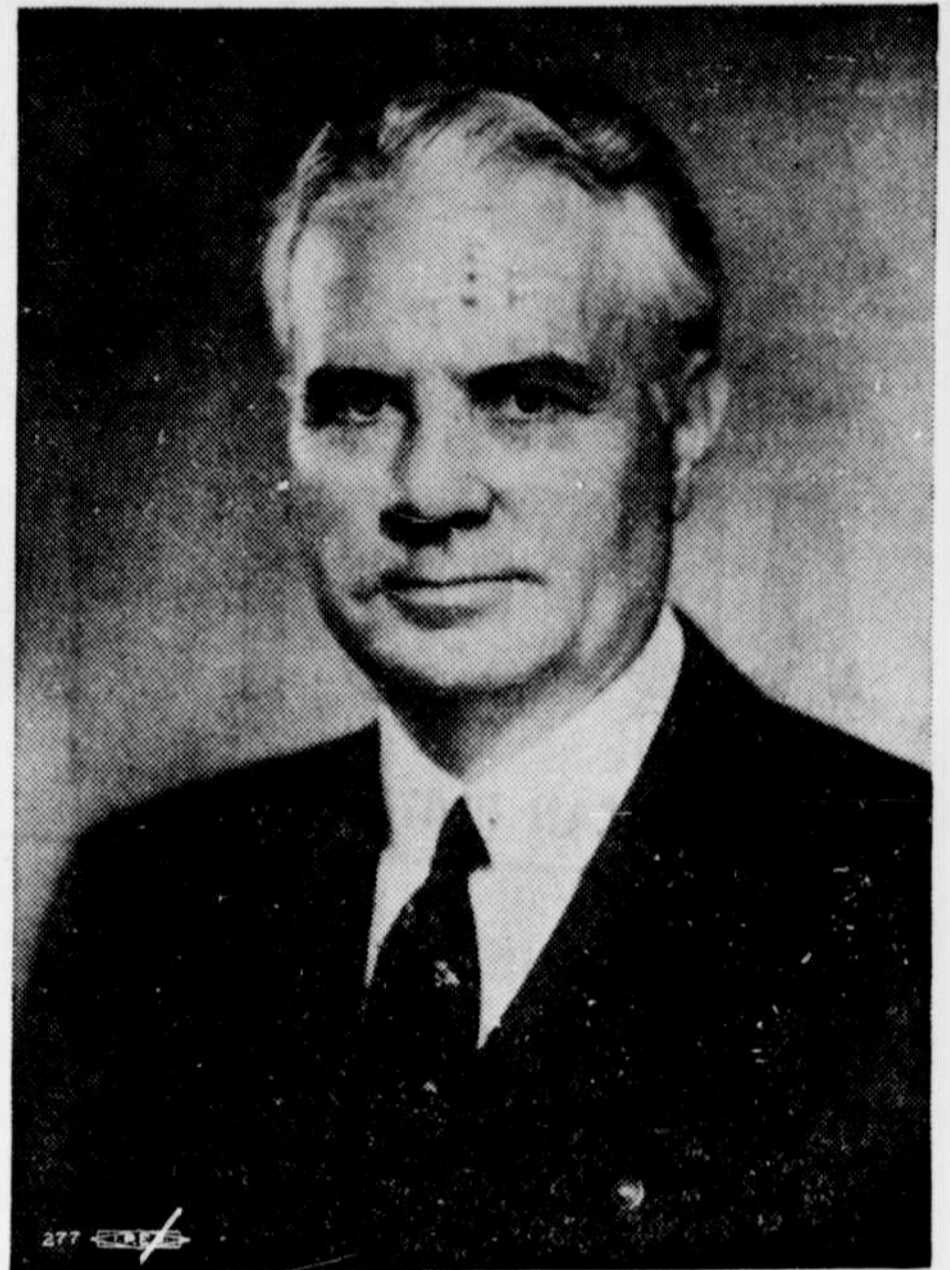


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EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION A NATIONAL PROBLEM, SAYS ROSS

Chairman of F. E. P. C. Reiterates Stand on Union Racism

Employment discrimination against minority group workers is a national and not a minority group problem, Malcolm Ross, Chairman of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, told the Metropolitan Detroit Council on Fair Employment Practice in Detroit, Sunday, Oct. 8.

