

Negro Scholar, Visiting Here, Urges Race Question Action

"It is high time we solved, at least collectively, the race question, which is no longer a backyard question," Dr. Alain Locke, Negro scholar, told the Town Hall luncheon at the Biltmore yesterday. He is professor of philosophy at Howard University, Washington, D.C., and author of several books on Negro culture.

"Our practice, as against our theory in this matter, more and more is affecting our relation to the whole world," Dr. Locke said. "In the race question I include social and economic restrictions on the rights of Jews, American Indians and Negroes.

"It is the key of our relations with Latin America, which has such a great proportion of Indian and Negro blood. Thus far we have dealt mostly with an official and upper-economic class, which is mostly white, but as those countries progress the Indian and Negro bloods will be more and more in evidence.

"We have sent a Jim Crow army into the seven seas, which is the worst advertising this country has had in two generations. The chief reason that Mohammedanism is increasing more rapidly than Christianity in some parts of the world is the racial equality in practice among Moslems as contrasted to the wide variance between Christian doctrine and practice in this regard.

"It is likely that India and several other oriental nations, perhaps including China, will prefer Russia to the United States because of the Russian accomplishments in solving the race question. As a matter of fact, the Russian bogey is not Russian communism but Russia's potential leadership in this regard."