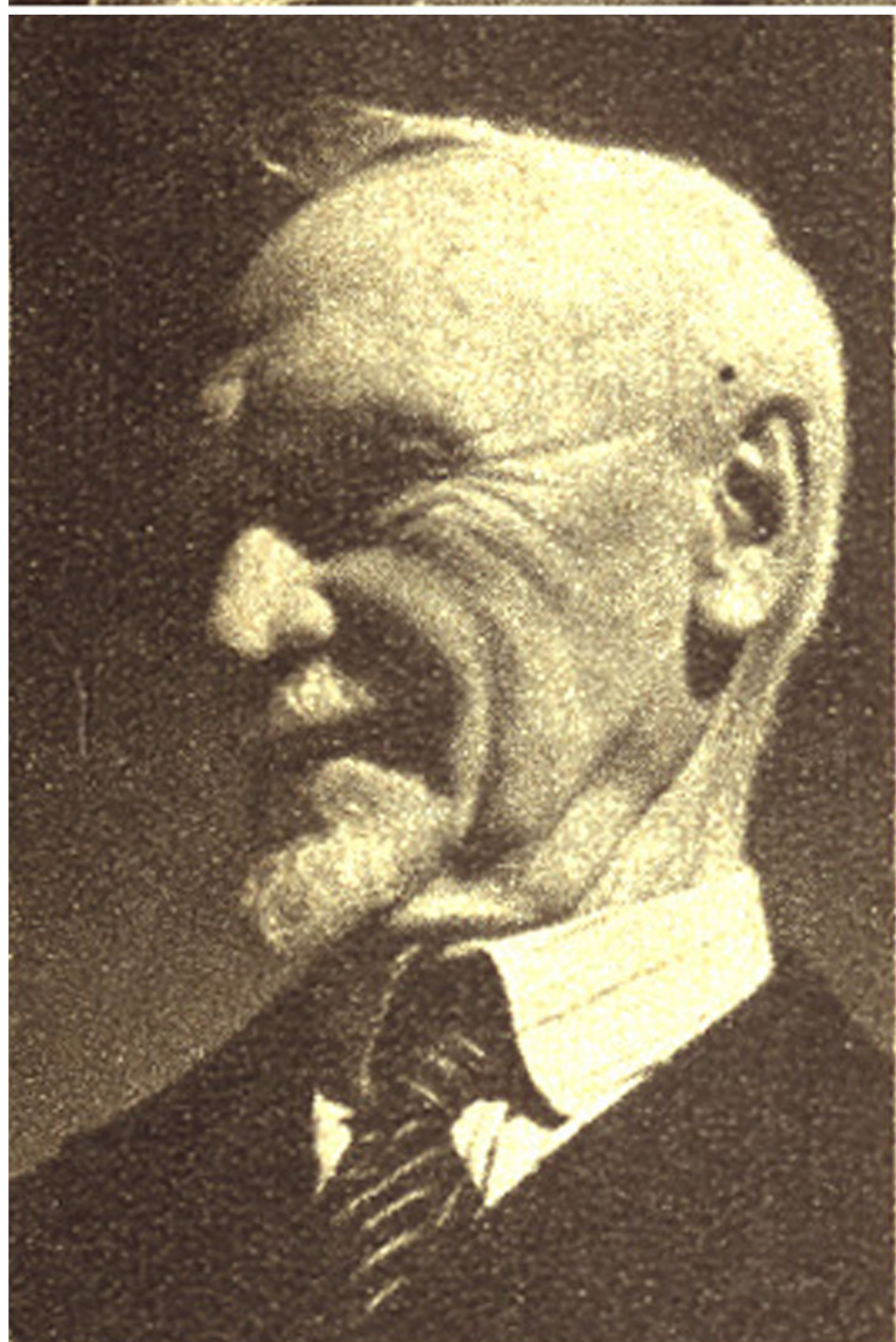


COLOR EXPLOSION

All over the world, the rise of colored peoples is a portent of the future. So enormous is this fact of history that it is impossible to assess in a brief space. But here is a clue to what is going on and what it must mean to all of us...



Scientists say *all* men are hybrid. No black Nigerian or white South African or yellow Chinese (above) is "pure."

After 400 years of domination by the white world, black, yellow and brown peoples are engaged in a great struggle for freedom. The struggle makes the cold war between the West and Communism seem almost provincial. For, in long-run terms, it is a question of three-fourths of the earth's population pitted against the rest in a conflict that may last for centuries.

