

In addition to advocating certain demands arising out of the AFL-CIO convention, the Communist Party continues to demand a policy of nondiscrimination for Negroes in industry. It claims that Negroes, in the great majority of cases, are only able to obtain positions as laborers, that there "has been no gain in breaking the 'last-to-be-hired, first-to-be-fired' pattern of discrimination against the Negro people."<sup>17</sup>

This is particularly true in the transport, garment, maritime, and electrical industries. Communists feel that:

"Special attention should be given to current efforts to squeeze Negro and Puerto Rican workers out of longshore and maritime...."

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"The main channel\* through which such struggles for jobs for Negroes can best be conducted is the machinery of the trade unions--especially the network of shop committees and the regular programs of the unions."<sup>18</sup>

They believe that the struggle to abolish Jim Crow in the railroad industry is of "prime importance" to the advancement of the fight for jobs and state that:

"... The basic aim of this fight must be to win equality for Negroes on every type of job which exists in the industry--conductors, ticket agents, locomotive engineers, firemen, brakemen, switchmen, station masters, head baggage men, clerks, dispatchers...."<sup>19</sup>

\*Underlined portion italicized in original text.

