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New Negro Weary of 'Waiting His Turn' for Equal Employment

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(Conclusion)

To fight with your friends is not an easy thing to do. Perhaps, no one is more aware of this than Mr. Hill, himself. Herbert Hill is thirty-seven years of age, a young zealous progressive, whose record as NAACP Labor Secretary, should indicate his sincerity by the test of his patience. From personal knowledge, and otherwise, it has been shown that Mr. Hill for a great many years has worked with, persuaded, coerced and cajoled many of the top labor leaders, to try to get them to do the job of cleaning discrimination out of its own house.

It is indeed unfortunate that labor's indifference to the situa-

tion, has made it necessary for the NAACP to seek court action against one of its strongest supporters. Whether or not the action taken by Mr. Hill and the NAACP is the best approach to the problem is a matter for debate. It certainly was not the most popular thing to do.

However, any action is better than no action at all. Mr. Hill has undoubtedly been, and will continue to be, severely criticized by both friends and foes alike. However unpopular Mr. Hill may become as the law suits drag on through the courts, it should be remembered that, as Labor Secretary for the NAACP,

he is doing the job that he is being paid to do by an organization that now is being supported by a new Negro. A new Negro that is educated to the American creed of equal opportunity, for all its citizens living in a free society.

'TOKENISM' REJECTED

Education breeds impatience, and impatience brings forth demands. Phony tokenism will no longer be tolerated. The new Negro is learning that in order for him and his family to fully enjoy the material wealth that our modern technology is daily providing, he must at the outset be allowed the right to equal employment opportunities, no matter what the cost.