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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: Wait a minute! They need the, the Depart ( -- ) [[Cross Talk]]

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Wait just a moment. Wait just a moment.

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Now wait a moment, this is our program and we're gonna run how we wanna run it.

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: I think I heard your question, I'd like to answer, but if you don't want to hear the answer, well, that's alright.

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: The Defense Department has done better than a good many other departments,

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but to call it the forerunner, a pioneer ( -- )

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My goodness.

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: They have done it partly because of the row you folks stirred up. Because ( -- )

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: Because, there's one thing defense people do have sense enough to realize,

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and that is that you have to have a pretty homogeneous people behind you.

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But I'll tell you a little history,

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[[??]]still here? I think you'll bear me out, if he's around,

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but, anyway, it's true, even without his endorsement.

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The guy that really broke down Jim Crow and the army, more than any other guy, was A. Philip Randolph. You know that, don't you?

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And he did it, he did it with the least money I ever knew.

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I lent him office space for some of his young people to work, and we had - he had, I didn't

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an organization for something or other, but abolished Jim Crow and the army, got denounced in Congress, and all the rest.

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But he made awful progress. And I think there are two fellas, Bill Worthy and Bill Sutherland, that devoted the work,

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they used to come in and collect [[the mail?]].

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But nevertheless, he who is remembered for what he'd said about the march on Washington

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he more than any man in the United States is responsible for the fact that in the army, and also in the employment connected with the army,

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there was a pretty, a fairer break for Negroes than anywhere else.

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: But, I am a little astonished to find an organization like yours that's working for so many high ideal things,

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who say that the only way you can manage to get fair employment for Negroes

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is to continue an arms race that is more likely an if indefinitely continued,

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to lead to war, than to peace.

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[[laughter]]

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[[man in audience]] We don't say that!

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<i>James Forman</i>: What I was about to say is, this is an open meeting

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: Well I,

<i>James Forman</i>: Wait just a moment. Everybody in here is not necessarily a member of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

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Now, we're not gonna have a screening test to find out who is and who is not, [[clapping]]

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but all these ideas don't represent us. [[clapping]]

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<i>Norman Thomas</i>: I, I realize that, and I just took a rhetorical privilege 'you', I meant him.



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