

AIR FORCE 1949 RACIAL POLICY CHANGE

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 Wing at Lockbourne Air Field broken up and personnel distributed throughout Air Force command without discrimination . . .

NEWS 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. 2. 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 JURY

No. 3. The ending of all segregation in the United States Air Force.

W. I. GIBSON, EDITOR

No. 12. President Truman issues Executive Order calling for end of segregation in the Armed Forces.



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CLIFF MACKAY, MANAGING EDITOR

No. 9. The ending of all segregation in the U. S. Air Force.

WILLIAM E. CLARK, ASST MANAGING EDITOR

No. 9. The precedent set by the armed forces in the integration of Army Air Forces flyers and Naval flyers.

JULIA B. ENGLISH, CHIEF COPY EDITOR

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

AUDREY WEAVER, COPY READER

No. 7. Integration of Air Force troops.

ARTHUR RANDALL, COPY READER

No. 4. Equalizing of opportunities in Armed Forces.

WARREN GARDNER

No. 1. Air Force to end segregation.

LOUISE K. 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 Forces when Secretary of Defense Louis Johnson announced his approval of such a plan.

THE NORFOLK JOURNAL AND GUIDE

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

