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MICHIGAN TO ACT IN INSUR-
ANCE COMPANY'S ANTI-
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MENT.

New York, Oct. 28.—The Nation-
al Association for the Advancement
of Colored People, 69 Fifth Avenue,
is co-operating with the office of the
Attorney General for the State of
Michigan in a case arising out of
discrimination against Negroes by
an insurance company with offices
in Chicago.

Paul G. Eger, Assistant Attorney
General of the State of Michigan,
reports to the National Office of the
N.A.A.C.P. that the Federal Life In-
surance Company had advertise-
ments in Michigan newspapers with
reference to a certain policy, in
which they said:

"This special offer is open to
members of the Caucasian or white
race between the ages of ten and
fifty, living within the United
States or Canada."

Mr. Eger points out that the
Michigan Insurance Code (Section
30, Chap. 2, Part 3) provides there
shall be no discrimination between
white and colored persons. Mr. Eger
states that "undoubtedly the com-
pany will be cited to appear before
the commission to show cause why
their license should not be revoked."

In response to Mr. Eger's request
for information as to the New York
provision of the Insurance Code, ap-
plying to this case, Arthur B. Spin-
garn, chairman of the National Legal
Committee, has obtained the nec-
essary information which has been
forwarded to Mr. Eger.

H. A. Lett, chairman of the Legal
Redress Committee of the Lansing,
Mich., branch of the N.A.A.C.P., re-
ports that the action against the
Chicago insurance company had
originated in the Department of In-
surance and was being handled by
the Attorney General's office, with-
out there having to be any request
for it from colored people.

L. SOUTHERNER ATTACKS
RACE PREJUDICE.

Attention is called to an articles in
the November issue of the new
magazine "Plain Talk" by Howard
Snyder, a white man living in Miss-
issippi, under the title "The South
Bungles the Negro Problem." Mr.
Snyder declares that one of the
greatest injustices the South does
the Negro is to see him as a class
and not as an individual.

"Let and individual in the South
have but a sixteenth or thirty-second
part of Negro blood in his veins,"
writes Mr. Snyder, "and it matters
not how straight his hair, how clear
his skin, how clean his morals, how
brilliant his intellect—he is never-
the-less to the Southern people just
a "nigger," and on the same level
with the half-civilized brute who
beats his woman and boasts of 20
illegitimate children.

Mr. Snyder exposes the falsity of
the notion that the South can pros-
per by "holding the Negro down"
and writes: "Until the white man
lends his hand in the uplift of the
Negro, there is little hope of a bet-
ter South for many a day to come.
That the negro is capable of a high-

er degree of training for skilled
trades is known to many; that he is
also capable of the same higher edu-
cation and culture that the white
man enjoys is known to a few."

The plantation system encourages
shiftlessness, declares Mr. Snyder,
as it robs the soil and degrades the
laborer. He says: "Surely it is high
time the Southerner awoke to the
fact that not through antagonism,
but through co-operation will he se-
cure the desired results financially,
socially, and morally."

RACIAL SUPERIORITY

The American Federation of La-
bor comes out for the exclusion of
"all Asiatic races" and for immedi-
ate independence of the Philippines
so as to include them in the exclu-
sion. The Conservative party, in
Canada, also declares bluntly for
the exclusion of all Orientals. Aus-
tralia, more tactful, passes no dis-
crimination in words against Asi-
atics, but merely instructs its im-
migration officers to keep them out,
by giving impossible "dictation
tests" to any who apply.

Thus the lines are set, on the basis
of nationality, culture or character,
but of physical race. The frontier
peoples of the white man's world
unanimously resolve to exclude the
brown and yellow man on grounds
of race alone. The Asiatics, as unan-
imously, refuse to accept this dis-
crimination. They are willing to be
kept out, but not for this reason.
The white peoples may sometime
disguise it, as Australia does, but
the line they draw is actually of
race.

For our generation and the next
this policy will certainly continue.
The Orientals and the American
idealists, who think it wrong, have
no present choice except patience.
The price of wholesale migration,
such as would happen if it were per-
mitted, would be either race mon-
gelization or its prevention by a
caste system. The white peoples re-
pudiate the one, and the Orientals
would not submit to the other. The
only escape is to dwell apart, each
race in the lands it now holds.

But speculation into the future,
when the whole world will have be-
come even more than one neighbor-
hood, and when the cultural and
economic levels of all nations will
have been equalized—how long can
the now dominant race maintain its
present system? We have occupied
most of the best of the world, and
seized dominion over the rest. The
other peoples, restive under it, will
regain their political independence
within this generation. How long
thereafter can the white race con-
tinue its social exclusiveness?

Nobody knows. But, for as long
ahead as we can foresee, it is the big-
gest question in the world."

—Chester H. Rowell in the "Los
Angeles Express."

She—"What's your definition of
an optimist?"

He—"A fellow who looks at his
shirt, just back from the laundry
and says, Oh well, we needed lace
curtains anyway."

—Queens Journal.

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