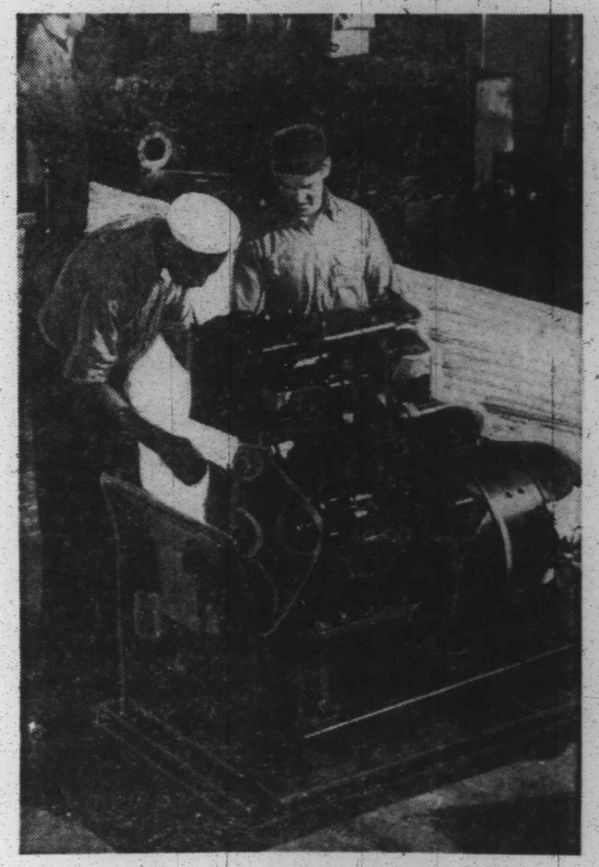
24 YEARS OF CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRESS UNDER DEMOCRATIC ADMINISTRATION



COLORED PEOPLE ARE USING MORE AND MORE PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION

In 1932, segregation in interstate travel was rigidly enforced.

The picture changed rapidly under 20 years of Democratic administrations. In 1946, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that a Virginia statute requiring racial segregation in transportation facilities void.

In 1951, the court upheld its ruling that any jim crow of passengers on interstate trains was invalid.

All of these rulings were under Democrats. They prepared the way for the Interstate Commerce Commission's decision in 1956 outlawing discrimination in railroad stations, bus stations and buses.

IN THE LAST 24 YEARS, COLORED PEOPLE HAVE MADE TREMENDOUS GAINS IN ACHIEVING POLITICAL RIGHTS?

Today more colored Americans, North and South, are voting than ever before in history. Fewer than 100,000 were able to cast ballots in general elections in 12 southern states 24 years ago.

More than 2,000,000 voted on November 4, 1952 in those same states.

This unprecedented increase was made possible by the outlawing of the White Primary in 1944, the ending of Poll tax collections in 4 of 11 states, and widespread efforts of church, labor and community groups to get voters registered.

Colored Americans are being increasingly elected and appointed to public office throughout the country.

COLORED PEOPLE HAVE ACHIEVED GREATER EQUALITY OF JOB OPPORTUNITY

Twenty years ago, discriminatory employment rules were numerous and unquestioned.

President Roosevelt's wartime anti-discrimination orders helped to create a new national pattern of accepting workers on the basis of their skills and ability rather than color.

A total of 18 states have followed the Federal lead by enacting fair employment practice legislation.

The United States Supreme Court intervened in 1944 to halt job discrimination . . . in railroads, teachers' salaries and post office.

Private industry, local governments and voluntary groups have followed the Federal lead in this field of fair employment.

Colored Americans hold higher positions and more local and state jobs than ever before in history.

Discrimination in Federal Civil Service has been progressively eliminated.

The Democratic administration created the climate under which was to come the end of segregation in public schools. All four cases decided finally by the Supreme Court in its famous decision of 1954 were filed with and argued before the High Court for the first time (1952) while President Truman was still in office.

The decisions came two years later, under the Eisenhower administration, but the basic work was done under the Truman administration.

EQUALITY OF TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITY IS BEING ACHIEVED IN THE ARMED SERVICES

In 1932, colored Americans were excluded from the Air Force, Marine Corps, Navy and most of the combat units of the Army.

President Truman's Executive Order of 1948 changed this dark picture. We achieved real equality of treatment. Segregation is out.

The quota system was abandoned. Our fighting forces in Korea were fully integrated. Integration was begun in Europe and in America.

The Air Force completed its program of integration. So did the Navy and the Marine Corps.

West Point and Annapolis regularly graduated colored officers. An increasing number of colored Americans served as officers.

The only branch of the armed services in which integration was not completed under the Democratic administration was the U. S. Army and even in the army it was well on its way before President Truman left the White House.

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