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International Ladies Auxiliary Jan.-June 1943

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International Office  
Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

January 6, 1943

- GENERAL LETTER -

Dear Member:

This is to inform you that copies of the Rules and Regulations of the Ladies Auxiliary are now available. The Auxiliary is being requested to canvass the membership to ascertain how many individual members desire a copy of these regulations at the price of Ten Cents (10¢) a copy. After this has been ascertained the auxiliary is advised to send a money order covering the desired number to this office. It is suggested that extra copies be ordered where possible so as to have a supply available for the new members who will be joining from time to time. This will also effect a saving of time and labor.

Many thanks for the lovely greetings that were received during the holiday season just coming to a close. I trust each of you will have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

TO ALL ZONE SUPERVISORS

January 7, 1943

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter  
1st International Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary B.S.C.P.  
103 West 111st Street  
New York City

Dear Sister Lassiter:

A letter was sent to each local secretary-treasurer to the effect that monthly financial statements would be required henceforth. When no dues have been collected a statement containing this information is required also. This will enable the International Auxiliary to know what is transpiring from month to month whereas six or eight months pass between reports it will be all but impossible to keep informed regarding local conditions. Duplicate copies of all such reports are required to be sent to this office. Will you kindly write the secretary-treasurers in your zone and impress upon them the necessity of complying with this request. A check up will be made within the next few weeks, that is, after the International Secretary-Treasurer has sent the necessary supplies at which time suggestions on how to handle the situation where these instructions have not been complied with will be made.

The Rules and Regulations have been printed and are ready for distribution at Ten Cents (10¢) a copy.

The Convention Proceedings will be ready perhaps by the end of the month. Also remind the auxiliaries of the stamps yet on hand and advise that lesser amounts may be purchased at this time.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

January 7, 1913

Mr. Seymour W. Jordan  
1326 Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

I wish to acknowledge with sincere appreciation your letter of recent date in which you so earnestly referred to the present state of my health. Your letter contained much of encouragement and lead me to believe time and faith will be equally as kind to me in that I will be permitted to continue in the work in which I am so deeply interested.

Thanks again for your kindness.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson  
President

HW:le

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THE LADIES AUXILIARY  
TO  
THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
TRAIN, CHAIR CAR, COACH PORTERS AND ATTENDANTS



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January 8, 1943.

Mrs Helena Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary to BSCP  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Friend and Sister:

In response to your letter relative to a trip to Seattle; I find that the transportation fare for a trip through out the Zone, would cost about the same as a trip to Seattle only. The difference in expense would be that incurred by my stop-overs in each of the Divisions. The cost of the trip would be approximately as follows:

Train fare:	First Class-	\$123.97	
	Intermediate	-----	\$101.38
Expense for 6 days enroute		20.00	20.00
Expense for 2 day stop-overs in divisions		30.00	30.00
		30.00	
Total expense for trip 1st class		<u>173.97</u>	
" " " " Intermediate rate			<u>151.38</u>

At least 2 days should be given each division; in that time, I think I could arrange to <sup>1</sup>over books with Secretary-Treasurer, meet with Executive Board, meet with Membership and Education Committees and give the evening to a meeting with the Auxiliary. However, I do not think this the appropriate season for a successful trip, owing to weather conditions and the uncertainty in travel; early spring would be equally as uncertain, due to the melting of snow on the mountains causing overflows, which naturally affect transportation. Since the sole purpose for making trip is to meet the <sup>1</sup>wives and women relatives of the porters

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and to instruct and inspire them in the work of the Auxiliary, I would *suggest* making the trip later in the year ,possibly May or June.

Your instruction to Sister Warren ,Secretary-Treasurer of Salt Lake division relative to monthly financial reports does not conflict with any instructions given by me ,since I do not give out instructions in my Zone that are not in the Rules and Regulations or bulletins from your office.

From a letter received from Brother Dellums a few days ago; I find that the Oakland Division has not cleared up its financial record as yet. This is a regrettable situation . Sister Nutall gave me the understanding that was taken care of at the Convention. Please give me details of this case as you know them.

I am of the opinion . that the Supervisors receiving and okaying the financial reports of her divisions would eliminate some of the delay and confusion we are now having. As it is now, we do not know the financial status of the auxiliaries until the semi-annual report is submitted by the International Secretary-Treasurer.

The Secretary-Treasurer of the Los Angeles division informs me that her reports are being sent in regularly. The Auxiliary is almost 100% paid up in dues ; Some have paid for the year of 1943, altho the attendance is not up to normal, due to weather conditions, dim out rules, a crime wave, gas rationing and defense work. WE are planning a membership Drive to start the last of the month.

I have not been at all well during the past 2 or 3 months, hence the *delay* in answering correspondence, however I am feeling a great deal better at present.

Mr Murray Joins me in sending kindest regards to you and Brother Wilson

Fraternally  
*Letitia Murray*  
Letitia Murray  
Int'l Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

International Office  
Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

January 10, 1943

Dear Friend:

I recently had the pleasure of communicating with Brother Scarborough regarding an auxiliary to the Train Porters in Parsons, Kansas and elsewhere in that district. After an exchange of several letters Brother Scarborough was requested to send the names and addresses of all the prospective auxiliary members so a letter could be written to each.

As we all know the world today is organizing, cooperating and planning for a better world of tomorrow and Negroes must not fail now to do likewise. All that is taking place in the world today in so far as the democratic forces are concerned is being done to protect home life and to insure a better existence for future generations of mankind. Well-meaning men of today are not thinking so much of the survival of their own families but they are thinking and planning for the survival of the entire human race. The Negro may not play a very important part in shaping the plans for the survival of humanity at large but he can plan for his own rights to a better and freer life when this dreadful war is ended and this is what the Brotherhood and its Auxiliary are attempting to impress upon its members.

