

# Week 8

## World War II in the West

# Shipbuilding on the Lower Columbia Shift Change at the Kaiser Yard, Vancouver,



Saturday, March 16, 13

# Seattle At War, 1941–1945

## Todd Shipyard at Night, 1942



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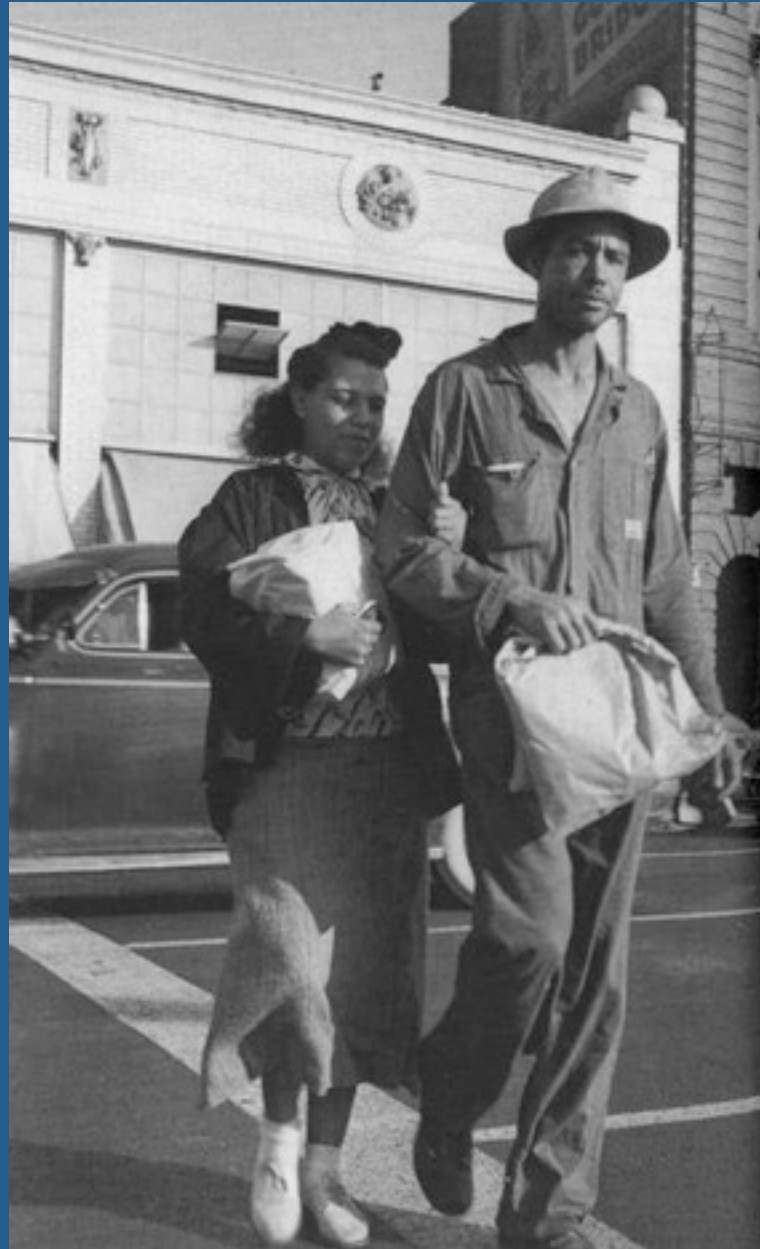
# World War II and the African American

## Population Growth in Six West Coast Cities, 1940–50

	1940			1950			Total % Inc.	Black % Inc.
	Total Pop.	Bl. Pop.	% of Total	Total Pop.	Bl. Pop.	% of Total		
Seattle	368,302	3,789	1.0	467,591	15,666	3.3	27.0	313.5
Portland	305,394	1,931	0.6	373,628	9,529	2.5	22.3	393.5
San Francisco	634,536	4,846	0.8	775,357	43,502	5.6	22.2	797.7
Oakland	302,163	8,462	2.8	384,575	47,562	12.4	27.3	462.1
Los Angeles	1,504,277	63,774	4.2	1,970,358	171,209	8.7	31.0	168.5
San Diego	203,341	4,143	2.0	334,387	14,904	4.5	64.4	259.7

*Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census, Sixteenth Census of the United States, 1940, Population, vol. 2, Characteristics of the Population, parts 1, 5, 7 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1943), tables 31, 35; Census of the Population, 1950, vol. 2, Characteristics of the Population, parts 5, 37, 47 (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1952), tables 34, 53.*

# Migrant Couple in Oakland



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# James G. Thompson and The Double V



# Should I Sacrifice To Live 'Half-American?'

## Suggest Double VV for Double Victory Against Axis Forces and Ugly Prejudices on the Home Front.

EDITOR: I am writing you because I am one of the many who believe that the success of our fight against the Axis forces is dependent upon the success of our fight against the ugly prejudices on the home front.

DEAR EDITOR: Like all true Americans, my greatest desire at this time, this crucial point of our history, is a desire for a complete victory over the forces of evil, which threaten our existence today. Behind that desire is also a desire to serve, this, my country, in the most advantageous way. Most of our leaders are suggesting that we sacrifice every other ambition to the paramount one, victory. With this I agree; but I also wonder if another victory could not be achieved at the same time.

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Being an American of dark complexion and some 26 years, these questions flash through my mind: "Should I sacrifice my life to live half American?" "Will things be better for the next generation in the peace to follow?" "Would it be demanding too much to demand full citizenship rights in exchange for the surrendering of my life?" "Is the kind of America I know worth defending?" "Will America be a true self pure Democracy after this war?" "Will Colored Americans suffer still more indignities that have been heaped upon them in the past?" These are other questions that beset my mind. I want to know and I believe every colored American who is thinking wants to know.



Ag. C. Thompson

This may be the wrong time to brook such questions, but having all good things obtained by men been secured through sacrifices of men, just such time of crisis.

I suggest that while we keep defense and victory in the forefront that we don't lose sight of our fight for true democracy at home.

The V for victory sign is being displayed prominently in all our allied democratic countries which are fighting the victory over aggression, slavery and tyranny. If this V sign means that to those now engaged in this great war that we as colored Americans adopt the double VV for a double victory. The first V for victory over our enemies from without, the second V for victory over our enemies within. For surely those who perpetrate these ugly prejudices here are willing to destroy our democratic form of government just as surely as the Axis forces.

This should not and would not lessen our efforts to win the conflict in a successful completion, but should and would make it stronger, for these things will break which threaten us. America would become united as never before and become truly the home of democracy.

In view of an answer to the foregoing questions, a glowing prediction I might say that there is no doubt that to a country to which democracy, things will be different for the next generation; colored Americans will serve their own, and America will eventually become the true democracy it was designed to be. These things will become a reality, a reality, but not through any relaxation of the effort to win the war.

So, I suggest that our fight for these questions other things are not more, I love America and am willing to die for the America I know will someday become a reality.

JAMES C. THOMPSON

# These Men Developed The "Double V" Idea

EDITOR'S NOTE: The Pittsburgh Courier's "Double V" idea, created in the mind of James C. Thompson of Wichita, Kansas, and brought to glowing life through the brilliant pen of Wilbert L. Holliman, Courier staff artist, has swept the nation like wildfire.

January 31, is reprinted here, because of its over-all significance and because of its gem-like literary value.

