

# DISCRIMINATION OUT, PANDO JOB

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DENVER —(UP)— An official of the war production board announced this week that racial discrimination against workers at the Camp Hale ski troop cantonment project at Pando, Colo., had been stopped.

Barron B. Beshoar, regional field representative of the minority groups branch of the WPB disclosed that an investigation had been held and that discrimination against Negro and Spanish-American workmen no longer existed. He said such workers could return to the project without fear of "any more discrimination."

At the same time, Beshoar issued an urgent appeal for several hundred more workers needed at once to complete the camp before winter. He stressed the importance of completing the army cantonment before snow piles deep in the high mountain area.

Adequate housing accommodations, heat and mess hall facilities now have been provided for Spanish-American workers who apply for jobs at the project, 19 miles from Leadville, Beshoar said.

The WPB representative charged previously that Spanish-American workers were obliged to live in unfloored tents with neither light, nor stoves, while other workmen lived comfortably in barracks. He charged further that some such men had been rejected for jobs at the Pando project.

In investigation into the conditions by Col. Carl H. Jabelonsky, area U. S. army engineer, resulted in the construction of 12 barracks buildings for the Spanish-Americans. Tents were floored and provided with stoves, and a housing facilities superintendent was appointed.

Beshoar said another action taken by Jabelonsky in connection with the matter was transfer of Maj. R. J. Ballard, project engineer, to another project. He was succeeded by a Captain

# Repeat Charges

## Spanish-American Pando Treatment

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Denver, Sept. 3. (AP)—A war manpower commission representative repeats charges that Spanish-Americans are not getting fair treatment at the Camp Hale army cantonment project near Pando.

Barron B. Beshoar, associate field representative of the commissions minority groups branch, said yesterday he had informed army engineers that previous agreement to give Spanish-American workers the same treatment as other employes had not been carried out.

Beshoar declared several hundred Texas men were being recruited for the construction project, while Spanish-American workers who are citizens and residents of Colorado had been refused employment on grounds that no housing facilities were available.

He added that Spanish-Americans on the job were forced to live in tents and were given no bathing facilities.

Unless those conditions are immediately corrected, Washington authorities will be asked to force compliance with President Roosevelt's order prohibiting racial discrimination on army projects, Beshoar asserted.

Col. Carl H. Jabelonsky, district engineer, said he was checking Beshoar's complaints and that "the matters are being corrected."

Colonel Jabelonsky said unusual difficulties were encountered on the Camp Hale project in providing housing for workers because of its remote location and high altitude.