

T-BONE SLIM DISCUSSES THE PERFECT FLOWER OF CAPITALISM



THE FRANKS' CASE

I am not bloodthirsty. I am not calling for the blood of these young men. They are a distinct product of the capitalist system—property of our demoralized society and as such should not be destroyed.

Before either of these gentlemen hang, other and more atrocious crimes will attract and distract our attention.

We don't know the half of it. Those of this race do not kill each other.

How they stand on "sacrifice," is another matter. We won't know the half of it. I'm sorry for them!

But what we are doing with 'em is not an argument in favor of extermination.

Let us not make a slaughter house of our country. Let us rather put our house in order to the end that such things will not happen. We can never hope to succeed where inequality in all things fosters a condition of contempt for "inferiors" on one hand and hate for "superiors" on the other. Bring about equality at the point of production, for all; and all things will follow. Put them all to useful work or else banish all work from our shores. Let's have done with Ivory.

This can be done only with organization.

The "superiority complex," nonexistent, but attributed to these lads, and embraced by them, is in "error" not only fundamentally but in so far as they elected wrong parties to play the roles. The murder itself was a very ordinary affair, and in other things too, their muchly heralded superiority is on par with that of an extra-gang flagman—who feels keenly the indignity of finding no reserved seat for him on the hand car; for he feels that, upon his approach, a couple of spikers should vacate their seats and prostrate themselves so that HE might use their sturdy frame as a stepping stone to a seat of honor.

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