In unity, organization, cooperation and unionization there is strength, therefore, a better chance of survival. I was glad to know that you are amongst those who see the wisdom of such logic and I trust each of you as you understand better and realize the part you can play in building dignity, power and respect for the race that you will become imbued with an even stronger desire to contribute to the general development of an organization such as this. Until that time I shall be glad to assist in every way possible.

Very truly yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

International Office  
Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
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January 11, 1943

Dear President:

Resolution #47, in the 1940 Convention Proceedings requires that each division submit its financial report which is to be made out in triplicate form once every month. The original copy is to be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer; a duplicate copy to be sent to this office and one to be retained by the local secretary-treasurer. You are advised that in instances where no dues have been collected during any current month that a statement to that effect is to be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer and to this office.

A letter advising each secretary-treasurer of this requirement was written several weeks ago and as the presiding officer in your division it is thought that you should be reminded of this rule also so, that you may know that it is your duty together with the local Executive Board to see that this rule is complied with.

It may be that in some instances only 20¢ or 40¢ is collected during a given month and some months perhaps nothing at all but, "a rule is a rule" and the local officials as well as the International Officials are required to see that all rules are enforced, therefore, I trust this office and that of the International Secretary-Treasurer will have your sincere cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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January 13, 1943

Miss Sylvia Beitsher  
Executive Secretary  
National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax  
10 Independence Avenue, S.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Beitsher:

Enclosed please find money order for the amount of  
Five Dollars (\$5.00) which it is hoped will serve  
to further the splendid work being done by the  
committee.

Also enclosed is money order of One Dollar (\$1.00)  
for 100 Repealers being distributed for the Bundles  
for Bilbo Club.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson, President  
Chicago Ladies Auxiliary

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January 15, 1943

Miss Edith I. Childs  
Now Editor, The Black Worker  
217 West 125th Street  
New York City

Dear Miss Childs:

Will you kindly include the enclosed announce-  
ment in each issue of The Black Worker between now  
and April.

Trust you are well and wishing you much success  
throughout this New Year.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le  
Encl.

January 18, 1943

Mrs. Letitia Murray  
Intl. 4th Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
4715 Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sister Murray:

A letter was received from Sister Dionysus Warren, secretary-treasurer of the Salt Lake City Auxiliary stating that in the future the financial reports of that division would be sent the first of every quarter as instructed by me quite some time ago. There has been a reversal of this decision upon advise coming from the International Counsellor. Not knowing what instructions you had given I thought I would inform you that in answer to Sister Warren's letter she will be requested to comply with the more recent instructions pertaining to these reports.

I have consulted Brother Randolph regarding visits for the zone supervisors and I hope to be able to set aside a stipulated amount for that purpose. It seems at present that Seattle would be greatly benefitted with a visit from you and perhaps some of the other divisions also. If you can ascertain the distance and approximate cost of a visit to Seattle it will help in arranging a traveling budget and if you can obtain the related distances in your zone a better itinerary may be outlined. Your suggestions concerning such a trip will be greatly appreciated since our expenditures will have to be limited.

My best wishes to Brother Murray.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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To President Franklin D. Roosevelt, United States of America January 18, 1943 193  
The White House - Washington, D. C.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS DESIRES TO PROTEST  
THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE INVESTIGATION BY THE COMMITTEE ON FAIR EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES  
INTO THE DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES OF THE RAILROADS. SUCH A DELAY TENDS TO CONFIRM  
THE FEARS REGARDING THE STATUS OF THIS COMMITTEE AND IS ALL THE MORE REASON FOR  
THE IMMEDIATE RESUMPTION FOR THIS IMPORTANT INVESTIGATION.

Also: *gwl.*  
Paul V. McNutt, Chairman Halena Wilson, President  
War Manpower Commission  
Washington, D. C.

January 22, 1943

Mr. B. F. McLaurin  
International Field Organizer  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th Street  
New York City

Dear Sir and Brother:

I was informed several weeks ago that conditions weren't so favorable in the Albany Division and have instructed Sister Lassiter to make a visit to the auxiliary, however, her visit was deferred awaiting the proposed trip of the Brotherhood officials.

However, if the Brotherhood is not going to make a trip anyway soon it may be to the best interest of the auxiliary to consider a trip without further delay. Communications from Albany have been very irregular and it is essential that better relations be established there as soon as possible.

After I hear from you regarding your plans for such a trip I shall know better how to advise Sister Lassiter.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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848 Ossington Ave.,  
Toronto Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>/13.

Dear Sister Wilson;

Your letter  
of Jan. 11, came to hand  
and I have instructed  
the secretary-treasurer  
concerning the financial  
report.

I received the pass  
brought by Bro. Jackson  
and gave it to about  
seventeen members who  
were present at our  
last meeting.

At our last meeting I  
instructed the secretary  
to write you for more  
due cards; so if you

have not yet received her  
letter will you send them  
by Bro. Jackson, as he is  
going to your office tomorrow.  
Also will you send  
us some stationery?

We are striving to  
make our Auxiliary a  
strong one and I would  
be glad to hear some  
thing about the Chicago  
Local Auxiliary's activities.  
Hoping to hear from  
you at your convenience

I remain

fraternally yours  
Nina Jackson.

January 25, 1943

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker  
International Secretary-Treasurer  
Ladies Auxiliary B. S. C. P.  
903 You Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Tucker:

I have secured the books from Sister Rowland and I will see that everything is in shape and have been assured by her husband, one of our good Brothers, that if any funds are short he will pay them. Therefore, will you kindly let me know just what the present situation is in connection with your division of the auxiliary? I think it advisable also to send me the standing of each of the members as your records show them, as well as any other information that might be pertinent.

