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## Discrimination Costs Highlighted By League

Discrimination against Negroes is one of America's most costly luxuries, according to a dramatic booklet released today by the Urban League. Called "The Price We Pay," the pamphlet shows the effects of slum conditions, job discrimination, and the League's methods of relieving these. In terms of cash, says the League, the nation pays an increasingly heavy price for discrimination each year, assessed in "heavier taxes—in loss of business—in waste of effort and ability."

Pointing out that all cities have slums, the booklet says slum areas pay about 6% of a city's taxes, but they absorb 45% of the police cost, 35% of the fire cost, and contribute 55% of its delinquency. And almost invariably, says the League, it is the Negro who is forced to live in the slums.

Citing the effects of job discrimination, "The Price We Pay" compares job patterns of whites and Negroes. Where the majority of whites work in clerical or factory work, most Negroes are in factory or laboring jobs, with the

largest number in jobs at the lowest pay levels. "It is almost too self-evident," the League says, "that slum areas claim the greater part of people with low-paying jobs."

Job discrimination and slums cost New York City alone \$1 billion or more per year, says the League. These costs are in unwarranted rents, in slum conditions, and in wages and production which would result if Negroes could work at jobs they are qualified to perform.

"The Price We Pay" is based on a recent report by Richard Wood, economic consultant, former editor of Fortune Magazine. The booklet was designed as an aid in the current Urban League Fund campaign for \$600,000. Dwight R. G. Palmer, president of General Cable Corporation is chairman of the drive.

## Eisenhower's Ground Groups To Be 1/4 Negroes

STUTT GART, Germany — (ANP)—Consensus of opinion among U. S. officers of the U. S. Seventh army in Europe is that one-fourth to one-third of all American ground forces to be stationed on the continent under the command of five-starred Gen. Dwight Eisenhower will be Negroes.

This would be a big jump from the army's old-line policy of one-tenth and would virtually put Negroes in control of the ground force units.

## OUT OF OLD NEBRASKA

by JAMES C. OLSON, Superintendent STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Appleton Milo Harmon was a member of that hardy bank of Mormon pioneers who under the leadership of Brigham Young set out from Winter Quarters in April, 1847, to push through the Platte Valley and across the mountains in search of a new home in the far west. His journal, edited and published in 1946 by Maybelle Harmon Anderson, makes a significant contribution to that part of Nebraska's history which concerns the colony at Winter Quarters and the Mormon Trail.

Harmon was an early convert to Mormonism and had participated in the building of the Mormon community at Nauvoo, Ill. Likewise, he had taken part in the exodus from Nauvoo, in February, 1846, the trek across Iowa, and the establishment of Winter Quarters on the Nebraska side of the Missouri River.

His account of that dreadful winter on the banks of the Missouri corroborates stories told by others who were there.

The Harmons, like all others at Winter Quarters, suffered severely from want of food. To replenish the family's supply, Harmon set out in January to take a wagon he had made down into Missouri to sell for money to obtain food. He went 150 miles into Missouri, sold the wagon, and got a load of corn, pork, and groceries. The trip was made by ox team, and he reported, "I suffered greatly with cold, my clothes were worn rather thin and the howling blasts of the bald prairies were piercing as we had to go at the tardy ox pace."

When he returned to Winter Quarters, he found his mother dead and his sister so low that she died shortly after his arrival.

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Both were buried in the Mormon cemetery which now is an important feature of the bluffs overlooking Florence.

Harmon was one of those selected to accompany Brigham Young on the pioneering trip west. His journal of the trip, in addition to providing valuable comments on the "look of the land" through which they passed, contains an interesting discussion of the invention of the famed Mormon "roadometer," that device by which the pioneer Mormons were able to tell the distance travelled each day.

Harmon didn't go on to Salt Lake with the pioneers, but was

one of the men appointed to operate the ferry established across the North Platte River, about 125 miles above Fort Laramie. The next spring he went back to Winter Quarters to get his family.

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