

### Fair Play For Whites

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. - (NPI)--Job discrimination against whites in the form of "Negroes only" advertisements has been struck down by the Missouri Commission on Human Rights. Peter C. Robertson, commission director, reported the satisfactory closing of the commission's first case in which an employer was directly discriminating against whites.

THE CASE involved a St. Louis employer who sent a job request to the state employment service for "Negroes only" for a particular position. After the law was explained, the employer agreed to drop the discriminatory provision and hire without regard to race.

Robertson noted that "the biggest battle which our commission faces in enforcing the law and obtaining voluntary compliance is that many employers tend to think of certain jobs as 'women's jobs,' 'men's jobs,' 'Negro jobs,' or 'white jobs.' The employer who specified only Negroes for one position may well have been thinking of that position as a 'Negro position' and of other positions in his establishment as 'white' positions.

"IF WE ARE to reach the goal of equal opportunity, it is just as important to end these 'Negro' jobs as it is to end the 'white' jobs. Similarly, it is important that employers cease thinking of certain jobs as being for men only and for women only. "We hope that all employers will come to look upon the labor market as one large pool of individuals whom they can draw upon to fill their needs and that such irrelevant and illegal factors as race and sex will not be considered."

### THIS IS THE WEEK OCT. 9-15

Your local fire department urges that you take time this week to think about fire prevention, says the American Insurance Association.

Dispose of combustible trash, like old newspapers, on which fires feed.

And keep your electrical appliances in good repair.

The Association reminds you that every fifth fire is caused by matches and smoking and another one out of every five fires is caused by misuse of electricity or faulty electrical equipment.

"Fighting a fire is serious business," says an Association fire safety engineer. "Firefighting is dangerous. Firemen are experts at fire fighting and every day risk their lives in their regular work."

But firemen also stress the importance of fire prevention work.

"Remember this: A fireman would rather spend his time teaching fire prevention and inspecting property than riding a truck to a fire," the Association asserts. "You can help protect your property from the hazard of fire by using care at those points where fires frequently start."

### REMINDER

Brush up on your fire safety knowledge now. One point to remember: never throw an empty aerosol container in a fire or incinerator. Although it may seem empty, it may still contain some gas which when heated, will expand and cause an explosion.

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### THAT AIN'T NO LADY

DETROIT - (NPI)--Rock 'n' roll singer "Little Richard" Penniman has filed a \$1 million slander suit against a bondsman for referring to him as "a sissy" before some of his teenage fans. According to the suit, filed in U.S. District court, the bondsman, Harry Goldfarb, had referred to the entertainer as "a man lover, a sissy and a freak" as he argued with Richard about an alleged financial debt.

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