

Decries Bias In Nation's War Effort

BLOOMINGTON, Ind.—Discrimination in America's all-out war effort because of racial prejudice was deplored by Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill, noted educator and president of the Cheyney State Teachers college of Pennsylvania, speaking Thursday at a student-faculty convocation at Indiana university.

Dr. Hill declared it was "an appalling spectacle that one whole tenth of our nation's strength, some 13 million of her most loyal and productive citizens, a great human reservoir of potential man power, should be shackled and frustrated by color bars and racial prejudice."

Giving instances of what he described as "intolerance in the war for democracy," the Pennsylvania college president referred to "an American Negro, world heavyweight champion, Joe Louis, without hesitation, risking his million-dollar title to win money for the navy which bars him and all his kind just as gladly as he risks the same title for that army in which he marches as a private."

Dr. Hill said that, however, "there is perceptible a slow, painful progress towards justice and fair play for colored people, and towards intelligent human relations."