

ROOSEVELT REVIEWS JOB GAINS FOR NEGRO

He Cites Work by His Committee to Combat Discriminations

services have taken numerous steps to open opportunities for Negroes in the armed forces of our country, and they are giving active consideration to other plans which will increase that participation."

WASHINGTON, April 5 (AP)—A letter from President Roosevelt to the Fraternal Council of Negro Churches saying that the Committee on Fair Employment Practice was making "vigorous efforts to eliminate discrimination based on race, creed, color or national origin" was made public today by the National Negro Congress.

The letter, a reply to one from the council, stated that the committee, appointed by a Presidential order last June, had held public hearings "which have sharply brought to the notice of war contractors their obligation to eliminate evidences of discrimination in employment."

Mr. Roosevelt also said:

"There has been considerable progress in opening training and working opportunities for Negroes in war industries. I look for an acceleration of this improvement as the demand for labor in our war industries increases and as the Committee on Fair Employment Practice develops its means for meeting specific situations.

"At my direction, the armed