The editors of The Pittsburgh Courier suggest that everyone who reads this letter, clip it out and place it in a conspicuous place—where all may see AND read!

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"Will things be better for the next generation in the peace to follow?"

"Would it be demanding too much to demand full citizenship rights in exchange for the surrendering of my life?"

"Is the kind of America I know worth defending?"

"Will America be a true and pure democracy after this war?"

"Will colored Americans still be still the indignities that have been heaped upon them in the past?"

These and other questions need answering. I want to know, and I believe every colored American, who is thinking, wants to know.

This may be the wrong time to brook such subjects, but having all good things obtained by men been secured through sacrifices during just such times of crisis!

I suggest that while we keep defense and victory in the forefront that we don't lose sight of our fight for true democracy at home.

In conclusion let me say that though these questions often penetrate my mind, I love America and am willing to die for the America I know will someday become a reality.



HIS IDEA



HE DESIGNED IT



Please note: This newspaper article has been reprinted to improve readability. No wording, punctuation, or layout has been altered in the process. The original article appeared on page 7 of the Courier. It was contained on the page and was accompanied with photos related to Mr. Thompson receiving an award for his effort.

# The Double V Campaign

Being an American of dark complexion...these questions flashed through my mind. Should I sacrifice my life to live half American? Will things be better for the next generation in the peace to follow? Would it be demanding too much to demand full citizenship...in exchange for the sacrificing of my life? Is the kind of America I know worth defending?

These and other questions need answering. I want to know and I believe every colored American who is thinking wants to know...

Let we colored Americans adopt the Double V. The first V is for victory over our enemies from without, the second V is for victory over our enemies from within... For surely those who perpetrate those ugly prejudices here are seeking to destroy our democratic form of government just as surely as the Axis forces.



# NAACP Dinner Annual Dinner, Mt. Zion Baptist



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# Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC) Meeting, June



Saturday, March 16, 13

# RALLY

TO THE

# F.E.P.C.

FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES COMMITTEE

## Madison Square Garden

Eighth Avenue at 50th Street

### Thursday, February 28th, 1946

7:30 P.M.

Doors Open at 7:00 P.M.

#### SPEAKERS

SENATOR WAYNE MORSE  
SENATOR ROBERT F. WAGNER  
LEWIS J. SCHWELLENBACH  
Secretary, Department of Labor  
A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
International President, E. S. C. P.  
JAMES B. CAREY  
Secy., Congress of Industrial Organizations  
WILLIAM GREEN  
President, American Federation of Labor  
REV. ALLEN KNIGHT CHALMERS  
Pastor, Broadway Tabernacle  
FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA  
LESTER GRANGER  
National Urban League  
RABBI WILLIAM F. ROSENBLUM  
Rabbi, Temple A. C. P.

#### STARS OF STAGE, SCREEN AND RADIO

HELEN HAYES  
CANADA LEE  
MURIEL RAHN  
JOHN CARRADINE  
KATHERINE DUNHAM  
JANE WHITE  
FRIEDA LOUISE ANDREWS  
Director  
1,000 Voice Choir  
AND OTHERS

Tickets - 40c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.50  
Patron F.P.C. - 242 Sec.

# THE FIGHT IS ON!

1. For Equal Educational Opportunities.
2. Against Job Discrimination.
3. For Civil Rights guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.

## FINISH THE FIGHT

## JOIN THE N.A.A.C.P. NOW

### BIG MASS MEETING

Sunday, May 5, 1946

Dorie Miller Auditorium

3:30 P.M.

Mrs. J. E. Craft

Dallas Branch N. A. A. C. P.

Guest Speaker

Subject: THE RIGHT TO LIVE—THOUGH BLACK

Auspices

of

Austin Branch N. A. A. C. P.

# The Growth of Black Political Power: W. Byron Rumford, Berkeley, 1948

**Elect**  
**W. BYRON RUMFORD**  
**Unity Candidate for the Office**  
**of Assemblyman**

*"The Unanimous Choice of the 17th Assembly District Citizens Committee"*

No. One Resident of This  
District

University of California Graduate  
From the College of Pharmacy

Bachelor's Degree  
in Public Administration

First Negro ever employed at Highland  
Hospital, Alameda, when he was a  
physician for 8 years

First Negro ever employed by State Dept.  
of Public Health, when he was an  
Investigator for 2 years

Was instrumental in securing employment  
for other Negroes in Highland Hospital,  
State Dept. of Public Health, Naval Hosp-  
ital, West Coast Navy Products Co.,  
Educational Films Co., and many others,  
because of his personal friendly  
interest and close activities



W. BYRON RUMFORD

Curran  
Scholarship Foundation  
Director

San Jose Fellowship  
Director

Oakland Chapter Director  
American Red Cross

Berkeley Municipal League  
Director

Member Bay Area  
New Central Board District No. 1

Member Mayor's Emergency  
Berkeley Housing Committee

President East Bay  
Health Association

President East Bay  
Business & Professional Association

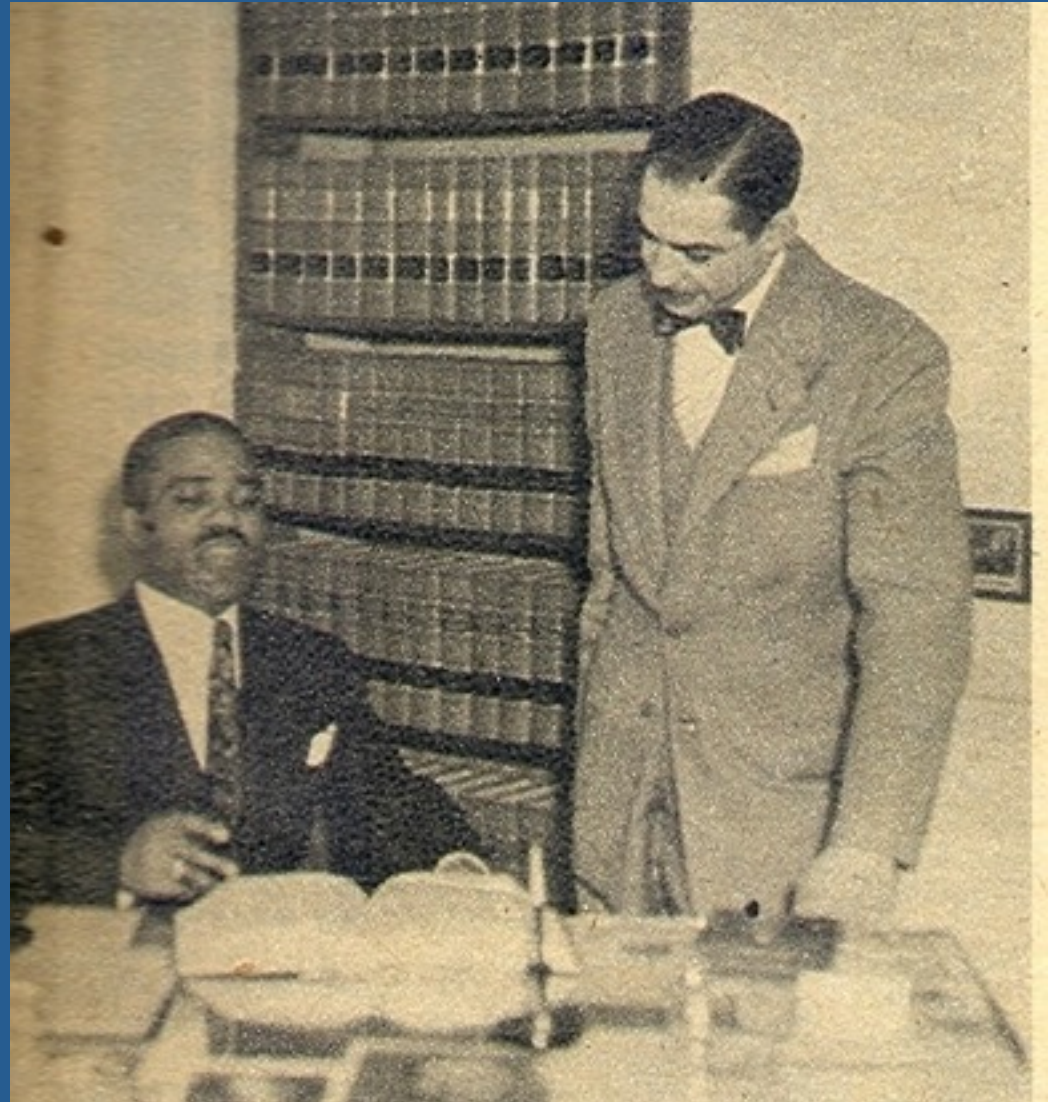
**"A Workable Program To Better Living Conditions"**

