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Sir:

Unemployment is affecting all groups through the country, but none more than the Negro group. Thus far work that has been created or accelerated to help the unemployed has frequently not been open to members of this race.

By virtue of recent Federal legislation in Washington, large sums of money will be available for road-building, and doubtless certain state funds are available for other public improvements. As one charged with the responsibility of advancing the industrial status of Negroes, I write to intercede on their behalf to the end that you will use your good office to see that Negro workers are included among those who benefit from such funds.

It is needless to remind any American of the sacrifices Negroes have made in peace and in war for the promotion of the high principles for which our country stands. It is certainly not too much to ask, now that they are in need, that their suffering be assuaged through the most noble of all benefactions: namely, opportunity to make an honest living.

Assured that I am making this request feeling that it is in keeping with American ideals of fair play with which you are, of course, in accord, I have the honor to be

Very truly yours,

T. Arnold Hill

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