In facing this problem, Mr. Ross said, a common ground must be found within industry itself on which the workers of many races and origins must take their stand. Otherwise, he stated, racism may disrupt the collective bargaining machinery of which both employers and workers must depend for the peaceful solution of their problems.

Discussing the problems of discrimination in terms of the Negro phase "because Negroes are easily identified and so are both actually and symbolically typical of this minority problem which all racial and religious groups encounter in

this or any other country," the FEPC Chairman declared:

"We know that great shifts in war employment are inevitable as soon as Germany is conquered . . . A concern on the part of war workers, white and Negro, for their personal futures during these necessary shifts is perfectly natural. But it is one thing to hug shadowy fears and quite another to take steps to remedy a known dilemma. We ought to know the best probabilities of what lies ahead for Negro workers.

"It is not enough to state that Negroes have made great gains in war employment during the past two years and, on that basis, to suppose that their reemployment will follow the same patterns as their fellow white war workers. There are very special considerations affecting Negro workers during the readjustment period."

Offering figures to illustrate the probability that Negroes will bear a heavy part of the layoff and unemployment burden as reconversion proceeds, mainly through situations involving on-the-job seniority and continued discrimination practices, Mr. Ross said:

"I think it sums up to the fact that minority group workers, and especially the easily identified Negro and Mexican-American, are going to have a harder time finding jobs during reconversion than are white workers."

In coping with the problem, the structure of American industry and the Negro's place in the trade union movement must be considered, he added. The place of Negro workers in trade unionism is a vital factor in the creation or release of racial tensions.

"I believe it is the part of wisdom for employers to accept needed and available Negro workers, and that trade unions should make no distinction because of race, color or creed," he said. "And I hold that employers and unions should do this for the sake of saving their mutual collective bargaining relationship from the disruptive effects of racism."



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Negro Appointed To UNRRA Staff

The United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration this week announced the appointment of John P. Bond to the administrative staff of that organization. Mr. Bond is now in training as a field welfare officer for the European Mission.

Before joining the staff of UNRRA, Mr. Bond served for 16 months as a club program director for the American Red Cross in Australia. He also visited New Guinea while in the South Pacific.

A graduate of Howard and Cornell Universities, Mr. Bond has had several years of experience in educational projects. Before the war he taught dramatics and English at Agricultural and Technical College, Greensboro, N. C., and was director of the Negro Division of the National Youth Administration for the State of North Carolina. At the outbreak of the war, he was transferred to Washington, D. C., where he directed the NYA War Training Program for Negroes.

He is the author of several books and pamphlets about the Negro, the best known being "The Negro in NYA."

Mr. Bond is married and the father of two children. His family resides in Washington, D. C.

With the season of sheeted goblins, leering pumpkin faces and apple bobbing upon us, it's time to recall that all those vital accountments to Halloween are under OPA price ceilings. The false faces, tic-tacs, and other novelties dear to the hearts of lusty American children should cost no more than they did last year at this season. Call the price clerk at your own local OPA board for this information—and ask about the price of cider in your town too. Cider and Halloween are inseparables.

Vanport City News

The Elite Social Club is getting along fine so far and all the boys functioning nicely. Mr. Iron in his foresight sees a long way and he says there are great possibilities in this club. This club is educational as well as social and all of Vanport will enjoy our social activities in the near future. The club will meet Sunday, October 22, at 3 o'clock at the home of Mr. Fred Mims, 2410 Cottonwood St., Apt. 505.

Mr. L. B. Pepper of 908 Meadows, formerly of the fistic arena, is now heading the Boy Scouts of Vanport. The Boy Scouts is a fine organization for the building of good sound health, moral and leadership. The outdoor activities in sport work are most important through practical experience in the building of character so as to be proud of a strong, well developed manhood; everybody should grasp this opportunity.

The outlook for his nibs is improving each day, and we're not talking about the Pearl of the Orient either. We mean that the War Production Board has announced increased production of pen nibs and pencils. Now Mr. America can have new nibs if he drops his pen,

point down on the hardwood, or junior plays mumbly - peg with father's favorite goose quill.



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