- OPPOSE TO LEGISLATION SUCH AS THE TAYLOR ACT
- STRONG SUPPORTER OF F.F.C. AND PUBLIC PROJECTS TO  
AID IN FULL EMPLOYMENT WHEN NECESSARY
- SUPPORTS LOW-COST HOUSING AND THE HOUSING INFRA-  
STRUCTURE
- ADVOCATES SOCIAL INSURANCE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
MEDICAL CARE FOR ALL
- ADVOCATES HIGHER PAY FOR TEACHERS
- SUPPORTER OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM

A Partial List of W. Byron Rumford's Supporters Who Wholesheartedly Endorse His Candidacy for the Office of Assemblyman  
for the 17th Assembly District and Who Have Contributed Financially to His Campaign Fund in Order to Assist His Election:

<p><b>Dr. R. L. Anderson</b> <i>Director</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Chas. Baker</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. David Borfield</b> <i>Third Station</i></p> <p><b>Mrs. Amanda Brown</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Chase</b> <i>Chairman</i></p> <p><b>Mr. William Coleman</b> <i>Local Club</i></p> <p><b>Mr. J. H. D.</b> <i>Owner</i></p>	<p><b>Mr. M. Finkel</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. A. Fouche</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. John H. Harvey</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. R. C. Henry</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. Harry McKinney</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. John Nelson</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mr. V. Ormes</b> <i>Owner</i></p>	<p><b>Mr. James D. Perry</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>The Public Market</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>The Reliance Market</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>The Star Market</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>Mrs. Harriette Tostway</b> <i>Owner</i></p> <p><b>The Walk Inn Market</b> <i>Owner</i></p>
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CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS—2907 Sacramento St., Berkeley—PHONE: Berkeley 7-3400



# Black and Latino Kids in Lincoln Park, Los Angeles, ca. 1942



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# Workers Waiting for Bus in Oakland,



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# Black Migrants in Oakland



# Asa Philip Randolph, 1941 Boeing Assembly Plant, Seattle, 1941





# Franklin Roosevelt and Executive Order 8802, June 25, 1941



EXECUTIVE ORDER 8802

## FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICE IN DEFENSE INDUSTRIES

..... I do hereby reaffirm the policy of the United States that there shall be no discrimination in the employment of workers in defense industries or Government because of race, creed, color, or national origin, and I do hereby declare that it is the duty of employers and of labor organizations, in furtherance of said policy and of this order, to provide for the full and equitable participation of all workers in defense industries, without discrimination because of race, creed, color, or national origin .....

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Franklin D. Roosevelt".

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

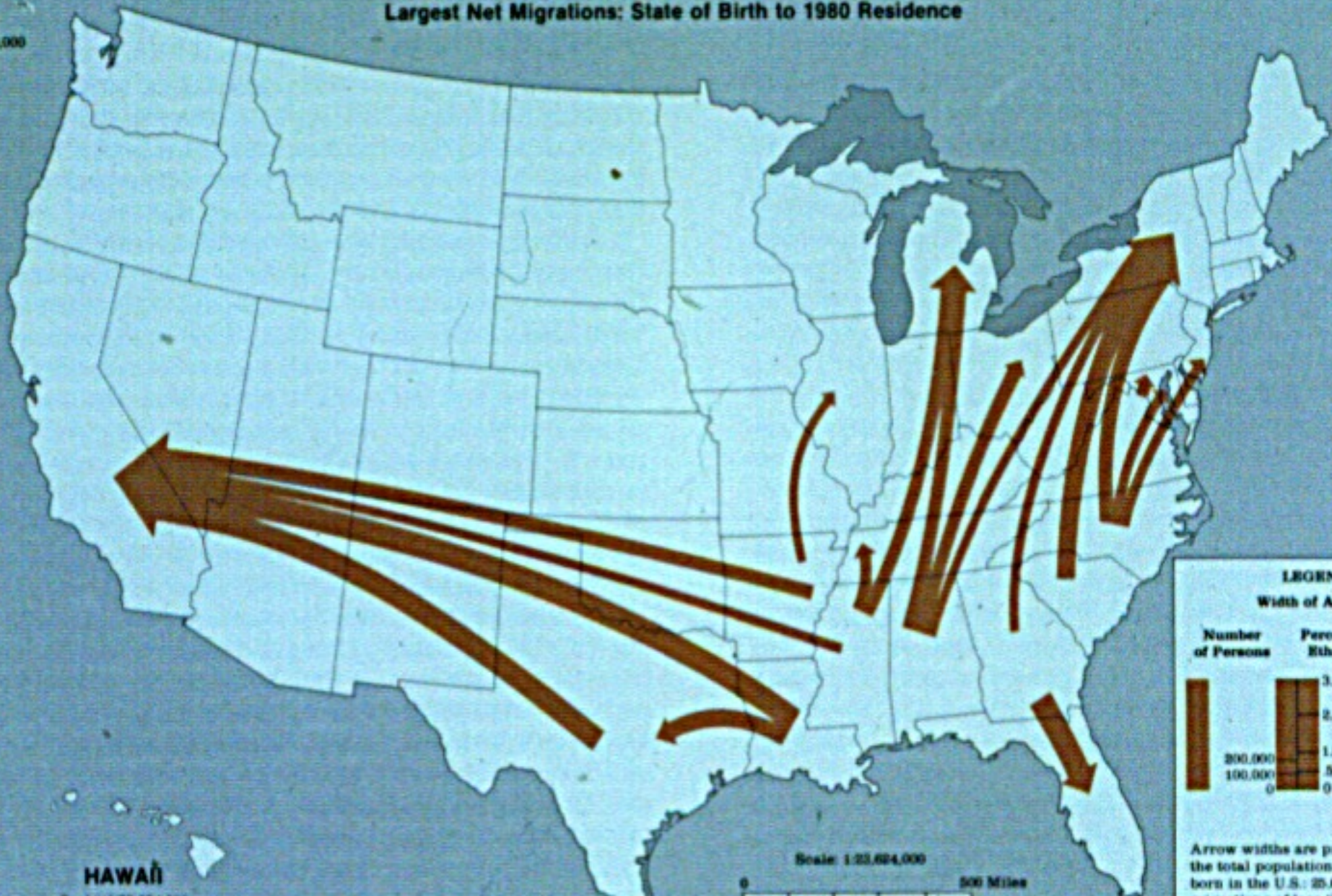
THE WHITE HOUSE  
June 25, 1941

\*Excerpt from Executive Order 8802



# U.S.-born Blacks

Largest Net Migrations: State of Birth to 1980 Residence



SKA  
25,500,000

HAWAII

They traveled with their mementos and history all tied to the top of a car—



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# Reaction to the Migrants

## Migrants near El Paso, 1943 (L)



- The state of Arkansas has moved to California, the state of Texas has moved to California, and California has gone to hell.

