

Race Book Banned—Here's Truth

(In the interest of truth and with the firm belief that the facts should be made available to servicemen as well as civilians, The CIO NEWS herewith prints the first of a series of three articles—excerpts from the pamphlet, "The Races of Mankind." The pamphlet was written by Dr. Gene Weltfish and Prof. Ruth Benedict. It was approved by competent authorities as scientifically accurate, but was denied to servicemen and women who are overseas after Representative Andrew J. May, of Kentucky, objected to it because it did not agree with his particular brand of racial philosophy.)

Thirty-four nations are now united in a common cause—victory over Axis aggression, the military destruction of fascism. This war, for the first time, has brought home to Americans the fact that the whole world has been made one neighborhood. All races of man are shoulder to shoulder. Our neighbors now are peoples of all the races of the earth.

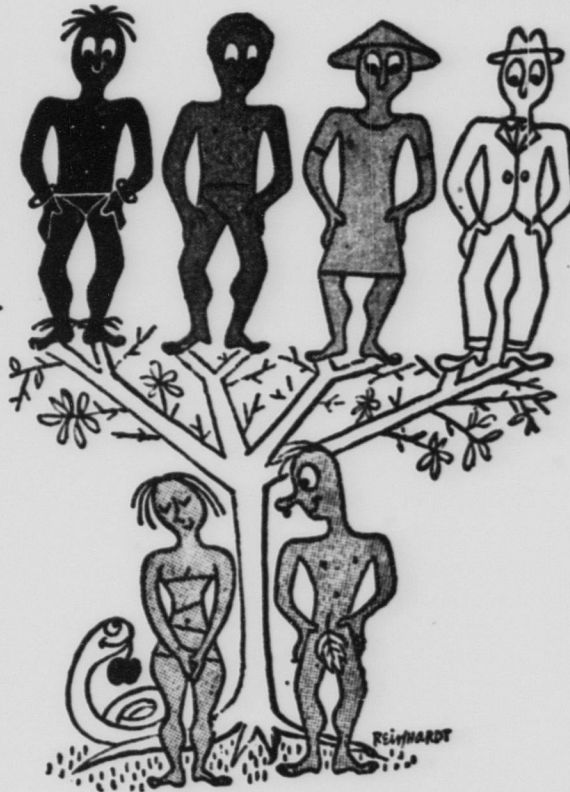
Americans know better than most how much hard feeling there can be when people of different races and nationalities have to live together and be part of one community. They know that there is often conflict.

Today when what we all want more than anything else is to win this war, most Americans are confident that, whatever our origins, we shall be able to pull together to a final victory.

Hitler, though, has always believed we were wrong; he has believed that hard feeling would break out and leave us defeated. He has been sure that he could "divide and conquer." He has believed that he could convince nonwhite races in Asia

and Africa that this is a "white man's war." He has believed especially that America was now a no man's land, where peoples of all origins were ready to fall to fighting among themselves.

The Bible story of Adam and Eve, father



People of the World Are Much Alike

and mother of the whole human race, told centuries ago the same truth that science has shown today: that all the peoples of the earth are a single family and have a common origin.

The greatest adventure story in the history of the world is the spread of early man to all corners of the globe. The world

had a small population then, and many of these pioneers were for centuries as separated from other peoples as if they lived on another planet. Slowly they developed physical differences.

Those who settled nearer the equator, whether in Europe, Asia, or in the Americas, developed a darker skin color than those who settled to the north of them.

People's hair is often the same over great areas: frizzly hair, lank hair, wavy hair. Europeans remained quite hairy, but in some parts of the world body hair almost disappeared. Blue eyes appeared in the north. In some places in Asia a fold of skin developed over the inner corner of the eye and produced what we call a slant eye.

After the discovery of America by Columbus, Europeans began traveling to every quarter of the globe, and all the new peoples they met were complete strangers to them.

Europeans thought they were different creatures and named a lot of different "races." Gradually the Europeans described each one as having a skin color, kind of hair, kind of lips, height, and head shape that was peculiar to that "race." Nowadays we know that this was a false impression.

Let us take the brain itself. Because the brain is the thinking organ, some scientists have tried to find differences in the size and structure of the brain among different groups of people. In spite of these efforts, using the finest microscopes, the best scientists cannot tell from examining a brain to what group of people its owner belonged.

The average size of the brain is different in different groups, but it has been proved over and over again that the size of the brain has nothing to do with intelligence.

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Want to Study For A Job? Here's Score

This is a roundup survey on job-study opportunities for servicemen. It's in answer to a lot of requests for information received by The CIO NEWS from men on the far flung battle fronts with a yen for improving their education so that they'll have a better chance to get good jobs when they come back to the States.

Since it's impossible in the small amount of space available to give complete answers to all the questions, we've done the next best thing—by providing information about where to write to get what you want. Here's the lineup:

For general information about the nature and qualifications of any particular kind of work, write to:

Occupational Information and Guidance Service,
Vocational Division,

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