

# EDUCATION TO SOLVE WORLD RACE TROUBLE

## Sir Guggisberg Writes of Problems

(Photo on Picture Page)

London, England, Jan. 27. — An article written by Sir G. Guggisberg, retired governor of the British West African colony of the Gold Coast, has caused much comment from the press and public. The following is the article released by Sir Guggisberg to a special correspondent:

"Is the Negro mind capable of development to the highest intellectual level of the white race?"

"This problem—of vital importance to the British empire, which contains 40,000 Negroes—has been the subject of a tour of investigation throughout the United States by Brig. Gen. Sir Gordon Guggisberg, K. C. M. G., D. S. Q., who retired this year from the post of governor of the British West African colony of the Gold Coast.

Gen. Guggisberg has always been a strong advocate of the higher education of the black Races. On the Gold Coast he brought into existence the Negro university settlement of Achimota which provides education of all degrees from primary to university standard for the natives of West Africa. A memorial tablet at this institution was unveiled by the Prince of Wales in 1925 during his West African tour.

"As a result of his visits to the principal Negro educational establishments of the southern states of North America, Sir Gordon Guggisberg is profoundly impressed by the rapid growth of real intellectual and scientific ability among the Negro race.

### Meets Noted Educators

"In meeting men like Major Moton, the Negro head of the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama, and a former secretary of Booker Washington, he said, 'and many others like Dr. Hope, the principal of Moorhouse college, Dr. Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard university; Dr. Scott, Mr. Alain Locke, the author, one is conscious of being in contact with a very high quality of mental development.

"Nothing but the external attribute of color distinguishes these men, or Professor Carver—also of Tuskegee, who is probably one of the most outstanding industrial scientists of the United States and has lectured before the British Royal society—from many of the recognized leaders of European thought.'

### Condemns South's Policy

"General Guggisberg thinks that the policy of repressing the race and limiting its share in the political life of the country, as practiced in some parts of the southern states, is mistaken, for the reason that it resists tendencies of natural development which must in the end prevail.

"The best types of Negro that I met do not aspire to social equality in America, but claim equality of opportunity," said General Guggisberg. "It is impossible to hold down in permanent subjection a population of 12,000,000 Negroes, which is steadily increasing. The wisest course, it seems to me, is to give their legitimate aspirations fair play.

"I am not, of course, in favor of a mingling of the black and white races by blood, though none of us knows what developments of that kind may take place in the remote future, when the intellectual progress of the mass of the Negro populations of the world has caught up with that of the Caucasian race. But the American Negro has no desire to intermarry with the whites. He is content to live as a member of a separate community in the midst of the hundred million white men and women who surround him.

**EDITOR'S NOTE**—We are sorry that Sir Guggisberg is so grievously misinformed about the desires of the American citizens he is discussing in this article. They are not content to live as members of separate communities, and the white policy of trying to force them into herds is the cause of all the evils he found so prevalent. The American citizen, who has no indictment against him other than that his skin is not lily white, desires the full rights of American citizenship and all it entails. He feels that his life has been so interminably interwoven with the growth of America that he should enjoy the same freedom and respect as any other citizen. It is for abolishment of such un-American conditions that this paper has fought throughout the years, and the members of our Race who encourage such a process by segregating themselves in communities are not worthy of consideration.

"That is an artificial set of conditions, not contemplated by nature, but an inheritance from the days of the slave trade. The problem of the present day is to make it work. In the northern states, where greater tolerance is shown towards the black race, it is working fairly well. I met many Negro leaders of industry in cities like Chicago, who deal entirely with their own people—Negro presidents of banks, lawyers, doctors, principals of universities, hotel proprietors, and heads of insurance companies.

"I was privileged to attend evening gatherings of these people, held to meet me. Sometimes I was almost the only white man present. In that mysterious way which prevails among the black race, they had heard that I had shown myself in West Africa a friend of the Negro, and they opened their minds to me about the problems of their curiously anomalous existence with extraordinary ability and power of conviction.

### Recommends Higher Education

"My tour in America has left me convinced that in such purely tropical parts of the British empire as West Africa the right course for our government to adopt is to develop higher education."



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