ITEM ‑ 18(a)

This refers to our various conferences about application of Paragraph (b) of Rule 18 "Temporary Vacancies ‑ Ten Days or More".

Rule 18(b) reads:

"(b) If no applications are received for vacancies of 10 days or more, the senior extra passenger conductor, not filling a 10 day vacancy of his choice will be assigned and remain on the run until displaced by a senior conductor or until the regular con­ductor returns."

It is agreed that under this rule, a passen­ger conductor who is occupying a temporary vacancy that was not his specific choice can move to a new temporary vacancy on another assignment, but will be required to remain on such new temporary vacan­cy until the regular conductor returns, or he is otherwise displaced therefrom.

This agreement is effective February 1, 1970 and will remain in effect until terminated by ten days" written notice by either party upon the other.