Fraternally yours,  
*C. L. Dellums*  
C. L. Dellums, Supervisor  
Pacific Coast Zone

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cc: Mrs. Halena Wilson  
International President  
4251 South Michigan Avenue  
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Mrs. Letita Murray  
International Vice-President  
4715 Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, Calif.

January 25, 1943

CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

The regular meetings of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary were held at the Brotherhood Headquarters, 4231 South Michigan Avenue, January 7th and 21st with the president, Mrs. Helena Wilson presiding.

During the meeting of January 7th, Sister Wilson made a very informative talk on the current plans of the Coop Buying Club which was considered quite an improvement over the pre-war plans.

The Auxiliary's Spring Dance which is to be Saturday evening, April 3rd was discussed at this meeting also.

A special committee reported on the cigarettes which were donated by the auxiliary during the Christmas holidays to the Service Men's Center.

A tour of the Bowman's Dairy Plant was arranged by Sister Batson at which time cards, prizes and refreshments will be featured. The members are being asked to cooperate as the proceeds from this tour will be turned over to the auxiliary.

Three new members were present at this meeting at which time they were extended the hand of welcome by the auxiliary members. They were Mrs. Alex J. Weems, Mrs. Margie Williams and Miss Ethel Payne.

On the meeting of January 21st the chairman of the Educational Committee, Mrs. Milbrey Sneed presented Mr. Robert Burke and Mr. Obby from the Internal Revenue Department who informed the auxiliary how to file Income Tax and enumerated deductions that were to be allowed. Persons filing for the first time were advised to call at the United States Court House, Room #1 for blanks and other necessary information. All single persons earning \$600 or over; married persons earning \$1,200 and over a year must file.

The auxiliary was very pleased to have Mrs. Juanita Beason re-instate and to receive the application of Mrs. Spurlark who applied for membership. The new members presented at this meeting was Mrs. B. Shbrley.

For the convenience of its members the Coop Study Club has set up branch neighborhood study clubs; one in the Woodlawn District and one in the 43rd Street District so members being nearest these districts may easily attend these meetings. The Coop Study Club is moving along nicely. All members are being asked to join in helping to make this movement a bigger and better one.

The auxiliary sends words of cheer to Brother Ernest Smith, secretary-treasurer of the Chicago Division and was glad to know he is improving and it is hoped he will be able to return to resume his duties soon.

The joint meetings of the Brotherhood and Ladies Auxiliary that were held January 11th through the 16th at the headquarters were well attended. Speakers were Brother A. Philip Randolph and Brother Milton P. Webster at which time the pending wage increase in the railroad industries, the Brotherhood accomplishments for railroad workers in general and the Brotherhood future program of progressive organization were discussed at some length.

T. L. Williamson, Reporter

Miss Childs: Greatly appreciate your consideration in receiving my reports.

T.L.W.

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1128 Seventh Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C.  
January 27, 1943.

Financial Statement of the International Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

To the Officers and Members of the International Executive Board, I fraternally submit the following Financial Report covering the period from July 1, 1942 to December 31, 1942.

RECEIPTS

Albany  
Sept. 1, 1942: Oct. thru July '42 ----- \$ 17.90  
" " " Patriotic Stamps ----- 10.00  
" " " Convention Assessment --- 5.00  
Mr. Randolph's birthday (returned same) 11.80  
Bethune School ----- 3.00  
Total ----- \$ 47.70

Ashville  
Sept. 1, 1942: Oct., Nov., Dec., 1940  
July - December 1941 \$ 13.64

Atlanta  
July 10, '42: Patriotic Stamps ----- \$ 10.00  
Aug. 24, " July ----- 2.60  
Aug. 31, " Convention Assessment - 5.00  
Sept. 8, " August ----- 1.67  
Nov. 11, " September - October -- 5.56  
" 30, " November ----- 1.79  
Dec. 31, " December ----- 1.04  
Total ----- \$ 27.66

Baltimore  
July 15, '42: July ----- \$ 3.34  
Aug. 26, " August ----- 2.73  
Sept. 29, " September ---- 2.00  
" " " Convention --- 10.00  
June, 1942 " Assessment- 5.00  
Nov. 23 " Oct. - Nov. -- 3.86  
Dec. " December ----- 1.00  
Total ----- \$ 27.93

Birmingham  
Aug. 26, '42: July - Aug. -- \$ 2.21  
" " " Patriotic Stamps 6.00  
" " " Convention Assent 5.00  
Dec. 12, " Sept. - Oct. -- 2.00  
Total ----- \$ 15.21

Boston  
Aug. 26, '42 Convention Assmt \$ 10.00  
" " " Apr. - Aug. ---- 17.54  
Sept. 8, " Patriotic Stamps 10.00  
Total ----- \$ 37.54

Buffalo  
 July 11, '42: Patriotic Stamps \$ 10.00  
 " " " Jan. - June ---- 9.84  
 Aug. 31, " Convention Assmt. 5.00  
 " " " July - Aug. ---- 4.82  
 Total ----- \$ 29.66

Chicago  
 Aug. 11, '42: June ----- \$ 23.24  
 " " " July ----- 13.31  
 Sept 10, " August ----- 14.74  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 30.00  
 Convention Patriotic Stamps 20.00  
 Dec. 2, " Sept. - Oct. ---- 25.93  
 Total ----- \$ 127.22

Cincinnati  
 July 25, '42: Feb. - June ---- \$ 9.87  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 5.00  
 Total ----- \$ 14.87

