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Conference -- August 23, 1936.

Those Present: <sup>Miss Robinson</sup> Mr. Alexander, Dr. Gray, someone from Mr. Weaver's Office,  
Miss Gline, Mr. Asay, Mr. Kramer, Mr. Westbrook, and  
Mr. Rynearson.

Purpose: <sup>Following our</sup> After Negro conference <sup>which</sup> was held before, <sup>some time ago</sup> Mr. Weaver <sup>pointed out</sup> talked to Aubrey  
Williams <sup>in a letter</sup> concerning the lack of recreational facilities, such as  
girls' and boys' camps, for colored children in the South, <sup>and</sup> sug-  
gesting that some project be worked out between the NYA and Re-  
settlement Administration whereby the NYA could establish rec-  
reational facilities on <sup>submarginal</sup> Resettlement land.

Mr. Alexander speaking:

Dr. Gray has charge of lands and knows where they are. The  
Resettlement Administration started out with one hundred million dollars to  
buy lands and develop them into wider uses, such as developing lakes, etc.  
After many upsets we found that we had forty-three million dollars for the  
purchase of these submarginal lands.

Dr. Gray:

There are three problems to meet:

1. To take people off land that is too non-productive to  
maintain them.
2. Double process of buying land and resettling people.
3. Development of land for some other use, such as into game  
preserves, large grazing areas (largest in Minnesota), forest land, and a  
possibility of developing some into recreational areas.

Our problem is going to be very difficult to get money to develop lands after having bought them. It might be quite possible to work out a cooperative plan between Land Section of Resettlement Administration and Recreational Division of the NYA.

Mr. Kramer asks Dr. Gray what sort of classification is used to determine where the land should be purchased, if population has anything to do with the size and place of the purchase.

Dr. Gray:

The land is very well scattered throughout the country, close to centers of population. With the land is given a permanent title, together with all buildings, etc., on the land.

There are 225 projects in different parts of the United States, ranging from 2,000 acres to over a million acres. It might be possible for the NYA to contribute some kind of program within these areas. We have already given some thought to recreational areas for Negroes in the South. Quite a number of projects include recreational plans already.

There are also 59 projects being developed by the National Park Service, which are essentially recreational projects. There are some of these projects being developed for children and young people near large cities. Many of our larger projects have plans for recreation.

A project is an area in which we purchase a considerable portion of land, but not all of it, and within which we are making plans for the use of that land after it is bought, and where we expect to do development work, such as fire stations, construction of buildings for recreation, etc. There are very extensive plans for recreational development, from hunting and fishing to

development of lakes, recreational camp buildings, landscaping, etc. Many of the projects in the South involve park development.

Part NYA could play:

We might go into the actual building of a recreational center on the land which the Resettlement Administration bought. We could furnish labor for the development of camps. The Resettlement Administration could act as a sponsor of funds, for that kind of thing is subject to the restrictions of the WPA. Any project of that kind would have to be submitted and approved the same as those of the Resettlement Administration, who expect to submit all of their projects to the WPA.

Mr. Alexander:

We have altogether about twenty-four million dollars for the purchase of land, with fifteen million already spent. We have planned that our total program would cost seventy-six million dollars for land only. We plan to use this twenty-four million to buy part of the land cost, and then work out work projects in which we can also involve some additional land cost, but not a whole lot. By using part of the money we had, we would keep in the National limit. We are not sure we can go ahead with that because minimum expense would not include land cost in our application.

The kind of land, and the location, for the development of this activity would depend on the need in each locality.

Mr. Kramer:

Would you have on the project the people already on the land to do the work?

Dr. Gray:

There are not enough to do all the work, because in the main these lands are in the sparsely settled areas.

A large number of our projects are going to have to be developed by transient families or camps because they (the projects) are located a distance from centers of employment.

Mr. Alexander:

We sent an application to the Works Progress Administration for permission to use the people on these lands on our projects. However, in many areas, especially those in the Great Plains, we believe we will have to supplement the labor in the neighborhood by "floating" camps. Most of them will be on the order of 500 Camps.

Mr. Kramer:

The NYA would like to reach two classes of people--the young person in the city, and send him to the country on some work project. After project is completed, some use can be made of the young persons in the fairly crowded metropolitan areas. The other - giving young persons some means of entertainment in backwoods areas, such as rural workshops, mixture of educational and recreational projects, work study centers, etc. We would like to avoid the the process of setting up camps.

At this point there was a discussion about wages, subsistence, and whether the work would be part-time or full-time. After this, the subject of Negro recreation was again brought up.

Dr. Gray, explaining projects being set up by the National Park Service:

8 or 10 projects are concerned with Negroes, in developing areas for special groups. 59 areas are being developed by the NPS with the view of making National parks out of the. Many of these will be turned over to the State authorities and the relief authorities for administration. The NPA is just being used for technical assistance. These projects are being developed as general recreational areas without any color distinction at all. But if they are turned back to the states in the South, there would be a color distinction. Some of this land would be retained, and would probably be turned over to the Forest Service, Biographical Service, etc.

There are 8 or 9 Negro agricultural projects.

Dr. Gray, speaking of Resettlement Administration:

Our total program includes 15 million acres. For every one of the 225 projects there has been worked out a complete plan of usage and development.

Before he commits himself, he would like to get a better picture of the situation. He thinks two agencies could not do development work on the same project, and he would see if they could make adjustments in their plans to meet colored needs. He thinks it best to set up a number of smaller areas in each state, rather than a large central area.

Their Regional Directors are doubtful how to set up a program within the southern states, and are pessimistic about it. It would be impossible to get facilities for camping for Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the South.

Mr. Alexander cited an instance in Kentucky where the cooperation between the white and colored scouts helps in their recreational facilities.

He also stated that there are one hundred camps for white Scouts and not one for colored boys, and that colored people are not admitted to the ocean front from New Jersey to Florida.

Miss Oline inquired as to the type of reports the Resettlement Administration had on file concerning each project. Mr. Gray replied that in the project file was contained maps, descriptive data, detailed plans, etc. He suggested that a liaison officer be established to go between the Resettlement Administration and the NYA, in connection with these files. The first thing to do would be to make a study of the recreational plans for these projects and see if they are or are not active for needs of young people. If there are none, the Resettlement Administration cannot buy new land for such projects.

Mr. Asay:

If you had land for which you did not have money for development and would not know until all projects are submitted, upon whom would you call for assistance.

Mr. Gray:

Would call on CCC Camps, but might consider the Youth movement in the same way. We will try to locate camps on projects where they can't get development funds; for instance, in the western areas. I suggest that you contact Mr. Kelso.

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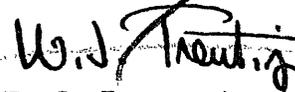
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am enclosing herewith a statement of some of the general accomplishments and functions of this office since it was created in 1932. I felt that it would be impossible to restrict it to my tenure of office since I had been here only a short while. Further, I felt that some mention should be made of the work done by Dr. Weaver and Mr. Dewey R. Jones while they were here.

I am preparing for the conference a statement of what has been done by this office in attempting to carry out some of the recommendations of the Conference of 1937. This will be in your hands before the end of the week.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



W. J. Trent, jr.,  
Adviser on Negro Affairs

Enclosure

OFFICE OF ADVISER ON NEGRO AFFAIRS  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

The office of Adviser on Negro Affairs was created by the Secretary of the Interior, Harold L. Ickes, within a few months after the advent of the New Deal. It came into being as the first sign of recognition of the fact that there is a Negro problem deserving of official notice and treatment.

This office is concerned primarily with securing maximum Negro participation in the programs under the jurisdiction of the Department of the Interior and the Public Works Administration. This involves integration of Negroes into the activities conducted by these two governmental agencies, employment of Negroes on projects financed by the Department of the Interior and PWA, and the direct employment of Negroes by these agencies.

In the Department of the Interior personnel problems of Negro employees and the participation of Negroes in all phases of the programs of the various divisions comprise a large part of the work of the office. In addition to activity in connection with the original placement of the workers, persons who seek to improve their status come in for consultation. Conferences are held with department executives seeking information and advice on Negro personnel problems. In these conferences complaints, requests and suggestions from Negroes in the Department are submitted to executives with recommendations. This phase of the work is primarily local in character; however, other activities are national in scope due to the widespread nature of the functions of some of the divisions. Two illustrations of this long-range program are the Recreational Division of the National Park Service and the program of the Bureau of

Reclamation.

The National Park Service has embarked on a program of organized camping for the underprivileged. With full realization that any such program must of necessity include Negroes in the South and Southeast, Negro areas were designated upon the recommendation of the office. As a consequence, a number of these organized camps have been made available to Negroes in several Southern states. In the State of Washington, the Bureau of Reclamation is building the Grand Coulee Dam. It was through the interest of this office that Negroes were first employed on this gigantic structure. Since that time, hundreds of Negroes have secured work there in various capacities.

The other phase of the activities of the office is concerned with the program of the Public Works Administration. In the Public Works Administration, in addition to the personnel work, there has been a great deal of cooperation with groups of Negroes in various communities throughout the country in several aspects of the program as it affects them. Groups have been advised of the proper procedure to use in presenting their institutional and community needs to the proper local governmental authorities. After the PWA grants had been made, then it became the concern of the office to advise local groups how they might go about securing full participation of Negro labor on these projects. The very nature of these PWA grants has necessitated local action with the Adviser on Negro Affairs in a consultative and advisory capacity.

Before the creation of the United States Housing Authority, all federal low-rent housing was administered under the PWA. Full participation of Negroes in all phases of this program was secured from the beginning.

This office is concluding a half-million dollar survey of the training and employment of Negro white-collar and skilled workers. Two reports of this survey have been prepared; Volume I, containing statistical information about the urban Negro worker was released in June of this year, and Volume II is now at the Government Printing Office. In the meantime 25 WPA workers are at work compiling data that will be used in the third volume of the series. Already the interest shown in these studies by social workers, colleges, and persons interested in labor and racial problems, has proved the project to have been fully worthwhile.

These activities merely illustrate the wide range of activities that are undertaken by the office of the Adviser on Negro Affairs. Every effort is continually being made to secure full integration of the Negro in all of the activities of the New Deal as they affect the Department of the Interior and associated agencies.

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National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, Conference Rooms A, B and C, departmental auditorium adjacent to the Department of Labor, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 under auspices of the National Youth Administration.

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Education highly endorse the NYA Program for providing the splendid educational opportunities for the training of "Out-of-School" Negro youth. We pledge cooperation with, and continued faith in, the capable leadership of Mr. J. P. Bond, Jr., State Supervisor of Negro Affairs for NYA in North Carolina. In evaluating the discussions of the problems of education at this Conference, we submit the following findings:--

1. There is no essential difference in the fundamentals of informal education of "Out-of-School" Negro youth and formal Education of "In-school" Negro youth.
2. There is a virtue of not having formal classes, because the aim of education is to teach life and not subject matter.
3. Since the education of youth is the greatest asset of a democracy, the function of the education of "Out-of-School" Negro youth is to qualify him to perform a given task so well that he may not be easily supplanted in a given occupation.
4. The educational program of each work project of the various centers should be based upon the previous training or experience of both the youth and the teacher.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

Realizing the fact that the Negro must struggle for survival in a dynamic society rather than live a passive existence in a static society, we offer the following recommendations:

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Report of the Education Committee

1. We feel that education "per se" on work projects should not be approached as an isolated unit, but it should be integrated and coordinated with the practical problems of living.
2. Techniques used and developed in one training center may not necessarily be used as a general pattern for other centers. Each center should develop its own techniques in accordance with the educational training and experience with the trainees in their respective centers. No universal techniques can solve all of the problems.
3. Since education is the mastery of techniques, techniques should be devised to meet the needs of the problems at each center.
4. That the NYA take a more serious attitude toward the development of the natural talents of Negroes, such as Music, Art, and the Drama.
5. That the compulsory school laws of North Carolina be more rigidly enforced among Negroes, so as to insure against the low intellectual level of the trainees.
6. Recognizing the tradition that Negro thought and feeling is opposed to all kinds of manual labor as a degrading relic of slavery, the NYA, through its educational program, should emphasize the fact that work in all forms is a necessity to existence and is natural and honorable.
7. We feel that the whole purpose of the educational program should be to train the Negro youth away from the idea of Begging for his needs and Paying for his wants.

Respectfully submitted,  
THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Mr. John C. Harlan, Chairman  
Mr. G. Edward Fash  
Mr. Hugh N. Smith

Dr. Alphonso Elder  
Mr. D. A. Williams

Mr. Walter Jamieson

Sunday, June 29, 1941

10:30 A. M.

PANEL: CIVIL LIBERTIES

Miss SAYLER: We feel that this panel subject is of great importance. With that in mind we have allotted the entire morning for its discussion. The founders of our government felt that it was of prime importance because as early as 1791, the first ten amendments to the constitution were added. These ten amendments are known as the Bill of Rights and were for the purpose of assuring civil liberties to individual citizens. The various states, of which I am very sorry there is an inadequate number, have added to their own constitutions, in the form of civil codes and bills of right in spite of the fact of what would appear adequate insurance against discrimination. We have all of these things you know about. My own state, Kansas, was one of the first to adopt a civil rights code. In 1941, a bill was introduced by a person who I am glad to say was a Negro college graduate and it was passed, signed by the Governor and is now a law and prohibits anyone from serving in collective bargaining if they have discriminated. So there is protection in civil rights. The first speaker on our panel, Mrs. Ruth Whitehead Whaley, National Women Lawyers Association, has a fine past. She was graduated from Williams College, magna cum laude, at the age of 17 years. When she graduated, her father took her diploma, showed it to her, then told her to give it to her mother and forget about it. She later graduated from Fordham University, and is now a practicing lawyer in New York City. Her most famous case was the case of her husband when he was dismissed from the labor department. This case was before the courts for ten years and she finally won out. I don't know how she had the endurance, but she did. She will speak of Negroes and civil rights.

Mrs. WEALEY: I do want to say in passing that I feel I must express in these moments allotted to me my personal appreciation of the persons who conceived this idea of the conference. Every Negro should know of the Public Affairs Committee of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and the National Council of Negro Women and their work for the Negro in a national democracy. We all ought to appreciate it. Civil liberty is, to my mind, the all inclusive subject of the conference. Some of us are very well informed on other topics and are very much interested, but we don't do anything unless we touch upon civil liberties. Unions touch at certain points upon civil liberties, but not everywhere. There is no Negro who is conscious he is alive that does not at times have the lack of civil liberties touch him, and gnaw at the every vitals of his existence. It touches us in all professions. It limits us as to where we shall spend our money, how we shall spend it, when we shall spend it, etc. We suffer more from a denial of civil liberties than any other group in the United States.

Civil liberties of persons in the United States, citizens and non-citizens, are defined in several documents. The Declaration of Independence says that the truth is self-evident that all men are created equal, etc. From there down through the Bill of Rights giving us freedom of speech, freedom of press, freedom of assembly, religion, security person, property, trial by jury, petition, etc. are definitions of civil liberties. After that we have the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments and the Emancipation Proclamation. While it is true that these were inserted in the Constitution for the benefit of Negroes, corporations have gained more benefit from them than Negroes. The 19th amendment took away the last vestige of the belief that we were human chattel, when

women were given the right to vote. If you read all this and have never lived in the United States, you say "There is democracy; there is equality; there is justice." Of course, Negroes who live in the United States know different and they are apt to have a bitterness toward it or a dejected, hopeless mood. Of course, we must consider that the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments were not written with Negroes in mind in any phase. This has had its mark on people, Negroes and former slave owners. No stroke of the pen, no act of legislation can completely change a person's mind. We should carry that in mind. When we consider the matter of civil liberties, our freedom of speech has certain limitations.

You just can't go out and say anything you want to because of the liability or punishment that may result from assault or libel suits. You must have a permit for most mass meetings. This touches on the right to have freedom of assembly. The same is true when we get a permit for a parade.

The main violation that Negroes suffer from is security of life, person and property, together with an absence of any belief that the Creator endowed him with any equal rights. Now we are limited in these matters, Mr. Boney Wilkerson will tell you of specific instances. The security of life is violated by lynching; the security of person by assault in lynching; security of property, in instances of buying property in restricted areas, when the property becomes the target of the mob. The whole difficulty in this situation is that we don't analyze enough.

We are one-tenth of the population of the United States. We are entitled to certain rights, but how many think that? One-tenth think it if at all.

I should say that there is not more than a section of 1/10 more of the United States that thinks we should have civil liberties and 1/10 think that we shouldn't have civil liberties. Not enough people think about civil liberties for Negroes at all, that is the crux of the matter. It is an attitude from which we suffer. There are sufficient laws to make United States a real democracy, where all might have civil liberties, but the will and morale of 4/5 of the United States do not try to see that these laws are carried out. I submit to you for your consideration not only this morning, but the mornings and nights before you, as leaders of Negroes, that the task that confronts us, if America is to mean anything to us, to our children, or our children's children, we have got to find a way to change or stir the attitudes of 4/5 of America. We have sufficient laws, but not the will of the people. We don't appeal it, but we ignore it and only fix it on paper. We have one on paper, but none in actuality. Negroes are very bitter over the lack of inclusion in national defense. On June 18th, in "My Day", Eleanor Roosevelt spoke of this lack, and said, "This living in a democracy is a problem, isn't it?" I don't know, because I have never lived in one. I'd like to know what it means for "a man to be a man for A" that".