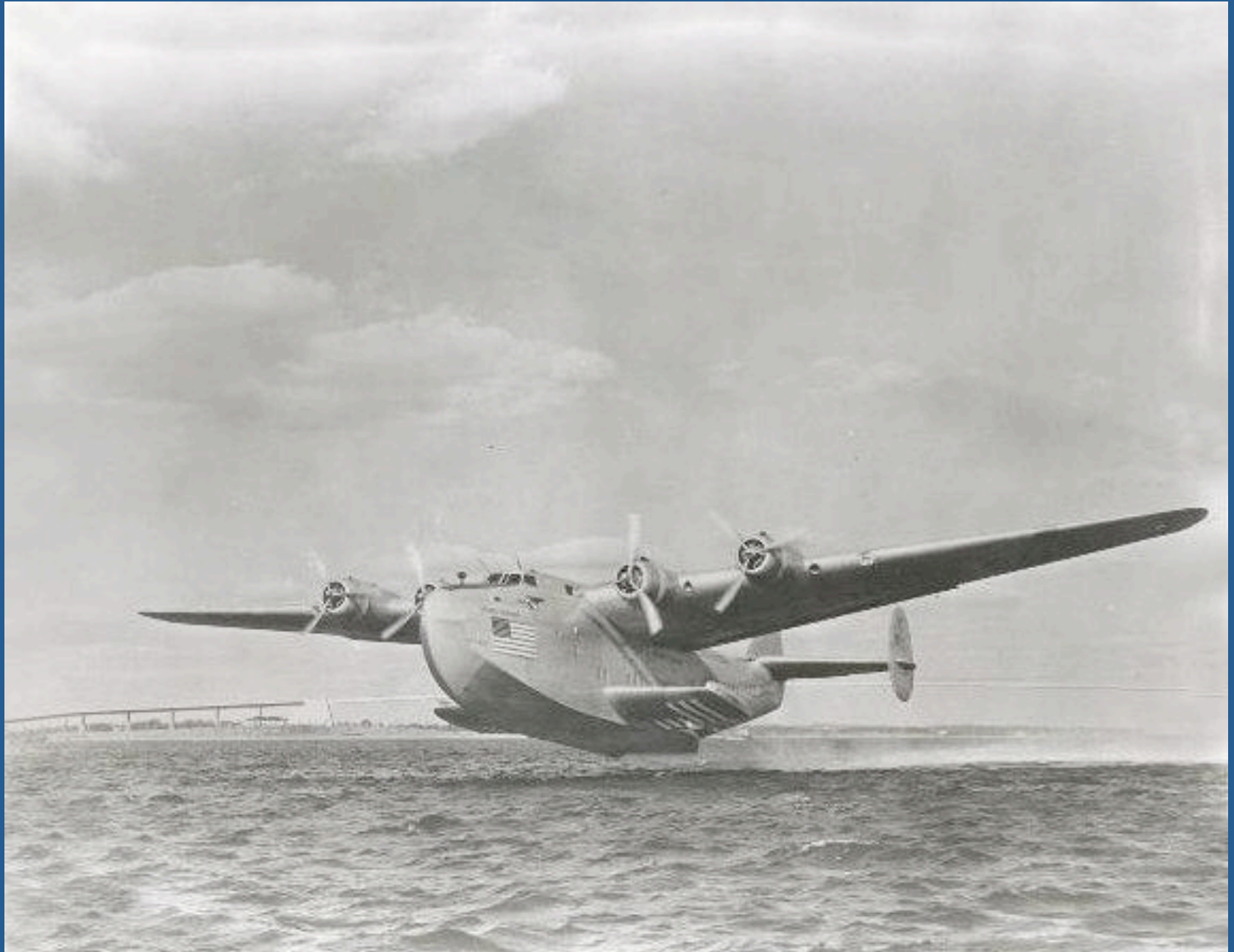
# Black Population Growth, 1940–1945

• City	1940 Pop.	1945 Pop.
• San Francisco/ • Oakland	19,000	147,000
• Los Angeles	64,000	218,000
• Richmond, Ca.	800	23,000
• Vallejo, Ca. 16,000	0	
• Seattle	3,000	15,000
• Portland	1,900	22,000
• Bremerton 3,000	77	
• Pasco	27	2,900
• Vancouver, Wa.	12	4,000

# Sinclair Park Community Church Sunday School,



# Boeing Flying Clipper, 1939



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# Boeing Bombers Over Germany,



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# Northwest Enterprise Headline, March 8,

LE. WASHINGTON, FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 1940 Northwest Enterprise (March 8, 1940) p.1. PRICE, 5c COPY

## NEGRO LABOR AT BOEINGS

### Labor Troubles Tie Up Freighter

Refusal of the "Diamond Cement," a freighter between Seattle and Alaska, to accept a chef-cook, chief steward and two mess boys assigned to them by the Marine union, caused a 24-hour tie-up last week.

The trouble arose when the freighter requisitioned the men to fully man her crew. It is reported that the engineers manning the freighter were willing to accept the cooks, but refused to sail with the mess boys, because they had no separate lavatory. Their refusal caused the Marine union to order the "Diamond Cement" tied up.

Several efforts were made to learn from which department the refusal came to permit race men to sail. Neither the owners nor crew assumed responsibility. However, the boat was released and sailed after having been detained 24 hours.

It was learned that the affair was compromised by the owners paying the men refused employment on account of color, one full month's pay in lieu of their right to demand the assignment allotted them.

Other union men freely criticized the action of the men in surrendering rights so dearly bought.

**JUST TO REMIND YOU**  
By E. J. Robinson

### D. D. Watson Dies Of Heart Attack

With the passing of D. D. Watson, 88-years-old, 6919 Empire Way, death again invades the rank of Seattle's pioneers. Just ten days prior to his death, apparently in the best of health, he was stricken with influenza which affected his heart, causing death.

A native of Ohio, he came to Seattle in 1902 and engaged in the express and transfer business. Later he joined the police department of Seattle, serving 14 years. At the time of his death he was a member of the police department of Renton. It was the Renton department which furnished the escort for his funeral.

Many mourn the passing of the man who practiced the Golden Rule and was always quick to relieve distress.

Last rites were held at the Angelus Mortuary with the Reverends Fountain W. Penick and Judson Swaney officiating. Interment was at Evergreen cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, two sons, and many friends.

### Dr. E. J. Brown Endorses Jones

In a signed statement handed to the Northwest Enterprise Wednesday, Dr. Edwin J. Brown, can-

### Boeing Airplane Co-Aeronautical Union Bars Negro Labor From Plant

#### Carrie E. Selby, Active In Church 30 Years, Passes

Mrs. Carrie E. Selby, 85, died at her home, 2608 E. Valley, Monday, March 4, passing in her sleep during the night. She was born at Claiborne, Ala., October 9, 1855.