Cleveland  
 May 13, '42: Patriotic Stamps- \$ 10.00  
 Aug. 12, " Apr., May, June  
 July 18.84  
 " 27, " August ----- 2.99  
 Nov. 11, " Sept. - Oct. ---- 6.45  
 " " " Convention Assmt.- 10.00  
 Dec. 16, " Nov. - Dec. ---- 6.82  
 Total ----- \$ 55.10

Dallas  
 June 11, '42: Patriotic Stamps \$ 5.00  
 Aug. 15, " July - Aug. ---- 7.06  
 " 31, " Convention Assmt. 10.00  
 Nov. 20, " Sept. - Oct. ---- 13.54  
 Total ----- \$ 35.60

Denver  
 May 28, '42: -Patriotic Stamps \$ 10.00  
 Aug. 16, " ----- 9.99  
 " 25, " ----- 7.22  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 12.50  
 " " " (overpaid) 12.50  
 Sept. 18, " Randolph Pink Club 2.50  
 Oct. 2, " September ----- 3.62  
 Nov. 3, " Oct. (credited \$11.11  
 Nov. 30, " November ----- 1.83  
 Dec. 24, " December ----- 1.57  
 Total ----- \$ 61.75

Detroit  
 June 3, '42: Patriotic Stamps - \$ 10.00  
 July 9, " June ----- 4.83  
 Aug. 3, " Convention Assmt.- 7.50  
 " " " July ----- 1.56  
 Sept. 5, " August ----- 4.38  
 Oct. 12, " September ----- 1.04  
 " 30 " October ----- 2.56  
 Nov. 27, " November ----- 3.08  
 Total ----- \$ 34.95

El Paso  
 May 29, '42 : Patriotic Stamps \$ 5.00  
 July 1, " June ----- 1.82  
 Nov. 21, " July - Nov. ---- 3.12  
 Sept. Convention Assmt. 10.00  
 Total ----- \$ 19.94

Fort Worth  
 July 10, '42: May - June ----- \$ 10.11  
 Aug. 5, " July ----- 3.25  
 " " " Patriotic Stamps 10.00  
 " 31, " August ----- 4.55  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 5.00  
 Dec. 1, " Sept., Oct., Nov. 17.94  
 Total ----- \$ 50.85

Houston  
 July 6, '42: Patriotic Stamps \$ 5.00  
 Aug. 18, " Convention Assmt. 12.00  
 " 31, " ----- 12.20  
 Total ----- \$ 29.20

Indianapolis  
 July 18, '42 June - July ----- \$ 3.08  
 Aug. 5, " Patriotic Stamps 10.75  
 Sept. 1, " August ----- 2.08  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 5.00  
 Nov. 2, " Sept. - Oct. ---- 2.08  
 Dec. 2, " November ----- .83  
 Total ----- \$ 23.80

Jacksonville  
 July 13, '42 June ----- \$ 12.09  
 Aug. 3, " July ----- 12.14  
 " 31, " August----- 10.42  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 22.50  
 Oct. 19, " September ----- 6.43  
 Nov. 28, " October ----- 16.01  
 Nov. 30, " November ----- 13.26  
 Dec. 31, " December ----- 9.37  
 Total ----- \$ 108.21

Jersey City  
 July 7, '42 Apr., May, June - \$ 9.36  
 July 25, " July - August --- 2.99  
 Aug. 31, " Convention Assmt. 7.50  
 Sept. " Patriotic Stamps 4.00  
 Dec. 9, " Sept. - Oct. 8.97  
 Total ----- \$ 32.82

Kansas City  
 June 12, '42 Patriotic Stamps \$ 10.00  
 Aug. 6, " June - July ----- 6.20  
 Sept. 3 " August ----- 3.38  
 " 30 " September ----- 4.55  
 " " " Convention Assmt. 12.00  
 Nov. 21, " October ----- 3.77  
 Dec. 5, " November ----- 6.76  
 Total ----- \$ 46.66

Little Rock

Aug. 18, '42	March - July -----	\$ 3.64
" 21, "	Patriotic Stamps -	6.90
Sept. 3, "	August -----	.78
" " "	Convention Assmt.-	5.00
Total	-----	\$ 16.32

Louisville

Sept. 2, '42	Convention Assmt.	\$ 5.00
" " "	July '40 - Aug, 42	16.50
" " "	Patriotic Stamps	5.00
Total	-----	\$ 26.50

Los Angeles

June 14, 42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
July 21, "	April - June -----	20.94
Aug. 19, "	July - Aug. -----	9.19
" " "	Convention Assmt.-	12.50
Oct. " "	September -----	5.53
Nov. 25 "	Oct. - Nov. -----	5.85
Total	-----	\$ 63.81

Memphis

July 6 '42	June -----	\$ 2.21
August 1 "	July -----	2.04
" 30, "	Convention Assmt.-	7.50
Sept. 13 "	August -----	1.39
Oct. 27, "	Sept. - Oct. -----	2.60
Nov. 30, "	November -----	3.22
Total	-----	\$ 18.96

Minneapolis

June 22, '42	Patriotic Stamps -	\$ 10.00
July 29, "	July	1.74
Aug. 31, "	Convention Assmt.-	10.00
" " "	August -----	4.94
Sept. 28 "	September -----	2.54
Oct. 26, "	October -----	2.08
Nov. 16, "	November -----	3.26
Dec. 18, "	December -----	2.08
" " "	Patriotic Stamps -	5.00
Total	-----	\$ 41.44

Montgomery

Aug. 1, '42	-----	\$ 4.73
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Nashville