Dr. Embry of the Rosenwald Fund says the American attitude toward the Negro threatens the whole practice and theory of democracy. I mention that because I feel that of that 4/5 of Americans, our point of approach would be more effective if we talked less about how wrong it is to treat the Negroes like this, and if we said more about how ridiculous it is. The problem of the Negro will eat like a cancer at the vitals of democracy.

Chief Justice Holmes says that freedom of speech is not only from a right that gives freedom of speech and ideas that you agree upon, but for

ideas on things that you detest. So we need to tell democracy that there is not freedom of speech for a chosen few, if it is to be less than a mockery, but must be for everyone, including black people.

The greatest enemy of democracy is unemployment. Following it, are racial discrimination, employment unrest in industries, and the threat of war. The Department of Labor has tried to bring about an approachment between capital and labor, but their efforts have been almost in vain. When it comes to racial discontent stirred up by the lack of democracy, America does just like an ostrich and sticks its head into the sand. On this matter, you should be thinking of whether America is worthy of democracy. The price of democracy to America is how far she is willing to go to give civil liberties to Negroes. The federal government is the chief offender. If I am traveling South, my segregation begins in the nation's capital, within sight of the dome, Lincoln's tomb, a hand's throw from the government. I become a Negro, not an American. I can go to Boston, New York, Chicago, and begin to grow toward being an American citizen, but when I come to Washington, I shrink until I become less than a slave. As a slave I expected no rights, but as a citizen I have no place to turn. The federal government cannot have any effect until it cleans house. We do not need extra laws, but only laws that protect every citizen. I do not believe this problem is going to be solved by migration. I do not feel that it can be corrected by Nazism, Fascism or Communism. These are not a change of heart. 4/5 of America must experience a change of heart and attitude. No matter what the name is, there must be a change of attitude, a change of responsibility.

I suggest that we use organizations now in existence or that we may create new ones. We need a better recording of the accomplishments of Negroes. We need to scan all proposed legislations. We need a cessation of all laws

Mr. WILKINSON: I am not concerned with some of the larger relations between civil liberties and the whole process of our society and some of the things that are happening on the civil liberties front. We, as Negroes, think consistently of violations of civil liberties only in terms of the 13th, 14th and 15th amendments. We are confronted today with denials of civil liberties. Equal protection of the law is denied Negroes. Can attention be given to these special Negro violations? And I don't decry our moving increasingly in that realm. That is part of the fundamental problem of civil liberties, that Negroes must give attention to. Amendments in theory did no more than extend to us basic civil rights that the Constitution gives to all citizens. The list of civil rights must not be thought of in terms of individual rights. Democracy is a place where some of the people rules. So long as the people can speak freely, express ideas, meet and talk about their problems, so long as people can vote, and have the protection of the law, so long as these are actually liberties which the government does enjoy, then it is a true democracy and depends upon the will of the people. When denied these rights, the people surrender to ruling cliques which control that government. I suggest that our basic traditional rights must be viewed not solely from an individual viewpoint, but viewed from a larger point of view. They are things that must be maintained for the existence of a democracy—a government of the people, by the people, for the people.

Because of this relationship between civil liberties and the democratic power of the people, the Negro is denied the vote in large areas of the South, can't have meetings, concept of a fair trial is not expected in certain areas of the South. The reason that the Negroes are denied civil liberties is that

concerning only us. We do not need any special legislation. We need to turn to the enforcement of legislation now in existence. We need the ballot, and a closer inspection of people running on the ballot and see if they understand justice. We need this, no matter the party affiliation. In order to solve this problem of living in a democracy, we need to examine the approach to this problem by all candidates in order to inform the masses. We must control the major organizations which are going to do this. We must be willing to give our time and money to these organizations. We must control them because in this matter of civil liberties of any people, there comes those hair-line decisions when only a person who has experienced pain can go forward and only the mass of Negro people can do it, if it can be done. Negroes are too busy enjoying themselves. It is our opportunity and it up to us if we will take advantage of it. We must look on civil liberties for Negroes as a whole not as an individual. Only then can we do something constructive.

- 1) We need no additional laws;
- 2) We need enforcement of the laws that we have now;
- 3) The crux of the situation is that only 1/5 of America has an interested attitude toward civil liberties for Negroes and are in a position where they must be stimulated. Our great task/<sup>is</sup> to stir the attitudes of the remaining 4/5 of America.

Whatever your religious faith, you believe in something. And we must have a faith in civil liberties. We want civil liberties in times of peace as well as in the shadows of war. (Prayer - Lest we forget).

the economy that prevails is one in which powerful, wealthy people want to preserve their interests and the success of preserving this economy is in having a large number of docil people that they can rule. Negroes are agricultural tools. It is not practical for Negroes to have these rights in the eyes of whites in certain areas.

The reason for not voting in the District of Columbia is that there are 1/4 Negroes and they would represent an important block that might influence the government in the nation's capital. But those who believe this are being deluded. The reason we don't have suffrage is that the people who now rule Washington do not want Negroes nor the masses of people to vote. The organization of a municipal assembly was opposed because this group was interested in spending the taxpayers' money and the present rulers do not want that. Poor people, if they have complete rights and can use them intelligently, will use them to improve their conditions. Right now only certain people can do what they want, but it might not be that if the District had the vote. An investigation of monopolies shows that it overshadows the wish of the people. Monopolies are stronger than the states which created them. The government must bend down to concentrations of wealth rather than to the needs of the people.

Th The right of labor to organize. Under one of the most violent attitudes in the House of Representatives, a bill was set up to prevent labor from organizing for their own good. The Vinson Bill and the anti-trust laws, which have never been used before, were brought out to oppose the unions. When our government launches out in its attacks on labor, it responds to groups of power here who hold labor groups down if they can. We see this in its attempts to break strikes with threats of conscription, etc. But no threats were used on the employers, to make them take the contracts in the fall with the clause restricting their profits. Capital only accepted these after this clause was stricken

out.

There is a growing militarization of the whole country. This is probably due to the fact that there is more talk about war these days. There is quite a lot of talk about the Dies Committee. This Committee is not fighting communism. Theoretically, it is against all unisms - isms. But that it isn't is seen in the example of when the packing house workers were organizing in Chicago, Dies called it "red". When the airplane workers in California struck, Dies said "red". In New York, when the bus drivers struck, Dies said "red". The effort to put Negroes in the Glenn L. Martin airplane factory in Baltimore, was called "red" by Mr. Dies. Dies protects the interest of small groups of economy capitalists. Attention should be called to what is happening in schools.

Our schools deal in the transmission of ideas. Ideas are dangerous things--dangerous to people who find profit-seeking conditions best as they are. If I do not want a thing changed, I will stop people from getting new ideas. For that reason, no academic freedom is allowed in schools. No freedom of speech for teachers, because teachers have an important position as transmitters of ideas.

The tempo at which civil liberties are being violated is a new thing now. During periods of prosperity, there are not so many problems of civil liberties. The right for civil liberties is merging now in the basic rights for democratic liberties. No liberty is greater than the right to work. The denial of this right can be changed only if people have the right to speak, organize, vote, etc. There is not merely an abstract right, but a real right that people believe they have in a democracy.

As Negroes, we have about realized that there isn't any special Negro heaven that we are going to find in America some day. When whites don't have jobs, America isn't going to find jobs for Negroes. When whites can't vote in

the South, America will not let Negroes vote. The majority of American people are denied full rights as outlined by the Constitution. If all of these people organize, we will have a different picture for the American people, and that is the only way there is going to be a change. We witness a great deal of shying away of militant showing and experience if there are any white people about. Negroes sometimes believe that if whites are there, they will be called "reds". We must have union of Negroes and whites to go ahead and do anything.

Mrs. HIRSCH: Several months ago in August, 1940, people wanted to sell the idea of democracy. Naturally one of the first things was to get a definition of democracy as it is defined by most of the people. Many different definitions were given. We showed this to Mr. Walter White and he said use all different definitions of democracy. To my people they don't mean a thing, but if you can sell this idea to the rest of the people, it might mean something. That is what the Council for Democracy has tried to do--show definitions and explain where they fall short. Some say that we can't deal in abstractions and must talk in terms of bread and potatoes, etc. This time of an unlimited emergency is a hey-day for all who held to suppress civil liberties. The dividing line in this country is drawn between the people.

A uniformed public opinion will not only permit such suppression of civil liberties, but will not take notice of it. We have got to build a moral stamina to fight against conditions abroad. We must work together and learn and educate our people together that America is a democracy and that is the result of a lot of nations and races. We all have an obligation to defend it and a right to defend it. We have got to create an intelligent, enlightened public opinion. We have to do it at a national, state, and community level.

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Miss Audley Moore suggested that this conference go on record as making a recommendation to do something about the case of Dr. Max Yergan.

June 10, 1938

Mr. Aubrey Williams

Mary McLeod Bethune

Negro Participation in NYA

I have covered every state in the Union where there is an appreciable number of Negroes. I have studied with an open mind and a discerning eye, programs where Negroes are specifically concerned and I am glad to advise that many forward steps have been taken in most of our states as regards to the participation of Negro youth in the program of the National Youth Administration. There is yet much to be done.

1. The general projects for Negroes have been far too meagre.
2. In too many places we have had serious difficulties in getting Negro youth certified.
3. There is a great dearth of social workers among Negroes.
4. Negro youth have practically no part in the program of the Apprenticeship Training.
5. The Resident Training Projects hold real promise for Negro youth, providing their program is sufficiently elastic.
6. Very few states show adequate participation of the Negroes in the administrative, supervisory or clerical employment.
7. Negro youth as yet have ~~no~~ little share in the Vocational Guidance Program, either in counseling or placement activities, outside of the States of Georgia, Illinois and North Carolina.
8. Work projects are too often poorly organized and supervised, however, great improvement is being made in providing equitable consideration for Negro youth in most of the states.
9. The health program is weak among Negro youths.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

1. NYA should promote a few, definite, well organized outstanding projects for Negroes in key cities of the nation, including something permanent and imposing in the way of construction and facilities. Negroes have had so little, therefore we have a long way to go in just partially meeting their needs.

2. In a number of salient cities, real effective and attractive youth centers need to be built and set up, offering facilities for recreation, guidance, et cetera.
3. The building of a Little Theatre and Art Center, certainly in the District of Columbia, would be a fine thing. There is much talented leadership here - Negroes are barred from the few legitimate theatres; Negroes admittedly have a flair for the stage and other artistic expression. The building of an imposing and beautiful art center for Negroes here could offer facilities for a Little Theatre, for music and choral groups, for painting, for display of African art, etc. NYA and WPA could cooperate in such a project.
4. NYA should foster, and gain the cooperation of WPA for the setting up of a curative mecca for crippled Negro children similar to the nationally famous Warm Springs Foundation from which Negroes are barred.
5. There is a very commendable project in Kansas City, Missouri, for girls. They are taught under expert WPA teachers, home economics, human engineering, handicrafts and beauty culture. This project is well organized and directed entirely by Negroes.
6. There is a very good youth center in Birmingham and one is being constructed in Jacksonville. These centers offer employment and recreation to the underprivileged Negro youth as well as training in construction and in leadership in these large urban communities.

NEGRO HEALTH WORK

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE

For the Year 1938

The current emphasis upon increased and improved health and medical services was reflected in the number of persons and organizations seeking health information and rendering service in promotion of health among the colored population. State and local health departments, voluntary health agencies, and various civic organizations were engaged in both educational and practical activities, including all types of health objectives and enlisting racial and interracial cooperation. There was the usual general participation in the National Negro Health Week observance in the spring of the year, but the year-round follow-up of Health Week plans and new community projects for permanent results furnished evidence of the health consciousness and educational experience stimulated by the brief Health Week program.

The immediate effect of the National Negro Health Week campaign upon the people is indicated by a summary of the records of performance. Approximately 2,000,000 persons in thirty States and over 3,600 communities where there is a large proportion of Negro residents contributed to the widespread support of the clean-up, educational, and practical phases of the Health Week program.

Family groups in 95,421 homes cleaned, repaired, and beautified dwellings, Attendance at health lectures totaled 1,250,370 persons; health sermons were delivered to 343,640 people in churches; demonstrations, exhibits, pageants, and motion pictures were viewed by 258,690 visitors; 98,702 men, women, and children received physical examination, health

instruction, and medical service in 1026 clinics or doctors' offices. Health literature, numbering 225,175 publications on adult and child health and community sanitation were distributed. It is estimated that 3,000,000 persons listened to the 391 radio talks. These figures very probably would show multiple quantities if adequate reporting were made by all groups which request pre-Health Week information and Health Week materials.

Field service for the Negro Health Work section included fifteen States and thirty localities. During 152 days of field service 80,670 people were reached through programs of 240 cooperating agencies and group conferences. Health publications, not including 100,000 units of special Health Week literature, were supplied 26,750 persons.

The National Negro Health News, a quarterly bulletin of health information for racial and interracial groups and other persons interested in Negro health welfare, shows an increasing demand. Requests for individual copies, quantities for groups, and for listing on the regular mailing list are received from all parts of the nation and from various individuals and organizations, official and voluntary.

Statistical data for reported year-round activities in the intervening Health Week periods are not available, but correspondence and field conferences during the year indicate that many communities continue their Health Week organizations and seek the health departments and other health and welfare agencies for aid in development of needed and beneficial community health projects. The health publications, advice, and field service provided by the Public Health Service in these cooperative relations contribute in large measure to the health consciousness of the Negro and his integration in the health programs of his particular State and community.

During the past year two Negro physicians have been employed by the Public Health Service for field work in various States in promotion of the venereal disease control program. They are Acting Assistant Surgeons of the Public Health Service attached to the Division of Venereal Diseases. One of these, Dr. Harold H. Whitted, is now on duty with the State of Alabama Department of Public Health and the other, Dr. William B. Perry, has recently been assigned to the State Board of Health of North Carolina.

The following letter from the State Health Officer of the State of Maryland Department of Health, Dr. Robert H. Riley, in reply to request for evaluation of the National Negro Health Week Movement, contains an interesting and instructive statement of its usefulness:

The observance of Negro Health Week is of intense interest to me as the Negro population of the State of Maryland is 17 per cent of the total population. In other words, out of every seven persons in the State, six are white and one is colored. Whatever concerns the health of one race affects the health of the other. In the twenty-four years since the annual observance of Negro Health Week started, there has been a great improvement in the health status of both races, particularly in their resistance to certain communicable diseases. Our records for Maryland show a marked decline in the general death rate for both races. There has also been a notable drop, particularly in the last decade, in both races, in what sanitarians agree upon as an index of efficient health administration and sanitary progress--the infant death rate.

In nearly every instance, the improvement has been greater in the white than in the colored race, but it has been appreciable in both races.

Many complex factors have been involved--among them, in the Counties of Maryland, has been the gradual extension of full-time health service to every county of the State with the more intensive work that has been made possible in each field of effort. While no single factor can be pointed out as responsible for the improvement of health conditions in the Negro population, the annual observance of Negro Health Week, because of its influences in the year-round public health program, certainly has had an important place.

Year-Round Purpose: Negro Health Week in Maryland serves as the starting point for year-round activities and occupies an important place in the public health program. The annual observance has gradually

developed into a periodical examination of health assets and liabilities and to the furtherance of the means of correcting such liabilities. Emphasis has been laid on the improvement of environmental sanitation, the control of communicable diseases, on better health for mothers and young children and to the development of health habits for individuals and communities. In many of the colored communities in the State there has been a marked improvement in both personal and neighborhood standards of living as a result of the emphasis year after year on the essentials of personal and community hygiene.

The programs for the observance of Negro Health Week in Baltimore City and in the individual counties have covered a wide range but all have had an underlying all-the-year-round purpose. The schedules have included public meetings, exercises in schools and churches, health exhibits and demonstrations, prenatal clinics, preschool and child health conferences, clinics for immunization against diphtheria, typhoid fever and against smallpox, medical examination of school children, chest clinics and venereal disease clinics.

Individual initiative and local cooperation have opened the way for other activities of special promise. Health clubs were organized in Wicomico County in 1934, and are taking an increasingly active part, year by year, in the health work in that county. The influence of home nursing classes is being felt in other counties. Particular interest has been aroused in the schools in health education activities stimulated by Negro Health Week, and through participation in the annual poster contest. Clean-up campaigns, with excellent results, have been featured in all of the counties.

Improvement Contests: For a number of years, cleanliness and neatness improvement contests have been held in the colored schools, in selected counties, in connection with, and following, Negro Health Week. They have been undertaken in response to the offer by Dr. H. Maceo Williams, a Negro physician of Baltimore City, of suitable awards to the schools which show the greatest improvement in the personal cleanliness of the pupils, and in the appearance and cleanliness of school rooms and school grounds, during the period of the contest. The contests have been sponsored by the State Department of Health and the State Department of Education, and have been conducted under the direction of the County Health Officer, the County Superintendent of Schools, and the County Supervisor of Colored Schools.

The improvement contests were started as an experiment, in 1931. Including and since that year they have been held in the rural colored schools in Dorchester, Saint Mary's, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Somerset, Anne Arundel, and Worcester Counties. Health crusader posters for school room decoration served as the prizes for the early period, but more recently, framed portraits of Dr. George W. Carver, the distinguished Negro scientists, have been awarded to the winning schools. ...

Another statement of the influence of the National Negro Health Week Movement in the development of permanent community health facilities was received from the former Executive Secretary of the Health Council of the Louisville Community Chest. It reads:

Since the first observance of Negro Health Week in Louisville, Kentucky, in 1925, distinct progress has been made in the provision of health service for the race. The following services inaugurated as direct results of the programs are operating at the present time:

1925: The Public Health Nursing Association established a weekly child health conference under the direction of a colored physician and nurse.

