

28

INFORMATION GIVEN TO STAFF REPRESENTATIVES OF S.C.6.
ON WEDNESDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1959.

Present:

Mr. W.J. Moore (Supt.) Staff.	Mr. G. Underhill
Mr. P. Lee	Mr. S. Broad
Mr. K. Gibbs	Mr. G. Impey
	Mr. C. Lane
	Mr. J. Roberts

SHORTAGE OF BOOKING CLERKS : EMPLOYMENT OF WOMEN BOOKING CLERKS AND
COLOURED COMMONWEALTH STAFF IN BOOKING OFFICES.

Staff representatives were informed that T.S.S.A. had been advised that because of the continued difficulty in recruiting men for the booking offices, it was proposed to resume recruitment of women booking clerks. This did not mean that endeavours to recruit men would be relaxed.

It was further proposed that if coloured Commonwealth men presented themselves for employment in the booking offices, they would be considered, but no special recruitment arrangements as for conciliation staff will be made. The question of employing coloured women booking clerks would be considered if it arose.

The following points occurred to the staff representatives. -

Today, male conciliation staff, both coloured and white, may apply for transfer to the booking office. Would white women conciliation staff now be given the same opportunity? If so, could it be withheld from coloured women conciliation staff since it is already given to coloured men?

Would former women booking clerks who were absorbed by the Pay Rolls Office want to re-transfer to the booking offices where the attraction might be the greater earnings?

It would need to be borne in mind that at stations of the former M. & G.C. line the clerks are required to deal with parcels traffic. Whilst there was already a woman parcels clerk at Harrow, there was also a parcels porter available there.

White people had already resigned because of their objection to working with coloured people in the booking offices. Had the Management considered what the reaction of the white staff generally would be to the recruitment of coloured people for the booking offices.