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The Manager,
WITTENOOM GORGE.

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LABOUR - Millhands: We have now sent approximately eleven (11) Millhands but, due to the urgency of your needs, there are a few who do not come up to the standard we would have liked to send.

Advertising for this category has been stopped.

It is now proposed to endeavour to select carefully any applicants who may apply and continue to send you one or two per week. By so doing, a better type of employee should be engaged, and it will also avoid occasions similar to those which have occurred recently where you require large numbers urgently, necessitating the selection of a poorer type to fill your needs.

During Mr. Broadhurst's visit a discussion with the B.H.P. Pty. Ltd. and the Police Department took place regarding the screening of labour. The Police Dept. are willing to co-operate, unofficially, in advising us if applicants have a record.

This is to be regarded as strictly confidential as the Department is legally bound not to give information regarding the past record of a citizen.

Up to the time of writing, the procedure in this regard has not been finalised but, when it is in operation, a delay of a few days will occur after an applicant has been interviewed before he is advised if he has been engaged or not.

It is proposed to take all particulars from the applicants and tell them that approval from the mine must be sought and we will advise them in a day or two. During this period, the check with the Police Department will be made.

If an applicant applies under an assumed name, the Police check will be useless.

It would be appreciated if you would advise whether you agree with these proposals.


Perth Engineer.