1927: The board of the tuberculosis hospital established a tuberculosis clinic at Sunshine Center. The board of the tuberculosis hospital employed a colored resident physician at the Waverly-Hill Sanatorium.

1928: The city health department employed a colored dentist for work in the schools. The board of education employed two colored nurses for work in the schools.

Since this time, further progress has been made in Louisville, including the establishment of a Health Center in the Chestnut Street area with Negro professional personnel.

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Health Education Specialist.

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October Eleventh  
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To the Officers  
Members of Executive Board  
State Vice Presidents and  
Draft Board Liaison Members

Gentlemen:

On October 8, 1940 at 8:00 p.m., the following telegram was received by Dr. Roscoe C. Giles, Chairman of the Special Liaison Committee:

"The Surgeon-General of the Navy and of the Army will be glad to see you and Dr. Vaughn either Wednesday or Thursday morning, October 9th or 10th. Call Admiral McIntyre's aide, Mr. Fox at the White House on arrival and he will make appointment for Navy. Call Miss Chase at War Department for appointment with Surgeon-General of Navy.

Mary McLeod Bethune"

The Chairman immediately contacted Dr. A. N. Vaughn by long distance telephone and agreement was reached that both, together with Dr. C. H. Payne, Dr. Carl G. Roberts, the other member, being unable to go; would meet the officials mentioned in Washington on Thursday morning, October 10th. Drs. Giles and Payne left by plane.

Immediately upon arrival in Washington, Mrs. Bethune was contacted and it was found that she had already made the appointments. Acting Surgeon-General Love was the first contact made.

All the proposals of the Committee as outlined in the accompanying news release were given careful consideration by Acting Surgeon-General Love. The Committee feels that the conference was highly successful in that the viewpoint of organized medicine as expressed by the National Medical Association was thoroughly presented from every angle and that the Acting Surgeon-General has agreed to accept the recommendations of the National Medical Association with regard to the servicing of Negro units by Negro medical officers and in utilizing the services of the National Medical Association for securing highly qualified and competent medical personnel and in agreeing to give the problem of integration of Negro medical officers

into base hospitals careful and sympathetic consideration. General Love stated that the proposition of Negroes in these corps hospital units compared to other wars would be very small and that the problem of using Negro ward surgeons in these units could be arranged but that the problem of using Negro staff men would present a number of difficulties which he did not believe would meet with general public approval at this time. The Committee pointed out, however, that since in most of our large "A" class hospitals mixed groups have been used to a great success in civil life, that we saw no reason why the same would not be true in military life.

In the afternoon, the meeting was scheduled with Admiral Ross T. McIntyre, Surgeon-General of the Navy. The meeting was supposed to take place in the Executive Offices of the White House. However, the Committee by mistake went to the Executive Offices in the Navy building and when the mistake was discovered, got in touch with Admiral McIntyre, who referred the Committee then to Surgeon-General Parran of the United States Public Health Service. Dr. Parran was not in but through Dr. Crabtree, Assistant United States Public Health Surgeon, it was soon discovered that Dr. Parran had no jurisdiction in the matter.

At this time, there was a newspaper release seen which was present in all Washington newspapers that Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox had stated that the integration of Negroes in capacities other than those that they were now being employed in the Navy could not be considered.

The Committee feels that since the new building program of the United States Navy is being financed from public funds for which Negroes as well as whites are being taxed, and since we are American citizens and constitute one-tenth of the total population with a long and unblemished record for loyalty, that we should be represented in the Navy in proportion and that the Negroes can and should be integrated into the Marine Corps and trained for use on destroyers or such units comparable to the colored units of the Army.

We, therefore, recommend that tremendous pressure be brought to bear upon the President and Secretary of the Navy, Colonel Frank Knox by letters, telegrams and postcards to reverse this un-American and undemocratic decision. In this manner, the National Medical Association feels that all civic bodies should make a united attack and that this be done before election. If a tremendous out-pour of denunciations of Colonel Knox's statement immediately reaches the White House, we will feel confident that some degree of reversal of this decision will be made.

The Committee recommended in the meeting that Negro physicians be given training in the special branches of medicine just as white physicians. It was promised that when these units are organized, this would be done.

We also urge that all local units of the National Medical Association immediately get together a list of all Negroes who are available for service in the armed forces of the United States with indicated preferences as to

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character of services, with a listing of men in the various specialties and those in general practice with a rating of their qualifications and a synopsis of their training and qualifications, and have such information immediately available so that when the Surgeon-General calls upon the National Medical Association, we may at once have such information available so that our men may be immediately integrated into the Army within a few hours notice. Include in this list all Negro physicians in your state and locality regardless of whether or not they are members of the National Medical Association.

This call is urgent. The President of the National Medical Association has pledged the support of the Association in these matters and we must not fail. ACT AT ONCE! - - And please inform the Liaison Committee of your action at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely,

Roscoe C. Giles M.D.  
Roscoe C. Giles, M. D., Chairman

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Summary of Conference on the Negro in New Jersey Defense Program  
Trenton, New Jersey September 14, 1940

A conference on the National Defense Program was held in Trenton Board of Education Building, on Stockton Street, Trenton, New Jersey on the 14th day of September at ten o'clock in the morning, on the invitation of H. A. Lett, Executive Secretary of the N. J. Urban League, and with the cooperation of Mr. John A. McCarthy of the State Department of Public Instruction.

Present: Messrs. C. M. Cain, Secretary of Arctic Avenue YmCA, Atlantic City; Arthur W. Hardy, Secretary of Court Street YmCA, Newark; George Allen, representing Robert Allan of the Works Projects Administration; Benjamin F. Seldon, director of Negro Work, Adult Education, WPA; N. P. Dotson, Secretary of Englewood Urban League; C. C. Weathers State Parole Officer, Newark; Russell Eldridge, and a Mr. Hill of the State Employment Service; Oliver Brown, Business Manager of the New Jersey Herald News; Herbert Meyer of the Essex County Jr. Employment; Mr. George Pfau, representing Mr. Miller of NYA; William A. Smith Jr. of NYA, Negro Work; Mr. Rigley representing Mr. McCarthy, Assistant Commissioner of Education, Department of Public Instruction; Dr. A. C. Thornhill, Chairman of Essex County Colored Democratic Asso., Montclair, N. J.; Hilmar Jensen, Secretary of Trenton YmCA; S. P. Parker, President of Essex County Workers' Council; A. E. Flournoy, Secretary of Camden YmCA; John Collier, representative, N. J. Council of NAACP Branches, Westfield; J.T. Brown, and Harold A. Lett of the New Jersey Urban League, presiding.

The acting chairman outlined the purpose of the conference as being an attempt to achieve:

1. Un-restricted enrollment and training for Negro youth and adults in vocational courses.
2. Proportionate assignment for training from NYA and WPA rolls.
3. Immediate correction of inequalities in NYA facilities, equipment and supervision in pre-vocational programs.
4. Positive policy of placement by State Employment Service.

Reading excerpts from a release from the National Urban League and from a National Committee on the Participation of Negroes in National Defense, the chairman pointed out that the partial exclusion of Negro workers from Defense Industries and the almost complete exclusion of Negro youth from training courses in mechanical trades were creating very serious economic and social problems among this minority group. It was pointed out that the demands for workers during the world war period showed great increases in the number of skilled Negro workers who were demanded by industries at that time and that other studies revealed a slow integration of skilled Negro workers in American industries as evidence of the adaptability of the Negro workers for such skills and the acceptability of these black workers by at least a part of industry.

In the current situation, it was pointed out that Negroes are finding it almost impossible to enter trade schools of the state because of the passive acceptance of the employment barriers existing in industry. State Employment offices are reported to have adopted a passive policy of not referring skilled Negro workers unless the employer specifies members of this racial group in his order. On the other hand approaches to employers by members of the Negro group invariably brings the response that Negroes cannot be placed in skilled work because enough are not skilled in the occupations for which there is a demand. [For this reason it is hoped that this conference could result in a general understanding of the viciousness of this circle, and find means whereby a more positive approach might be made in the referral of Negroes to schools by NYA, WPA, and Employment offices;] the acceptance of Negroes by vocational schools in training courses in the mechanical trades; and a more positive policy of referral of skilled Negroes in industries.

Attention was called to the recent appointment of a New Jersey Council on National Defense and an Advisory Committee of One Hundred by the governor of the state. A letter directed from the New Jersey Urban League to Governor Moore was read in which the governor was petitioned to appoint representative Negroes to the Advisory Committee.

The experiences in the Camden area was presented by Mr. Flournoy verifying the statement of the chairman as to the inability of Negro students to enroll in these courses and the attitude of employers in the Camden area. It was reported that a number of Negro workmen were placed in the shipyards in Camden, and that a number of women

were referred to the Heinz Cannery in Salem. Mr. Thomas of the National Urban League recited experiences during the World War period when these obstacles were removed temporarily and Negro workers played an active part in defense industries at that time. He pointed out that the National Defense Council had seen fit to appoint an Adviser on racial affairs to keep before the National Council the various problems confronting this group and that similar steps had been taken in New York City which had resulted in the acceptance of Negroes in the training courses of this city, pointing to their gradual absorption by industries in the New York City area. One means of achieving this was to have removed from the admission requirements of the trade schools a clause requiring three years of experience in industries. This clause would automatically exclude practically every one of the Negroes seeking training, and its removal has opened the doors to those who are desirous of this field of service. It was suggested by Mr. Thomas that the committee wait upon the governor to present to him a list of nominees to the Defense Advisory Committee and to prevail upon him to make appointments from this list.

In the general discussion it was pointed out that the Works Project Administration does not conduct training courses of its own, but that it refers to vocational schools such persons as the schools through their advisory committees on defense training requisition from WPA. It was stated that at that time in the state of New Jersey there were 390 trainees referred from WPA ranks, only one of whom was a Negro. The National Youth situation was reported as not being connected directly with defense training as such, but that training centers were being established to give youth workers a general work experience--something in the nature of pre-vocational experience.

In explaining the machinery of the Defense Training Program, Mr. Rigley of the State Department of Public Instruction advised that it was decided to utilize the great investment represented in vocational schools in the country as the training medium. Funds were placed at the disposal of the educational authorities and advisory committees consisting of representatives of employers and of labor would decide what courses would be made available in each community in the disposition of the allotted funds. The training curriculum, set up by this advisory committee, must be approved by the state and federal educational authorities, and would be based upon the apparent demands of industry and shortages of labor in particular crafts or skills. The Army and Navy have prepared lists of occupations which might be needed immediately in the several defense areas. There are two types of training offered: the re-employment type of training for persons with little or no industrial experience, enabling them to take short courses likely to prepare them for specific type of work within an industry; and the supplementary type of training for people already employed in industry, to provide them with additional skills to step up into areas where greater demand exist. There are two governing principles, according to Mr. Rigley, on the selection of pupils for these training courses: first, the ability of the individual to absorb the training; and secondly, the probability of that person being placed in industry after training. Mr. Rigley stated that in New Jersey the department had been informed by those in advisory capacities throughout the state, that there are no vacancies for colored workers in these special trades.

Mr. Eldridge of the United States employment service stated that if it can be established definitely that colored workers are now found in these skilled trades, his department would do its utmost to provide training for others who wish to enter these same trades. In other words, that the doors of vocational schools will open to Negro pupils if and when it can be established that they will be absorbed by industry when they have been trained. He further stated, in answer to a direct question, that if further funds were made available to his department for the purpose he felt sure that arrangements could be made to set up a special field service in the department that would permit direct approaches to industry in the matter of employment of Negro workers.

It was pointed out by Mr. Rigley that a new appropriation bill for defense training was likely to be passed very soon, in which a special item has been set aside to devote to a special type of training for rural groups and others. He stated that he felt that this special item might meet the needs of the Negro group in that special training courses could be set up for them. The conference felt, however, that ours was not a question of securing special training privileges but rather providing an opportunity for the regular program already in operation. This exchange of opinion was pointed out as exemplifying the wide divergence between points of view of Negro citizens and white officials, which is more or less directly responsible for the exclusion policy now in existence.

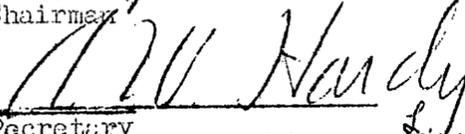
Mr. Eldridge reported that the employment service had sent letters to 1800 employers in the state in an effort to determine their labor needs for national defense contracts; also in an attempt to determine what demands for Negro workers existed. He stated that but twelve responses had been received from the whole state at that time. This effort also resulted in contacts with labor unions to determine the availability of workers in these occupational groups, thus far without any great response or helpful information. On mention that the National Defense Council had included in contracts with industry a clause forbidding discrimination because of race, creed or color, Mr. Eldridge stated that he knew of no such contractual provision and could not comment upon this until he had received official notice of such. Several incidents were recited pointing out the somewhat similar conditions existing in relation to Jewish and Italian boys because of barriers existing which prevent their placement in many industries in the state.

The National Youth program is entering into a new phase through the setting up of youth training centers in various parts of the state. These centers are to be reasonably well-equipped mechanically to expose youth to the various industrial processes and enable them to make their occupational choices on the basis of such experience. It was said that in the Verona camp 20 colored boys were included in the original group assigned, where they will receive work experience with the white boys assigned at the same time. This was in answer to an objection raised by Mr. Parker that Negro youth workers were not having the benefit of up-to-date equipment and supervision as was true with white boys. The representatives of NYA admitted that heretofore, the youth centers have not been properly equipped and was not alone a characteristic of Negro centers but that these inequalities were being recognized by the integration of colored youth into the general training set-up of the state.

The conference resulted in:

1. The formulation of a permanent committee whose officers were designated as follows: H. A. Lett, Newark, Chairman; Arthur W. Hardy of Newark, Secretary; Dr. A.C. Thornhill of Montclair, Treasurer.
2. The agreement on the part of Mr. Eldridge of the State Employment Service
  - a. to include in a forthcoming bulletin from his department an article on the plight of the Negro worker in New Jersey industries.
  - b. that he would direct a letter to industries of the state calling attention to this serious problem.
3. The designation of a committee of six to arrange an appointment with Governor Moore to discuss appointment of Negroes to the Defense Advisory Committee. This committee consisted of Rev. John Love, C.M. Cain, Hilmar Jensen, A. E. Flournoy, A. C. Thornhill and H. A. Lett
4. The designation of a list of fifteen to present to Governor Moore as our nominees to guide him in his selection of members of the Defense Council.
5. The chairman was designated to determine the authenticity of the report that non-discriminatory clauses were written into defense contracts.
6. Messrs. Jensen and Flournoy were designated as a committee to secure information on the methods and policies followed in the designation of local advisory committees for defense training in vocational schools, to the end that our group may be protected in these quarters.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary

The conference was adjourned to assemble as a state-wide committee at the call of the chair.

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Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall consider it a privilege to be a member of your National Conference on the Problems of the negro and Negro Youth. Your letter stated that the reply is necessary by December 5. I was not able to acknowledge it by that deadline because of illness, having just returned to my desk today. If this belated acceptance of your invitation is satisfactory, notification to that effect will be appreciated.

If you have copies of the proceedings of the previous conference I request that one be forwarded me. In the near future I will forward suggestions regarding any matters I think would be helpful if brought before the council.

Very truly yours,

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall be happy to attend the Conference on the problems of the  
Negro and Negro Youth, as per your letter of December 9th.

Respectfully,

F. B. RANSOM  
Manager

A large, stylized handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "F. B. Ransom". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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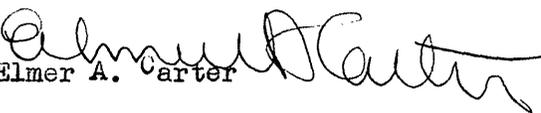
December 3, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
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1734 New York Avenue NW.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I will be very happy  
to attend the conference on January 12, 13,  
and 14, 1939.

Very sincerely yours,

  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 21st, advising me that the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth will be held January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, in the Departmental Auditorium, Conference Rooms A and B adjacent to the Department of Labor on Constitution Avenue between 13th and 14th Streets.

I shall have no other business in Washington except to attend the Conference and at this time see no reason why I cannot put in the three full days.

I am looking forward with great interest to what I hope will be an epoch making conference.

Sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of Dec. 21 has been received and I beg to state in reply that I shall be able to spend the three days at the conference.

I am not the editor of the Afro-American, I am simply representing him at the conference.

I shall be glad if you will address me at home since I do not go the office every day.

Wishing you many happy returns of the joyous season

I am, yours sincerely

*George B. Murphy*  
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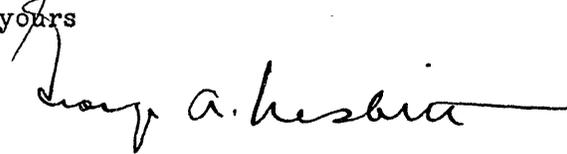
December 27, 1938

Miss Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Bethune

Your letter of December 22nd to Mr. Ernest T. Attwell of our staff has come while he is away from the office for a few days. I am sure that you will be hearing from him soon after his return, in regard to your invitation to serve upon the Evaluating Committee at the coming conference.

