it, but know that it very mildly expresses the writer's feelings in the matter. Please be good enough to receive it from one who for years has been a student of inter-racial and inter-national problems and who believes that we should be genuine enough to speak without ambiguity.

Trusting that every noble cause may find us earnestly struggling for the better day,

I am sincerely yours for a better America,



Rev. W. E. S. James.

REV. W. E. S. JAMES,
First United Presbyterian Church
206 E. Locust St., San Antonio, Texas

TELEGRAM.

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The White House,
Washington.

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New York, June 15, 1929.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
The White House:

Allow me to congratulate you on the stand you have taken in reference to invitation of Mrs. Oscar DePriest at White House entertainment. You could have done nothing less consistent with good policy and respect for the feelings of the colored women of the country. Your stock has gone up one hundred per cent. I am speaking for fifteen thousand colored women voters of 21st Congressional District of New York who worked zealously for your husband's election, together with mine, in the Fall of 1928. Much courage and strength is prayed for you in this matter that you may still continue what is right and just.

E. A. Johnson,
Congressional nominee 21st
Congressional District of New York.

5527 Kimbark Ave.,
Chicago, Illinois

June 16. 1929

My dear Mrs. Hoover,

As one of many Americans
who care about fair play, may I add my
word of appreciation of your recent courtesy to
Mrs. De Priest?

I am one who did all I
on grounds other than color;
could to defeat Mr. De Priest for Congress, but
since he is representing us there, I am happy
that you, with courage and the spirit of Christian
democracy, entertained his wife.

May I sign myself

(Miss)  Margaret Brown Moore



AUBERT EDGAR BRUCE
ROUTE 1
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA
TELEPHONE CLAREMONT 5821

June 16, 1929.

Mrs Herbert Hoover,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs Hoover:-

Mrs Bruce and I have been watching with much interest the newspaper accounts of recent occurrences at the White House.

Fortunately or unfortunately, we are "white folks" but we have never been able to convince ourselves that the color of our skin had any particular relation to the size of our brains or the use to which we put them; and we are quite sure, in our own minds, that the non-discriminatory action which you have recently taken, should merit only the approval of all right minded people.

For the President and his wife we entertain the highest regard; with them, in the many problems which arise constantly we sympathize; and for them our prayers ascend, that they may be divinely guided in leading our nation in all the paths of cultural and spiritual progress.

Respectfully,

A. E. BRUCE.

A. E. Bruce

JANET M. GEISTER

370 Seventh Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

June 17th, 1929

Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

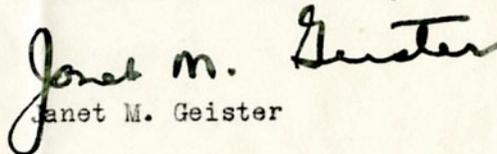
My dear Mrs. Hoover:

May I express my very warm appreciation of your act in including among your guests for tea Mrs. Oscar DePriest, the wife of the colored representative from Chicago?

It may be true, as stated in the morning papers, that you have alienated some of the Southern support; on the other hand, I believe you have gained quite as much and more because of this act, which symbolizes the real democracy of this country. I am a Democrat, but my political support is always on the matter of principle rather than party. In your act you embodied the principles of democracy in its finest and broadest sense.

May I express my warm congratulations and good wishes?

Sincerely yours,


Janet M. Geister

JMG:SW

1915 Federal Street,
Philadelphia, June 16, 1929.

Mrs. Herbert Hoover,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Please pardon the liberty that I am taking in writing to you. But I feel that I must say a word regarding the tempest in a teapot that has been caused by your incidental hospitality to Mrs. Oscar DePriest. Let me say at the outset that I also am a member of the Negro race.

I know that you have already received many communications regarding this incident, some of them intelligent and laudatory, others ignorant and condemnatory. In doing as you did I am sure that you followed the only course which it seemed to you, as a quasi-representative of the entire people, you consistently could follow. But I also feel that every sane word that reaches you will add to your strength and courage to face an issue so beset with hysteria, not to say downright insanity.

