

Letters to the Editor

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...and racial stocks with distinguishing characteristics so great, that racial origin is determined by a distinguishing trait that is common to a very large group. There is no such thing as a pure race. The only possible exception to this fact may be the living in the Ituri Forest of central Africa. For countless ages, long before the earliest history of mankind, various races have crossed and have intermingled and in so doing have produced "mixed" races. Any race in Europe or America is a mixture of several racial types. Physical characteristics of almost all the other races lived in Europe. These are the Nordic, whose chief characteristics are to be tall, blond and blue-eyed; the East Baltics, who are somewhat shorter and have broad, round faces; the Alpine, who are also included in the Alpine are settled today mostly in central France, Germany, northern Spain, Italy. They are also found in numbers in England, Hungary, Africa and the Caucasus.

...there are the Mediterraneans, found chiefly around the Mediterranean Sea, but who in the last few centuries ago into Czechoslovakia, Russia, England, Wales and Asia. Races generally included in the "Caucasoid" or "white" race are the Celts and Franks, who are found chiefly in Turkey, Iran, the Vedda of India, the Japanese, the Polynesians who are found in the island in the Pacific. These people today are "mixed" with other races, chiefly "white". The "Negroid" or "Negro" races include the Ethiopians. A side-note here is that the Halle Selassie of Ethiopia is a direct descendant from the biblical Solomon who is generally acknowledged to have been the Ethiopian king. The Ethiopians are based on Mediterranean and Negroes, and are sometimes called "Hammite". They speak another of the languages included in the Negroid

classification are the Sudanese and Nilotes who are found mainly in the region around the Nile River; the Bantu which are found in all parts of Africa south of the Equator except the Great Rift Valley of eastern Africa. The Forest, or West Negroes, often referred to as the "true" Negroes, are found along the Guinea coast of Africa.

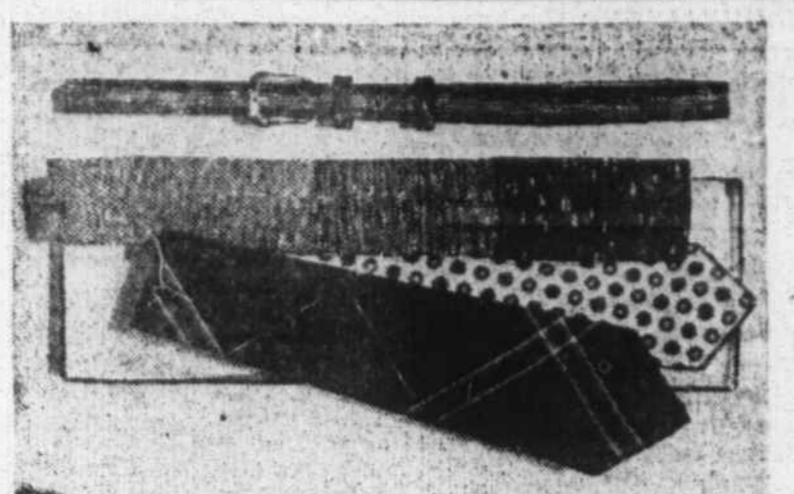
Negroid peoples of the Pacific Islands include the Melanesians and the Papuans. The Pygmoids are found in Africa and Malaysia, they are also found in Sumatra, Dutch Guinea and the Philippine Islands. The Bushmen and Hottentots are of the Pygmoid stock and are found in the Kalahari Desert of South Africa. There is some evidence that they are Mongoloid as well as Negroid.

The Mongoloid race (which is commonly called the "yellow" race), includes the Ugro-Finns, the Sinetics (Chinese), the Mongols, the American Indians, and the Eskimo. The Ugro-Finns are widely scattered along the northern parts of Europe and Asia, from Siberia to the Scandinavian Peninsula. The Chinese are almost exclusively Sinitic in origin. The Japanese are mixed Sinitic and Ainu. The Sinitic have also mixed into the races found in northern India, Nepal, Tibet and Burma. The Malaysians are basically Mongoloid, but in many of the smaller islands in the area, they have a strong admixture of Caucasian stock.

The earth's population is approximately 43% Mongoloid, 33% Caucasoid and 24% Negroid. But since practically none of these race classifications are "pure" in origin, these figures are certainly open to question.

In skin coloring, which is the most common and arbitrary manner of distinguishing persons of various racial backgrounds, it is interesting to note the great variance in coloring within these basic groups. The skin-coloring of the Caucasoid or "white" race varies from pinkish-white and olive to dark brown. Negroes range from light brown to dark brown and black. The Mongoloids range from saffron-yellow to light shades of brown and reddish brown.

Other physical characteristics that scientists take into consideration in determining racial origin are: shape of the skull, shape of the nose, shape of the lips and shape of the eye-lids. However the variations of these characteristics



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are so great within each racial group that they certainly cannot be called definitive. For example, thick lips are generally considered to be a definite Negroid feature, but there are many Negroes with thin lips, and many Caucasoids and Mongoloids with thick lips. Nose shapes probably vary more within any racial stock than do any other feature. You can probably see every shape of nose known to mankind right on Main Street in Waynesville. There are many persons whose Caucasoid race history is as "pure" as can be found anywhere on earth whose eyelids would definitely be classified as Mongoloid.

Hair characteristics are also confusing. Mongoloids have predominantly coarse, dark straight hair, but so have many Caucasoids and Negroids.

Science has long exploded the claims that some races are biologically superior or inferior to other races. Civilizations of any race may be advanced or retarded, and the people within them may have greater or lesser opportunities to develop their own personal abilities. People who live in advanced civilizations, regardless of racial origin, develop much more rapidly than do people who live in retarded civilizations. There is no evidence that any single race, and single people, or any single nation has a special genius for creating or developing civilization.

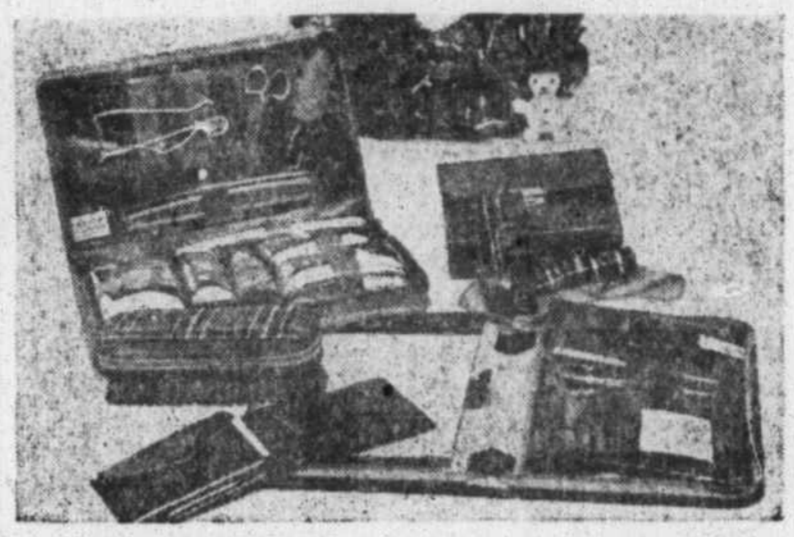
Race is also often confused with nationality. We hear people speak of the "German" race or the "Italian" race or the "English" race. In doing so people confuse languages and national political boundaries with race. This is especially true of European nationalities, which are the intermingling of practically every individual tribe that criss-crossed that continent in war, or peace.

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