Sincerely yours



George A. Nesbitt

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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, DIR DIV OF NEGRO AFFAIRS NATL

YOUTH ADMIN= 1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

I HAVE JUST RETURNED TO OFFICE AFTER VACATION OF SEVERAL DAYS  
PERMIT ME TO ASSURE YOU THAT I GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR  
INVITATION TO ATTEND THE CONFERENCE AND SHALL ARRANGE TO BE  
PRESENT ON THE DATES NAMED=

ELSIE AUSTIN ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL,

1058A

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WB13 13 NL=CINCINNATI OHIO DEC 27 1938

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE=

DIRECTOR NEGRO AFFAIRS NATL YOUTHS ADMINISTRATION

1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

THANK YOU FOR THE INVITATION PLAN TO ATTEND AWAIT FURTHER  
COMMUNICATIONS FROM YOU=

MARION HUBBARD.

DEC 28 827A

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WAA178 12 1 EXTRA= JEFFERSONCITY MO DEC 27 453P

MRS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE=

DIRECTOR DIV OF NEGRO AFFAIRS NAT YOUTH ADMIN=

THANK YOU FOR INVITATION STOP WILL BE THERE FOR JANUARY  
CONFERENCE=

SHERMAN D SCRUGGS PRESIDENT LINCOLN UNIVERSITY=

620PM=

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WB2 8 NL =NEWYORK NY DEC 27 1938

DR MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, CARE DIRECTOR OF DIV OF NEGRO AFFAIRS  
NATL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION 1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

ACCEPT WITH PLEASURE INVITATION TO ATTEND ENTIRE CONFERENCE=

BESSYE J BEARDEN.

DEC 28 804A

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MARY MCLEON BETHUNE, DIR DIVN OF NEGRO AFFAIRS 1934 DEC 28 PM 5 02

DLR 725B WASHINGTON BLDG WASHDC=

IN DEEPEST SENSE OF HUMILITY ACCEPT YOUR KIND INVITATION TO  
BE PRESENT AT WASHINGTON CONFERENCE LETTER CONFIRMING SAME  
TO FOLLOW=

FLOYD P COVINGTON.

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WY101 9=NEWORLEANS LA DEC 27 1204P

MRS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, DIRECTOR DIVN OF NEGRO AFFAIRS  
NATIONAL YOUTH ADMN 1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

HAPPY TO ATTEND NATIONAL CONFERENCE JANUARY TWELFTH  
THIRTEENTH FOURTEENTH=

WILLIAM STUART NELSON.

142PM.

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WP133 10 XC=GUTHRIE OKLA DEC 27 1938 1154A

MRS MARY MCLEON=

BETHUNE DIRECTOR DIVISION OF NEGROES AFFAIRS

NATL YOUTH ADM=

I ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND NYA CONFERENCE ON DATES  
MENTIONED=

J W SANFORD=

124P=

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WV106 6=WICHITA KANS DEC 27 1046A

MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, DIRECTOR DIVISION OF NEGRO AFFAIRS

1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

WILL ACCEPT INVITATION TO ATTEND CONFERENCE=

KATHERINE HELM=

1208PM

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WAF41 41 DL=NEWYORK NY DEC 21 359P

MRS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, NATIONAL YOUTH ADMN=

↑  
I COULD POSSIBLY BE THERE FOR CONFERENCE ON JANUARY THIRTEENTH AND FOURTEENTH BUT HARDLY THINK I COULD MAKE IT ON THE TWELFTH ON ACCOUNT OF CHURCH SCHOOL CONFERENCE HERE AND OTHER DUTIES ANY SUGGESTIONS I HAVE WILL FOLLOW LATER BY LETTER=

WILLIAM LLOYD IMES.

452P.

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WB1 9=FRANKFORT KY DEC 26 1225P

MRS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION=

1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

PLEASED TO ACCEPT INVITATION AND WILL ATTEND FULL PERIOD=

R B ATWOOD.

803A DEC 27.

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MARY M BETHUNE, CARE DIRECTOR

NEGRO AFFAIRS NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION

1734 NEWYORK AVE

IN REPLY TO YOUR LETTER WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE

LOREN MILLER

1250P

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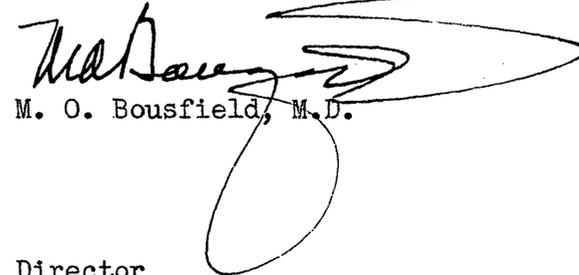
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December 23, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bethune: Acknowledgement is made of your letter of December 20. You may count on me for all the questions you raise in this letter, including my presence at your office at 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 11. I have written to each member of my Committee asking for suggestions.

Sincerely yours,



M. O. Bousfield, M.D.

MOB:RH

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

December 27, 1938

Dr. William Lloyd Imes  
409 West 141st Street  
New York City

My dear Dr. Imes:

We shall expect you for the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth for the two days, January 13 and 14, 1939.

I regret sincerely that you cannot be here for the opening session, will be delighted to have you for the last two days.

You will be notified regarding transportation through our New York City Director for the National Youth Administration.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am so very sorry that my health will not permit me to attend the national conference on the problems of the Negro youth. I am sure that under your capable leadership it will be both constructive and far-reaching in its influence.

In accordance with your suggestion, however, I am designating Dr. Metz Lochard to represent me on that occasion.

Wishing you the blessings of this Yuletide season,

Sincerely,



Robert S. Abbott

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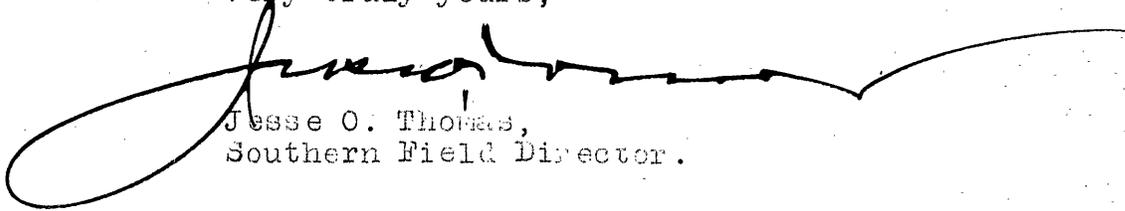
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

This comes to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 14 and advise that it will be convenient for me to attend the proposed conference on "Problems of the Negro" to be held in Washington January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

I shall schedule these dates for same and look forward to further instruction from you with reference to transportation, etc.

Very truly yours,

  
Jesse O. Thomas,  
Southern Field Director.

JOT:mw

Office of  
National President  
Mrs. Lola M. Parker  
5853 Calumet Avenue  
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December 12, 1938

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest  
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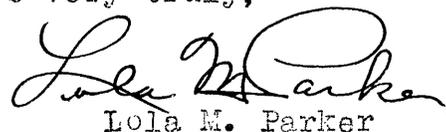
My dear Mrs Bethune:

Thank you for your kind letter of a few days ago, in which you extended an invitation to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, to be held January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

I appreciate very much the opportunity to be a member of this Conference, and shall be happy to attend on the dates set forth.

Again thanking you, and wishing you continued success, I am

Yours very truly,

  
Lola M. Parker

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October 26, 1938

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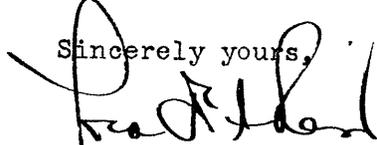
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I should be very glad to keep in mind the tentative dates for the National meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro youth.

I think that the N. Y. A. might well consider using some of the persons who have been working with the problems of Negro youth for the American Youth Commission of the American Council on Education. If you will write Dr. Robert L. Sutherland, Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, I am quite certain he might be able to make some pertinent suggestions in this connection. I have also been impressed by the new emphasis on youth work that is being made on the program now being initiated by the Urban League of Pittsburgh. It seems to offer great promise. If you are interested you might write to Mr. R. Maurice Moss, Pittsburgh Urban League, 1300 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Although your answer was requested by (October 25th) Dec. 5  
I did not receive your letter until that date.

Sincerely yours,

  
Ira De A. Reid

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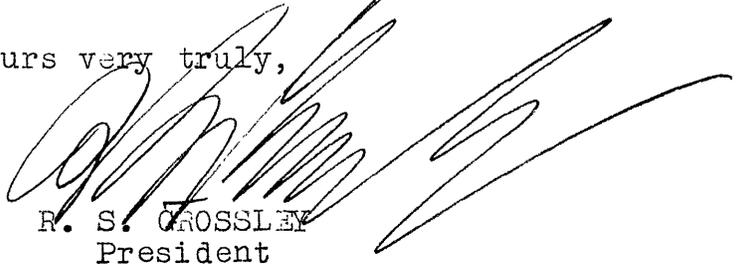
November 29, 1938

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Bethune:

I recall with much interest and satisfaction the splendid conference held on Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth under your direction. I, too, feel that a follow-up conference would be quite in order and should be of great value to all concerned. It will be a pleasure for me to meet with you in such a conference on January 12, 13, 14, 1939. You may therefore depend upon my being in attendance.

Yours very truly,



R. S. GROSSLEY  
President

RSG/bpj

# THE INFORMER

2418 Leeland Ave.  
Houston, Texas

Office of the General Manager

November 26, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
Director,  
Division of Negro Affairs,  
National Youth Administration,  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Perhaps the dignified thing to do is to wait until just before the 5th and rush my answer in, as if I had to take a long time to decide. But I had decided that I would accept your invitation before I had finished your letter, and inasmuch as it will be convenient for those in your office who have to make the final arrangements to know as early as possible, I am hastening to accept with thanks your invitation to come for your conference on January 12, 13 and 14.

I am genuinely interested in your work, both because of the fine things that you have done there and because of your leadership generally. Also because you have taken from us one of our finest men and a personal friend of mine, in the person of Dean R. O'Hara Lanier, who is your assistant. Even if I did not know of your work, what is good enough for Ralph would be good enough for me to support.

I intend quietly to make some observations out here in connection with all of the alphabet and to be prepared to give an account of the things that are happening here. I may dare to write you some suggestions before I come, if it seems worth while.

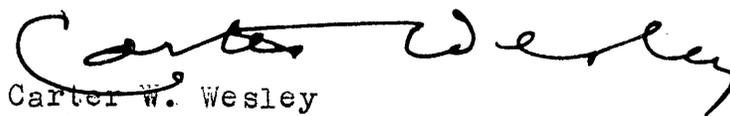
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November 26, 1938

Again thanking you, I am

Very gratefully yours,



Carter W. Wesley  
GENERAL MANAGER

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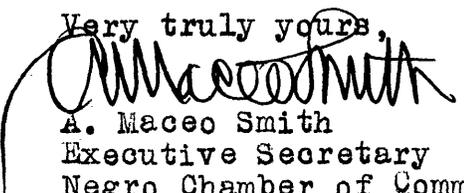
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Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I gladly accept your invitation to attend  
the conference in Washington, D. C.,  
January 12-13-14th, 1939.

At a later date I will submit some sugges-  
tions which should occupy the attention  
of the conference.

Very truly yours,

  
A. Maceo Smith  
Executive Secretary  
Negro Chamber of Commerce

*Editor  
Dallas Express -  
Seymour - Dallas - Negro  
Chamber of Commerce*

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of some few days ago which I found on my return to the city. I regret very much this delay in reply; however I shall be very happy to come to Washington at your kind invitation and join with others in the conference which you are planning.

Mrs. Chiles has been slightly ill for some month but quite well and happy again at this time. She asked me to say just how much she regreted not being physically able to share the great Women's Conference in New York City.

All join me in best regards to you,

JMC:l.  
December 2, 1938.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
National Youth Administration  
Washington, D.C.

Dictated Dec. 1, 1938.

Respectfully,

Jesse M. Chiles

835 Beecher Street  
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Cincinnati, Ohio

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November 23, 1938

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune

Your invitation of November 22nd to attend the  
Conference, January 12th to 14th, 1939, - continuing the  
National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro  
Youth:

I wish to thank you for the invitation to again  
be present and to say I shall plan to attend.

Such suggestions as may come to mind, if any, I  
shall intend to transmit a little later on. I am cooperating  
with Mr. John W. Davis, Chairman of the Committee on Education  
and Recreation. Such suggestions as I may make to him will  
find a copy in your hands.

Sincerely

*E. T. Attwell*

Ernest T. Attwell, Field Director  
Bureau of Colored Work

*P.S. - Confidentially, I feel  
the Recreation problem, which  
is so largely a community problem  
might be separated from the education  
problems. It, of course, has elements of  
of many phases including the educational.  
E. T. A.*

ST. MARK'S METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
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NEW YORK CITY  
LORENZO H. KING, PASTOR

November 25, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
1734 New York Ave. N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Madam Bethune:

Replying to your letter of November 23 concerning your proposed National Conference January 12, 13, and 14, please let me advise that it will be a pleasure for me to attend the Conference which I trust will be productive of really constructive efforts that will insure progress of our race in the disconcerting years just ahead of us.

With cordial regard, I am,

Yours,

*L. H. King*

L. H. King

LHK:VG

ALBON L. HOLSEY  
TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE  
ALABAMA

December 19, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am venturing to suggest that an invitation be extended to Mr. J. B. Green, Principal of the Thirty-Third Avenue High School, Gulfport, Mississippi, to attend the Conference January 12th to 14th.

Mr. Green is Secretary, Masonic Grand Lodge in Mississippi, and is a man very active in civic and educational affairs. I saw him the other day and he expressed the desire to attend the Conference, and I told him that I would write you and suggest his name.

Mr. Barnett and I have just completed a tour of the Southwest, and hope some time soon to have an opportunity to see you to give you confidentially some of our impressions, because I realize that in a number of situations which we observed you can be very helpful with your advice and counsel.

With cordial Christmas greetings, I am,

Yours very truly,

*Albion L. Holsay*

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION  
OF GEORGIA

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 26, 1938

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DILLARD B. LASSETER  
State Director

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
916 G Street, NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to thank you for your letter dated November 23.

I accept your invitation to attend the National Conference you are planning to hold in Washington, D. C., January 12, 13, 14, 1939. I am planning to be present. Mr. Lasseter, our State Director, is glad to know that you are calling this Conference.

In accordance with your request, I shall be glad to send to you within the next week or ten days a brief statement concerning some of the problems which should occupy the attention of those connected with the Federal Government. In the meantime, if you have in mind any suggestions concerning any special problems which you would want to share with me, I would appreciate receiving them.

Sincerely yours,

*William H. Shell*

William H. Shell, Supervisor  
Colored Division, NYA  
22 Butler Street, NE

WES:ld

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ADMINISTRATION

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Tuskegee Institute, Alabama

November 25, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I thank you for your letter of the twenty-second inviting me to attend the National Conference which will be held in Washington, January 12-14th.

I shall do my best to be present and will advise you in a later letter. It will not be necessary, however, for you to make arrangements for my transportation because my present employment with the AAA will take care of that in the event my officials authorize me to attend the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

*Alm. L. Holsey*  
Field Officer

ALH:g



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24 December 1938

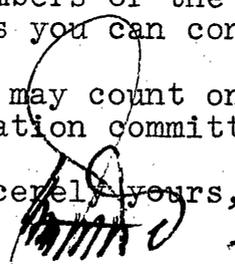
Dear Dr. Bethune:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of December 21st. In reply please know that I shall be glad to accept the chairmanship of the committee on education in connection with the important conference which you are calling on January 11, 12, 13 and 14, 1939. I shall begin immediately to prepare the agenda for the committee on education.

I shall be glad to have you send me the names of the members of the committee on education just as soon as you can conveniently do so.

You may count on me to serve as a member of the evaluation committee.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN W. DAVIS  
President

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs, N Y A  
1340 G Street, N. W.  
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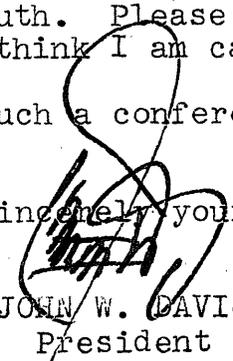
25 November 1938

JOHN W. DAVIS  
PRESIDENT

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of November 22nd. In reply please know that I shall be glad to have a part in the forthcoming National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. Please count on me for any service which you think I am capable of rendering.

Such a conference is necessary.

Sincerely yours,  


JOHN W. DAVIS  
President

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
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1340 G Street, N. W.  
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Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall be glad to participate in the conference on the status of the Negro, as far as federal relations are concerned, which is planned for January 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1939. I write in reply to your kind invitation of November 23d.

With best personal wishes, I

remain

Cordially yours,

Eugene Kinckle Jones,  
Executive Secretary.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs, NYA  
1734 New York Avenue, NW.  
Washington, D.C.

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November  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
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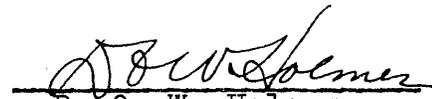
Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I will be very happy to attend the conference which you are planning for January 12, 13, 14, 1938, to be held in Washington.

President John W. Davis has already planned work for his committee. So you see that things are already in motion.

With sincerest good wishes, I am

Very truly yours,

  
D. O. W. Holmes

DH:PT

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The Agricultural and Technical College  
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GREENSBORO, N. C.

December 29, 1938

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

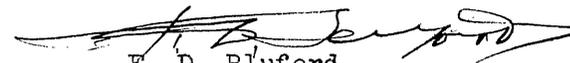
Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of December 21 has been received.

As I see it now, I shall be able to attend the Conference, and shall observe your rules and regulations as to being prompt at all meetings. I wish to assure you that I will put in the three full days at the Conference. I shall be very pleased to attend such a meeting.

