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PROGRESS

By Noble William R. Greene
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The time has come when the Western nations know that this is the beginning of a new era. They fully realize that some 350 million whites can no longer force their rule on a world of some 1,350 million persons that total four times their number.

With the passing of the wars, other nations have lost their awe of the Westerner who for centuries has seemed all powerful.

The Eastern world has revolted from Western civilization and set out to create a new order, stressing common ownership of natural resources and production, economic security for all people, equality of all racial and cultural groups.

In the passing of the two wars, the Western nations grew weaker while other regions and orders grew stronger. The most striking proof that Negroes develop in accordance with their opportunities is the recent Army testing. In these tests of literacy and aptitude northern draftees excelled those from the southern states. This was due to the fact that the North had better schools and more opportunities. Northern Negroes outranked southern Negroes.



The shock came when the test proved that the thousands of Negroes from the North ranked above the averages of all white candidates from the south. It shows that Negroes as well as any other nationality will profit with better opportunities. Negroes studying in good northern schools have quickly excelled their white fellows who study in poorer schools of the southern states. Negroes have proved their ability in every phase of American life. Discrimination will soon be as obsolete as the horse and buggy.

Denver Club Gives Awards For Inter-Group Relations

DENVER, Colo. (ANP). Seven persons or institutions were cited here last week for their work in intergroup relations, at a dinner given by the Cosmopolitan club. About 300 labor, religious, and civic leaders attended the meeting. Dr. Clarence F. Holmes, president of the group, presented the awards. Guest speaker was Louis



by **JAMES C. OLSON**, Superintendent
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The fame of Mark Twain's Mississippi River steamboat pilots has tended to obscure somewhat the equally exciting exploits of their counterparts on the Missouri. Indeed, in many respects, the job of a pilot on the Missouri was more dangerous and called for greater skill and judgment than did the same work on the Father of Waters.

For the muddy Missouri, tumbling past eastern Nebraska, was as changeable as it was treacherous. Snags and sandbars met on one trip could not be depended upon to be in the same place on the next. The ever-shifting condition of the channel presented new problems on every excursion.

As an early Sioux City editor wrote, "Of all the variable things in creation the most uncertain are the action of a jury, the state of woman's mind, and the condition of the Missouri river."

The shifting sandbars provided a particularly ominous threat to river navigation. The pilot avoided them wherever possible. All too frequently, however, that was impossible and the pilot had to get the boat across as best he could.

With luck and skill he could jump or "grasshopper" the boat over the bar. Occasionally, though, the craft would become mired so deeply that his only recourse was to unload the freight and drag the boat from its moorings by sheer human force. Now and then even the passengers had to man the tow-lines.

Particularly dangerous were fallen trees lodged in the channel. To strike a large one head-on meant certain disaster because the frail bottoms of the river steamers were easily pierced.

It is little wonder, then, that a pilot skilled and responsible enough to guide a boat along the Missouri commanded top pay for his time as well as being a man of high standing on the river. After all, men's lives as well as their property were entrusted to his care.

E. Sidman, tri-state director of the Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith.

Those receiving awards were: Dr. Malcolm A. College, dean of the college of arts and sciences, for the University of Denver; Mrs. Mildred Westbrook for the George Washington Carver day nursery, and David H. Stein, Unity council policy committee.

Also, William F. McGlone, president, Denver Urban league; Milton E. Moosdorf, Denver council of churches; Samuel D. Menin, counsel, Denver chapter of the NAACP, and Miss Vivienne S. Worley, principal, Whittier school.

We Saw You There

If you who are described in the following paragraphs can successfully identify yourself to the editors of The Voice, you will be awarded a coupon redeemable at some well-known place of business.

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