

**F. E. P. C. HOLDS PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Complaints of discriminatory employment practices against eight war plants in the St. Louis area were examined by the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice in two days of public hearings in St. Louis August 1 and 2.

After completion of the sessions, FEPC Chairman Malcolm Ross announced that a study of the full record would be made before the committee's findings are announced. The complaints alleged refusal to hire Negro women and refusal to upgrade Negro male workers in violation of Executive Order 9346.

The firms involved in the hearings, all of whom appeared in their defense, include: Amertory Corporation, Bussman Manufacturing Company, Carter Carburetor, Wagner Electric Corporation, McDonnell Aircraft Corporation, St. Louis Shipbuilding and Steel Corporation, United States Cartridge Company and McQuay-Norris Manufacturing Co.

Mr. Ross presided at the hearings. Other FEPC members who sat were Boris Shishkin, Milton P. Webster, Miss Sara Southall, Charles H. Houston and John Brophy. Ernest G. Trimble and Frank D. Reeves, of the Legal Division, served as counsel for the committee.

Complaints of more than 50 individuals were heard during the sessions, with about 40 witnesses offering testimony to support the charges. Denials of discriminatory employment practices were entered by each of the companies.

Satisfactory adjustment of 702 cases during the six-month period

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from January 1 to June 30, 1944, was announced today by the President's Committee. The figure represents more than a third of all the cases closed during the half year.

A satisfactory adjustment, according to the committee, is a settlement in which is eliminated any discriminatory or policy in violation of the Executive Order 9346 and redress is given the complainant.

With activities of the committee stepped up through steady operation of 11 field offices throughout the country, a total of 1,939 cases were disposed of during the January-to-June period.

Despite this, however, the six-month period showed an increase in the number of cases pending with the committee, from 1,930 to 2,100.

The totals show an average of 117 cases satisfactorily adjusted per month by the committee as against a total of 2,109 cases docketed during the half year for an average of 351 per month.

Aside from the satisfactory adjustments, 1,237 cases were closed during the January 1-June 30 period because of lack of jurisdiction, insufficient evidence, withdrawal by the complainant or other reasons.

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**ATTENTION "A" BOOK HOLDERS**

Renewal of basic "A" gasoline ration which expire September 21 will get under way the latter part of August, Frederic F. Janney, district OPA rationing executive, announced today. Exact date and method of filing applications for renewal will be announced shortly, but will be handled by local OPA boards, he indicated.

All renewal applications must be accompanied by the back cover of the current "A" book, Janney emphasized. The applicant who has lost or thrown away the cover of his "A" book will have to prove to the board (1) that he has a car which entitles him to apply for an "A" ration; (2) that the car is currently registered and in use; and (3) that a new basic "A" ration has not been issued for it and no application for a renewal is pending at any board.

Janney said the new "A" book will provide the same monthly ration as the old—eight gallons or approximately 120 miles a month. However, coupons in the new "A" book will be worth four gallons instead of three, the value of the present coupons. Six of these four-gallon coupons will become valid every three months. At present eight three-gallon coupons are valid every three months.

A new form known as a mileage rationing record will be issued with every renewal of a basic "A" ration, replacing the tire inspection record.

**INVITATION**

The National Socialist party invites you to attend a luncheon in the New Heathman hotel, Wednesday, June 30, at noon.

**"RESPECTABLE PEOPLE"**

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**"This is a respectable place. We don't wait on colored people."—Mrs. Gray, owner of The Ball of Fire, Northlake Village, Chicago, Ill.**

Yes, it happened here—not in Naziland—but here in free America. It happened to a self-respecting and highly respected American, one of our own leaders—not to a pitiable, Hitler-oppressed victim across the sea. It happened in the democratic Chicago area, but was done in the best Hateler manner.

A few days ago, Dick Moss, with two of his white companions, who are proud to call him friend, heard the words quoted above from the lips of Mrs. Gray as they waited for their lunch at her well-named "Ball of Fire."

A few weeks ago, John B. Kennedy, speaking over a nation-wide hook-up, declared that, "any man who condemns a race or a religion is an enemy of the country—and, worse, because he is striking where our enemy cannot reach—where the bigot always strikes—in the back."

And many years ago, Robert Ingersoll said, "I am the inferior of any man whose rights I trample under foot."

If bigotry and prejudice and the assumption of the rights to humiliate a fellow man mean respectability to you, Mrs. Gray, make the most of it—it is not our brand.

Have you ever heard, Mrs. Gray, of Robert H. Brooks? He was the first war casualty of the U. S. Armored Forces. On Dec. 8, 1941, he sacrificed his life for your right to sit smugly in your "respectable" place and abuse the privilege of free speech. But Robert could not

have been served a bit of food there.

Have you ever heard of Dorie Miller, hero of Pearl Harbor, or of the thousands upon thousands of Negro boys who are fighting and dying wherever the fight for freedom is being waged?

Have you ever heard of Booker T. Washington, of Paul Robeson, of Marion Anderson, of Roland Hayes, of Jesse Owens, or Joe Louis?

I have the feeling that your place would not be quite respectable enough for them or for any self-respecting American who knows that "respectability" involves a decent regard for the rights and feelings of others and who realize that freedom for all means freedom for each, regardless of race, creed, or color.

Think it over, Mrs. Gray!

**NEGRO MARINES ON GUAM ISLAND**

GUAM (Delayed) — Negro Marines are helping reclaim Guam for the United States.

The Negroes are getting their licks against the Japs by "passing the ammunition." They landed under heavy enemy mortar fire a few hours after the assault waves hit the beaches.

Some were assigned to shore parties during the initial stages of the battle. Others worked the front lines, muscling cartridges and shells to the fighters.

One of the former was wounded by mortar fragment the first night.

Later the Negroes were assigned to duty at ammunition depots established on the island.

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