Thanking you for your letter, I am

Very truly yours,



F. D. Bluford  
President

FDB:etb

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" Ad mortem fidelis "

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December 29, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
1734 New York Ave., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am very glad to be able to tell you that I will accept a place on the Evaluating committee of the coming congress.

I am planning to arrive at Washington Tuesday, January 10, and remain through Saturday. Therefore, I shall be able to put in all the time necessary at the conference.

The statement you requested will reach you next Monday. In reference to transportation, your advice will be followed.

Sincerely yours

  
L. F. Ford

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NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION=

PERMIT ME TO ADVISE THAT YOU INVITE FRANK R CROSSWAITHE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE NEGRO LABOR COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF SOME FIVE  
OR MORE UNIONS IN NEWYORK AND AN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZER OF  
THE LADIES GARMENT WORKERS UNION ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL  
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REPRESENTATION OF ORGANIZED NEGRO LABOR IF POSSIBLE SINCE  
PROBLEMS AFFECTING NEGRO PEOPLE ARE BASICALLY ECONOMIC AND  
THE CONGRESS WILL BE CALLED UPON TO DEAL WITH THESE  
ECONOMIC QUESTIONS THE COMING SESSION. BROTHER FRANK R  
CROSSWAITHE IS A BRILLIANT ORATOR AND WRITER AND WILL PROVE  
TO BE A GREAT ASSET TO YOUR SPLENDID CONFERENCE. HIS  
ADDRESS IS 312 WEST 125TH ST NEWYORKCITY=

A PHILIP RANDOLPH INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT  
BROTHER OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS.

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*O.K. Mrs. Bethune said cover phone  
this a.m.*

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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE=

1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION WITH THANKS=

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MRS MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE, NATL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION=

1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

THANK YOU FOR INVITATION TO JANUARY CONFERENCE ACCEPT WITH  
PLEASURE=

HARRIET SHADD BUTCHER.

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MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE=

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION 1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST=

RECEIVED YOUR LETTER TODAY AND ACCEPT KIND INVITATION TO  
ATTEND THE YOUTH CONFERENCE=

AUDRE MCCULLOUGH.

125P.

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1734 NEWYORK AVE NORTHWEST NATL YOUTH ADMN WASHN DC=

PLEASED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE JANUARY TWELVE AND THIRTEEN STOP  
SORRY PREVIOUS ENGAGEMENT PREVENTS STAYING THIRD DAY=

=GEORGE E HAYNES.

1147A.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION  
RALEIGH

November 25, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, District of Columbia

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

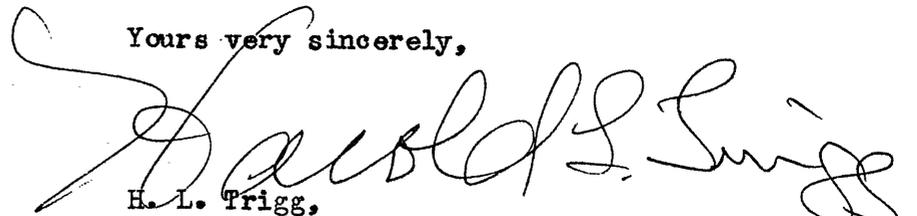
This will acknowledge your letter of November 23.

I had the honor and pleasure of participating in the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth under your guidance two years ago. Considering the many changes that have taken place since then, I am sure that a second conference will be of inestimable value.

I take pleasure in accepting your kind invitation to participate in this second conference to be held January 12, 13, and 14, 1939.

With cordial good wishes, I remain

Yours very sincerely,



H. L. Trigg,  
Supervisor of Colored High Schools.

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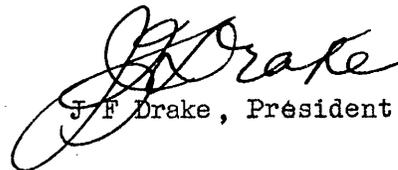
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Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Madam:

I shall be very happy to attend the National Conference  
of the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth called in  
Washington under the supervision of the National Youth  
Administration. January 12, 13, 14, 1939.

Yours very truly,

  
J. F. Drake, President

JFD:b

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November 25, 1938

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
Director of Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Bethune:

Your letter of November 22, 1938, inviting me to attend a conference in Washington, January 12, 13, and 14, 1939 was received with a great deal of pleasure this morning.

I should be very happy to be numbered among such an outstanding, distinguishing group, and wish to thank you for the invitation affording me this opportunity. Therefore, you can count me as one of the delegation, and I shall be present.

With kindest, personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

By   
H. Hollis Hooks.

593 Iglehart Avenue  
St. Paul, Minnesota  
November 28, 1938

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your letter of  
recent date.

I shall be happy to accept  
your invitation to attend the Second  
National Conference on the Problems of  
the Negro and Negro Youth, Jan. 12-  
14th, 1939.

As you will note, our address  
has been changed, for we are now  
living in our own home. It is  
quite lovely, and we eagerly  
anticipate your coming in the  
Spring for the International Committee  
of St. Paul.

Cordially yours,  
Juanita Jackson Mitchell

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
MANUAL TRAINING SCHOOL  
BORDENTOWN

November 30, 1938.

W. R. VALENTINE  
PRINCIPAL

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director,  
Division of Negro Affairs, NYA,  
1734 New York Ave., N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I shall be very glad to attend the conference in Washington on  
January 12th, 13th and 14th, to which you have kindly invited me in your  
letter of the 23rd inst.

Sincerely yours,

*W. R. Valentine*

Principal.

WRV:M

PRAIRIE VIEW STATE NORMAL AND INDUSTRIAL  
COLLEGE

PRAIRIE VIEW, TEXAS

OFFICE OF PRINCIPAL

November 28, 1938

Dr Mary McLeod Bethune  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
Washington, D C

Dear Mrs Bethune:

I shall be happy to attend the Conference  
proposed in your letter of November 22 <sup>for</sup>  
January 12-13-14, 1939.

With best wishes, I am

Yours truly,



W R Banks  
Principal

WRB:W

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

J. S. CLARK, PRESIDENT

BATON ROUGE, LA.

November 28, 1958.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
1734 New York Avenue N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I will be happy to be with you in your second Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth which you informed me will be held January 12th, 13th, and 14th. Previous to the receipt of your letter I had been written to by President John W. Davis who is President of the Sub-Committee on Education, on which committee I served, and said to him that I would be happy to attend your Conference and also a prior meeting of the Committee on Education.

Please understand that it is a great pleasure to assist you in my feeble way in effecting the great program that you are administering. May I add, parenthetically, not because of your recent personal attention to our program here at Southern University.

Sincerely yours,

  
D. G. Clark,  
President.

M. D. COLLINS  
STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA



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STATE DIRECTOR VOCATIONAL EDUCATION  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Reference to your letter of December 22, I wish to advise that I have made definite plans to be in attendance at the Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth and will arrive in Washington in time for the registration period and remain throughout the conference sessions.

I do not wish that living accommodations be arranged for me.

Very truly yours,

*Alva Tabor*

Alva Tabor,  
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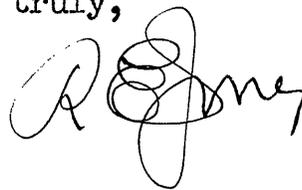
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of November 2  
inviting me to attend the National Con-  
ference on the Problems of the Negro and  
Negro Youth.

I thank you very much for the  
honor of the invitation which I now accept  
and I hope I may be of some little help in  
supporting the great work you are doing.

With every good wish I am

Yours truly,



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Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Upon my return to the office on yesterday afternoon, I found your letter on my desk.

I wish to thank you for the invitation to attend your conference which will be held on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. I accept it.

The conference you held in Columbus, Ohio, was very helpful in solving some of the problems we are facing in the State of Ohio. I feel that there is still a great need for more light on the Ohio set up. I hope that you are going to have Mr. S. Burns Weston of Columbus at the conference. If you cannot have him present, it would be fine if you asked him for an accurate report on the number of Negro youths who have benefited in the N.Y.A. program. I am also interested in knowing the number of projects in which Negro boys have been permitted to serve. Such information might prove helpful to us in handling problems which are encountered in Ohio.

May I wish you continued success in the splendid work you are doing.

Sincerely yours,

*Jane E. Hunter*  
Jane E. Hunter,  
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November 30, 1938

LORMAN, MISS.  
FOR PASSENGERS, FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs, NYA  
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, District of Columbia

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your gracious invitation to participate in a conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 is acknowledged, and it is a pleasure and happy privilege to accept. It may be that I shall have a suggestion at a later date.

With appreciation for this courtesy and opportunity, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Wm. H. Bell,  
President

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**THYRA EDWARDS**

December 2, 1938

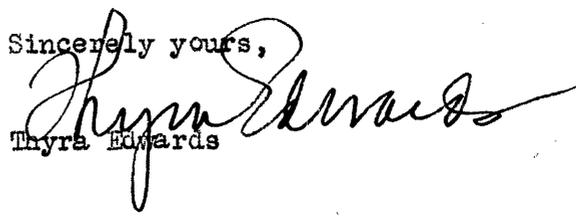
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Division of Negro Affairs  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have been traveling continuously  
and so your good letter of November 22nd reached me only  
today.

I am happy to accept your invitation  
to attend your National Conference on the Problem of the  
Negro and Negro Youth. You may expect me on the dates  
indicated, January 12th, 13th and 14th.

Sincerely yours,

  
Thyra Edwards

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51 CORNHILL  
BOSTON, MASS.

December 14, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
1812 Ninth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Last week I received the notice of the meeting which is to be held in Washington on January 12-14 inclusive and I replied accepting the invitation. Again I wish to thank you ever so much for having included me in the number of persons whom you invited to attend the conference.

The family and I were most delighted to have you as our houseguest when you were in Boston. I dislike to think of your being as a houseguest, but rather as one of our family and I wish you would think of yourself as such.

The people have been commenting most favorably on the address which you delivered at the Twelfth Baptist Church. It was most stimulating and encouraging to the older people as well as to the younger people. They were in need of such advice as you gave them. I truly hope that we will have the opportunity of having you again sometime in the near future.

The family are doing nicely at this time and send their love to you. I hope that you have recovered from your cold and that you are in the best of health. Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,



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Dec. 12, 1938

My dear Mrs. Bethune:  
I shall be happy to attend  
the conferences on Negro  
Problems, January 12, '39,  
and 14th.

If I may give a little  
more thought to suggest-  
ed problems to be con-  
sidered, I would like  
to postpone sending  
this data to a later  
date.

I am indeed apprecia-  
tive of your kind in-  
vitation.

Very truly yours,  
Pauline Redmond

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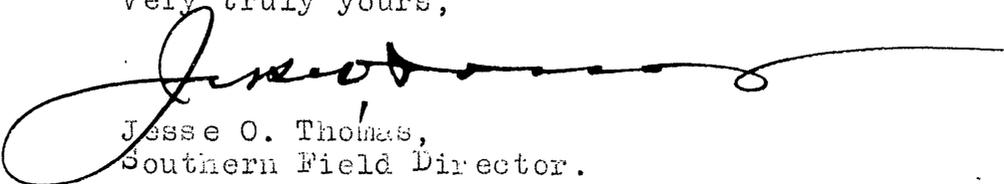
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I didn't make a written memorandum of the dates you asked me to hold open in January. Will you confirm that conversation and the dates you have in mind.

Very glad to have seen you in Birmingham; and feel that the recognition given your presence by the First Lady of the Land had a most wholesome effect upon all the delegates in attendance.

Very truly yours,

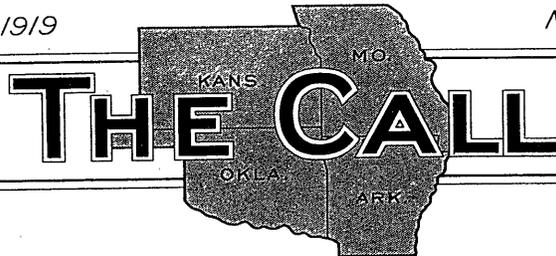
  
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December 22, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I received both of your letters practically at the same time. I had dictated an answer to the first, saying I would be pleased to attend the conference January 12th when the second came saying I had delayed so long that I was being replaced.

I have sent a wire saying I would come if it was your wish. My delay in answering was due to my absence from the city. I spent some time in Texas. It is a coincidence that on my last day there I spoke at the Dallas forum where in January they are planning to have you.

Immediately after my return came the Gaines decision. Thereupon conferences with the heads of the state's educational system called me away. I regret that I was not here to make answer sooner.

Cordially yours,

C. A. FRANKLIN  
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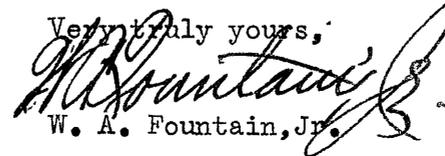
January 3, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune: Your letter of December 22 received  
and I shall abide by the contents  
therein with reference to attending the meetings, being  
on time, and staying the full number of days. I shall  
not make any arrangement for transportation until con-  
tacted by the State Director. I appreciate this invita-  
tion highly.

I hope that you had a very merry  
Christmas and wish for you a happy and prosperous new  
year.

Very truly yours,



W. A. Fountain, Jr.

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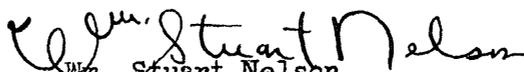
January 3, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am writing to confirm my acceptance by wire of your invitation to participate in the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro Youth which is to be held on January 12th, 13th, and 14th. I greatly appreciate the invitation and shall look forward eagerly to the work of the Conference.

Sincerely yours,

  
Wm. Stuart Nelson  
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January 3, 1939

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs Bethune:

I was suprised to learn that you received my acceptance of the invitation to attend the NYA conference so very late.

However, I will attend the conference and would appreciate your sending to me, at the above address, material about it.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward E. Strong*  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your very kind letter of December the 23rd. was received and in replying to the same, I wish to state that I will be present with you during the three days of the Conference.

Thanking you for the invitation extended to me and wishing you a happy and successful year in your work, I beg to remain

Sincerely yours,

Thomas J. Davis

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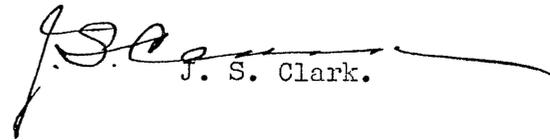
Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of the 28th, inviting me to attend your conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939, has been received. Thank you very much for expressing your desire to have me present. I wish to assure you that I welcome the opportunity to attend this conference. Therefore, you may expect me.

Let me congratulate you on the fine work that you are doing as Director of the Division of Negro Affairs. No member of our race can do this job as well as you and I am sure that I join the thousands of others all over this country as I wish for you a Happy and Prosperous New Year and pray God's blessings will ever be lavished upon you.

Very sincerely yours,

  
J. S. Clark.

Baltimore Md.  
Jan 4, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director of Division of Negro  
Affairs National Youth  
Administration

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

When your wire  
came, I was not sure  
that I would be able  
to attend the conference  
owing to sickness to  
our family.

The way seems  
clear now and I  
will be happy to join  
the group Jan. 12-14

With best wishes for a  
prosperous New Year I

remain

Sincerely,

Grace K. McCard.

FISK UNIVERSITY  
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CHARLES S. JOHNSON  
DIRECTOR

January 3, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am noting your letter of  
December 28th and, as indicated earlier, I  
plan to be on hand on January 11th.

Please note that one of the  
names suggested was Dr. William Amberson  
(instead of Anderson). Also, I hope Giles  
A Hubert is somehow invited if it is not too  
late or the program too full.

Best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



Charles S. Johnson

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January  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
The National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your invitation to be a member of the coming national conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro youth, to be held on January 12, 13, 14, 1939 in Washington. I hope to attend most of the sessions of the conference but I am unable to say at this moment that I can attend all. However, this should not in any way disturb you as I will not require living accommodations in the city. I have already been in touch with President Davis concerning the work of our committee.

Very truly yours,

  
D. O. W. Holmes

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January 3, 1939

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

You may expect me to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held January 12, 13, and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A and B.

I shall remain throughout the Conference.

Very truly yours,

*Carrington L. Davis*  
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December  
26th.,  
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
1734 New York Avenue N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your good letter of the 21 relative to the conference of January 12, 13, 14. for which I am thanking you much.

I have just been asked to take over another post of our Association work here in the county as a result of one of our executives going east and it has come so suddenly that it is causing an about face and up-set in all of my normal plans.

This being true and in the light of the fact that I am being requested to take over January 1st it seems wise that I not take the time out for the conference which I regret more than I can express.

I had looked forward with a great deal of delight to seeing you in action, and knowing the value of such a rich contact in conference on a mission as far reaching as your conference shall be, I shall miss much.

May I again thank you for your kind consideration and I hope that the opportunity shall come to me again.

Mrs. Chiles and Jessie Metts are quite well and happy and wish to be remembered to you. With expressions of goodwill, I am

Sincerely yours,

Jessie M. Chiles

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
Director, Div. of Negro Affairs,  
National Youth Administration,  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to acknowledge with thanks receipt of your letter inviting me to attend the conference to discuss problems of the Negro and Negro youth, but I am so sorry that I will not be able to be out of Atlanta on the dates on which your conference will be held.

Nevertheless, you may rest assured that I personally appreciate what you and other leaders of our race are doing and I want to reassure you of the continued cooperation of our various papers.

With best wishes for the success of the conference,  
I am

Sincerely yours,



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November 24, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter addressed to Mr. Alexander  
on November 22nd regarding the "National Conference  
on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth", has  
been received during his absence from the city on a  
brief cruise to the West Indies. We are expecting  
him back in the office by Wednesday of next week,  
at which time your invitation will be brought to his  
attention.

