

Memo to: Joseph Allen, Esquire
City Solicitor

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of Public Welfare refused to honor a request by the City to make contributions toward the payment of Workmen's Compensation Insurance premiums for the coverage of these workers. This refusal by the State Department of Welfare was commented upon in a letter dated June 11, 1964 from the Honorable Joseph Allen to Miss Esther Lazarus. Miss Lazarus by her letter of November 12, 1964 informed Judge Allen of the State Department of Welfare's final answer, which was a negative one, to this request. Thus there is no alternative but that the City bear the costs of such insurance premiums.

BALTIMORE CITY JAIL PRISONERS

The prisoners from the Baltimore City Jail used in connection with the work involved in this matter are furnished by the officials of the Jail upon request of the Bureau of Purchases. The prisoners are paid at the rate of \$1.00 per day regardless of the type of work they perform and the money is deposited in the inmate's prison account and turned over to him upon his release from the Jail. They are transported to and from the job by prison officials in a Baltimore City Jail vehicle. During the entire work day they are under the sole supervision and control of the City's Purchasing Department. Individual prisoners are not permitted to accumulate more than \$15.00 under this arrangement during their period of incarceration.

Article 101 of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1957 Edition as amended) sets forth the Workmen's Compensation Law and Section 33A thereof provides, in part, as follows:

"(a) Whenever the State, county, city or any municipality shall engage in extra-hazardous work, within the meaning of this article, whether for pecuniary gain or otherwise, in which workmen are employed for wages, this article shall be applicable thereto. * * *"