

## THE NEW NEGRO

### He Says His Race Feels Unemployment More Than Others

To the Editor of The Courant:—

Your editorial on Negro unemployment and poverty, reported from the Urban League, contains some truths, but it can hardly be stated that Negroes have made little progress economically. While my race faces odds that would break the morale of many others similarly situated, we have made some heroic attempts to solve this economic puzzle.

But due to many false friends and that giant, color hypocrisy, it is quite natural that we feel the unemployment more than others. Few really understand Negro leaders who are not only interested in Negroes but are trying to relieve the nation of a problem that has existed since the landing of the first Negro at Jamestown. It is the right of every race to enjoy life as others enjoy it, but if a Negro attempted to obtain employment at the average business concern the eyebrows of his fellowmen would be lifted in disapproval. Yet when trouble assails our country, we are expected to render service as other citizens. Negroes have never failed America. Why should America fail us?

We understand the present crisis. Many are suffering. The needy of America should receive aid. Color should not be a bar or a passkey to the chance for a decent living and happiness. Our burden has been relieved somewhat through faith in our fellowmen, also in the fact that God is in heaven pleading that all mankind practice the faith that they have embraced. Then problems such as exist would be swept away.

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