

THE "NEW" NEGRO CLEARS FOR ACTION

A conference was held last Saturday and Sunday at Nyack, New York, by a group of young Negro college men and women. Here we see a new and more significant sign of our changing times. In a few years what is now novel and looked at askance by us will be the accepted and commonplace with those who are now coming up the hill.

The program as promulgated by these students may be over-zealous and far-fetched on certain points, but in the main, they are laying the foundation for a new order in race relations. They are bringing to bear, not only general intelligence, but scientific knowledge, on our problems; are approaching our difficulties from a new and more modern angle. That in itself is a laudable work. We do not expect that a few students can meet and solve our difficulties in a few hours of discussion, but the fact that they were able to agree on a program which, in the main, we believe embodies the essentials of our future policy as a race, is more than worth the time and effort expended.

Older heads might do well to study this program carefully. One can sense the trend of thought among those who will one day take our places. If this trend be wrong, there is yet time to correct it; if it be right, recognize its correctness and lend a word of commendation. It is also noticed the young people plan "direct action." If you can, and feel justified, lend your best efforts at co-operation. Do not sulk, for that is the greatest crime against progress which the youths think the elders now commit. They would prefer your active opposition to your sulking.

It is clear now our schools and colleges are beginning to make themselves felt. The "new" intelligence is upon us, en masse, and the race will climb higher for its presence.