

## SUGGESTS "DON'T TREAD ON ME" FLAG FOR NEGRO RACE

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At this year's commencement of Hampton Institute, Robert W. Bag-nall gave the address of the day, on the topic, "A New Philosophy for the New Negro." He said, in part: "The new Negro must be a protestant, filled with divine discontent, unwilling to accept without protest any denial of rights. This demands courage.

"It was in Virginia that Patrick Henry said, 'Is peace so dear or life so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery? Forbid it, Almighty God!' Frederick Douglas was wise when he said, 'The slave who fights back gets whipped the least often.' He had learned it only after he had fought Hovey, the slavebreaker, all day. They never whipped him again. You may get whipped but nothing like so much as if you were unresisting.

"I would have the Negroes adopt a flag like the colonials of the Revolution. On a blue field I would place a black rattlesnake, and on the banner I would inscribe the words, 'Don't Tread on Me!' I do not advocate that the Negro use force to obtain his rights simply because the odds are too much against him.

"I do advise that he use what is tantamount to force, the weapons given him by the government—the courts and the ballot."