July 1, ' 42	May -----	\$ 3.09
Aug. 1, "	June - July -----	4.73
" 31, "	Convention Assmt.-	5.00
" " "	Patriotic Stamps -	10.00
" " "	August -----	3.21
Oct. 2, "	September -----	2.73
Nov. 3, "	October -----	2.73
Nov. 30, "	November -----	2.86
Dec. 22, "	December -----	2.73
Total	-----	\$ 37.68

New Orleans

May 28, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
Aug. 31, "	June July, Aug.-	17.17
Sept. 1, "	Convention Assmt.	12.50
Dec. 5, "	Sept, Oct., Nov.-	13.65
Total	-----	\$ 53.27

New York

July 22, '42	June -----	\$ 7.76
Aug. 11, "	July -----	5.71
" 25, "	August -----	7.59
" " "	Convention Assmt.	30.00
Dec. 7, "	September -----	11.97
Total	-----	63.03

Norfolk

Aug. 31, '42	Dec. 41 - July 42	\$ 6.85
" " "	Convention Assmt.	5.00
" " "	Patriotic Stamps	7.55
Total	-----	\$ 19.40

Oakland

Aug. 27, '42	Jan - Aug. -----	\$ 44.40
" " "	Convention Assmt.	7.50
Total	-----	\$ 51.90

Oklahoma

May 20, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
July 31, "	June -----	1.04
Aug. 24, "	Convention Assmt.	5.00
" " "	July - Aug. -----	3.20
Oct. 5, "	-----	4.27
Nov. 21 "	New Member -----	.35
Total	-----	\$23.80

Omaha

Aug. 3, 42	April - July	\$ 19.42
" " "	Convention Assmt.	10.00
" " "	Patriotic Stamps	10.00
Sept. 17 "	Aug. - Sept. -----	8.40
Nov. 21 "	Amt. due -----	.14
Total	-----	\$ 47.96

Philadelphia

May 19, ' 42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 5.00
Aug. 3, "	July -----	1.95
June 30, "	Patriotic Stamps	5.00
Aug. 25, "	August -----	1.95
" " "	Convention Assmt.	5.00
Oct. 6, "	September -----	1.52
Oct. 30, "	October -----	1.43
Nov. 25, "	November -----	2.85
Total	-----	\$ 24.71

Pittsburgh

June 30, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
Aug. 5, "	June -----	7.40
" 26, "	Convention Assmt.	12.50
Total	-----	\$ 29.90

Portland

July 27, '42	June - July ---	\$ 9.62
Aug. 22, "	August -----	7.11
" "	Convention Assmt.	10.00
" "	Patriotic Stamps	10.00
Dec. 5, "	Sept. - Dec. ---	16.43
Total	-----	\$ 53.16

Richmond

June 11, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
Aug. 27, "	June, July, Aug.	22.22
" "	Convention Assmt	5.00
" "	June, July, Aug.	5.94
Oct. 1, "	September -----	1.56
Nov. 30, "	Oct. - Nov. ----	5.81
Dec. 31, "	December -----	3.83
Total	-----	\$ 50.14

St. Louis

May 20, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
July 27, "	July-----	7.72
Aug. 31, "	Convention Assmt.	30.00
" "	August -----	8.19
Sept. 28, "	September -----	12.67
Oct. 15, "	October-----	4.42
" 26, "	October -----	6.42
Nov. 27, "	November -----	14.22
Dec. 18, "	December -----	1.75
Total	-----	\$ 95.43

St. Louis Train Porters

July 8, '42	April - July --	\$ 8.73
" 11, "	Patriotic Stamps	10.00
Aug. 8, "	Convention Assmt	5.00
Oct. 2, "	Aug., Sept. ----	4.21
Dec. 2, "	Oct., Nov. ----	1.56
Total	-----	\$ 29.52

St Paul

May 26, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
July 14, "	(lost in mail)PO	4.32
" 31, "	July -----	4.82
Aug. " "	Convention Assmt.	12.50
" " "	August -----	2.08
Oct. 2, "	September -----	6.55
Oct. 30, "	October -----	3.90
Nov. 27, "	November -----	1.04
Total	-----	\$ 45.27

Salt Lake City

July 18, '42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
" " "	Apr. May, June -	5.42
Aug. 29, "	Convention Assmt.	5.00
Oct. 19, "	July, Aug., Sept.	5.33
Total	-----	\$ 25.75

Seattle

June 25, 42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
Aug. 14, "	Convention Assmt.	5.00
Total	-----	\$ 15.00

San Antonio

June 25, 42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
July 9, "	June -----	7.07
Aug. 11, "	July -----	5.13
" 28, "	August -----	.91
" " "	Convention Assmt	10.00
Sept. 25 "	September -----	5.73
Nov. 2, "	October -----	5.42
Nov. 27, "	November -----	3.08
Total	-----	\$ 45.34

Shreveport

July 31, 42	July -----	\$ 3.25
Aug. 27, "	August -----	4.08
" " "	Convention Assmt	7.50
" 31, "	Patriotic Stamps	10.00
Oct. 1, "	September -----	2.08
Oct. 29, "	October -----	2.91
Dec. 5, "	Nov., Dec. ----	2.21
Total	-----	\$ 32.03

Tampa

July 10, 42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 6.50
Aug. 29, "	May, June, July, Aug.	5.72
Aug. 19, "	Patriotic Stamps	3.50
" 29, "	Convention Assmt	5.00
Nov. 27, "	Sept. Oct. Nov.-	5.07
Total	-----	\$ 25.79

Washington

May 19, 42	Patriotic Stamps	\$ 10.00
July 8, "	-----	9.37
July 29, "	-----	5.55
Aug. 28, "	Convention Assmt.	22.50
Nov. 28, "	Aug, Sept., Oct.-	22.50
Dec. 4, "	November -----	5.68
Total	-----	\$ 75.60

