Seminar on Equal Employment Opportunity Program at PNS

Practice Golden Rule . . . Practice Non-Discrimination in Every Way

A seminar on the Equal Employment Opportunity Program was held at the Shipyard April 27-29 for all first and second line supervisors. Purpose of the meetings was to provide information on Equal Employment Opportunity in the Government and the Shipyard's Program. Representatives from the Portsmouth Chapter, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the Seacoast Council on Religion and Race were among the speakers.

There were two meetings which were held in the Auditorium, April 27-28 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and April 29, a meeting was held in the Training Division from 4:15 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for first and second line supervisors on the second shift.

The Shipyard Commander was the first speaker. He explained the Equal Employment Opportunity Program and informed supervisors that, as members of the Federal service, "we practice the Golden Rule and non-discrimination in every way."

Mr. Murray L. Townsend, Jr., spoke on Recruitment, Training and Development of the Minority. He is employed by the Internal Revenue Service of New York City as a Coordinator for Minority Group Activities and Equal Employment Opportunity Officer.

Mr. Thomas P. Cobbs of York Beach, President of the Port City Chapter, NAACP, spoke on Employment Problems of Minority Groups in the local area. He is also First Vice President of the New England Regional Conference, NAACP, and is active in minority group problems in the area. He was a speaker April 27-28.

Mr. Barney Hill of Portsmouth spoke on the same subject as Mr. Cobbs at the April 29 meeting. Active in the Port City Chapter, NAACP, he is a member of the Board of Directors, Rockingham County Community Action Program. He was one of five persons to receive an award from Sargent Shriver, National Director, Office of Economic Opportunity, and is a member of the Board of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Washington, D.C.

Mrs. Carolyn Blouin of South Berwick, representing SCORR, had as her topic the Background of Civil Rights. SCORR is the Seacoast Council on Religion and Race.

The Golden Rule was emphasized by speakers at the meetings of the Equal Employment Opportunity Program seminar: Do unto others as you would have them do unto you. Practice it and practice it more and more.


Joseph Derwiecki, Administrative Division, Production Department, introduced the speakers. He is Chairman of PNS's Equal Employment Opportunity Committee.