

COMMITTEE ON JOBS FOR NEGROES IN PUBLIC UTILITIES
1920 13th Street, N. W.
September 10, 1943

Dear Member:

The Steering Committee of the Committee On Jobs For Negroes In Public Utilities has had two very interesting conferences within the past two weeks with the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice. Much of what was revealed to us at those meetings must remain "off the record" for the time being. We believe, however, that the F.E.P.C. and the Capital Transit Company are really pulling together toward an early settlement of the Capital Transit case. Our Committee must continue also to do its share in hastening the hiring of Negro bus and street car operators. At present, our work has three aspects consisting of the following jobs:

1. Contacting personally, the Negro men now employed by the Capital Transit Company and getting them to apply for up-grading and for operators' jobs. (We are making steady progress in this direction.)
2. Getting persons (men and women) who could be trained as bus or street car operators or conductors to apply at the United States Employment Service, 928 5th Street, N. W. (This is your job. The time is not ripe for a large-scale public campaign to get these applicants yet. However, each of you members can work to get any persons you may contact right along to apply at once. Have such persons ask for Mr. Reid, the Capital Transit Company representative at the U.S.E.S.)
3. Educating the public (white and Negro) for the time when Negroes will be hired, by a series of newspaper articles and radio skits. (A special committee is planning a long range program along this line which you will hear more about later.)

Our next full membership meeting will be held Sunday, September 19th at 4:30 P. M. at the 12th Street Y.M.C.A.

Be sure to attend that meeting. We are positively entering the last stage of our long campaign and its success depends on your active participation.

Very truly yours,

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