

# To The Editor

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Editor, The Argonaut:

I make it a point to read Mr. Tasby's column, but this week I was a little puzzled. Mr. Tasby seems to think some whites are bigots, well, they're everything else, why not bigots? But, Joe, did your Negro friends pass the Civil Rights Bill of 1964? Did your Negro friends pass the Open-housing Act? I think maybe you should look at achievements rather than the past. I guess it's an old saying that "When you stop to look back you trip." or "When you take your eyes off the goal you trip." I think you're tripping, Joe. Why not point out the things that could be done to help your cause rather than try to give the Negro the martyr image.

One thing really bothered me, you said, and I quote, "I wouldn't take my eyes off of either one," meaning Rap Brown and King. Well, Joe, if the Black Man makes left wing radicals heros, such as Brown and Carmichael, and looks up to persons who lead marches and make idiots out of themselves, how do you ever expect to compromise if someone such as Wallace ever gets elected as President? I only admire Mr. King's idea of peace, but if his peace is a repeat of Chicago or the Harlem Riots, then is Mr. Wallace's peace, that of stopping it, so bad?

Joe, I'm acquainted with three of 'The Boys,' Mr. Grosvenor, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Wheeler. If the Negro race had more sensible people as these, there wouldn't be a repeat of Harlem or Chicago. I also admire you, Joe, for using your brain rather than your muscle. I can see hope for the Black man.

For my last thing, Mr. Tasby, would it surprise you to know I was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama? My father and mother were active members of the Ku Klux Klan for three years. I am one of your "White Southern Trash Bigots" that think you have a chance.

"Alabama"

Gene Kimbrel

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