An 85 year old woman who has been active in church work for half a century was known as one of the church "mothers."

No church member has a better record of devoted service than Mrs. Selby, the mother of three children. She came to Seattle 30 years ago from Fargo, South Dakota, where she was an active member of a white church. The letter which she brought from the pastor and congregation there was one of her cherished possessions.

One of the most lovable characters connected with the First A.M.E. Church, Mrs. Selby had, in the years as a member, given unselfishly of her time, service, and money. She was said to be one of the church's heaviest contributors. She was active in the laying of the cornerstone of the present edifice, and a memorial window is also credited to her efforts. The stewardess board is the auxiliary with which she was most closely connected during her thir-

The Boeing Airplane Company is aided by the Aeronautical Mechanics Union in its discrimination policy, it was learned this week. Proof that the union is unanimously in accord with the Company's policy was established when it was learned that members of the union are required to take the following pledge: "I will not recommend for membership in this union any other than members of the white race." The oath is taken on initiation and repeated at each meeting of local number 751.

Efforts to break down the Boeing Company's discrimination policy were made last October when a young Race men applied for training at the Boeing shops following the launching of a program to train additional men to fill the company's back orders. Apprentices were being paid 55c per hour while training. However, Negroes were told at the plant that the company did not train nor hire Negroes. Paul Fredrickson, with whom Hutchens H. Hutchens attempted to discuss the company's discrimination policy said that he would recognize no complaints unless made by letter.

When Hutchens took his story to the union he was told that the Aeronautical Mechanics Union was established years ago and had never accepted Negroes as members.

The Boeing Airplane Company was awarded a contract of \$8,100,892 in September of 1939 by the War Department for bombardment

# Dr. Seuss Profiles Racial Discrimination in U.S. Defense Industries

Example: Boeing would not hire Blacks because they were not in the Aero-Mechanics Union but the Union would not accept them as members because they were not hired by



# Challenging Discrimination From Within The Union:



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# James Duncan on Black Workers at Boeing Local 751 March in Seattle, Feb. 1943



We have officially gone on record as agreeing to live up to the letter and spirit of the executive order wholeheartedly and without reservation. At the same time we rather resent that the war situation has been used to alter an old-established custom and do not feel it will be helpful to war production.

# Dorothy West Williams, First Production Worker, Boeing Airplane Company,



## Boeing's Dark Skinned Clipperette Leads Her Race Into A. M. U. No. 751



played at Boeing Aircraft Co. She with nine white girls was called from Rainier School, where they were trainees for Aircraft Sheet Metal Work, to report at U. S. Employment office. Two days later, May 11, they were all full fledged Boeing Clipperettes and members of the Aeronautical Industrial District Lodge No. 751.

Dorothy says it wasn't too easy to give up a glamorous theatrical career to become an efficient white collar worker, and it was more difficult to give up her position as typist to become an aeronautical mechanic, but it can be done if all Negroes continue to fight Race discrimination and the minuscule Hitler's that exist here in the United States.

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# Black Workers, Boeing Plant, Renton,



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# The Impact of the War on Black Women

- It was Hitler who got us out of white folks' kitchens.



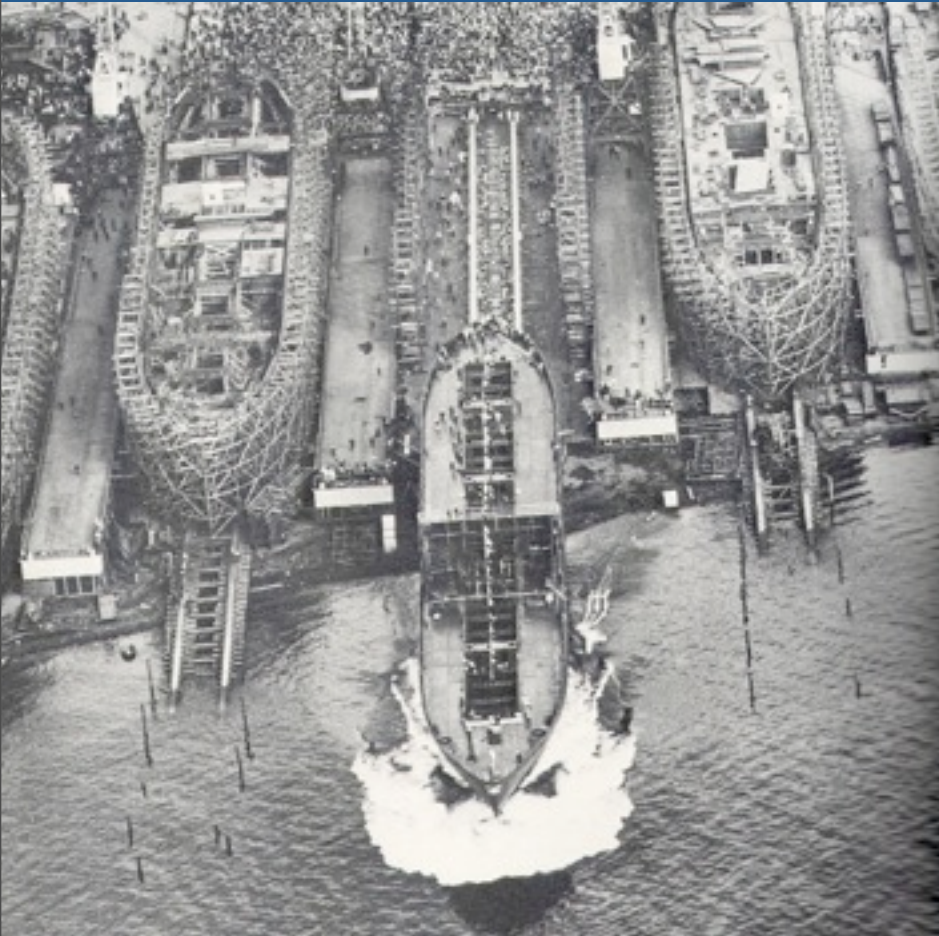
# Women Working at Boeing, 1943: The Impact of Black Women on Inez