Sincerely yours,

  
Secretary to Mr. Alexander.



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

November 29, 1938

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
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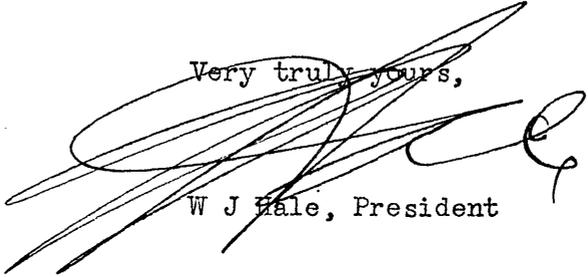
My dear Mrs Bethune:

Allow me to thank you for your letter of November 22.

I am not sure that it will be possible for me to meet with you on the dates mentioned in your letter. However, I will be in Washington on December 4 to speak on the "Wings Over Jordan" program and will try to get in touch with/while I am in the city.

Best wishes. <sup>you</sup>

Very truly yours,

  
W J Hale, President

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December 6, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Mr. Foster is away from the college for a few days. Upon his return, your letter of December fifth will be brought to his attention.

Very truly yours,

*W. D. Cotman*  
W. D. Cotman  
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December 7, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter to President Jones concerning a meeting on the Status of the Negro from January 12 to the 14 came in his absence from the city. Since he will be away for several days longer, I am writing to advise you of this fact. However, as soon as possible, you will have a reply to your letter.

Very truly yours,  
*C. H. Marteen*  
(Mrs.) C. H. Marteen  
Sect'y. to the President

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December 14, 1938.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs,  
National Youth Administration,  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Reply to your kind invitation to be present at a conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on January 13, 14, 1939 has been delayed due to my absence from the office.

I regret my inability to attend this very interesting meeting, but have had a previous engagement of long standing.

Very truly yours,

*P. M. H. Savory*  
P. M. H. Savory.

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Novembet 26, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your letter of November 22nd, inviting me to attend a National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth on January 12, 13, and 14. I regret very much to advise that our Financial Campaign will be in progress during these dates, and I shall be unable to attend the Conference. I am deeply sorry because I remember the fine inspirational hours I was able to spend with you in the last conference.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

  
George A. Arthur

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your invitation to attend  
the National Conference on Problems of  
the Negro and Negro Youth on January  
12, 13, and 14.

I cannot attend personally, but, I have  
designated Mr. George B. Murphy, who is  
secretary of the Company, to act in my  
stead. If this is satisfactory to you,  
please notify me.

Very truly yours,  
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December 23, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue NW.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am profoundly sorry but later  
developments in the work of Unemployment  
Insurance at this time will make it impossible  
for me to attend the conference.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elmer A. Carter".

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December 23, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs,  
National Youth Administration,  
1734 New York Avenue NW,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I regret exceedingly that I shall be unable to accept your kind invitation. I am in charge of an examination for Junior Civil Service Examiner set for the 14th of January. Under our rules, the Commission itself must conduct examinations for the position of Civil Service Examiner.

If it were possible for me to cancel this engagement I should do so, but the obligation to remain here is absolute. I hope that the conference will be productive of much good. Indeed I'm certain that under your guidance such will be the result.

Extending to you the greetings of the season,

Very cordially yours,

*Ferdinand Q. Morton*  
Ferdinand Q. Morton, Commissioner

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1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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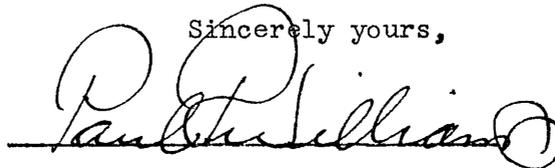
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thanks for your recent letter which was received while I was in the East, and I regret very much that I will not be able to attend your Conference in Washington as I have made two trips to New York within the last sixty days; and with an office full of new work it means I will have to stay home for a little while.

I was hoping that Floyd Covington would be included in your list as he probably has more information regarding the work of the Youth Administration in our section than anyone else.

Wishing you much success and with best wishes for the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Paul R. Williams". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Paul R. Williams".

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Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have been hoping since receiving your first notice of the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to attend the Conference, although I had promised to be in St. Louis around the middle of January for the Twentieth Anniversary Dinner of the Urban League of St. Louis. I had hoped to go from the Washington Conference to St. Louis.

It seems that January 12th is the only date that the local group in St. Louis could settle upon, and although I tried to get John Clark to change the date, it has been impossible. I, therefore, find that I cannot be present at the opening session on the 12th, or, in fact, be present for any of the day sessions on the 13th.

Do you feel that under the circumstances it would be advisable for me to come to the Conference even though I would not be able to put in my appearance before the morning session on Saturday, the 14th?

Could I ask you to invite Mr. George W. Goodman, Executive Secretary of the Boston Urban League, 22 Whittier Street, Boston, Massachusetts?

With every good wish for a successful conference and your own continued vigorous good health, I am

Sincerely yours,

Eugene Kinckle Jones,  
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December 27, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I regret very much that  
I can not attend the Conference Jan-  
uary 12, 13 and 14.

I want to thank you very  
much for extending to me an invitation  
and trust that the Conference will mean  
much in planning for the solution of  
the great problem to be discussed.

With best Wishes for a  
Most Happy and Prosperous New Year, I  
am;

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Homer S. Brown", with a horizontal line underneath.

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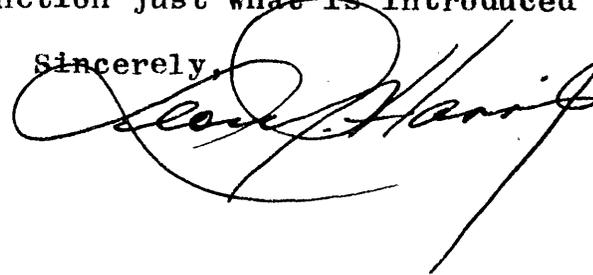
Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have received your letter relative to the coming January Conference. Frankly, I do not like the tone of your letter. I am wondering if the same type of letter was sent to all you invited, especially to those of the white group.

I have attended several Conferences in Washington during the present and preceding national administrations and have found these meetings very helpful. They are informative and inspiring. They give those of us who are laboring for the welfare of our group opportunities to know each other better and give to each other the benefits of the lessons we have learned from our individual experiences.

These Conferences give us opportunity to be of service. Some of us sacrifice much to attend them but we make the sacrifices freely, realizing that we are able to be helpful and should be present. Therefore, our attendance at such Conferences are not pleasure jaunts as your letter indicates. The government, in paying expenses, is not bestowing upon us any special favors or honors. It is not complimentary to our honesty or intelligence to remind us that we are expected to be in our seats when the bell rings and remain in them until dismissed for the night. I resent this "teacher-pupil attitude." I am wondering if this does not augur the fact that our deliberations have also been scheduled and programmed for us and that we will be expected to approve and sanction just what is introduced at the Conference.

Sincerely,



Leon R. Harris

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December 29, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director Division of Negro Affairs  
1734 New York Avenue NW  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you very much for sending in a copy of the proceedings of last year's National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

Your letter of December 22, giving the time and place of the coming conference is herewith acknowledged.

I will appreciate your arranging for my living accommodations during the conference.

To date notice concerning transportation has not been received from the N. Y. A. director. A communication from him will, no doubt, be received prior to the conference.

Accept my thanks again for the invitation to participate in the conference. I hope to complete within a few days a draft of suggestions for study by the conference as requested in your previous letter.

Very truly yours,  
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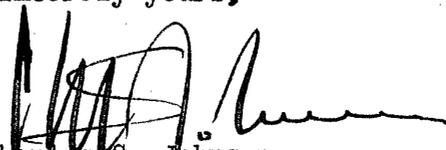
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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is just a word to say that I shall be glad to accept the invitation to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12-14. I shall follow this letter with a more detailed one, covering suggestions, particularly on the agricultural section.

Sincerely yours,



Charles S. Johnson

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December 27, 1938

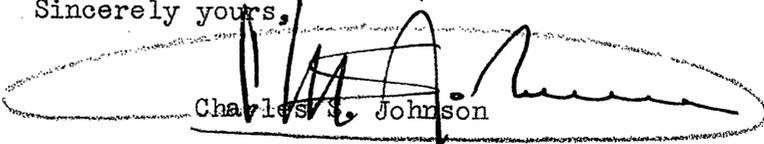
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am noting your appointment of me to the Evaluating Committee for the coming conference. I shall arrange to be in Washington on January 11th.

You probably received, about the time your letter reached Nashville, a letter from me covering certain conference items.

Sincerely yours,



Charles S. Johnson

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs, N. Y. A.  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to acknowledge  
with thanks receipt of your letter of November  
22 with reference to the status of the Negro  
as far as federal relations are concerned.

I think the idea of the con-  
ference for January 12, 13 and 14 is very splendid,  
and I shall make every effort to be present.

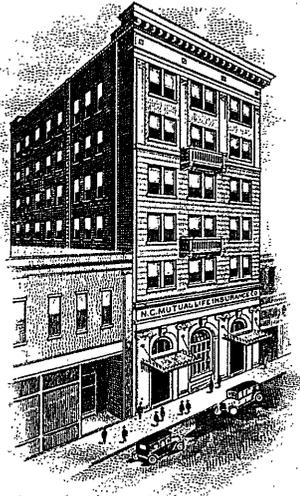
With deep appreciation for  
being among those who are invited, I beg to remain

Very sincerely yours,

*Charlotte Hawkins Brown*

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N W  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune

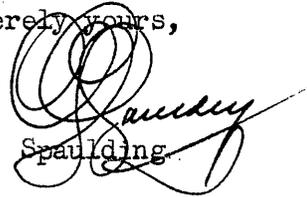
First, I wish to thank and congratulate you on the splendid services you are rendering the race through the National Youth Administration. Your very personality means so much to the people with whom you mingle. I feel that you could not dedicate yourself to a more worthy cause than that of serving the youth of our race.

I enjoyed the conference I attended last year in Washington immensely and I shall endeavor to attend the conference during the week of January 12.

I shall be glad to do whatever I can to encourage the splendid work you are doing.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

  
C. C. Spaulding

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Nov. 26, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am in receipt of your kind letter of November  
22nd with reference to your Second National  
Conference on the problems of Negro Youth.

It appears that our legislature is in session  
during the dates specified in your letter, but  
I feel that your conference is so important to  
our national life, that it is my duty to attend.  
I am, therefore, accepting your invitation to be  
present. I will endeavor to gather some data  
in the very near future concerning some of our  
local problems that can be used in connection  
with your plans for the conference.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. C. Diggs*  
Chas. C. Diggs,  
State Senator

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December 20, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is just a brief note in reply  
to your letter of December 14th, to say that I shall try  
to arrange my plans to arrive in Washington on the evening  
of January 10th.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

*R. W. Bullock*  
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1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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My dear Dr. Bethune:

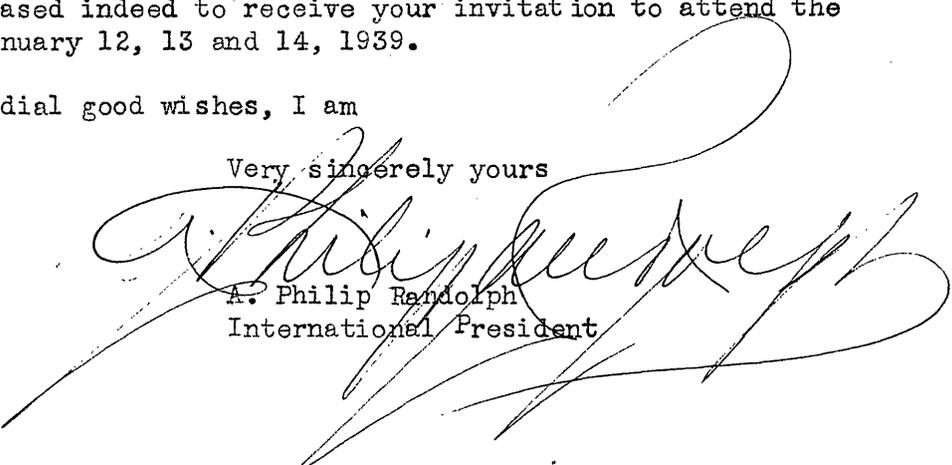
Just a word to say that I shall be happy to share in your proposed conference to evaluate the relationship of the Negro people to the Federal agencies of our government, and to consider the effect and implications of recent legislation to our group.

I recall with a great deal of pleasure the last conference and the dignity, grace, ability and vision with which you directed it.

I am pleased indeed to receive your invitation to attend the conference January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours

  
A. Philip Randolph  
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My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I will serve as Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties and Political Suffrage and, unless something unforeseen comes up, I will be able to attend the meeting at your office on Wednesday, January 11th.

Can you let me have a list of the persons whom you have invited to be at the conference, which will be helpful to me in preparing my material?

Ever sincerely,

Secretary.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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National Youth Administration  
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Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

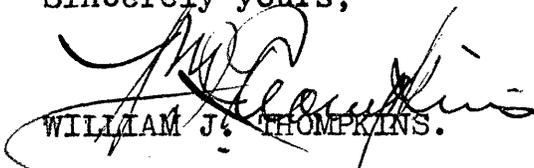
Upon my return to Washington on Friday, your letters were placed before me. Permit me to inform you that the tentative dates for the National meeting on problems of Negroes and Negro youth, January 12, 13, 14, 1939, are satisfactory to me.

I note that Miss Briggs has sent you our annual reports to the President covering the years, 1935 and 1936. I am confident that these reports will cover the information you desire as to the accomplishments of this department, under my administration.

Our 1937 report will soon be off the press. I shall see that you receive a copy of same, as soon as it is available. This report will cover additional progress of the office.

With consideration of my great respect,  
believe me

Sincerely yours,

  
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Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1435 G Street, N. W., Room 725  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Bethune:

I have yours of December 22nd, and note your request that I serve as a member of your Evaluating Committee for the coming Conference and that I plan to meet with the Committee at 10:00 A. M., Wednesday, January 11th.

In reply, let me say that I have protected the tentative dates given me in a letter written several weeks ago and shall be glad to come a day early as you suggest.

With cordial good wishes, and looking forward to a very stimulating conference, I am

Sincerely yours,



C. H. Tobias.

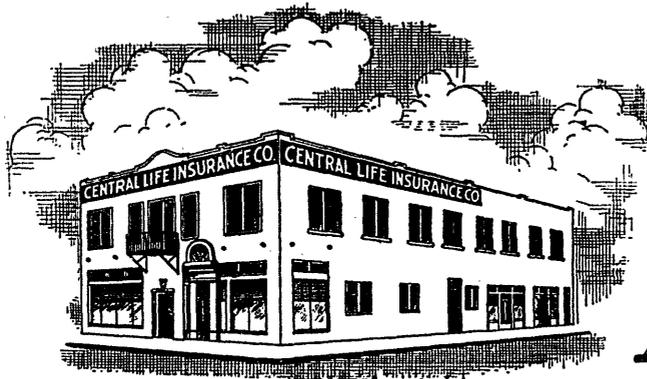
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Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
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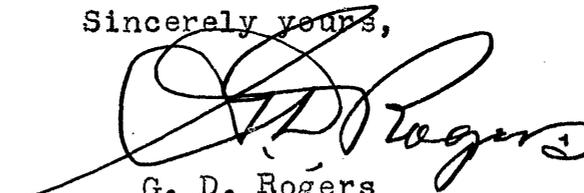
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I wish to thank you for your letter of December 21st in which you indicate that you have selected me to attend the conference on the "Problems of the Negro and the Negro Youth" to be held in Washington January 12-14 inclusive 1939. In said letter you stated that I would be notified concerning transportation by the State director of the National Youth Administration of Florida.

I shall be very pleased to attend this conference, pledging fullest cooperation to your administration and for your efforts to advance the interest and better the condition of our racial group here in America. I will be present on time and would appreciate references from some of the best hotels there.

I hope you enjoyed a very happy Xmas and that a prosperous New Year is in store, I am

Sincerely yours,



G. D. Rogers  
PRESIDENT

GDR-ha

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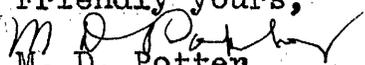
Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I was glad to get your letter of November 23,  
with reference to the conference to be held in Jan-  
uary. You may depend on my presence at the time  
stated. Thank you.

Mrs. Potter has returned from the Mayo Brothers  
Clinic, not well, but I think improving daily.

With best wishes for your success, I am

Friendly yours,

  
M. D. Potter

MDP:ILA

January 3, 1939

Mr. William N. Jones  
Associate Editor  
The Afro-American  
628 North Eutaw Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Jones:

Thank you so much for your letter  
of December 30, 1938.

We had previously written to the  
Editor of the Afro-American, inviting him to  
represent your paper at our conference. We  
shall be very happy to have you come to the  
conference. However, since our list has al-  
ready been made up, it will be necessary for  
you to come at your own expense.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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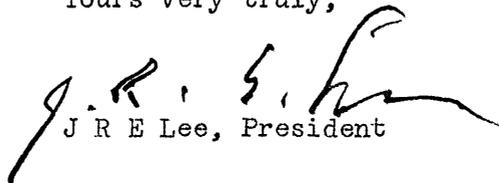
My dear Dr. Bethune:

I thank you for your letter of November 5th inviting me to the conference which will be held January 12, 13, 14, 1939. I appreciate the invitation and I am writing to advise that I shall plan to be present at this conference and to render any service of which I am capable.

