

first specific instance of coercion in WPA projects" in Oklahoma today, declaring five Negro workers had told him they were discharged because of professed support for the Republican presidential candidate, Alf M. Landon

"It's going on all over the state," Johnston said in a statement. "It's another example of the New Deal's efforts to make political capital of relief."

"Ross Phillips, acting district WPA director, said the labor department reported the men were laid off "in the normal turnover of workers on the projects."

"Leonard Hamilton, Oklahoma City, acted as spokesman for the five Negroes, Johnston quoted him as saying he received a notice he was dismissed because of "unsatisfactory service," after he read a Republican pamphlet during the noon hour September 28.

"He said he read the pamphlet to Raymond Smith, Oklahoma City, who also was dismissed. He said other dismissed were Henry Carter, Willie Wilson and Ira Walker.

"Johnston quoted Hamilton as saying Joe Carney, white foreman, told him, "Anybody out here who'd support Landon won't have a job."

The New York Times reports that:

"The "Colored Womanhood of the State of New York," at a meeting held at Republican State headquarters, 41 East Forty-second Street, last week, adopted resolutions denouncing the Roosevelt administration for "planning" or "permitting" discrimination against Negroes both in placement on WPA and ERB jobs and in administration of the Social Security Act which excludes from benefits under its Old Age Security provisions domestic, agricultural and casual workers.

"Seventy per cent of our womanhood is included within those groups of workers," a preamble to the resolution said.

"The resolutions call on Negro voters everywhere to support Governor Landon and Colonel Knox.

"Mrs. Maria C. Lawton and Camille Rodman of Kings County; Mrs. Archibald Poole of Richmond County, Eva Taylor Parker of New York County, Anna Barnes of Queens County, Anna Borden of Westchester, Nettie Holmes and Mrs. Frank R. Graham of Nassau and Manetta Snyder of Dutchess County, signed the resolutions."

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