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THIS BUSINESS OF GETTING JOBS

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The result of the decision of the United States Supreme court to review the case of the New Negro Alliance versus the Sanitary Grocery Stores company will be watched with interest by colored persons throughout the country.

The court is asked to decide whether the organization must be restrained from picketing the company's stores as a part of a job-getting campaign. The lower courts decided that the fight on the chain company was not a labor one, but a racial one, and therefore is not subject to labor laws.

Various schools of opinion have been taking shape since the inauguration of the buy-where-you-can-work methods of colored groups.

Some contend that Negroes, in an attempt to force themselves into such jobs, force their white working comrades out of jobs, thereby causing a rift in the ranks of labor that is more harmful than beneficial.

Others are convinced that the efforts should be concentrated upon the setting up and operating of enterprises for themselves, and patronizing their own businesses in preference to those conducted by whites.

However, all schools of thought agree on the one premise—that jobs are all-important to the progress of the Negro race in all its phases; that work, respectable work, is the main issue at stake in the Race's fight for freedom.

Many members of the race have obtained jobs in white-managed enterprises in New York, Chicago and other cities by boycotting those concerns until they capitulated. But Negroes need not be discouraged by an adverse decision of the court on the matter of picketing.

There are still ways open if the Race would be more quick to take to its heart and mind the idea of unity. Whether it is to obtain jobs in already established concerns or the building up of their own Negro-controlled enterprises, much could be accomplished if a little more individual self-sacrifice were practiced and most of all, if race pride and unity had a greater part in our children's education.