Major opening skirmishes occurred at the end of World War II when the colonial holdings of England, France and the Netherlands fell apart and most of Asia and large areas of Africa gained independence.

But the whites have not been eager to accept this revolution. They find it hard to let go of familiar patterns of racial domination. Last year news of the continuing clash of wills filled our headlines. In August, bitter fights between native whites and immigrant Jamaicans rocked London. In South Africa the *Apartheid* laws are turning the country into a concentration camp of 12,000,000 colored, "guarded" by a white minority. In the U. S., Southern communities defied the Supreme Court, insisted the Negroes stay out of the schools white children attend.

And all the while, a nation containing the largest number of non-whites in the world—Communist China—used its military power and prestige among colored peoples to concoct dangerous power plays.

The sudden awareness by the ex-colonial and other colored peoples of their common problems and increasing strength has exploded like a bomb in the white parliaments. Never again can the white man arrogantly deny to the colored the principles of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It would be pleasant to say that the colored peoples simply wish to put into reality the brotherhood of man in an enlightened age when almost everyone knows that skin color has nothing to do with a man's rights or abilities. (This is indeed one of the ideals of colored leaders like Nehru of India and the Rev. Martin Luther King of the U. S.) But the color explosion is of such intensity, the desire for self-determination is so strong, that the whites cannot hope for the problem to be resolved on such a lofty plane. Like it or not, they are being challenged to deal with angry, color-proud *equals* who are already changing the world.



Race prejudice means ridicule for Negro girl in Little Rock, Ark.

Tension between the whites and colored peoples of the world is partly explained by the inevitable conflict of a long-repressed group breaking aggressively into the midstream of a dominant culture. But an additional fact must be added. This is the racial myth that the colored man is by nature inferior. Such prejudice is the canker that makes a reasonable adjustment to the colored man's new status so painful for whites.

Where prejudice exists, the hatred of man for man is no longer politics, it is life and death. The prejudiced man sees no further than the skin of his neighbor. He is confused and full of contradictions in his ideas. A white man who consorts discreetly with a colored woman may be ignored by his fellow whites. But if the role of the sexes is reversed, a terrible fury descends on the couple. A humble black worker is accepted so long as he recognizes his superiors and remains "in his place,"—a black lawyer fighting for integration is by definition "a menace." A Negro nursemaid is entrusted with a white infant at its most vulnerable age. Let the maid's daughter attempt to enter a school with whites and she and her mother suddenly become dirty and degenerate.

The contradictions in white attitudes create resentment among the colored nations of the world. It is big news in Asia, for instance, when a colored delegate to the U.N. is applauded in the lecture halls of the U. S., then refused service in a restaurant. Radical and frustrated factions use such incidents to warn that even on a political level the whites are not to be trusted—that the white man has hardened his heart against the guilt he feels for having given the colored man so much cause for anger.

But there is much reason to hope that solutions will be found. One UNESCO pamphlet notes: "To future generations it may seem unbelievable that a slight difference in the chemical composition of their skins have caused men to hate, despise, revile and persecute each other."



Approved" relationship in Miami, Fla. (above).

