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team victory. But there is hope for the dead. The hope lies in the memorial societies which have grown immensely since the recent blasts of the funeral industry. Perhaps the trend is toward the quiet simple funeral honoring the dead. Perhaps the American may soon be able to purchase a plain, dignified and inexpensive last rite. The hue and cry raised in the wake of the recent exposés indicates an increasing awareness of the abuses in the funeral industry. *The American Way of Death* serves to increase this awareness.

Legislation controlling the funeral director and his allies is almost nonexistent. Because there are large sums of money at the disposal of the industry, lobbying has effectively aborted bills designed to correct some of the more flagrant abuses.

Whether the narrow passageway to the unknown, which everybody must cross, will continue to be as cluttered and as expensive to traverse as it is today, depends in the last analysis entirely on those travelers who have not yet reached it.⁵

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⁵*Id.* at 287.

The story of the current Negro Revolt, its reasons, its aims, and the personalities who direct it.


The author contends that the liberties of the American people have been eroding at the hands of "liberals" and leftist radicals.