

Maryland State Police Launch Recruiting Campaign



The Maryland State Police have launched an intensive three-pronged recruiting campaign designed to bring more minority group members into the state law enforcement agency.

Organized primarily to attract black applicants for the position of State Trooper (age 21-39) and the Trooper preparatory position of Cadet (age 18-20) the program emphasizes the following:

1. The extensive advertising campaign involving billboards, posters and the various news media.
2. The assignment of an additional black trooper to the existing recruiting staff to locate qualified candidates on the

high school, college and community levels.

3. Increased contact with black community leaders and organizations throughout the state in order to obtain support in encouraging blacks to explore career opportunities with the Maryland State Police.

While the State Police has been placing a priority on recruiting blacks since 1971, officials report that the effort has fallen short of expectations. Recruiting has been intensified with the goal of hiring, subject to the availability of qualified applicants, an increasingly representative number of minority members.

To assure the success of the

continuing recruiting campaign, Colonel Thomas S. Smith, Superintendent, is earnestly requesting the support of elected and appointed officials, community and organization leaders, clergy, and citizens of the State. He points out that the campaign's slogan "Be One of The Best," offers an excellent career opportunity while reflecting the enviable state-wide and national reputation of the Maryland State Police.

Interested citizens are encouraged to obtain additional information from the recruiting team at State Police Headquarters in Pikesville or from any State Police installation.

Sen. Mathias Says Reform Is Needed

Senator Charles McC. Mathias, Jr. (R-Md.), declaring that Congress "has surrendered its authority to the President," called this week for Congressional reforms "to stem the erosion and to restore a government of checks and balances."

"I have sought such reform to give Congress control over its exercise of constitutional power of the budget, to provide it with access to governmental information now withheld by the Executive, and to give it improved staffing, among other things," Mathias said.

"We must deal with the impact of the bureaucracy on American government today," Mathias said in a speech delivered at Edgewater, near Annapolis.

"Before Watergate," Mathias said, "the President was engaged in a massive effort to bring the Federal bureaucracy to heel. He proposed to reorganize the Cabinet by adding a layer of counselors who would have authority over the great departments of government."

"The advantage would be a streamlined bureaucracy and the goal would be improved coordination. The disadvantage would be a downgrading of the Cabinet, where men of substance and experience have served—men who are identifiable in the public mind with policy and constituencies, and are therefore more accountable."

Mathias said that "further centralization" of government

functions "places even greater stress on our democratic institutions as decision-making retreats from the ability of individuals to affect it."

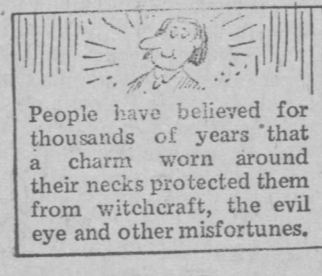
"The solution of this problem is vital to the future of our system," Mathias said.

Mathias said that "Watergate and its related events are a reminder of the importance and the meaning of our Constitution."

"I am most concerned about allegations surrounding the operations of the 'plumbers' because these allegations involve government-organized violations of the Constitution and its 4th Amendment rights," Mathias stated.

He said impeachment "is no longer a hypothetical problem" but "a specific and on-going process in the Judiciary Committee of the House of Representatives."

"The American people have not pre-judged this matter," Mathias said. "Their concern is that it be resolved in a fashion that will be best for the country. Consequently, they expect the Congress to be careful, thoughtful, judicious, thorough and fair."



VA Urges Return Of Questionnaires

The Veterans Administration urges veterans, widows and parents to promptly return income questionnaires received last November, even though the January 15 deadline has passed.

"Each year, thousands miss the deadline because questionnaires are misplaced, forgotten or lost, causing interruptions or delays of monthly benefits checks," Mr. George A. Davis, Director of the Baltimore VA Regional Office, explained.

Mr. Davis noted that 907,000 of the 1.2 million questionnaires mailed were returned to VA before the deadline. Information from the questionnaires is used to adjust pension benefits.

