

III. PRINCIPAL COMMUNIST PARTY-NEGRO FRONT GROUPS

A. National Negro Labor Council

Until the Spring of 1956, the principal communist-Negro front group in the United States was the National Negro Labor Council (NNLC). It was organized in October, 1951, at Cincinnati, Ohio, with the support of the Communist Party, USA. The Party urged "all out support" for the program of the NNLC which included the following points:

1. A nationwide drive for 100,000 additional jobs for Negro workers, with particular emphasis on jobs for Negro women
2. A campaign to solicit a million signatures petitioning for a national Fair Employment Practices Committee (FEPC)
3. Universal adoption of a "Model FEPC Contract Clause" in every union contract with management guaranteeing hiring, upgrading, promotion, on-the-job training, et cetera, without discrimination
4. A pledge to work with other Negro rights organizations in an attempt to influence the trade-union movement to support demands for abolition of the poll tax, antilynch legislation, official union action against police brutality and other invasions of the rights of Negro union members, and integrated housing

At its founding convention, the NNLC adopted resolutions calling for trade-union organization in the South on the basis of absolute equality,