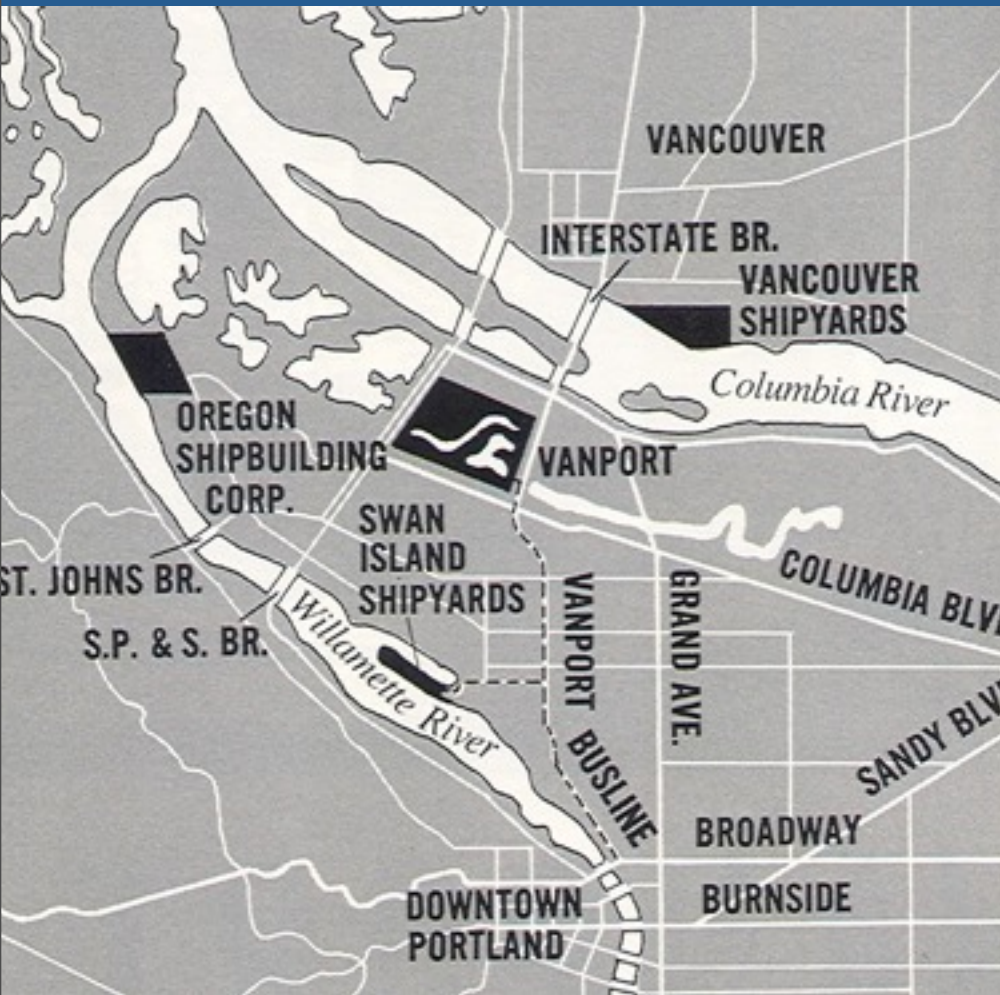
The job really broadened me. [Before the war] I had no contact with Negroes except as maids or gardeners... We were brought up to think that colored people were not on the same economic or social level. I learned differently at Boeing. In fact I found that some of the black people I got to know there were very superior and certainly equal to me—equal to anyone I ever knew.



# Shipbuilding on the Lower Columbia Kaiser Yard in St. Johns (Portland)



# Map: The Kaiser Yards in Portland and Vancouver, Henry Kaiser and Eleanor Roosevelt at Vancouver Shipyard, 1943



# Employment Ad: The Kaiser Yards, Portland & Vancouver, 1942

vious experience is not necessary. Training will be given job. Willingness to work and a desire to do that work will do the maximum good—those are the things that

## WAGES

one with the patriotic viewpoint look at the practical side. Here is the pay scale at Oregon Shipbuilding Corporation, Portland, Kaiser Co. Inc., Swan Island, and Kaiser Co. Inc., as contained in the Master Agreement between the Coast Shipbuilders and the Metal Trades Department, I.L.

Laborers . . . . .	88c per hour
Helpers . . . . .	95c per hour
Journeymen . . . . .	\$1.20 per hour
Leadmen . . . . .	1.43 per hour
Foremen . . . . .	1.58 per hour

**Can Come to Work Within 5 Days**

Phone WE 2201 or Fill Out Coupon and Mail.

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If I get from now I can come to work.

Time-and-a-half pay for all time above 40 hours in any calendar week, or above 8 hours in any one day.

Day shift 8 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. with 30 minutes for lunch.

*Plus 10% Extra Pay for Swing Shift.*

Swing shift 7½ hours work with pay for 8 hours.

Hours—4:30 P. M. to 12:30 A. M. with 30 minutes for lunch.

*Plus 15% Extra Pay for Graveyard Shift.*

Graveyard shift 7 hours work with pay for 8 hours.

Hours—12:30 A. M. to 8 A. M. with 30 minutes for lunch.

**Notice: All shipyard employees must become members of the A. F. of L. having jurisdiction over their particular craft.**

## WORK DAYS—AND VACATION

Yard employees work 6 days in a calendar week. Every 7th week they have both Saturday and Sunday off.

The vacation agreement provides for one week's vacation (with 40 hours' pay) in a year's period and is given after 1200 working hours.

**If You Can Come to  
Work Right Now**

# Integrated Shipyard Crew, Portland 1944



# African American Women Shipyard Workers, 1943



- 1. Black auxiliary union members could not vote in general union meetings.
- 2. They could not be promoted without permission of the white local.
- 3. They could not present grievances to the company
- 4. The auxiliary could be dissolved by the local union at any time.

