

2 VICTORIES IN DETROIT

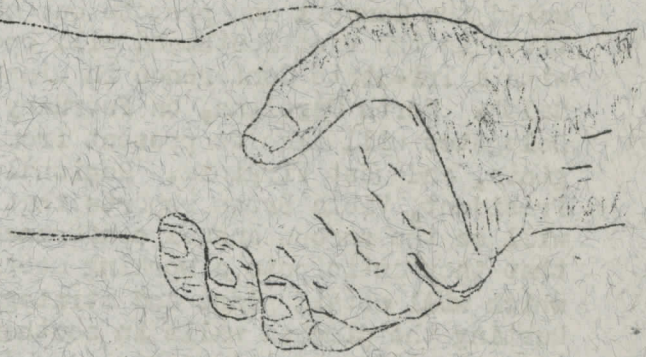
# HOOD & YOUNG MEET WITH FORD EXEC'S.

"....APPLICANTS FOR JOBS WITH THE FORD MOTOR COMPANY AS STENOGRAPHERS, TYPIST AND COMPTOMETER OPERATORS WILL BE HIRED WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION AS TO RACE!"

These were the words of Ford's Director of Labor Relations, Manton Cummins, to William Hood and Coleman Young, National Council's President and Executive Secretary respectively. The huge corporation had agreed to the meeting with the Council's Officers after the Council had charged that the Ford Motor Company discriminated against Negro women in its vast administration building.

Upon leaving this historic meeting, President Hood stated to the press: "The NNLC is gratified to learn that the Ford Motor Company intends to follow a policy of hiring without discrimination in the Administration Building. However, the test of any policy is the concrete results which flow from it. We intend to watch this situation very closely. We do not expect nor intend that Mr. Cummin's words shall be empty ones."

The Detroit Council immediately arranged to send dozens of qualified Negro women for job interviews and as Cummin's words become realized in action a major break through will be won in the front office hiring policies of the auto industry.



The Big Bear Chain is one of the largest in the city of Detroit, employing many hundreds of people and until now, employed Negro workers in the warehouse only.

## MARKET CHAIN AGREES TO COUNCIL DEMANDS

Gerald Boyd, Executive Secretary of the Greater Detroit Negro Labor Council announced that a meeting with Mr. Max Shaye, Vice-President of the Big Bear chain of supermarkets and a Council delegation, led by himself, had produced spectacular results.

Mr. Shaye, after an amiable and fruitful discussion, agreed to the hiring and integration of Negro men and women into all job opportunities in their chain.

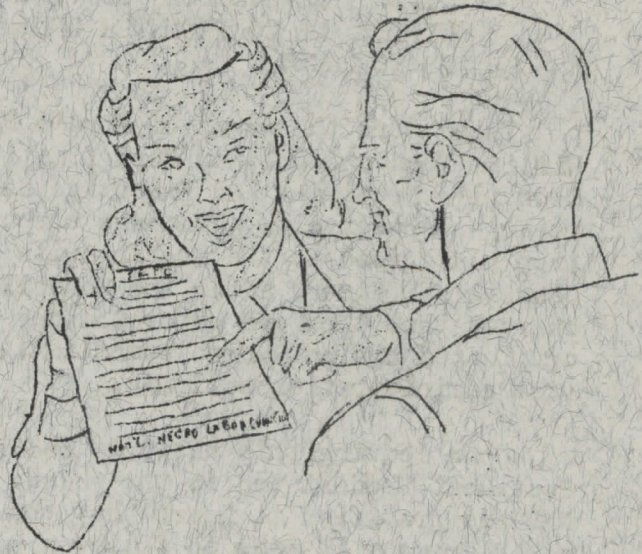
The agreement will concretely mean jobs as cashiers, clerks, office workers and in supervisory capacities. This significant victory is only the first in a series, which is part of the drive to thoroughly destroy the jimcrow pattern existing in Detroit markets.

Mr. Shaye has agreed to accept applicants sent to him by the Greater Detroit Negro Labor Council.

# Eastern Conference Launches Petition Drive

The Greater New York Negro Labor Council, one of the original founding units of the National Negro Labor Council, played host to the Eastern Seaboard Councils for a conference on February 2nd. National Organization Director Ernie Thompson addressed the meeting which launched the F. E. P. C. petition drive and undertook job quotas for the East. Details of this Conference will appear in the next issue.

A series of conferences designed to build the Council and promote our objectives in the vast Southland will open with a Tri-State Conference in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, on February 16th. Delegates will also be present from Virginia, and West Virginia. Regional Vice-President, Viola Brown reports that this will be the second annual conference and that they anticipate a working meeting which will detail plans and strategy for busting the jimcrow walls in southern industry with special emphasis on jobs for Negro women. Ernest Thompson will be the keynote speaker.



## DETROIT CALLS JOB CONFERENCE

The Greater Detroit Negro Labor Council issued a Call for a Job and Organization Conference on February 23, 24, 1952. The Call was issued to all trade Unions, people's organizations in the area and to all those who agree to all out struggle to deal a death blow to jimcrow.

Many local unions have already indicated that they intend to send officials delegates, and many hundreds of Negro workers will participate in answer to the Council's clarion call for a struggle for full freedom.

The exciting victories in the Ford Administration Building and Big Bear supermarkets, has given impetus and enthusiasm to the entire Negro community and has justified our confidence that this Conference will lay the basis for more and greater victories in Detroit.

## WE WILL SPEAK OUT

We will speak out, we will be heard,  
Though all earth's system crack;  
We will not bate a single word,  
Nor take a letter back.

Let liars fear, let cowards shrink,  
Let traitors turn away;  
Whatever we have dared to think  
That dare we also say.

We speak the truth, and what care we  
For hissing and for scorn,  
While some faint gleamings we can see  
Of FREEDOM'S coming morn?

James Russell Lowell

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