WASHINGTON—Rep. Rankin (D-Texas) today denounced that President Truman refuses 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 that 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 Boeing plane was turned over to a Bolivian regime, who could not pass the examination for a pilot's license in this country. The result was one of the most disastrous air plane crashes this country has ever had, in which he killed 49 of the finest Americans who ever lived,—including a distinguished member of the Congress of the United States.

"I don't know who advised the President to 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."