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brings up two questions of vital importance to every American citizen whether colored or white. First—will the Negro obtain his fair share of the employment resulting from defense work? Second—will the United States make full use of the work capacity of its 13,000,000 colored citizens?

The American people have said that the social gainst we have made must not be sacrificed in the pressure of re-arming. Certainly a tremendous social and economic loss will be sustained if the colored citizen is excluded from doing his part fairly in our defense preparations. In the defense councils of the nation, Labor speaks on its own behalf. A distinguished labor leader sits beside the industrial chief of our defense board in Washington to look out for Labor's rights. Labor has demanded such protection. It has obtained it.

Certainly, it's reasonable if our colored citizens should demand firmly and militantly that their right to an equal opportunity in working for America be similarly assured.

This is not an arrogant and unpatriotic demand. It is a righteous demand that comes from the desire of the Negro to do his part for his country and at the same time raise his status. It is an expression of his desire to be clothed with the same rights and duties as every other American citizen.

The colored citizen cannot be sure of adequate protection merely because several officials are charged with seeing that his rights are not violated. The movement must have a broad base. All colored citizens as well as all other fair-minded Americans must unite behind it into a great force. This force will strengthen those officially charged with the protection of Negro opportunity. They, as well as Negro organizations, must continue to demand equal rights and opportunities for the colored citizens in the industrial approach to preparedness.

One great safeguard is equally as important. The Negro must himself be able to grasp these opportunities when they appear. He must be trained and ready for the job. This means that the Negro must be given opportunities to learn. He must take advantage of the training of apprentices. The schooling of young colored men and women in technical skills for defense work must be fostered. You must be certain that not only you, but particularly your children, have an opportunity to be trained in trades and skills. Then the colored man can work beside the white man in defense plants with the same degree of equal ability as he has always exhibited in working beside the white man in the Postal Service.

America must give to the Negro this opportunity to earn a living and to perform significant service for his country. He must be justified in feeling he is an integral and important part of the United States. In this way, he too, can feel the inspiration which is born of a sincere love of country.

Failure to insure such opportunity to the Negro must inevitably result in ill health. More important it must result in the loss of the urge to work. In the District Attorney's Office, we can see every day one of the conspicuous evils caused by lack of economic opportunity. I refer to criminal offenses which in many instances are fostered by lack of jobs and security. Particularly in the case of the colored offenders, it is found that lack of economic opportunity causes conflicts with the law.

The other day a young Negro was brought in charged with robbery. He had "mugged" a colored woman here in Harlem. He made a free and candid confession, and was ready to take his medicine. One of Mr. Dewey's assistant's said to him, "Why did you do it?"—"Because I was hungry" came back the answer quickly and frankly. The boy had been unemployed for months.

The prosecutor of New York County, and, I am sure, every good citizen, would be most happy to have lawlessness checked by removing the cause of crime rather than by punishing offenders.

But such a happy result will not be achieved simply by giving lip service to democracy. It will not be achieved until the full fruits of our democracy have been extended to everyone who lives under it. The mere passage of legislation, the adoption of resolutions, the expression of good intentions, will not bring this about. Something greater than laws is needed.

In this time of world crisis—in democracy's greatest hour, we need a fuller understanding of how Democracy works. What is necessary is actually to put

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into practice tolerance; for members of the different races to defend America by working side by side. The Postal Service has shown that this can be done. I know of no case where riots or fights have occurred in the postal service because a white man did not care to work beside a colored man. This tradition of the Post Office, regardless of political administrations, should be an object lesson to all industry. It should be hammered home to all employers who hesitate to take in Negroes because of a fear that the whites will object. It should be remembered by all labor unions who exclude or curtail Negro membership for fear of offending the "sensibilities" of their white members.

Let them look at the record of colored men and white men working side by side in the United States Post Office. They can then be re-assured. They can then take immediate steps to give equal opportunity in making a living to the colored citizen, for his own sake and the sake of his and our country.

It is more than fitting that seventy-five years after the war which brought about the political freedom of the Negro, we should honor Lincoln and the spirit which guided him. Now the world is engaged in a death struggle between democracy and the dictatorships. We should call upon all true Americans to make this nation a genuine shrine for democracy by fighting for the integration of our Negro citizens into the industrial effort of our defense. To that objective, let us pledge ourselves here today!

Girls On the Street

May we congratulate Betty Mitchell for being chosen as the sweetheart of 1941.

Many young ladies received boxes of chocolates for Valentine's day. I shan't mention any names.

A surprise party was given in honor of Lyndell Partridge Sunday. Everyone reported having a wonderful time.

Odessa Ware seems to have made a rare hit with a soldier (Billie) the other night at the U.

Can you imagine Walter Williams being present at the U?

Gail Davenport, Perry Harris, and Sammy Taylor have joined the army in less than a week. Uncle Sam has some fine men.

Seen on chocolate avenue: A certain group of cats were mighty happy Sunday night, because they were singing like larks.

I hear that Frank Jefferson is going to join the army soon. Sorry to see you leave Frank.

The Torch of the week. The Beau Brummels ball Monday night.

Helen Bradshaw is making a hit it seems with Herbert Cole. Where does Avoca come in?

The Tuesday nighters Waffle dinner was a great success. Afterwards there was dancing and

Wonder what's the matter with L. A. and J. T.?

Harold Boggas was seen with a different chick the other night. Watch it U. M. C.

D. C. was asking information concerning a guy from South Omaha. He was a solid sender.

Huey Harper has returned to Omaha for a serious occasion. You have our deepest sympathy.

Gene Harrison should be a fireman from the speed he drives his car.

Hazel Montgomery seems to like a soldier also. In the person of Ned Moore.

Lillian Brown and Ralph Arduno seems as if they are going to sign the dotted line. Time will tell.

Discovered a good looking chap named Marcus. Watch it Marcus.

Margie Johnson was all alone the other night. What's the beef kid?

I see that Elvia Avant is going to have some mighty stiff competition. Don't lose no sleep Elvia.

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