While your courtesy to Mrs. DePriest was of no more actual importance than any one of numerous similar courtesies that you are called upon to extend to other human beings, the fact that there are those who are trying to make an actual issue out of the incident makes it imperative that the situation be met with tact and wisdom. As one who has made a life-study of the complex problem of inter-racial relations in America, may I, therefore, venture some suggestions to you as to the most effective, yet least annoying manner in which you can meet this situation?

First of all, I think it would be the part of wisdom for you positively to refuse to authorize any public statement, one way or another, regarding this incident. (Since beginning this letter my morning paper has come. The first item to rivet my attention was a double-column article, headed thus: "De Priest Suggests Hanging Mrs. Hoover's Texan Critics." I think Mr. De Priest could scarcely have made a more damaging or indiscreet statement. Not only does it reflect upon the poise and sanity of the Negro race, but it will tend to make far more difficult your manifest desire to treat colored people as human beings. The sane thing for Mr. De Priest, as well as for his wife to do would have been to remain discreetly silent, and allow both censure and praise to emanate from other sources.)

However, I am sure that you are far too level-headed to make the mistake that Mr. De Priest has made. As I have already suggested, I think the wisest course for you to pursue will be to offer no excuse and no explanation. After the lapse of sufficient time, however, say a few months, or even a year or two, as occasion

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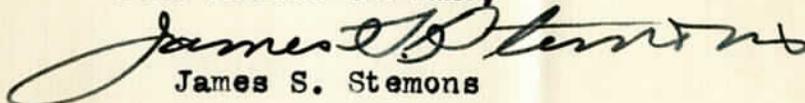
might suggest, I think you would do well to find another occasion for entertaining some outstanding colored woman, if not Mrs. De Priest, then some other woman of equal importance. Then, in response to the storm of criticism that would again arise, you might authorize a terse statement to some such effect as this:

"Mrs. Hoover is, by virtue of her husband's position, First Lady of the entire Nation. As such, she has no excuse to offer or apology to make for recognizing true worth in any American citizen, regardless of race, creed or color."

Some such a statement as this, at such a time, would win you the sympathy and respect of every reasonable person in this country, North or South. It would not cost you the sympathy or respect of a solitary person whose sympathy or respect is worth having. It would prove to friend and foe alike that you are not to be deterred, by either praise or blame, from pursuing a course which all that is good and noble in you tells you you should pursue.

Had President Roosevelt (of sainted memory) exhibited such strength of character and purpose when he entertained Booker T. Washington, years ago (instead of saying virtually nothing, but discreetly refraining from repeating the "offence") he would have settled this question for all time. Should you be pleased to follow some such a course as I have suggested, I believe that you will finish the task abandoned by Mr. Roosevelt. That task is to establish the indisputable right of public officials and their families to honor true worth in, and treat as a human being, any American citizen, regardless of race, creed or color. God Bless you.

Your humble servant,


James S. Stemons

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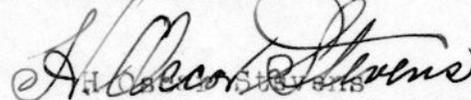
Mrs Herbert Hoover
White House
Washington D C

My Dear Madam:-

Please accept my thanks for your broad and Christian outlook on life. A breadth of vision that enables you to rise above narrow prejudice and to take tea with one of another race, a race that is looked down upon by members of nearly every other race.

Among those who write to abuse you for your act, I wish to add this to commend you. Thank you for your courage and practical applications of the teachings of our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ.

Your obedient servant,


H. Oscar Stevens

"Multum in parvo"



And
With Mrs. Hoover (see over)

With Mr. Montgomery's
Congratulatory and
Compliments to Mrs. Hoover.

**Mrs. Hoover Condemned
For Tea to Mrs. De Priest**

Austin, Texas, June 15 (AP)—The Texas Senate was on record today as condemning by resolution Mrs. Herbert Hoover, wife of the President, for entertaining Mrs. Oscar De Priest, wife of a Negro member of Congress from Illinois, at a White House tea last Wednesday.

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— And the true spirit of Universal Brotherhood and World Peace. — can

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