

requested a check to be made regarding past precedent in this matter. He urged that we request the City Service Commission to give a test for Lieutenant, and that the position be filled from a regularly established eligible list, and upon the return of Major Robertson to the Police Division the Lieutenant so appointed from such list would then either be demoted to Sergeant, when that time came, or the Park Board could ask the Board of Estimates to retain this extra Lieutenant. Capt. Gaeng said that there were two men on the "Park Patrolman" list now, one white and one colored, having his recommendation for appointment. The balance of the vacancies could be filled on a temporary basis subject to a blanketing in process by later City Service tests.

The President called the Board's attention to the fact that there was one colored man on the list at the present time, and that we now have four colored patrolmen on the force. He did not believe it advisable to have colored patrolmen in white park areas. He further stated that we should limit ourselves to six colored patrolmen and no more at the present time. Therefore, he said we should appoint one now, from the present eligible list, and one later from a subsequent list. He pointed out that our percentage of colored patrolmen, four male and two female, represents a percentage of our entire police force in the parks which is greater than the percentage of colored Municipal police of the entire Municipal police personnel. Capt. Gaeng gave approval to the President's proposal.

Commissioner Hammerman asked how the colored patrolwomen are performing. Capt. Gaeng said that since the war is over and men can be obtained that he was not in favor of hiring any more policewomen because women, he said, should not be assigned to night work and, therefore, do not fit into the over-all park police plan involving night shifts. He further stated that using these colored patrolwomen by day is a duplication of effort because the squares by day usually have a caretaker.

When Commissioner Hammerman raised the question as to whether the City police work in Mt. Vernon Square, Capt. Gaeng said he would check into the matter and give him a reply later.

Capt. Gaeng said that of the two colored patrolwomen one has a permanent City Service status, and the other temporary. He said he favored abolishing the classification of "Patrolwoman." Commissioner Hammerman saw no reason to keep this classification if it no longer was needed. Commissioner Kowzan pointed out that policewomen cannot be rotated on shifts like men. The President pointed out that he was in favor of abolishing this classification if it was in our power to do so. He mentioned that this action would cast no reflection upon the ability or efficiency of the two employees involved. He said that around-the-clock service was needed in the Police Division, and policewomen did not fit within that schedule of rotating shifts. The President pointed out that by dropping the two policewomen and by adding two colored male patrolmen we would have six colored patrolmen in all on the force.

Commissioner Armor asserted that he was opposed to the abolishing of the class "Policewoman." He mentioned that we would be severely criticized, and said that one is already permanent, and furthermore we hired them when we needed them most, namely, during the war. He added that their salaries were already provided in the budget, and that Capt. Gaeng admitted that one of them is very efficient. Capt. Gaeng admitted the efficiency of the one in question.

A discussion then followed wherein Capt. Gaeng asserted that women do not fit into night police work. The President said that the Board would do whatever it could to transfer the two policewomen elsewhere.

Finally, the Board was unanimous in its decision to abolish the position of "Policewoman," and to replace them by two male colored patrolmen, one on a present active eligible list, the other to be obtained from a future eligible list, provided the City Service Commission sanctioned such action by the Board.

Capt. Gaeng then presented a model police firearm, and said that he believed it to be a very efficient weapon at a very reasonable price. He then proposed that his Division be allowed to install and use a Teletype at a rental cost of \$350.00 per year. He mentioned that the City police would cooperate as to the installation of this instrument. There is a great need for a teletype in police work, he said, because it gives out all official reports. It was the consensus of the Board that Capt. Gaeng be allowed to use a teletype in the Police Division, provided the use of it would be without cost to the Park Department. The Captain was directed to report on this matter at the next meeting. He withdrew at 4:00 P.M.