## TOTAL RECEIPTS

\$ 1,799.60

<u>Canada</u>	<u>Members</u>
Montreal -----	16
Toronto -----	25
Winnipeg -----	33

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Financial Report

July 6, 1948	Mrs. Katherine Lassiter, Albany trip -----	\$ 25.00	
July 10,	" Mrs. Helena Wilson, expenses -----	100.00	
July 31,	" Mrs. Mae Dailey, expenses -----	3.00	
July "	" Mr. W. T. Moore, office rent -----	10.00	
July "	" Mrs. Lottie Moore, office help -----	11.50	
July "	" Mrs. Olive Wealey, " " -----	19.18	
July "	" Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, office expenses -----	7.44	
			\$ 176.04
August 6,	" Miss Lillian Speight, typing -----	\$ 5.60	
" 12	" Mrs. Fannie Caviness, office expense -----	9.71	
			\$ 15.31
September 1,	" Mrs. Willie Rhonda, typing -----	\$ 5.70	
" 1,	" Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, stamps & incidentals --	11.45	
" "	" Mrs. Olive Wealey, office help -----	16.00	
" "	" Mrs. Lottie Moore, office help -----	19.00	
" "	" Miss Lillian Speight, typing -----	5.80	
" "	" Mr. W.S. Anderson, office rent -----	10.00	
" 2	" Mrs. Marion Sappington, Convention expenses ---	33.44	
" "	" Mrs. Ella McBride, " " -----	69.53	
" "	" Mrs. Jessie Taylor, " " -----	48.48	
" "	" Mrs. Ella Johnson, " " -----	72.16	
" "	" Mrs. Carrie White " " -----	21.10	
" "	" Mrs. Hattie Carby, " " -----	21.00	
" "	" Mrs. Mae Dailey, " " -----	21.00	
" "	" Mrs. Letitia Murray, " " -----	108.00	
" 4	" Miss Lillian Speight, typing -----	2.00	
" 9	" Mrs. Della Cole, refund for Randolph birthday party, which did not go thru.	11.80	
" 9	" Mrs. Carrie McWatt, Convention expenses -----	49.14	
" "	" Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, " " -----	80.00	<i>incorrect</i>
" 10	" Mrs. Lottie Moore, office help -----	8.00	
" "	" Mrs. Olive Wealey " " -----	8.00	
" "	" Mrs. Willie Rhonda, typing -----	1.00	
" "	" Mrs. Katherine Lassiter ----- Convention expenses	100.70	
" "	" Mrs. Anna Wilson, " " -----	100.70	
" "	" Mrs. Fannie J. Caviness " " -----	87.44	
" 18	" Mrs. Helena Wilson, International Pres dent	32.38	
" 19	" Mrs. E. V. Payne, stenographic work -----	20.00	
" "	" Mrs. K. Lassiter (additional funds, transportation	13.72	
" "	" Mrs. Anna Wilson " " -----	13.72	
" 30	" Mrs. Mae Dailey, Convention expenses -----	68.02	
			\$ 1038.26
October 1,	" Mr. W.S. Anderson, office rent -----	\$ 10.00	
" 26	" Mrs. Helena Wilson, office expense and refund -	100.00	
" "	" Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, additional Conv. Expense	14.78	
			\$ 124.78
November 2	" Mr. W.S. Anderson, for office rent -----	\$ 10.00	
" "	" Mrs. Lottie Moore, office help -----	13.00	
" "	" Mrs. Olive Wealey, office help -----	8.00	
" "	" Miss Lillian Speight, typing -----	5.00	
" 6	" Mrs. Mae Dailey, remainder of Convention expenses	7.58	
			\$ 43.58

December 1,	42	Mrs. Lottie Moore, office help -----	\$ 8.00
"	"	" Mrs. Olive Wesley, office help -----	8.00
"	"	" Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, stamps, excess post- age & incidentals -----	11.03
"	3	2 Miss Lillian Speight, typing -----	8.90
"	"	" Mr. W.S. Anderson, for office rent -----	10.00
"	11	" Mrs. Helena Wilson, printing and office expenses -----	228.71
"	21	" Mrs. Willie Edmonds, typing -----	1.10
"	"	" Miss Lillian Speight, typing -----	8.30
"	"	" Mrs. Lottie Moore, office help -----	12.00
"	"	" Mrs. Olive Wesley, office help -----	14.88
			\$ 292.92

TOTAL RECEIPTS ----- \$ 1,799.60  
TOTAL EXPENSES ----- \$ 1,690.91

BALANCE IN BANK DECEMBER 24, 1942 ----- \$1983.16

TOTAL ENROLLMENT ----- 1630  
TOTAL PAID UP MEMBERSHIPS 1140

*Rosina C. T*

January 27, 1943

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

The copy of your letter under date of January 23rd to Sister Tucker was received which I do not quite understand. I had no knowledge if there was any reason for requesting the financial books from Sister Rowland. If you will kindly send additional information it will be greatly appreciated. I should like to know whether you acted upon a request coming from Sister Tucker or upon that of the local auxiliary.

A bulletin was issued in December advising all secretary-treasurers that monthly financial statements would be required regardless to whether dues have been collected or not. This was done to keep a closer check of the auxiliaries and to discourage an indifferent attitude regarding the official requirements of that office.

I am sure your interest in this matter will help insure a greater compliance on the part of the local officials in your zone.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

January 23, 1943

Mrs. Nina Jackson, President  
Toronto Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
343 Ossington Avenue  
Toronto, Ontario  
Canada

Dear Sister Jackson:

I suppose by this time you have received a detailed account of Brother Jackson's recent visit to this office. The news and the number of questions coming from the auxiliary through Brother Jackson are indeed gratifying as they indicate there is an alertness and an awareness on the part of the entire membership as well as a desire to make the greatest contribution to the general development of our great organization.