# The Portland (People's) Observer

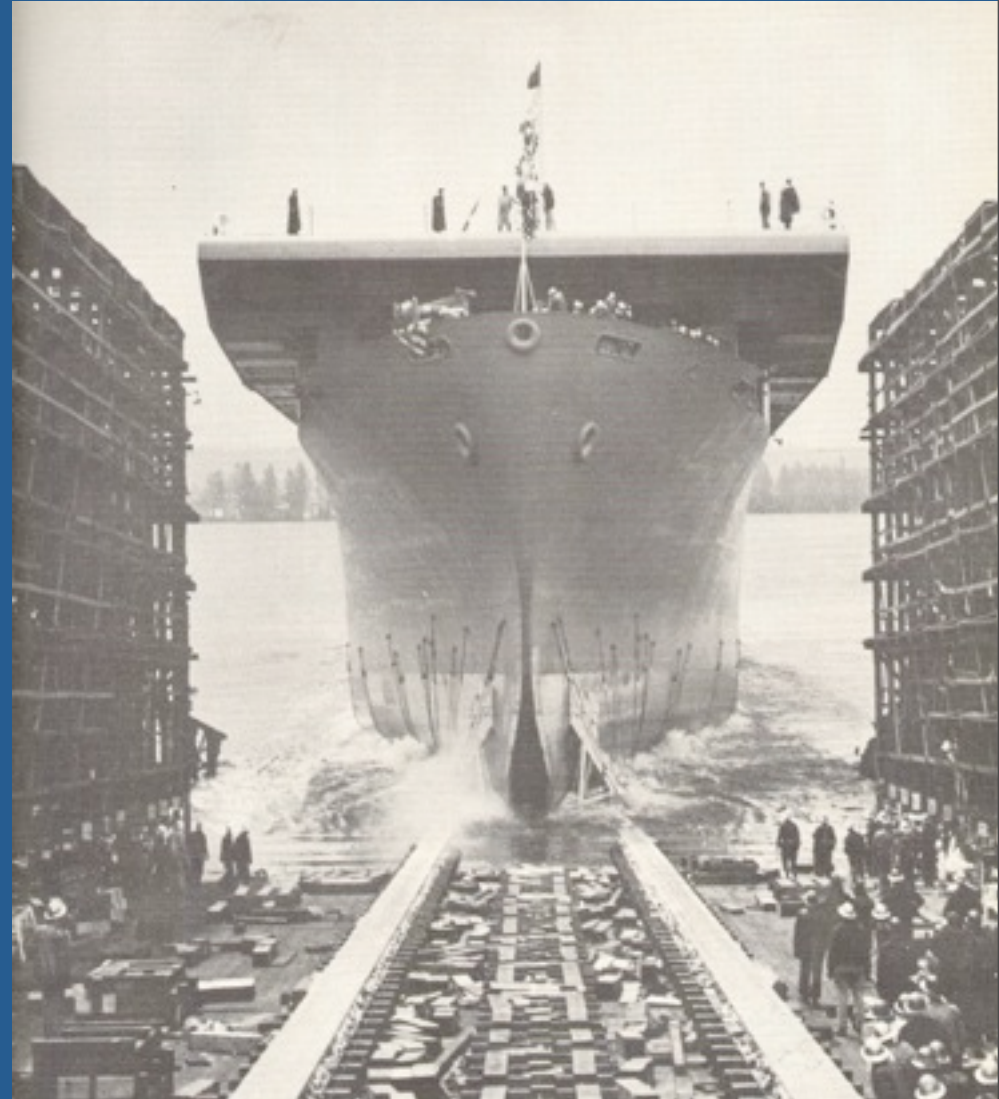
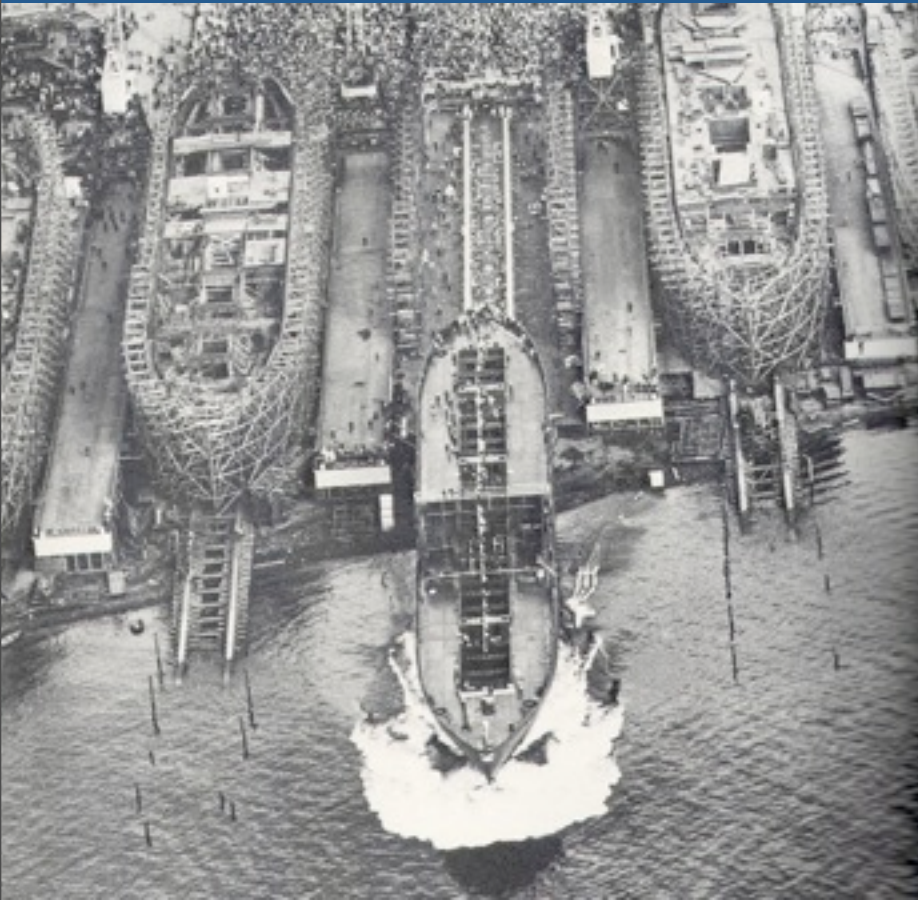
## Rev. J.J. Clow of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, Portland



# FEPC Hearing, Washington, D.C. June 1942



# Shipbuilding in Portland in World





# World War II Housing in Richmond,



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# Wartime Housing in Los Angeles



- I urge that your committee take enough time to walk through the former Little Tokyo. Here you will find life as no human is expected to endure it.

- Our records show families piling up four, five, and six persons to a bedroom. In one case a family of five was living in a dirt floor garage with no sanitary facilities whatsoever. In an abandoned storefront twenty-one people were found to be living and

# Vanport: The World's Largest War Housing City





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# Portland Police, 2008



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# Detroit Riot, Summer 1943



# The Zoot Suit Diet - Los Angeles



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# Mayor Devin on Racial Tension in Seattle, 1944



The problem of racial tension is one which is fraught with dynamite and it is going to affect us not only during the War, but also after the War. It is our duty to face the problem together. If we do not do that, we shall not exist very long as a civilized city or as a nation.

--Seattle Mayor  
William F. Devin,

# Christian Friends for Racial



# White Native and Black Migrant, Seattle, 1942



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# The Migrants: Images and Impressions



# Recalling the Migrants: Seattleites LeEtta King and Elva Moore Nicholas



- I know I was quite ashamed of them. They looked so bad. Women wearing dungarees and their heads tied up with a handkerchief. I just tried not to see them. (King)

- A lot of them were awfully aggressive. They liked to fight. Down there [in the South] they had to step off the sidewalk and the other fella pass by. They got up here and they would

# The Migrants: The Local Response

- There was discord because this had been such a small black community and although we had our share of segregation, we felt that we were better off if we were less visible... the fewer of us, the better off we were, and we felt that with more black people there would be more problems. Black people would come here and get arrested and be going to jail all the time and making a lot of noise and we would all suffer.

Seattle Resident Maxine Pollard

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# The Migrants: A Northwest Enterprise Cartoon and Editorial,



As long as one member of our race compels criticism from other races for being uncouth, ignorant, and dirty, so does our entire race receive

# Armata Hearst Recalls the



- We were all talking about “those sharecroppers, this” and “those sharecroppers, that.”
- We’re all



# Who is a Migrant?: Charles Stokes (and Phil Burton) Seattle, 1950



# Rev. Benjamin Davis and Parishioners at Mt. Zion Baptist



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# Aerial View of the Central District, November



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said Tracts to a corporation or association formed by residents or owners of property in Innis Arden No. 2, or to a corporation or association formed by residents or owners of Innis Arden, for community purposes, in the activities of which corporation or association residents of Innis Arden No. 2 shall have the right to participate, subject to reasonable restrictions and requirements imposed by such corporation or association.

**14. RACIAL RESTRICTIONS...**No property in said addition shall at any time be sold, conveyed, rented or leased in whole or in part to any person or persons not of the White or Caucasian race. No person other than one of the White or Caucasian race shall be permitted to occupy any property in said addition or portion thereof or building thereon except a domestic servant actually employed by a person of the White or Caucasian race where the latter is an occupant of such property.

**15. ANIMALS.** No hogs, cattle, horses, sheep, goats, or or similar livestock shall be permitted or maintained on said property at any time. Chicken hens, pigeons, rabbits and other similar small livestock, not exceeding a total of twenty-five in number, shall be permitted but must be kept on the premises of the owner. Not more than one dog and cat may be kept for each building site. No pen, yard, run, hutch, coop or other structure or area for the housing and keeping of the above

Map of "Ghetto" Page 3:

## Seattle Is Blighted By Restrictive Covenants

By Terry Pettus

IN these days of critical shortages most Americans, whose housing needs are due to a lack of rental property or sufficient cash to buy on an inflated market, are blissfully unaware that millions of their fellow citizens are subjected to an additional "handicap"—their color or religion.

