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Alderman John A. White, Chairman of the City Job Opportunities Committee, has released a report pointing up progress in the effort to hire qualified Negroes for city jobs.

At the close of 1964, there were 483 Negroes employed in 52 classes of employment, as compared to 337 employed in 36 classes at the close of 1963. These classes cover jobs above the level of porter, laborer or custodian.

Significant in this report is the increase in several classes of employment including: Building Mechanic I, from 15 to 20; Building Mechanic II, from 4 to 7; Equipment Operator I, from 4 to 28; Water Pollution Control Officer I, from 4 to 10; Water Works Mechanic, from none to 4; Typist-Clerk II, from 1 to 9; Fireman, from 18 to 36; Police Patrolman, from 39 to 47, and Police Detective, from 7 to 10.

Alderman White, in concluding this report to Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr., who appointed the committee in October, 1963, stated:

"We are pleased to report the progress of the City Job Opportunities Committee in eliminating discrimination in hiring of city employees. Just as Atlanta has led the way in eliminating other areas of discrimination, so we are setting the pace in providing job opportunities solely on the basis of ability to handle the job."