Let me congratulate you on your continued strength in the interest of our people.

Mr. Lanier is here and with his exhibition a very impressive showing is being made.

Yours very truly,



J R E Lee, President

JREL:DR

December 30, 1938

Mr. Charles C. Craft  
1628 S Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Craft:

I have gone over the letter which you have sent me and I will be glad to talk with Mr. Hill about it.

We all are anxious to do all that we can in all of these matters.

It is very kind of you to call my attention to these matters. Please continue to keep close contact with me.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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1628 S Street N.W.  
Washington D.C.  
December 23, 1938.

My. Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Please pardon my use of the above letter head. I was downtown and away from my own and wanted you to see the enclosed letter because I felt obligated to reply and did not want to delay same any longer.

These people are unknown to me personally and because of our work in the Council I felt that it would be a good thing to bring the contents to your attention for your recommendation and advice.

Ironically enough this letter was addressed to me at Dr. Thompkins residence but my old address was similar ,except on Tea Street and I got it anyhow.

It appears to me that these people are at least trying to make the necessary contacts and as such I think we should try to help them if we can. I shall meanwhile reply to let them know that I have forwarded their letter for consideration, so they may know some action has been taken.

With kind personal regards and my very best wishes to you for a Happy Xmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely yours,

*Chas. C. Craft*  
Chas. C. Craft.

January 3, 1939

Mr. Josiah F. Henry, Jr.  
Maryland Colored Democracy  
22 St. Paul Street  
Baltimore, Maryland

My dear Mr. Henry:

Thank you so much for your letter of  
December 31, 1938.

We shall be very happy to have you  
attend the conference on the problems of the  
Negro and Negro youth. However, since our list  
has already been completed, it will be necessary  
for you to come at your own expense.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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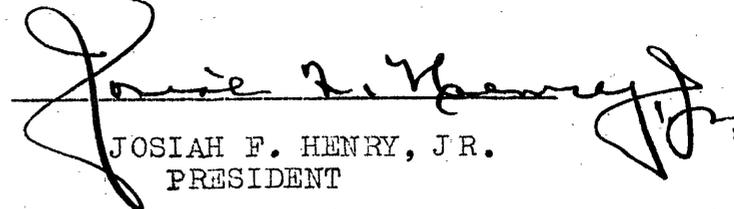
My dear Mrs Bethune:-

We have been advised by the newspapers  
that a second Negro Conference is called by the  
N. Y. A.

Over here in Maryland we are trying to  
do some things for the betterment of our people.  
We have just elected a young Democrat as Governor  
and he has indicated from past performances that  
we might expect as much from him as we received  
from the Republicans, and more. As young men  
who are sort of taking the lead in the Democratic  
political situation in Maryland among Colored  
people, we want to be well informed as to the  
things that are being done for Colored groups  
in other States, so we will know what to ask for  
and exact for the people in our own State. We  
feel that we could profit by sitting in on your  
Conference and will appreciate the opportunity  
thus to do, if you will so advise us if it will  
be O.K. We would like to send two representa-  
tives.

Yours very truly,

MARYLAND COLORED DEMOCRACY

  
JOSIAH F. HENRY, JR.  
PRESIDENT

JFHJr:L

January 3, 1939

Mr. Edward A. Hughes  
405 High Street  
Cambridge, Maryland

My dear Mr. Hughes:

Thank you for your letter of  
December 30, 1938.

We will be very happy to have you  
attend the conference on the problems of the  
Negro and Negro Youth. I regret that I did  
not hear from you sooner, so that I might have  
included you on the original list. As it is  
now, it will be necessary for you to come at  
your own expense.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 30, 1938

Mrs Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
Division of Negro Affairs  
*Washington, D. C.*

Dear Mrs Bethune;

The contents of a news item on the front page of the "Baltimore Sun" paper this A.M. arrested my attention and prompted me to write you. I refer to the article announcing the second Negro Conference on Youth problems. The contents brought to my mind the similar problems I referred to, in my letter to you on July 30, 1938.

Since my letter to you, we have held two "Youth Conference" according to the enclosed program. Mr. Elder Russel of the Maryland division of your department was present at each Conference and several other civic and educational leaders. I am wondering if in selecting your list of delegates from Maryland that you would consider some one from the counties of Maryland who has a knowledge of Maryland's rural Negro Youth's problems and needs.

In my contact with our rural Youth leaders I find the foregoing statement to be facts. I rather think Mr. Elder Russel observed the same to be true, for which visiting our Conferences he had an opportunity to compare the Metropolis Baltimore with rural Maryland.

Any information that my organization has collected I will be glad to turn over to you. I do feel that a field agent for rural Maryland at large could do much in collaborating the Youth activities of kindred organizations and aid in carrying out any program that your department might set up. Since your conference is to be non-partisian our organization would be glad to cooperate.

Trusting we can be of some service, I beg to remain

Respectfully yours,

*Edward A. Hughes*  
Edward A. Hughes

FIRST ANNUAL YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sponsored by

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND HEALTH

of

THE MARYLAND CONGRESS OF PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS

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"WESTERN SHORE DIVISION"

to be held at

MARYLAND STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

BOWIE, MARYLAND

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 1938

"EASTERN SHORE DIVISION"

to be held at

*St. Clair High School*  
~~PRINCESS ANNE COLLEGE~~

*Cambridge*

~~PRINCESS ANNE~~, MARYLAND

*Nov.*  
SATURDAY, ~~OCTOBER~~ 5, 1938

THEME OF CONFERENCE

"BUILDING THE EFFICIENT YOUTH"

EACH CONFERENCE WILL BE SUB-DIVIDED INTO FIVE "GROUP SESSIONS",  
ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M. - REGISTRATION

9:00 A.M. - OPENING SESSION

- A. Devotions
- B. Opening Address
- C. Welcome Address and Response
- D. Presentation of the Program
- E. Introduction of "Group Speakers"

10:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. - First Group Session - "RECREATION"  
Speaker - Professor Howard Cornish - Morgan College

11:00 A.M. to 12 Noon - Second Group Session - "CIVIC RESPONSIBILITIES"  
Speaker - Dr. D. O. W. Holmes - President - Morgan College -  
(Western Shore)  
Speaker - Mr. O'Hara Lanier - N. Y. A. Administrator  
(Eastern Shore)

12 Noon to 1:00 P.M. - Third Group Session - "RELIGIOUS EDUCATION"  
Speaker - Dr. W. A. T. Miles - President of Young Peoples Society  
Delaware Conference M. E. Church

1:00 P.M. to 2:00 P.M. - Third Dinner and Fellowship Hour  
SPECIAL SERVICES

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. - Fourth Group Session (Social Hygiene) (Ages 16 to 24  
Mrs. V. White Delagates)  
Mrs. Hill  
Mr. L. S. Moore

2:00 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. - Demonstration Period  
Delagates 12 to 15 and public  
Demonstration by "Safety Councils" of  
(State Department of Highway)  
(State P.T.A. Chairmans)

3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. All Groups Session - (Health)  
-Speaker- Dr. R. H. Riley - Director - Maryland State  
Department of Health

4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. - General Assembly

ELIGIBLE DELEGATES:

1. One boy and one girl from junior class of each county high school
2. One post graduate (alumnae from twelve to twenty-four years old) county or large town.
3. One delegate from every organized youth organization or auxiliary.
4. One boy and one girl from each church league (District or County) of all denominations:
5. AGES: twelve to twenty-four - Registration Fee - 50¢ - *including dinner to all.*

NOTE: If your organization has not received an invitation write the "CONFERENCE DIRECTOR" today for registration blank and complete information.

MARYLAND CONGRESS OF PARENT TEACHERS ASSOCIATIONS  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE AND HEALTH  
(Send all communication to)

E. A. Hughes  
405 High Street  
Cambridge, Md. - Fourth Vice President and Conference  
Director.

Mrs. Cora L. Pinkney, President  
Miss E. M. Throckmorton-Executive Secretary  
Mr. P. L. Moore, Chairman - Youth Conference Committee

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Juvenile Protection - Miss Myrtle Patten, R.N.

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REGISTRATION AND CREDENTIAL FORM

MARYLAND PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION YOUTH CONFERENCE

Please register our delegates for the Eastern or Western Shore Youth Conference  
Saturday \_\_\_\_\_ 1938.

Name of Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Type of Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ No. of members \_\_\_\_\_

Delegates Names: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTE: State whether boy or girl - (3 and 4 line for Alternates.

Secretary's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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This is to certify that the following named persons and their alternates  
are registered on our books as delegates to the youth conference to be held at  
\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ 1938, and a fee of 50¢ per  
delegate has been received.

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
2. \_\_\_\_\_  
3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in and mail top form to the conference director with 50¢ per delegate by:  
October 14, for Western Shore - and Eastern Shore October 27,

CONFERENCE DIRECTOR - 405 High Street - Cambridge, Maryland

January 3, 1939

Dr. Carl G. Roberts  
152 West Division Street  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Roberts:

I shall be glad to talk with you concerning the engagement with Mrs. Roosevelt when you come to the conference.

Please bring the materials with you.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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DR. CARL GLENNIS ROBERTS

152 W. DIVISION STREET  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 29, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
1754 New York Ave. N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

We appreciated your Christmas cards very much indeed. Mrs. Roberts joins me in extending to you Seasonal Greetings and wishing for you all the joys and happiness that your life so richly merits. May the coming year multiply all of the blessings that Providence and Prosperity have showered upon you during the years that have passed and may you be spared through many years to come for the great work to which you are indispensable.

I am looking forward to the Conference of the National Youth Administration January 12th. to 14th. I am also wondering if it would be possible for you and me to approach Mrs. Roosevelt concerning the Forum engagement. I am exceedingly anxious to have both of you appear here together. The people are still talking about the address you made at the Forum in November.

I shall be guided entirely by your advice; if you think January will be a propitious time to approach Mrs. Roosevelt concerning this matter, I shall come prepared with telegrams, petitions, etc. together with any other material you may think pertinent to the success of our purpose.

Forgive me for trespassing upon your time because I know every minute of it is occupied in important, weighty matters, but I think you already know how near to my heart this project is. If it is possible to extend this invitation to Mrs. Roosevelt in a personal interview, I know further that you are the one person in America that can arrange it.

Again with sincere regards and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, I am,

Cordially,

*Carl G. Roberts*

CGR:FBP

January 4, 1939

Mrs. Juanita Jackson Mitchell  
737 St. Anthony Street  
St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Mitchell:

We are asking you to lead the discussion on Youth and Civil Liberties and to organize the Youth Panel with the assistance of Miss Pauline Redmond of Chicago, Mr. Edward Strong of Richmond, Virginia, Mr. Nathaniel Doggett, President of the Student Council at Howard University and Mr. Stanley Jackson, President of the Student Council at Miner Teachers College.

We are specifically asking each Discussion Leader to limit their statement to ten minutes.

Looking forward with pleasure to seeing you at our conference, I am

Very sincerely yours,

MMB/hw  
Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

December 13, 1938

Bishop W. J. Wells  
4736 South Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Bishop Wells:

May I say how much I regret your inability to be with us at our conference on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. From our point of view, it is a vitally important conference.

I have read with interest, your letter to President John W. Davis.

My office informs me that a report was sent to you in Chicago and that one was given to you at one time when you were in the office here. I am so sorry that the receiving of these reports have not registered itself upon your mind. I think when we look through carefully, or even casually, we will find that many helpful things have grown out of our conference of two years ago. Of course, all of the things we desired have not happened, but I believe enough has been done to warrant our meeting again and facing squarely our problems and putting forth another effort to have something done about them.

Any suggestions you may have to offer, after reading the report, will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MM:Jhw

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December 10, 1938.

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
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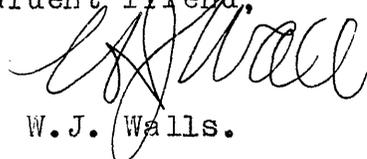
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I am mailing you a copy of the letter which I wrote Mr. John W. Davis. This will say better than I can re-state how I feel about the meeting which you propose in January. I certainly do feel that a meeting is necessary and would attend if set on a date when I could reach it but it just so happens that January 12 is in the week of our Bishops' meeting at Memphis, Tennessee where I am compelled to be at that time. I would not dare ask that the meeting be shifted for my convenience, but if the majority of the people wish another date I shall be glad to attend.

Meantime, my heart still goes with you in your phenomenal work for our group. I am glad you are well and happy and I take this occasion to renew my prayers and best wishes made for your continued health and strength for the great task.

Believe me I am always,

Your ardent friend,

  
W. J. Walls.

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FIFTH EPISCOPAL DISTRICT, A.M.E. ZION CHURCH

Bishop W.J. Walls, Presiding,  
4736 South Parkway,  
Chicago, Illinois

November 18, 1938.

President John W. Davis,  
West Virginia State College,  
Institute, West Virginia.

My dear Dr. Davis:

I would suggest Chicago as the meeting place for the Committee on Education of the N.Y.A. A good meeting might be held during the week after Thanksgiving, or the following week. Perhaps some Monday would be a good day or Friday, in either case it should be a week-end.

I would like to know myself what has been done as a follow-up of the last Conference at Washington. I have not heard much about it since, for I did not receive a copy of the report that went to Mr. Roosevelt. So I cannot make much suggestion here. Some mistake was made in sending me the report which Mrs. Bethune was to correct but which she did not perhaps get to it. Is Government money going to the State schools as recommended? Did Mr. Roosevelt approve of the idea of helping private schools? What became of the effort to correct some of the farm tenant abuses, etc.? Is the housing proposition going forward with enough speed? In cities like Cleveland and Chicago I understand the work has not made much progress.

Well, these are general problems of course. Somehow, I feel that the name of the Conference should be changed because it proposes to take up the whole Government range of Negro interest. It

Dr. Davis,

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would be more appropriate to call it a Conference of Negro Affairs  
In the Government. I am sure I have not helped you any. I shall  
be glad to co-operate further with you in these mutual matters Dr.  
Davis.

Very friendly yours,

W.J. Walls.

January 4, 1939

Mr. Robert R. Taylor, Manager  
Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments  
47th and Michigan Avenue  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Taylor:

We are asking you to make a presentation  
on Housing on Thursday evening, January 12, 1939.

Because of the limited time we will have  
for our conference, we are asking our speakers to  
limit their statements to ten minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

January 4, 1939

Dr. John B. West  
924 M Street, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. West:

We are asking you to make a presentation on Health at our coming conference on the problems of the Negro and Negro Youth. This session will be held on Thursday evening, January 12, 1939.

Because of the limited time we will have for our conference, we are asking our speakers to limit their statements to ten minutes.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

December 7, 1938

Mr. George E. Cohron  
2588 Seventh Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Cohron:

Thank you for your letter of December 5 and for  
your suggestions for the conference here in January.

We shall depend largely upon your advice and  
assistance with regard to the evaluation and information  
concerning the Social Security Act.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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2538 Seventh Avenue, Apt 5-S  
New York, New York

December 5, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D C

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

As suggested in your letter of November 22 in connection with the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth I offer the following suggestion:

That consideration be given by the conference to the proposed amendments to the Social Security Act as submitted by the President, Advisory Council and the Board - the purpose of which is to submit recommendations from the Council for those provisions which we as a group feel we can subscribe to and endorse.

That the conference give serious consideration to the Social Security Program, its method of administration, especially as it relates to the Negro from the viewpoints of

1. Employment

A. Federal

- (a) National
- (b) Regional
- (c) City

B. Federal-State Program

- (a) National
- (b) State
- (c) Municipal

2. Dispensation of Information

3. Justice and rights in all sections of the country.

Looking forward to seeing you and rendering whatever assistance I can in helping to make this conference equal to or exceed the achievements of our last, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
George E. Gannon.

December 14, 1938

Mr. Ralph W. Bullock  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Bullock:

I am so happy to know that it will be possible for you to be with us at our conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth in January.

I do hope it will be possible for you to arrange to be in Washington by Tuesday evening, January 10, in order that we may go over the agenda for the conference and other things of importance that should be attended to before the conference begins.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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347 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

December 12, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, Northwest  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your letter of December 5th, I am writing to say that I shall plan my schedule for January 1939, so as to attend the conference which you are calling to meet on January 12th, 13th, 14th.

When I talked with you a few days ago, you indicated that perhaps you would want me to come to Washington a day or so prior to the conference dates. As soon as you are certain about this, I should appreciate it very much if you would let me know, so that I may make the necessary adjustments in my schedule in order to serve you.

With cordial wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

  
R. W. Bullock

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December 14, 1938

Dr. John W. Davis, President  
West Virginia State College  
Institute, West Virginia

My dear Dr. Davis:

Thank you so much for your letter of  
December 9, 1938.

Dr. Lee has received an invitation to  
the conference and has accepted. At the time  
you wrote to him, the formal letter of invita-  
tion has not been received by him.

We are looking forward with pleasure to  
seeing you in January.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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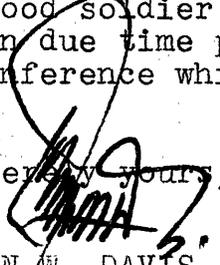
JOHN W. DAVIS  
PRESIDENT

Dear Dr. Bethune:

Enclosed please find copy of letter which I have just received from our mutual friend, Dr. J. R. E. Lee. His name was sent to me recently as a member of the committee on education and recreation. For this reason, I wrote Dr. Lee on the matter of immediate service for our committee.