Relative to the activities of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary. At present the auxiliary has a Bookkeeping Class, a Sewing Class and a Consumer Cooperative Study Club. The chairman of the Education Committee obtains speakers at various intervals to speak on subjects of greatest interest at that particular time. The auxiliary's Consumer Committee which is also a part of the Coop Study Club furnishes some very interesting reports. The Sewing Class is a voluntary contribution being made by one of the auxiliary members who is the instructor of the class. The Bookkeeping Class is being held in connection with the Consumer Program as a result of a desire to train Coop personnel. The Consumer Education is also part of the auxiliary's war activities. First Aid Classes, Nutrition Classes, etc. while not in effect here owing to the number of activities throughout the city yet they are in operation in the smaller district. These activities are all part of the auxiliary's general program and presents a very large field in which to work.

I trust this brief recital will prove helpful.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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International Office  
Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

January 27, 1943

Dear President:

Resolution #47, in the 1940 Convention Proceedings requires that each division submit its financial report which is to be made out in triplicate form once every month. The original copy is to be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer; a duplicate copy to be sent to this office and one to be retained by the local secretary-treasurer. You are advised that in instances where no dues have been collected during any current month that a statement to that effect is to be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer and to this office.

A letter advising each secretary-treasurer of this requirement was written several weeks ago and as the presiding officer in your division it is thought that you should be reminded of this rule also so, that you may know that it is your duty together with the local Executive Board to see that this rule is complied with.

It may be that in some instances only 20¢ or 40¢ is collected during a given month and some months perhaps nothing at all but, "a rule is a rule" and the local officials as well as the International Officials are required to see that all rules are enforced, therefore, I trust this office and that of the International Secretary-Treasurer will have your sincere cooperation in this matter.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

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Chicago Division  
**MARCH-ON-WASHINGTON MOVEMENT**  
4304 South Parkway  
Atlantic 8367  
CHICAGO

January 29, 1943

Dear Mrs Wilson:

The Chicago Division of the March-on-Washington Movement is promoting a dinner on Monday, February 15, 1943, with our Founder and National Director, Dr. A. Philip Randolph, as the special guest of honor. The dinner will be held at the Morris Eat Shop, 410 East 47th Street, at 8 o'clock P.M.

This will be the occasion of the official launching of a campaign for the promotion of a National Conference of the March-on-Washington Movement to meet in Chicago the last week in May. This Conference will bring together leaders, thinkers and workers of our people who will adopt a national program to organize the great masses of Negroes thruout the United States and chart the course we must pursue if we would be "first class" citizens, and free from the insults of discrimination, segregation, economic, social and political bondage.

You are cordially invited to be present to hear and meet Dr. Randolph February 15, and to become a part of the Citizen's Committee that will promote the National May Conference. The cost of the turkey dinner will be \$1.25 per plate, and you may bring one guest with you. Kindly make your reservations not later than Lincoln's birthday; the sooner, the better. We can accommodate only 100.

Faithfully yours,

*Charles W. Burton*

Charles Wesley Burton,  
Regional Director  
MARCH-ON-WASHINGTON MOVEMENT

Elizabeth Webster

Estelle W. McNeal

Co-Chairmen of the Dinner

317 R. St., N. W.  
Washington, D.C.  
January 30, 1943

Mrs. Helen Wilson  
4231 South Michigan Ave  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

I have been a little late in writing to tell of the work of the Auxiliary. We are doing very nicely in keeping up with all the things that have been going on in Washington.

On December 29 we attended a training conference to get information on checking of certain foods for the Consumer Division of the C. F. A. Outside of the College Women's Club, we were the only Negro group represented. After the instructions, we were given material to take to our members for food checking to cover a period of three weeks. The reports are due in on the first of February, so I asked the ladies to have them in at our last meeting on January 27 and I feel it was well done.

We have kept up with the current topics of the day.

We were interested in the Mass meeting and conference conducted for the railway firemen.

(2).

They, with the March on Washington Movement and Brother McLaurin, who spent the week here, worked hard to make the Mass Meeting on Sunday, January 24, a success. We feel that it was.

Our March movement here is not very strong. Since it is a part of us, I feel to do whatever I can to help carry it on. Folks in Washington are hard to move along these lines.

I have just heard that Bro. Randolph is holding a one day conference here Friday, February 5 to attempt to save the B. E. P. C. I have been called upon to find rooms for a group of firemen who who are coming.

We are planning a Negro History program for our next meeting.

We do have quite a few sick members which keeps our attendance down at this time of the year.

At our first meeting, this year (1943) the ladies surprised me by presenting me a lovely bed spread.

Fraternally yours,  
Elizabeth W. Craig  
J.E.C.

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Feb.  
1st.  
1943.

Mrs Helena Wilson,  
4231 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:-

I am very sorry you  
had to wait so long to hear from me.  
I've been extremely busy. Was in Ala-  
bama for a week. as I was on the receipt  
committee for the inauguration of the  
Gen. and am dictating reception. I called  
Mrs Cales on the phone & talked with  
her. Conditions remain the same.  
Mr Randolph said no visit had been  
planned for Alabama as the Social there

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there is O.K. So your eye that was  
a real error, I should have taken  
care of the situation, during my stay  
there. I have had no communication  
from Mrs. Sappington.

