WASHINGTON—Rep. Rankin (R-Miss.) today denounced that President Truman before his order against segregation in the armed forces.

Rankin told the House the order was "one of the greatest blunders that could possibly have been made at this time."

"If we get into another conflict, it would do more to cripple our national defense than anything else that has taken place since Pearl Harbor," Rankin said. He added:

"I am appealing to the President through this record to revoke that order at once and not let it cripple our national defense in this critical hour.

"The country has just witnessed a tragic example when a B-36 bomber plane was flown over to a Bolivian airport, who could not pass the examination for a pilot's license in this country. The result was one of the most disastrous acts plane crashes this country has ever had, in which he killed 50 of the finest Americans who ever lived, including a distinguished member of this Congress of the United States.

"I don't know how in the world the President can issue this order, but I sincerely hope that he will realize its danger and revoke it at once, and not permit it to cripple our armed forces, so to impair our program of national defense at this critical time."