

CORRECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Progress can be measured by the ability of people with ideas to communicate them freely to other people.

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Board of Correction

On June 5, 1957 Mayor Robert F. Wagner signed Local Law No. 803 for the amendment of the N. Y. C. Charter establishing a nine member, non-salaried City Board of Correction. This legislation was introduced to the City Council at the request of the Mayor.

We are confident that Mayor Robert F. Wagner will appoint an outstanding Board that will add to the continuity of administrative programs and bring great prestige to the Department of Correction.

Saluting 23 New Captains

This is the first time in the history of the department that a list of over 120 eligibles was exhausted prior to its expiration.

We should be proud of this additional achievement by the administration and we congratulate those so deservedly promoted.

The new captains honored June 16th were:

Benjamin Krawchuk, Floyd Williams, Francis Vanwagenen, Patrick Clarke, Alex Panzer, John Major, William Fuchs, Anthony Yarmolinsky, James A. Mulvey, Placido Duca, Samuel Wortis, Alouis Ghibaudo, Eugene Thompson, Gerald Kangley, Bernard Tax, Elmer Evans, William Roge, Russell Johnson, William Farrell, Theodore Flynn, Albert Glick, George Franklin, John Fleischmann.

Social Security For All Personnel

Social Security coverage was extended to 120,000 city employees 6/27/57 by the Board of Estimate. The benefits will be retroactive to January 1, 1956. Coverage becomes effective Monday, July 1, the first day of the 1957-58 fiscal year.

Social Security benefits will be in addition to full retirement privileges already enjoyed by the covered employees under their various pension systems.

Employees will have an opportunity through a public referendum, to determine whether they wish to be included in the Social Security coverage. It will be optional with the individual employee as to what method of payment of coverage he wishes to select.

Commissioner's Column . . .

The publication of a departmental periodical for the dissemination of information and news to all personnel has long been overdue in this department. This organ shall be devoted to a better understanding of our job and the people in it. A better informed personnel will make for a more closely knit and efficient department.

Our goal has always been to make our department a model municipal correctional system to be emulated throughout the nation. We have sought to convert from a mere custodial department to that of a corrective agency with strong rehabilitative functions. We could not have made progress towards this end without the encouragement of our Mayor, Robert F. Wagner.

We have reached a landmark in correctional achievement after three and a half turbulent years of administrative problems. We have seen the establishment of long-sought improvements in our department as well as the abandonment of unsound penological practices. Our administrative organization has been drastically revised in order to effect a more comprehensive control of departmental programs. We have advocated and finally realized the establishment of a new Board of Correction to give continuity to departmental planning and programs. We take this opportunity of thanking the staff, in all ranks and categories, and bespeak its wholehearted support.

I would like to express our appreciation to the Mayor, Robert F. Wagner for his understanding and interest in our department and to the Board of Estimate for its support. With this type of encouragement, we will continue on our way in making the New York City Department of Correction a recognized leader in the correctional field.

Anna M. Kross,

Commissioner