You will note that Dr. Lee's communication rather definitely suggests his services in keeping with any work which you would wish to have done. He is a good soldier in the cause and I hope will receive in due time proper and adequate invitations to the conference which you have in mind.

Sincerely yours,

  
JOHN W. DAVIS  
President

Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs, N Y A  
1340 G Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

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THE FLORIDA A. & M. COLLEGE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLA.

DECEMBER

SIXTH

1938

President John W. Davis  
West Virginia State College  
Institute, West Virginia

My dear President Davis:

Just before I went to Chicago you wrote me that you thought Mrs. Bethune was calling a conference some time soon. The fact that you wrote me led me to think that perhaps I might be called into that conference. I have heard nothing with reference to it directly and I am wondering if the conference is called. Of course I am not seeking an invitation, but would like to make my plans if I am likely to be called to Washington since there are a number of other matters that must come up from now on until the next month or two. Of course I would not plan to go unless I received a direct invitation. Perhaps the conference is called off. I thought you would know.

Yours very truly,

JREL:DR

J. R. E. Lee, President

December 14, 1938

Mr. Charles P. Browning  
222 West North Park Drive  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mr. Browning:

Thank you so much for your letter of December 1, 1938. We are very happy to know that you will be with us in January for our conference.

An invitation has been extended to Mr. Robert R. Taylor and Mr. Robert B. Abbott or one of his representatives. We have had no reply from either as yet.

I look forward with pleasure to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

NATIONAL YOUTH ADMINISTRATION  
OF ILLINOIS

MERCHANDISE MART—222 W. NORTH BANK DRIVE

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

WILLIAM J. CAMPBELL  
State Director

Telephone: DELAWARE 6226

December 1, 1938

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue NW  
Washington, D. C.

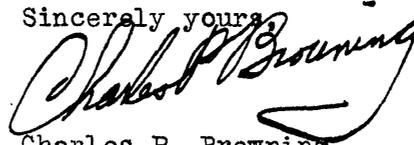
My dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is to acknowledge your recent letter relative to the conference for January 12, 13, and 14. Mr. Campbell has given me his approval and I expect to be in attendance. Please request Mr. Gilstrap to give the usual authority for travel outside of the state.

At the time of our recent visit in the Chicago Union Station, we discussed some names for delegates to the conference. I would like to recommend that you consider Mr. R. R. Taylor, 54 East 47th Street, Manager of the Rosenwald Building, as a Chicago representative, inasmuch as he has had valuable experience in planning housing programs and small businesses. In addition, I believe that someone from the Chicago Defender should attend this conference. A letter might be directed to Mr. Abbott suggesting that he designate a representative from his organization. If you will inform me of your decision, I will discuss the matter with him and see that the proper person is selected.

In the event I can be of some further assistance to you in the planning and execution of the conference, please do not hesitate to call upon me. When I see you, I will have a number of matters to discuss as well as the plans completed which you asked me to develop on a proposed regional resident project.

Sincerely yours,



Charles P. Browning  
Assistant State Director

CPB:lw

P.S. Mr. Lanier was in the office today. All reports indicate that he made a substantial contribution to the conference. I enjoyed my few moments of discussion with him. Hello to the girls.

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I MAILED AN EARLY REPLY LAST MONTH ACCEPTED THE OPPORTUNITY GRANTED ME THROUGH YOU AND STATED CLEARLY THAT I WOULD BE PRESENT I CANT UNDERSTAND WHY YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE LETTER HOPING THINGS WILL STAY AS YOU SUGGESTED IN MY FAVOR=

DR E A GRAHAM\*

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December 14, 1938

Dr. E. A. Graham  
602 Second Avenue  
Daytona Beach, Florida

My dear Dr. Graham:

Thank you so much for your telegram. We want to apologize, because this morning your letter was discovered among other mail that should have been received by our office two weeks ago.

We are sending you a copy of the report of the last conference so that you may read it carefully and be acquainted with the general idea of the coming conference. We are looking forward to your being with us in January and helping us to think what our next step will be.

You will be advised later, through our State Director in Florida, regarding transportation.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

608 1/2 Second Avenue,  
Daytona Beach, Fla.  
November 28, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Your letter of November 22<sup>nd</sup> received and carefully read. I was out of the city when it came, hence the delay. In reply, I must say that one of my long-cherished hopes seems about to be realized, that of participating in a meeting such as you have suggested.

I shall be happy to attend a conference called to discuss the problems of importance pertaining to my people and the necessity of bringing them to the attention of the Federal Government.

At present, I have no suggestions to offer and will consider subject in detail before doing so.

Thanks very much for extending me this invitation and shall expect details when completed.

Sincerely yours,  
Edward A. Graham, D.D.S.

December 14, 1938

Mr. L. H. Foster  
Treasurer-Business Manager  
Virginia State College  
Petersburg, Virginia

My dear Mr. Foster:

We are so happy that you can come to us for the conference. Your expenses will be taken care of through our State Director in Virginia.

May I ask if it will be possible for you to arrange your program so that during the month of February, when I plan to be in Florida, it will be possible for you to come down for a day or two. I have some problems that I want to work out with you in connection with the work at my school. It is my plan to leave for Florida shortly after the conference and spend a month resting at the school. I do hope it will be possible for you to do this.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 12, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, Director  
Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

This is the first day that I have been in the office during the past week. This accounts for delay in making definite reply to your letter of December fifth.

I shall be very glad to try to attend the conference to which you refer. If it is too late to arrange for transportation, etc., do not bother about this. My expenses will be met in some other way. I shall arrange to contact you some time during the month if you are in Washington and talk further about the proposed conference.

With every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

  
L. H. Foster  
Treasurer-Business Manager

LHF:WDC

December 19, 1938

Mr. Matthew D. Bullock  
334 Washington Street  
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Mr. Bullock:

We have received your letter of acceptance and have placed your name on our list as one of the guests of the conference to be held in January, 1939.

You will receive information regarding your transportation through the office of our State Youth Director.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division Negro Affairs

MMB/hw

MATTHEW W. BULLOCK  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
OLD SOUTH BUILDING  
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

December 16, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your invitation to participate in the National Youth Administration Conference to be held in Washington January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. However, it will be necessary for me to be sure that you received my acceptance before I make certain arrangement concerning my work while I am out of the city. A word from you acknowledging receipt of my acceptance will enable me to go ahead with my arrangements and will be very much appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

*Matthew W. Bullock*

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December 22, 1938

Mr. Ralph W. Bullock  
347 Madison Avenue  
New York City

My dear Mr. Bullock:

We are asking that you serve as a member of the Evaluating Committee for the coming conference. This committee is asked to meet one day ahead of the others to help prepare evaluation reports. Will you, therefore, plan to be at my office, 1435 G Street, Northwest at 10 A.M., Wednesday, January 11, 1939. May we depend upon you?

Will you please make a terse statement of what you think has been accomplished and what you think are the next steps for us to take. Any other suggestions you may have to offer will be greatly appreciated.

The conference will be held in Conference Rooms A and B in the departmental auditorium of the Department of Labor. Registration from 8 to 9:30 A.M. Thursday, January 12. All delegates are requested to put in three full days at the conference. If this cannot be done, please notify us. Should you desire living accommodations, please inform us immediately.

You will be notified concerning your transportation by the State Youth Director in your state. Do not make arrangements for travel until you have been contacted by him.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 22, 1938

The Honorable  
Arthur W. Mitchell  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Mitchell:

We are holding an important conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, bringing together a cross section of Negroes over the country to again face the problems confronting the Negro group and to study their integration and participation in the program of the government.

We should be very happy to have you set aside a few moments of your time during any of these meetings to come in and greet the delegates and give to them the opportunity of meeting you. Whatever time is convenient for you, will be most satisfactory to us.

The conference will be held on January 12, 13 and 14, 1939 in the departmental auditorium, Conference Rooms A and B, Department of Labor. The opening session will be at 10 A.M., Thursday, January 12.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 19, 1938

Mr. C. A. Franklin, Editor  
The Kansas City Call  
1715 East 18th Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Mr. Franklin:

Inasmuch as I have not heard from you in reply to our letter inviting you to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, I take it that it is not convenient for you to be with us. It has therefore been necessary for us to name some one else in your place.

I do regret exceedingly that we could not have you present at this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

December 19, 1938

Mr. Paul Williams  
3839 Wilshire Boulevard  
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Williams:

Inasmuch as I have not heard from you in reply to our letter of December 5, 1938, inviting you to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, I take it that it is not convenient for you to be with us. It has therefore been necessary for us to name someone else in your place.

I do regret exceedingly that we could not have you present at this meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 19, 1938

Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley  
Department of Labor  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Oxley:

We are holding a very important conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 13, 13 and 14, 1939 in the Departmental Auditorium in your building.

There will be one hundred or more out-of-town guests for this conference and we would like the same arrangements, as were made last year, for luncheon for these visitors on each day of the conference at 1:15 P.M.

Will you be kind enough to let us know as soon as possible regarding these arrangements.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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December 17, 1938

Dr. Doxie A. Wilkerson  
Howard University  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Wilkerson:

In pursuance to our conversation, I am asking you to go ahead with your evaluation of what has happened since the last conference in education.

We are appointing you as a member of the Evaluation Committee and will notify you of further details and meetings.

Please go ahead with your report. I am most appreciative of your sincere efforts to make our conference a worthwhile contribution to the life of the Negro, with a clear interpretation of his problems and the relationship of the Federal Government to attempted solutions.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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November 18, 1938

President John W. Davis  
West Virginia State College  
Institute, west Virginia

My dear Dr. Davis:

I would suggest Chicago as the meeting place for the Committee on Education of the N Y A. A good meeting might be held during the week after Thanksgiving, or the following week. Perhaps some Monday would be a good day or Friday; in either case it should be a week-end.

I would like to know myself what has been done as a follow-up of the last Conference at Washington. I have not heard much about it since, for I did not receive a copy of the report that went to Mr. Roosevelt, so I cannot make much suggestion here. Some mistake was made in sending me the report which Mrs. Bethune was to correct but which she did not perhaps get to it. Is Government money going to the State schools as recommended? Did Mr. Roosevelt approve of the idea of helping private schools? What became of the effort to correct some of the farm tenant abuses, etc? Is the housing proposition going forward with enough speed? In cities like Cleveland and Chicago, I understand the work has not made much progress.

Well, these are general problems, of course. Somehow, I feel that the name of the Conference should be changed because it proposes to take up the whole Government range of Negro interest. It

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COPY FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Dr. Davis

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would be more appropriate to call it a Conference of Negro Affairs  
in the Government. I am sure I have not helped you any. I shall  
be glad to cooperate further with you in these mutual matters Dr.  
Davis.

Very friendly yours,

W. J. Walls

November 14, 1938

The Honorable  
The Secretary of Labor  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Madam Secretary:

We are planning a conference of Negro leaders on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth, January 12, 13 and 14, 1939.

We should like to have the active participation of Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley, Mr. J. Arthur Weisiger, Miss Vinita Lewis and Mr. Harry S. McAlpen, who are in your department.

Your permission for them to take part in these meetings and to prepare such data and exhibits as will give the delegates to the conference a clearer picture of the relationship of the Federal Government to the Negro in your department, will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Aubrey Williams  
Executive Director

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December 6, 1938

Mrs. Carita V. Roane  
200 West 135th Street  
New York City

My dear Mrs. Roane:

I am so happy to know that it will be possible  
for you to attend the conference.

Your expenses will be taken care of, both your  
transportation and per diem. Thanks for your sug-  
gestions.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
National Youth Administration,  
1734 New York Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Following is the letter I received from the Director  
of the Division of Placement & Unemployment Insurance, with  
reference to my attendance at the National Conference:

"Referring to your memorandum of November 28th in  
which you request permission for Mrs. Roane to attend  
the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro  
and Negro Youth to be held in Washington on January  
12th, 13th, and 14th, permission is granted to Mrs.  
Roane to attend this Conference if her expenses are  
paid by the National Youth Administration."

Kindly let me hear from you with reference to the  
above matter.

Very sincerely yours,

*Carita V. Roane*

Carita V. Roane  
Manager

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune,  
National Youth Administration,  
1734 New York Avenue N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

Although I have not heard officially from the District Superintendent as to my attendance at the meeting in Washington, January 12, 13, and 14th, I feel quite confident that I will be released to attend. If the time is not given officially, I have sufficient overtime which can be used for this purpose.

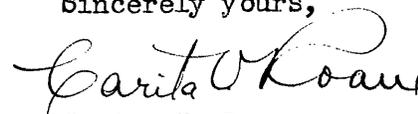
It seems to me that one of the vital matters affecting our group is that of apprenticeship. As you know, apprenticeship is tied in closely with the unions and many of the A.F. of L. unions bar Negroes from membership and thereby automatically bar young colored men from apprenticeship. Unless we can break down these barriers I don't see a very bright future for the young men who want to become skilled mechanics.

Some time ago when the Tri-Borough Bridge was being erected in New York City we received a call for iron workers. The contractor insisted upon having young men because of the great height at which these people had to work. Now we all know that the majority of the iron workers are older men. Many of the colored men learned the trade during the boom in ship-building during the recent "World-War". Since that time there has been little opportunity for our group to enter this field. I merely mention this as an incident pertinent to the subject of apprenticeship.

Mr. Lester Granger, who is now working with the Welfare Council on leave of absence from the National Urban League, knows so much about this topic that he would be an excellent person to open the discussion. On the other hand, Mr. T. Arnold Hill is also thoroughly familiar with the field.

With best wishes for the success of the Conference, I am,

Sincerely yours,



Carita V. Roane  
Manager

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December 6, 1938

Mr. Robert L. Vann  
Pittsburg Courier  
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania

My dear Mr. Vann:

We regret exceedingly your inability to be with us for this important conference January 12, 13 and 14, 1939. I had so much depended upon you as a co-chairman with me to help steer this conference, and work out with the representative men and women who will come to it, some approach to the great problems that are now confronting us.

I don't know how I shall do without you. I had hoped you would be able to come a day ahead and talk the whole thing over with me.

Thank you so much for the suggestion contained in your letter as to our agreement to present some of the results of our last conference. We shall put forth a very definite effort to have such matter on hand. Any facts that you have gleaned that can be of service to us, please send them to us.

I hope you will have a wide awake representative of the Courier to the conference. I wish very much that Julia Jones could do it.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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November 30, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Bethune:

I have your letter of November 23, asking me to attend another conference, such as you held in Washington about two years ago. I am dreadfully sorry I will have to forego the pleasure this time, because in January, I expect to be very busy looking after local matters here in the State.

May I suggest that you be prepared to state to your conference the answer of the President of the United States to the special report of the conference, which was sent to him two years ago. I mention this in order that you may be armed with some material which will answer many of the questions that probably will be asked you both at the conference and in the public press.

Yours very truly,

  
Robert L. Vann

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December 6, 1938

Mr. Rufus Clement, President  
Atlanta University  
Atlanta, Georgia

My dear Mr. Clement:

We regret exceedingly your inability to be with us for this important conference only on the last day.

Inasmuch as you cannot be here for the participation in the formation of the subject matter, we wish to present, we shall be very glad to simply receive you as a visitor who will drop in, and we will place someone in your place for the regular conference session. We are asking the Government to take care of the expenses of these participants and it will mean full time service that we must ask of them.

I do regret very much your inability to be here, because we need you.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

November 29, 1938

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune  
National Youth Administration  
1734 New York Avenue, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

Thank you for your invitation to attend the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth.

I shall be very happy to attend this conference, but find that in all likelihood I can be present for one day only, January 14. The Association of American Colleges meets in Louisville, Kentucky, on January 12 and 13, and I have already obligated myself to be present at that meeting. I am afraid that you will find the same conflict in the schedules of other college presidents who would be invited to the Washington meeting.

Sincerely yours,

*Rufus E. Clement*

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December 5, 1938

Dr. M. O. Bousfield  
Director for Negro Health  
Julius Rosenwald Fund  
4901 Ellis Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Dr. Bousfield:

Thanks for your kind and thoughtful suggestions. We have written an invitation to Mr. Robert Taylor and to Dr. John West. We shall be glad to have them placed on your committee and you may get in touch with them as early as you desire.

I recognize the fact that we must weed out the weak and substitute people who can handle the subject.

I shall look forward with pleasure to seeing you again.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune  
Director, Division of Negro Affairs

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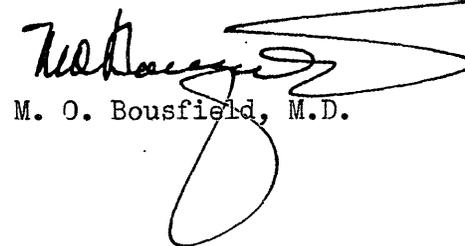
November 29, 1938

Dear Mrs. Bethune: May I acknowledge receipt of the notice of the National Conference on the Problems of the Negro and Negro Youth to be held in Washington, D. C., on January 12, 13, and 14, 1939. These dates are entirely satisfactory to me.

I have no pets among the names on the list which I submitted as additional members of my committee. It is my opinion that any or all of these persons would strengthen a group which is (if I may say so confidentially) unusually weak for the important job which you have assigned to them. I call attention to this because it is my hope that you will add personnel to this committee which actually has experience in health and housing. If I did not include the name of Robert R. Taylor, manager of the Michigan Boulevard Garden Apartments, 47th and Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, I should like to submit it now.

May I take this opportunity to send you early Christmas greetings and best wishes for the New Year. Your influence is constantly increasing and I am sure that the universal appraisal of your work is most favorable.

Very truly yours,



M. O. Bousfield, M.D.

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