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### MINERS' AVERAGE PAY SETS RECORD IN AUGUST

Washington, D. C.—Reflecting new contract gains, average hourly earnings of bituminous coal workers in August were \$1.778, a rise of almost 20 per cent over June, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported.

Weekly earnings, at the record average of \$71.49, increased by \$4.40, or 6.6 per cent.

Hourly earnings in anthracite

mining also increased 8 per cent over the period. Weekly earnings were about \$4 above June.

The bureau's revised figures for August showed that factory production workers earned an average of \$49.21 for an average week of 39.8 hours. This is practically unchanged from the July level.

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### Last Polio Health Hint: Avoid Sudden Chilling!

Sudden chilling such as plunging into cold water on a very hot day should be avoided as the sixth and final health precaution that should be observed in the polio season—June through September—the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis cautions through its local chapter.

Scientific research financed by March of Dimes funds has shown that when laboratory animals exposed to the polio virus were suddenly chilled, twice as many developed acute and paralyzing attacks of the disease as did a control group which had been protected from sudden temperature changes. Therefore, take no chances. To be on the safe side avoid sudden chilling, the National Foundation advises.



### Report Urges Ban On All Forms Of Discrimination

Washington, D. C.—These were the facts that Negroes have been accepted in big league baseball and that high officials of the armed forces show an increasing tendency to use more Negroes and other minority groups on a basis of equality with white units. Reviewing the right to vote, the committee said that the franchise is barred to some because of race, to others by institutions or procedures which impede free access to the polls. Others were disfranchised by electoral irregularities or corrupt practices, and the permanent residents of the District of Columbia were excluded from political representation by "outmoded national traditions."

Most serious under this heading, continued the committee, was the denial of suffrage to Negroes in most southern states, but it hailed recent "progress, limited and precarious, but nevertheless progress." The report urged the President to create a permanent Federal commission on civil rights, and the 48 states were asked to do the same for themselves. Congress was asked to create a standing committee on civil rights and the Department of Justice was advised to reorganize and enlarge its civil rights section. This was the basic pattern of Federal and state machinery which the committee said it felt was necessary to advance American democracy.

While focusing its attention on the bad side of the nation's record with respect to the civil rights of our citizens, the committee made special mention of the human progress made in this country.

"This necessary emphasis upon our country's failures should not be permitted to obscure the real measure of its successes. No fair-minded student of American history, or of world history, would deny to the United States a position of leadership in enlarging the range of human liberties and rights, in recognizing and stating the ideals of freedom and equality, and in steadily and loyally working to make those ideals a reality.

"Whatever our failures in practice have been or may be, there has never been a time when the American people have doubted the validity of those ideals. We still regard them as vital to our democratic system."

The 35 recommendations covered a wide range, including the following proposals:

- Affirmative work by Federal, state and congressional organs to improve civil liberties.
- Revisions of statutes protecting individuals against encroachment of their rights and against police brutality.
- An anti-lynching act.
- Prohibition of poll taxes as a voting requisite.
- Abolition of white primaries.
- Laws to compel Communist and other subversive groups to disclose their sponsorship, aims and finances.
- Federal action to end segregation of any kind which is based on race, color, creed and nationality.
- A campaign to educate the people in a continuous program to strengthen civil rights to be conducted by the proposed Federal commission.
- Asserting that "the only aristocracy that is consistent with the free way of life is an aristocracy of talent and achievement," the committee briefly reviewed some affirmative factors. Among

### SEPTEMBER WEEKLY PAY UP FOR FACTORY WORKERS

Washington, D. C.—A longer work-week induced by expanded seasonal operations and greater availability of materials boosted the September average weekly earnings for workers in manufacturing industries to \$50.42, according to preliminary estimates prepared by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.



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