

Dr Franklin Says New Type Negro In The South

BRUNSWICK, Me. — Industrialization and urbanization are bringing a new Negro into existence in the South — a Negro who has “a new conception of himself and of his rights as an American citizen,” Dr. E. Franklin Frazier, professor of sociology at Howard University,, told a Bowdoin College audience this week. Dr. Frazier was among several professors who participated in the 1958 Bowdoin Institute Lecture series.

“The status of the Negro in the South has undergone important changes during the past twenty years,” Dr. Frazier stated. “The extent and nature of these changes have been determined by the impact of industrialization and urbanization in the different areas of the South.

the Negro farmers in the South are tenants and the majority of the tenants are still share croppers who represent one of the lowest income groups in the United States. However, as the result of urbanization a new Negro middle class about one-half as large relatively as the Negro middle class in the North has emerged in the South.

“As the result of their improved economic position in the city and the breaking down of their mental and social isolation, Negroes in Southern cities are acquiring new ideas concerning their rights, and they are able to struggle in an organized manner for their rights as citizens.”

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