Air Force decision to end segregation gets high rating among outstanding news stories for 1949.

The following summary covers excerpts found in the year-end polls appearing in various Negro newspapers. The number indicates the relative position of the Air Force item in the given listing.

THE CHICAGO DEFENDER
HONOR ROLL OF 1949 (ORGANIZATIONS)
No. 3. UNITED STATES AIR FORCE: For dramatically upsetting the pattern of racial segregation traditionally practiced in Armed Forces.

SCORE FOR 1949
No. 3. ARMED SERVICES: U. S. Air Force ended racial segregation in unequivocal policy statement, taking lead in fair policy for utilization of Negroes. Former all-Negro fighter squadron at Lockbourne Air Field broken up and personnel distributed throughout Air Force command without discrimination.

HERO STAFF
No. 5. AIR CORPS drops its Jim Crow Policy.

THE KANSAS CITY CALL
No. 10. The Air Force abolishes Jim Crow.

THE PITTSBURGH COURIER
No. 7. Efforts to wipe out discrimination and segregation in the armed forces paid off. The Air Force wiped out segregation altogether.

THE BALTIMORE Afro-American
EDITORIAL LINES
No. 9. The ending of all segregation in the United States Air Force.

H. J. DIXON, EDITOR
No. 12. President Truman issues Executive order calling for end of segregation in the armed forces.
No. 9. The ending of all segregation in the U.S. Air Force.

William H. Clare, Asst Managing Editor

No. 6. The work of the Air Force toward complete integration.

Audrey R. Weber, Copy Reader

No. 7. Integration of Air Force troops.

Arthur R. Randall, Copy Reader

No. 4. Equalizing of opportunities in Armed Forces.

Warren Clendenen

No. 1. Air Force to end segregation.

Louise R. Hines

No. 7. Air Force ends segregation.

Woody L. Taylor

No. 2. In May, The public was informed of the end of segregation in the Air Force when Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced his approval of such a plan.

The Norfolk Star and Grit

No. 2. (In Editor's earlier summary)

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