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The President today designated the following members of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services:

Mr. Charles H. Fahy (Chairman)  
Former Solicitor General of the U. S.  
Washington, D. C.

Mr. Alphonsus J. Donahue  
President  
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Stamford, Connecticut

Mr. Lester Granger  
Executive Secretary  
National Urban League  
New York City

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President, Lever Brothers  
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Mr. Dwight R. G. Palmer  
President  
General Cable Corporation  
New York City

Mr. John H. Sengstacke  
Publisher, Chicago Defender  
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. William E. Stevenson  
President, Oberlin College  
Oberlin, Ohio

The President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services is provided for by Executive Order 9981, which created an advisory committee of seven members in the National Military Establishment.

The Committee was authorized on behalf of the President to examine the rules, procedures and practices of the armed services in order to determine in what respect they might be altered or improved with a view toward carrying out the policy of the order.

The order declared it to be the policy of the President that there should be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed services without regard to race, color, religion or national origin.

The Committee was instructed to confer and advise with the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, Secretary of the Navy, and the Secretary of the Air Force and to make recommendations to them and to the President.

Under the executive order, the Committee will continue to exist until terminated by the President.

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