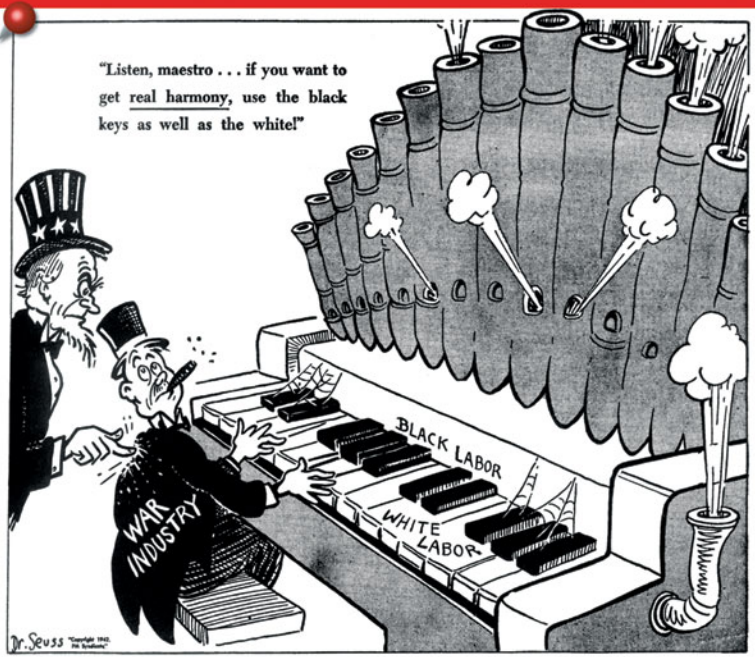


Racial tensions boiled in America. In March 1941, civil rights leader A. Philip Randolph proposed a march on Washington D.C., demanding an end to discrimination against African-Americans in employment and the armed forces. Randolph called off the march when President Roosevelt issued Executive Order 8802, the Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC).



After the men went off to WWII, women, white and black entered the labor force.



Unfortunately, over the next year the government failed to push the FEPC into action. Even as the wartime economy increased after the U.S. entered WW II, African Americans who migrated to the north in search of work found it difficult to break the barriers of prejudice.



If the war industry lifted America out of the Depression, everybody should benefit!



Racial Discord

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