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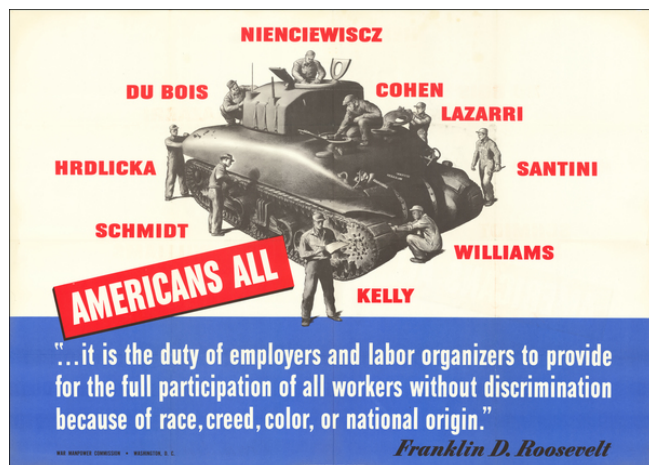
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Stock#: 63376
Map Maker: War Manpower Commission
Date: 1942
Place: Washington D.C.
Color: Color
Condition: VG+
Size: 40.5 x 28 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Fighting Labor Discrimination During World War II

Large World War II broadside published by the American Government, stressing the importance of utilizing "All Americans" in the workplace and its importance in aiding the war effort.

As noted by Gilder Lehrman in the description of this broadside:

In early 1942, as men of working age enlisted in the military and war production accelerated, US industries experienced a labor shortage. President Roosevelt established the War Manpower Commission "to assure the most effective mobilization and maximum utilization of the Nation's manpower in the prosecution of the war" (Executive Order 9139). The commission estimated that nearly seven million new workers would be needed in 1942. General Frank McSherry, director of operations for the WMC, declared that

employers can no longer afford to discriminate against Negroes and workers of other minority groups. . . . Aliens, where it is possible under government restrictions, must be considered for war production jobs. . . . We cannot afford to permit any preconceived prejudices or artificial hiring standards to interfere with the production of tanks, planes and guns.



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This poster, published by the War Manpower Commission in 1942, highlights the need to draw laborers from all segments of the American population. It shows nine men working on a tank. Their last names suggest a variety of ethnicities and national origins: Cohen, du Bois, Hrdlicka, Kelly, Lazarri, Nienciewicz, Santini, Schmidt, and Williams. The text paraphrases President Roosevelt's Executive Order 8802 of 1941 forbidding discrimination "because of race, creed, color, or national origin" in defense production.

Detailed Condition:

Stored folded.