"Disapproved": couple below



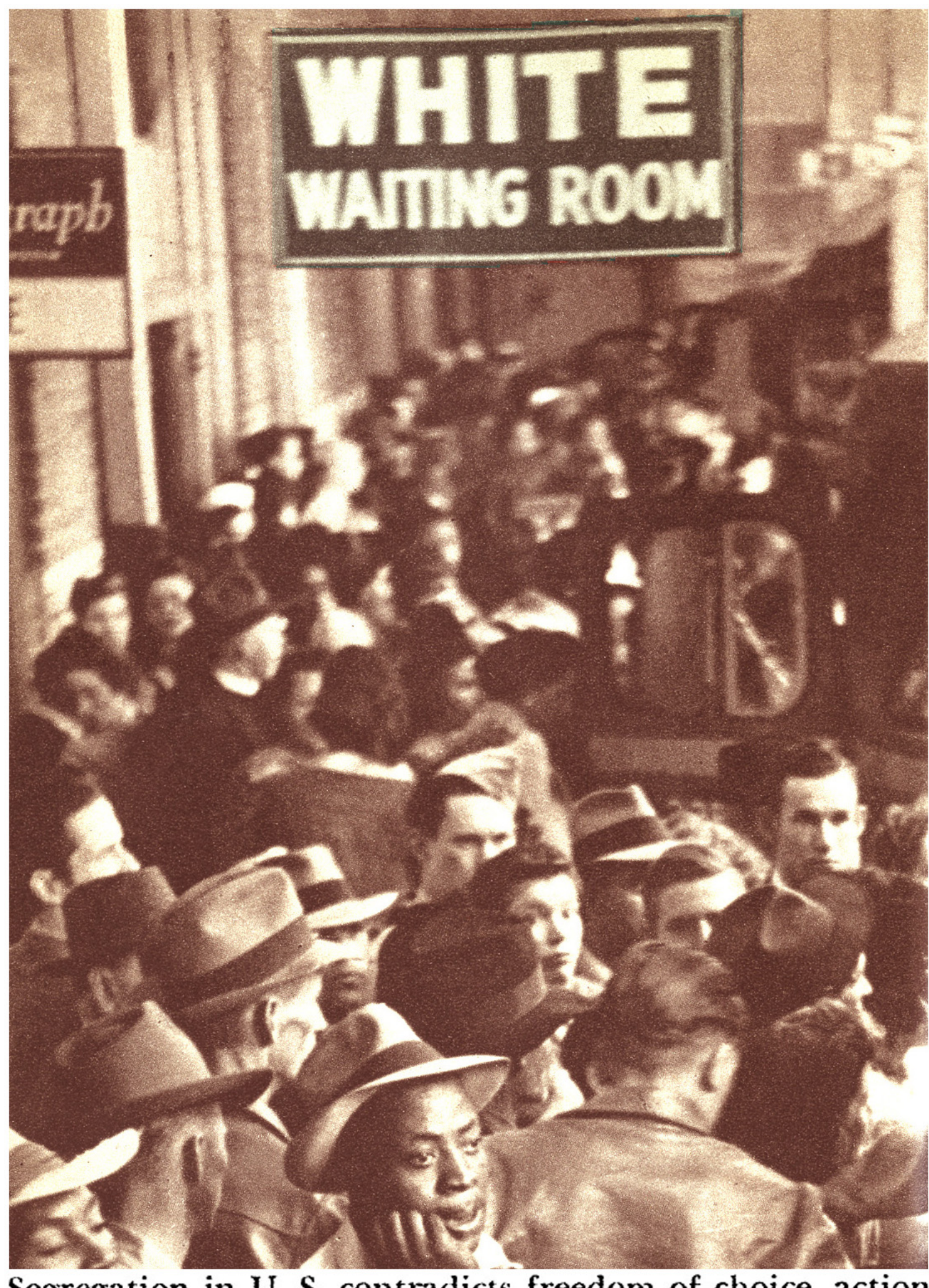
In America the world-wide color explosion has focused attention on the grievances of Negro citizens as never before since the Civil War. Not only in the South—where humiliation and fear of personal injury still too often fetter the life of the Negro—but in the North, too, discrimination in housing, jobs and education has given colored leaders strong impetus. Recently, major legal strides have been made—especially in the Supreme Court—but change of white attitudes is slow.



Negro school in Alabama has one textbook for whole class



Raided Negroes distrusted white police, had own gun cache



Segregation in U. S. contradicts freedom of choice, action



As always the fate of the world depends on the wisdom of its leaders. In political temperament, the colored leaders range from totalitarian Marxists like China's Chou En-lai to Western-type liberals like U Nu of Burma. What most deeply complicates the problem is the position of certain colored leaders who are using the clash of white and colored peoples to further their own dreams of personal glory. Such a man is Nasser of Egypt who, in his political ambition to dominate the Moslem countries of the Near East has called for the colored bloc's support of his bloody and pontifical nationalism.

Constructive leaders of the colored peoples hope to use the newly unleashed strength of their peoples to catch up with Western society. Their main goal is rapid industrialization which will make it possible to feed, house, educate, and defend their citizens. (And, at every opportunity, to support the efforts of their less fortunate colored brothers in other countries.)

As for those colored leaders who wish to imitate the worst sins of the white world, by deciding all issues on a purely prejudiced racial basis, they are warned by Nehru of India who speaks from the core of the color explosion: "Wrong means will not lead to right results."



Gold Coast leaders at Bandung formed new Ghana republic



Chou En-lai of China



Gamal Nasser of Egypt



Spiritual leadership of Gandhi serves as guide for Nehru

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Joyous Indonesians greet delegates to all-colored nations' parley at Bandung in 1955, which symbolized new political force in the world