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techniques, and practices in the field of intergroup relations. Leaders' Guide to Use and Study of Materials on Intergroup Education, prepared by Joseph H. Douglass and Ambrose Caliver, of the Office of Education (published by the National Education Association, 1954).

Transportation

(1) The Attorney General has urged the Interstate Commerce Commission to outlaw racial segregation of railroad passengers traveling on interstate journeys. This action was taken in the case of National Association for The Advancement of Colored People v. St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Company (I.C.C. Docket No. 31423), involving 12 rail carriers linking the South to the rest of the country. In November 1954 an examiner of the Commission issued a report proposing that the Commission should prohibit this practice. The railroads have recently filed exceptions to the report which exceptions will be considered by the Commission as provided by its rules. The Attorney General will ask the Commission to adopt its examiner's report.

(2) The Department of Justice, with the approval of the Bureau of the Budget, supported legislation in the 83d Congress (H. R. 7304, S. 465, 2672, and like bills) (which failed to be enacted) to abolish "Jim Crow" practices in all forms of interstate transportation, stating that "Passage of this kind of legislation would remove all doubts and bring to a conclusion the long process of making the facilities of interstate travel available to all without distinction because of race or color." Letter of Deputy Attorney General Rogers dated August 4, 1954, to Senator Bricker, Chairman, Senate Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce.

The Armed Forces

The Department of Defense has vigorously continued to implement the policy of equality of opportunity and treatment for its Negro personnel. The matter of schools has already been mentioned. Other steps taken include the following (See Integration in the Armed Services, Progress Report, supra, passim):

(1) On March 1, 1954, the Navy Department abolished the practice of separate recruitment of Negroes to serve as stewards. As a result Negro recruits are now assured of the opportunity, as all others, to choose their branch of service on the basis of testing and training.

(2) The Department of the Army in regulations issued April 23, 1954, directed the omission of racial designations in orders for the reassignment of members between Army Reserve Units. This directive facilitates the participation of Negro personnel in Army Reserve Activities on the same basis as that now obtaining for personnel on active duty.

(3) On August 20, 1953, the Secretary of the Navy directed the complete elimination of all barriers to the use of previously segregated facilities on Government-owned Shore Stations of the Navy. Concurrently, similar action was taken by the Army and Air Force.

(4) In a directive issued June 11, 1954, the Secretary of Defense provided for a program to familiarize contracting officers, administrators, and other personnel dealing with procurement with "the spirit, intent, and requirements of the President's policy" of non-discrimination with respect to Government contracts.

(5) For the Armed Forces, June 30, 1954 was earlier agreed upon as the time limit for the termination of remaining all-Negro units in the services. The program has proceeded ahead of schedule and there

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