These fellow citizens of Negro or Oriental ancestry and (in some cases) Jews are prevented from buying or renting the home of their choice by the wide-spread practice of "restrictive covenants" which has spread like a plague in Seattle, particularly since 1927.

Although there is an occasional "break-through" (as in the case of some housing projects and an occasional neighborhood) these restrictive covenants account for Seattle's notorious "Ghetto"—the subject of a map on page 3.

In this highly congested and highly "profitable" area live some 20,000 "non-white" citizens. This like all crowded sections of a large city, is a "blighted area". It is a slum, for the most part, and a breeding ground for disease and crime.

But it pays handsome profits to the property owners. They profit from the self-created "monopoly" which forces the "non-white" citizens to pay higher than average prices or rents out of the sheer necessity to have a roof over their heads.

This month the legality of "restrictive covenants" is scheduled to come before the U.S. supreme court for the first test in that high tribunal. The cases involve three Negro families and one American Indian and are being watched with interest as the supreme courts of every state where they have been previously tested have upheld the legality of this un-democratic practice.

What are "restrictive covenants"?

### NOT ORDINANCES

First it must be emphasized that, contrary to popular opinion, they are not municipal "zoning ordinances". Such ordinances, restricting occupancy because of "race", have long been declared unconstitutional.

The device of "restrictive covenants" was put into play to accom-

### Trial Dates Set For Film Group

WASHINGTON.—(FP)—The 19 Hollywood writers and directors indicted for contempt of Congress, pleaded innocent January 9 when arraigned in U.S. District Court. The cases grew out of their appearances before the un-American activities committee of the House.

Separate trials were ordered for the defendants, beginning with John Howard Lawson on February 9 and closing with Lester Cole on March 24.

After being fingerprinted a second time since their arrest on the federal warrants, they were released under \$10,000 bond each.

### Green Opposes Wallace

WASHINGTON, D.C. — (Special)—Opposition to the independent candidacy of Henry A. Wallace was voiced here by A.F.L. Pres. William Green. The A.F.L. executive board has taken no action on the '48 race while the C.I.O. will have a political action policy meeting here January 23.

### co Union Wallace

endorsement of Henry A. Wallace 3 party ticket was voted by the Tobacco Agricultural & Allied

Hartley act with less than a majority of the Democrats in the Senate supporting Truman's token vote, the silence of the White House as Congress moves to wreck the wage-hour act and the utter failure of both to lower the cost of living show that neither

### CITY ELECTION MAY DEVELOP VITAL ISSUES

By Burrus Thornley

WHILE the possibility remains that it can develop into a real mobilization of the people behind important and vital progressive issues, Seattle's municipal campaign got away to a colorless start with the closing of filings Saturday.

The election is the first under the new charter adopted in 1946. Voters will select a mayor, six of the nine members of the city council and a corporation counsel (city attorney). The primary will be on February 24th with the finale March 9th.

Seven candidates, including the incumbent William Devin, are in the mayoralty race while there are 29 contenders for the six council seats. The three receiving the highest votes in the finals will serve in the council for four years while the low three will win two-year terms.

Most political observers agree that the leading opponent of Mayor Devin is Allan Pomeroy, who resigned as assistant U.S. attorney to make the race. Pomeroy, a longtime supporter of the policies of Franklin D. Roosevelt, has told friends that he intends to put up a fighting campaign on progressive issues. His opening statement, however, was a routine affair.

### POMEROY COULD WIN

That Pomeroy could, with the proper campaign, unseat Devin, (Continued on Page 4)

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**THE BLIND SENSATION, RAY CHARLES**

*To the  
Sincerely*

# Northwest Enterprise Editorial by John Blount, 1951

**Jim Crow Rides Washington State Busses**

**The Northwest Enterprise**  
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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14, 1951

**GAMBLING FIGHT—**  
**THE BOND BUYING OWLS CLUB INC.**  
The bond buying club of the Northwest... (text continues)

**DUKE BROWNING FOUND GUILTY OF SHOGLING**  
The Northwest Enterprise... (text continues)

**SEEK REPEAL OF VIRGINIA 'JIM CROW' BUS LAWS**  
The Northwest Enterprise... (text continues)

**JIM CROW BUSES THE VOGUE BETWEEN PASCO AND HANFORD, WASH. OPERATORS J. C. BOSS FOR POINTS BETWEEN RICHMOND - HANFORD, WA.**  
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**ARRESTED JIM CROW NAT. NEG. COUNCIL UNITED GUN EMPLOYEES**  
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**THE GHOST WALKS**  
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**LET US REGISTER— LET US VOTE**  
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**OWLS MEMORIAL**  
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**FINAL APPEAL FOR**  
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We condemn the dope peddler who preys on teenagers and uses their schools as a convenient center of distribution. Seattle parents, the menace is here as elsewhere, and is probably close to your doors.



# Japanese and Black Kids at Collins Playground, Seattle 1947



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# Maya Angelou on the Transition from Japantown to Little Harlem (San

- The Yamamoto Sea Food Market quietly became Sammy's Shoe Shine Parlor. Yashigira's Hardware metamorphosed into La Salon de Beaute owned by Miss Clorinda Jackson. Where the odors of tempura, raw fish and cha had dominated, the aroma of chitlings, greens, and ham hocks now prevailed.
- No member of my family and none of the family friends ever mentioned the absent Japanese. It was as if they never owned or lived in the houses we inhabited. The Japanese were not white folks. Since they didn't have to be feared,



- Interracial Couple, Seattle, 1947

# Negro Victory Committee Leaders: J. Raymond Henderson, Charlotta Bass,



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# Little Tokyo (Los Angeles) Store Scene, 1945



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# Crowning Adelia Avery Miss International Center



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ated Rainier Vista is typical of Seattle's public housing projects. It's not uncommon to see white mothers baby-sitting with Negro kids.

er and his family live in swank area overlooking Lake Washing-  
-Bostonian has built private clinic, is Chamber of Comm. member.



## NEW LIFE IN SEATTLE

In the biggest, fastest growing city of the Northwest, Negroes have found a new frontier.

**I**n busy Seattle, biggest seaport of the prosperous Northwest, Negroes are discovering new opportunities, especially in the field of employment. This year, Seattle counts 16,000 Negroes among its citizens. In 1940, there were only 3,000. And they are happy because Seattle today, thanks to Mayor Bill Devin, is a progressive thriving city.

When Mayor Devin saw the continual increase in the city's Negro population, he organized the Civil Unity Committee to meet new problems and avoid any possible racial conflict.

That foresight has paid off. Today, the results are seen in the Community Chest's integrated staff; the Council of Social Agencies, which spearheaded the drive for a State FEPC; the open door policy of the Seattle Hotel Assn.

and the Mayor's personal instructions to Police Chief Eastman "to use Negro cops everywhere in the city."

All of this would amaze old William Gross, Seattle's first Negro settler, who came there in 1850, if he could return and see what his people are doing. Prominent are ambitious Ray Merriweather, who is building apartment houses; Russell Gideon who has a prosperous drug store; Dr. Bob Joyner, whose waiting room is filled with patients of all races.

Even in Seattle's shopping district, Negroes are employed in the large department stores like Rhodes, where they range from clerks to supervisors. In the telephone company, a bevy of trim-lookers handle calls. At Bremerton Navy Yard, and in city and state jobs, Negroes are completely

# Left: Rainier Vista Public Housing

- We realized we had to stand and fight for our rights. There was no better place to go.
  - Seattle Resident, 1950