

# ESSAY #1 - Impact of WWII BY: EDEN

World war II brought about monumental social and economic changes in Americans lives.

The War Production Board (WPB) which supervised military production was run by Donald M. Nelson. It forbade production of nonessential items like cars and toys. Eventually the president transferred most of the power into the white house and named it the (OWM) office of war mobilization which was lead by James Burns. The nations GNP tripled by 1945. Unemployment was down, weekly earnings went up. The office of Price Administration (OPA) kept the inflation prone economy working on a fair basis as consumer goods became scarce.

Women became part of the war - they entered the work force and the war. Rose the Riveter was a new American heroine - example for women. Latch Key Children were left at home. Crime among juveniles rose as a result. Baby Boom took place at the end of the war because husbands and wives were separated.

The war also impacted blacks. Phillip Randolph said that blacks should be worked into ~~that~~ companies or that company would not receive contracts. He threatened to march to DC but FDR establishes the FEPC which will institute fair employment. Many blacks moved ~~from~~ to the north for jobs. Racism does exist. CORE congress of racial equality - resistance against racism. More blacks were serving in the war. But discrimination was still present in the country.

WWII cost America 300 billion dollars. War Bond drives were launched. Bond rallies were when famous entertainers went on tour to help sell bonds. The income tax system was raised.