

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1942

U. S. Probes Race Bias

Studies Anti-Nazi League Survey in First New York Hearing

A brief providing documentary evidence of discrimination on the ground of race or creed in war industries was presented today at the opening hearing in New York of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. It was submitted by the Non-Sectarian Anti-Nazi League.

With it were a collection of application blanks of various companies providing spaces where candidates are required to state their religion or race. (See below.) The League also submitted affidavits from people who believed they had been discriminated against.

The applications were from:

Bell Aircraft Corp.

Glenn H. Martin Co. Liberty Aircraft Products Corp.

Fairchild Aviation Corp.

Colgate Larsen Aircraft Co.

The affidavits were from people seeking employment at:

Brewster Aeronautical Corp.

Sperry Gyroscope Co. W. L. Maxon & Co., instrument makers. Eugene Davidson, field representative of

the Fair Employment Practice Committee, who is a Negro, announced he would present 500 complaints charging job discrimination. All, he said, had been carefully investigated.

Twelve important war-production companies, he said, had been invited to send representatives to answer charges of dis-

crimination. Among them are:

Wright Aeronautical Corp.
Sperry Gyroscope Co.
Fairchild Aviation Corp.
Carl O. Norden Co.
Babcock & Wilcox Co.
Ford Instrument Co.

Titeflex Metal Hose Co.

Okonite Co.

Continental Can Co.

Becton & Dickerson Co. Isolantite Co., Inc.

Julius Kayser Co.

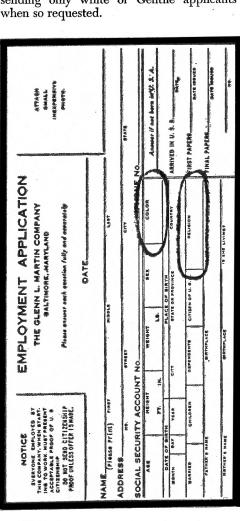
Both Davidson and the League pointed out that our war effort was being impaired because a large number of capable workmen were prohibited from taking part because of their religion or race.

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"In many cases," the League's brief said, "persons indicating Negro, Italian or Jewish background, even though qualified by years of specialized experience in machine work, or by graduation from government courses in sheet-metal working or similar fields, were arbitrarily refused further consideration. In other instances, such persons were given tests medical discriminatory or examinations, which were used as a camouflage for discrimination."

The League also found that the U. S. Employment Service aided companies wishing to bar Negroes and others from jobs by sending only white or Gentile applicants when so requested.



Can non-Aryans build planes for Glenn H. Martin?

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