

THE Selective Service Act is giving this country tens of thousands of NEW NEGROES annually. They are New Negroes PSYCHOLOGICALLY as well as physically.

A few months ago a disproportionate number of these young men took improper care of their HEALTH, lived in unhealthy SURROUNDINGS and had a non-operative point of view.

Today they are CHANGED or are rapidly undergoing changes.

Once they stayed up until the small hours of the morning inhaling the bad air of cabarets, pool rooms and bridge tables.

Today they are in bed by ELEVEN O'CLOCK practically every evening in the month.

Some of these youngsters NEVER saw the sun rise unless they were coming home from an all-night party.

Nowadays the bugles or buzzers get them out of bed in time to prove to them that the sun DOES rise in the East.

With the exception of the athletically inclined, few of these young men bothered to take any EXERCISE and were stiff and flabby.

They now take exercise every day except Sunday.

This DAILY regimen of exercise, deep breathing, perspiration and sunshine is making NEW MEN out of these draftees.

These New Negroes are DRINKING much more moderately.

Days and even weeks go by when many of them do NOT poison their fine young bodies with ALCOHOL, and this record is usually broken only by the one- or two-day payday debauch.

As a rule they SMOKE LESS, because the Army teaches them that accuracy and steadiness of nerves do NOT go along with excessive use of tobacco and alcohol; and they soon find this out on the pistol or rifle range.

Another thing that has helped to transform these

young men into New Negroes is REGULAR AND WHOLE-SOME MEALS.

Over half of our people are MALNOURISHED, not because of lack of money but because they do not partake of a BALANCED DIET regularly; and this malnourishment is evident in low resistance, misshapen limbs and lowered intelligence.

EQUALLY IMPORTANT in changing these youths into New Negroes is the military DISCIPLINE, which in its best sense means knowing what you have to do, and DOING it when you are TOLD.

Punctuality, fanatical cleanliness, unquestioned obedience, neatness and order—THESE are the requirements for making soldiers out of slouches.

In the Army men learn that OBEDIENCE is not imposition or slavishness, but UNDERSTANDING and co-operation; that high EFFICIENCY and successful endeavors are impossible without it.

Most important for OUR future is the fact that these young Negroes are learning to TAKE ORDERS from and to respect OTHER Negroes, something which too many of our people are reluctant to do.

Centuries of servitude and mis-education have developed in too many Negroes a SLAVISH PSYCHOLOGY which makes them believe, like their traducers, that white people are superior and that Negroes should accept instruction and direction only from them.

Army training in the Negro regiments with their large staffs of black non-commissioned officers whose orders are LAW is preparing tens of thousands of our young men to return to civil life with an entirely different point of view.

Finally, the present-day Army is a MECHANIZED army; and since we live in a MECHANIZED society, it is very helpful to our young men to get the exact mechanical training which the Army increasingly provides.

All in all, the prospect of one hundred thousand New Negroes re-entering civil life each year benefited by this experience is most gratifying.