—Roads story

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not encountered qualified colored civil engineers who could be employed.

"We've recruited at Penn State, Villanova, Delaware."

When asked if they had sought new engineers from Howard University, Mr. Bender replied "No, the question would be whether they had an accredited department of civil engineering."

Whether or not the Roads Commission had no non-white engineers because of a scarcity of supply or tradition is a question that must temporarily go begging.

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ON THE LESS rigid demands of general office work the Roads officials had more ready answers why few colored Marylanders were hired by their agency.

"Again," said Mr. Bender, "You run into the same problem. Take a job like stenographer - engineering which is a classification we have here, when you get to this kind of job, you need people who have basic knowledge of engineering."

When asked how a clerical worker is trained to be a stenographer - engineer, the official said "by working within the agency."

Thus was set up one of thos typical vicious government agency circles all too familiar to colored applicants for state jobs.

To qualify means to have experience to have experience means to have a state job in the first place. White people have the jobs, they are trained, they move up and colored job - seekers on the merit list wait-and wait wait. Round and round it goes.

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THE STATE ROADS Commission is particularly insulated from any penentration by minority workers.

Mr. Woodford said: **"In the last two years, the Commission has not expanded to any great extent. Since the Harbor tunnel's opening, the employment picture has not changed.**

"Most of our turn - over has been in the technical fields but our office force has remained very stable."

All of which reduces itself to these basic factors.

According to the Roads officials, they need trained engineers but know of no colored people thus trained, they need no general office workers as this staff of 600 is stable and does not change very much.

Here is the information Mr. Bender, director of personnel, provided on integration of his agency's staff:

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COLORED EMPLOYEES number 5 technical aides, 3 senior draftsmen, 2 inspectors (materials and sewers division), 1 student engineer, 1 associate engineer, 1 enginer, 1 highway engineer, 1 junior clerk 2 senior clerks, 1 accounting machine operator, 1 principal accounting clerk, grade No. 2.

The personnel officer also listed:

The sergeants on the Harbor tunnel patrol, 2 corporals, perhaps 25 non - white toll collectors, and possibly 30 tunnel patrolmen.

Also: approximately 45 motor equipment operators, 4 road foremen, 1 auto mechanic, 1 form - setter, 1 cement-finisher.

This adds up to a total of 130 colored workers in other than labor crews.

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THE COMMISSION has many colored highway laborers but Mr. Bender could give no total for non - whites in this unskilled labor category.

"I could be far off in these areas," he said, "For a quick look, from personal observation that's what I've come up with so far. I have never seen any indication of race or color on the records here and some of them go back 20 years. I have been here for 6 years."

When you compare 130 - plus colored office and technical workers with a total of 5,536 State Roads Commission employees, it is understandable why this agency is considered by observers of state government as the most tightly locked arm of government when it comes to balanced representation of work force.

NEXT WEEK: HOW TO HIRE FAIRLY WITHOUT EVEN TRYING. A closer look at the State Roads Commission.

—Ruling due

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the local chapter of the National Alliance of Postal Employees, said when Meeks talked to a traffic officer in the area the officer told him an arrest would be made if the man got a warrant.

Mr. White took the matter up with Inspector Thomas T. Keys who took the same position.

Inspector Keys explained to the AFRO: "The trespass law is still valid. We would never be the aggressor in such a case, but if the proprietor secures a warrant we would serve it just as we would any other warrant."

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CITY COUNCILMAN Leon Rubenstien (D., 5th) said he did not think warrants should be issued now in trespass charges because the public provides permissive entry and seeking service in a restaurant can't be termed trespassing.

He said he was suggesting policemen attempt to explain the law to restaurant owners and impress upon them the desirability of upholding the law. "I think," he said, "there would be no basis for a warrant."

David Glenn, executive director of the Equal Opportunity Commission, which is supposed to enforce the public accommodations ordinance, said, **"We have advised people to come here and complain to us."**

He too indicated the patron stood a good chance of getting himself arrested if he refused to leave the restaurant on command of the owner.

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WHILE THE Constitutionality of the public accommodations ordinance awaits Judge Harlan's decision, George W. Baker, deputy City solicitor, answered this way when asked how hard it would be for a restaurant owner to get a warrant on a trespass complaint:

"That would be up to the judge."

Chief Judge Harrington noted that the trespass law is still in effect, that it has not been invalidated by the public accommodations ordinance. He said the restaurant owner's attorney would have to advise him on the wisdom of getting a warrant.

Councilman Walter T. Dixon (D., 4th), the man who sponsored and worked tirelessly in the drive to get the ordinance on the books, told the AFRO:

"There should be no more warrants on trespass charges involving restrants and everybody should know it. We need this thing clarified.

"I think possibly we ought to get a ruling from the City solicitor's office. There should be a test case that we can take all the way up.

"If we don't get this thing clarified a lot of people still are going to get embarrassed."

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The operation, termed the biggest resettlement program ever attempted in Angola, was officially launched last week and will encompass some 15,000 square miles of so - called "pacified" area.

Capital Heartbeat

JFK tells CSS 'I'll meet with leaders'

ANSWERING a question posed to him by Chuck Stone, editor of the Washington AFRO, at Wednesday's press conference, President Kennedy said he planned to meet with the six colored leaders who convened the recent American Leadership Conference on Africa at Arden House.

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THE PRESIDENT said he had not seen all of the resolutions, but that he would discuss them and mentioned one about "more ambassadors."

The meeting is set at the White House for Monday at 4:00 p.m.

Expected to meet with the President are A. Philip Randolph, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., Whitney Young, James Farmer, Roy Wilkins, and Miss Dorothy Height.

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DR. SAMUEL PROCTOR'S promotion to associate director of the Peace Corps ought to pose some interesting situations for serveral top Peace Corps officials.

Proctor is now on the same level with and above several Peace Corps officials who, only nine months ago, were strongly urging his separation from the Peace Corps.

Ion with his deputy, and that The inside dope of the Proctor promotion is simply that the Nigeria project is not functioning as smoothly and wonderful as reports say, that Proctor did have serious differences of opin-

several top Peace Corps officials here have not been enthusiastic about his performance.

However, Proctor's sponsor, Illinois-Senator—or Governor Sound Sargent Shriver thinks highly of him, regards his administrative ability as outstanding (which it is but somehow got snagged up in Nigeria) and has stuck with him despite advice to the contrary.

There ought to be a real hoedown at the first meeting of top Peace Corps officials which Proctor attends when he returns.

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GOP stalwart Marie Rogers in George Washington hospital. Call her up and wish her good cheer. She's one of the hardest workers in this city — and a true leader. (memo to white folks: she's another colored leader).

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STATE—USIA Recreation Association practices what its component departments do: racial discrimination.

At its Princess Ball held last week, the Association could only come up with ONE colored gal out of 29 candidates.

There are some gorgeous tan things working in State and USIA and to have ignored them as candidates is unconscionable bigotry.

THE GOLD COAST (meaning a wealthy neighborhood in D. C., but an African country's former name in Africa) is taking on the latter hue now.

THE OTHER defendants are John Ferguson, 42, 2100 block Mt. Holly St., and John W. Young, 31, unit block Falls La., Ellicot City.

Circuit Judge Albert Menchine is presiding at the trial and Milton B. Allen is defense attorney. The case had not ended at AFRO press-time.

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