Questionnaires were mailed to veterans on VA pension rolls, widows of veterans drawing pension based on non-service-connected deaths, and parents receiving dependency and indemnity compensation for service-connected deaths of sons and daughters.

Pensioners 72 years old or older who have been on pension rolls during the last two consecutive years generally are exempt. But they still must report changes in income, and those who were mailed questionnaires must return them," Mr. Davis pointed out.

Information on pension and other benefits is available at VA offices and from representatives of local veterans service organizations, Mr. Davis added.



Rebuilding The Railroads

Thirteen railroads are presently serving the northeastern region of the United States. Seven of them, including the mammoth Penn Central system, are in bankruptcy.

In Maryland, there are approximately 1,150 miles of railroad lines, and some 40 per cent of it belongs to bankrupt carriers.

We live in one of the most highly industrialized areas of the nation, and adequate rail service is essential to the economic well-being of this region and the entire country.

Without railroads, our factories and the shipping industry around Baltimore would surely suffer. So would our farmers and food processors on the Eastern Shore, who depend on rail service to bring in feed grains and fertilizer, and to carry their products to markets.

Unless this archaic rail network was restructured, it most surely would collapse. Faced with that possibility, Congress has made its reorganization one of the highest priority items in 1973.

The Senate has just completed action on this important legislation. Hopefully, it will enable us to get the bill to the White House to be signed into law by the end of the year.

The reorganization plan, which I helped to draft as a member of the Senate Commerce Committee, would set up a consolidated Northeast rail system in two steps.

First, it would establish a non-profit association to plan and finance the acquisition, rehabilitation and modernization of a basic rail network, or core system. A special office will be created within the Interstate Commerce Commission to help identify this essential rail service.

While the core network is being planned, the existing rail system will continue operating, with government support where necessary.

Once the new system is developed, it will be turned over to be run on a for-profit basis by a new United Rail Corporation.

The most essential part of the reorganization will be plant restructuring. This is a diplomatic way of saying that excess track and other facilities will have to be eliminated.

However, there will be provisions for rail service subsidies and local purchase agreements to protect areas which might otherwise lose a railroad line.

The consolidation plan will be reviewed by the ICC and then submitted to the Congress. This plan could be approved by Congress or sent back for further modification.

Once a final plan is determined, Congress must also provide a funding authority to carry out the plan. When this is done, the new United Rail Corporation will come into being.

The new corporation will acquire the assets of the railroads and begin implementing the plan of consolidation, modernization and profitable operation.

Most of this involves railroad freight service, but passenger trains also are provided for in the legislation. There is particular emphasis on high-speed passenger service along the Washington-Boston corridor.

One of the side effects of this reorganization will be the loss of railroad jobs as we proceed with the consolidation plan. To protect the displaced workers, the bill includes a generous formula of reimbursement to furloughed rail employees.

This legislation puts us on a two-year timetable for revitalizing the overbuilt and obsolete rail system of the Northeast, and I believe its importance cannot be overstated.

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Auxiliary Prexy To Visit Maryland

Mrs. Odie Lee Gossett of Monroe, Louisiana, National President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will make her official visit to Maryland on February 10 and 11. State President Vivian Mixer will preside at the conference meeting to be held at 2:00 p.m. on February 10 at the Holiday Inn, 301 W. Lombard St., Baltimore.

There will be a banquet honoring Mrs. Gossett on Sunday night at the Holiday Inn. The Governor, Mayor of Baltimore and the news media have been invited to attend.

"World Understanding Thru Friendship," Mrs. Gossett's theme, emphasizes that extending the hand of friendship to neighbors, community, and nation will bring true understanding of others, not only at home, but to all people over the world.

Included in the activities planned for Mrs. Gossett will be visits to Ft. McHenry and the Flag House.

Members of the Maryland Ladies Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars are urged to attend the meeting and banquet to welcome Mrs. Gossett to Maryland. Tickets may be purchased through Ethel Williams, Chairman of the National President's visit.

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You can help through your place of worship. These three appeals are, respectively, the Protestant "One Great Hour of Sharing," the "American Catholic Overseas Aid Fund," and the United Jewish Appeal.