The Helena Wilson  
club in Jersey City has been in evidence  
for some years. They have given us a  
man's name, name, name, and the per  
cents I have gone to members of the club  
to help and this club is all right.  
They said that in the "Black Worker"  
some of my members wanted to follow  
secret, I had an awful time trying  
to convince them, that it wasn't the  
proper thing to do. However I am plan

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"miss giving over there same  
time this month if the weather  
permits. You spoke of sending Mrs  
Lester to Richmond to be organized  
the Auxiliary there. Since that is  
my work. I think I should be  
given the preference. Mrs Lester  
would not permit you to send any  
one to do her work. She would  
be the first one to criticize you for  
asking her to do it!

I realize you are  
trying to cut down expenses, & naturally  
it is a bad precedent. and would  
cause friction, we cannot afford that  
we must have harmony & peace  
at any price. as that is not

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in keeping with the organization.  
I am sending for the stamps today  
I am glad you suggested sending  
the journal letters to the various  
branches from your files as I  
haven't had time to see to them.  
Thank you very much.

Trust you  
and yours are well.

Best wishes for  
your continued success.

Yours fraternally,  
Katherine Lassiter.

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February 3, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, President,  
Ladies Auxiliary,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
4231 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thanks for your letter requesting information as to my next visit to Albany. I regret deeply the long delay in this matter and trust that it has not cost you any inconvenience. I am just returning from a two weeks trip and have been unable to carry on my usual correspondence.

May I take this opportunity to advise you that I don't see a trip to Albany within the next two months and that Mrs. Lassiter should be advised to arrange for a meeting with the Auxiliary at her convenience.

Trusting you are meeting with continued success and that all things will work together for the good of the organization, I am,

Fraternally yours,

B. F. McLaurin,  
Int'l. Field Organizer.

BFM:GS

February 4, 1943

Mrs. Letitia Murray  
4th International Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary B. S. C. P.  
4715 Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sister Murray:

This is to inform you when the last duplicated reports were received by this office from the auxiliaries in your zone. Seattle, September, 1942; Spokane, no reports since the convention; Portland, for November, 1942; Oakland, no reports since the convention. Kindly inform these auxiliaries that monthly financial statements are to be made to the International secretary-treasurer and duplicate copies sent to this office.

I have written to Brother Dellums for additional information regarding the Oakland Auxiliary. As I had no knowledge and I am sure you did not either of any irregularity on the part of the secretary-treasurer. If you have received any report of this matter please let me know.

Faternally yours,

HW:le

Halena Wilson  
International President

P.S. I have a very deep friend now visiting in Los Angeles whom I am sure will call on you before long. Her name is Mrs. Myrtle Devon. I know you will like her very much. Best wishes to Brother Murray.

H.W.

317 R Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
February 5, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, International President, Ladies Aux. B. S. C. P.  
4321 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago  
Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Your bulletin was received. The secretary-treasurer had informed me of the one which she received. We have made reports monthly with exception of the first ones made, at which time we explained that they would be made monthly thereafter.

The Trade Union League has asked that we pay the yearly membership fee. Kindly advise me as to whether or not it is all right for us to do so.

Fraternaly yours,

*Elizabeth V. Craig*  
(Mrs.) Elizabeth V. Craig

February 11, 1943

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter  
1st International Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary W.C.F.  
103 West 111st Street  
New York City

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Your letter of February 1st was received and I felt very proud of having one of our auxiliary members serve as one on such an outstanding committee. It is not often that one has an opportunity to take a leading part in an occasion of such importance. Congratulations!

Relative to the trip to Albany. You did not state in your letter that you were to make the trip to Albany. You stated that you wanted to go there at a certain time and I replied as follows: "If you feel it would be more convenient for you to go to Albany at the time specified in your letter than to wait until the Brotherhood makes its visit there it is quite alright with me. However, I was wondering if you might experience some difficulty if the trip is made the first of the year since travel is so heavy and everyone seems so occupied at this time with their holiday arrangements. I shall instruct Sister Tucker to send your transportation upon request which can be made at your own convenience." In view of this statement you were at liberty to make any arrangements suitable to yourself, however, since no trip is contemplated by the Brotherhood it probably would be well to give some consideration to this matter.

Regarding Sister Tucker's visit to the Richmond Auxiliary. There is not anything wrong in making such a request, for instance, I was invited to attend a very important meeting in Washington, D.C. but owing to the expense of such a trip the persons sending the invitation were advised that Sister Tucker would represent me at the meeting. She is still doing so. I shall not hesitate to ask any International Official to do likewise where they are closer to the place under consideration than I. Cooperation is essential and I am sure upon reflection that you will see the harmlessness of such an arrangement.

Mrs. Katherine Lassitor

February 11, 1943

The Helena Wilson Club was brought to my attention by some of the auxiliary members and I have read about it also, but it did not occur to me at that time to make inquiries about the club. I had not idea that the club had as its purpose an object of money raising, however, now that we know that this is the case it is necessary to advise the members against such an arrangement in so far as the auxiliary is concerned.

The letters were sent the presidents of the auxiliaries in the Eastern Zone, but there has not been time as yet to notice any improvement.

I am feeling fairly well at the present and hoping you will continue to enjoy the best of health.

I have written to Sister Sappington about the minutes of the last International Executive Board meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson  
International President

HW:lc

February 13, 1943

Mr. B. F. McLaurin  
International Field Organizer  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th Street  
New York City

Dear Sir and Brother:

I understand that you and Brother Patterson are soon to make a trip to Montgomery and perhaps to the Birmingham Divisions. As it has been quite sometime since I have heard from either place it would be greatly appreciated if you will devote as much time as possible to the Ladies Auxiliary. If you have no objection to letting me know the exact date of your arrival there I am sure it would have a very good affect for me to acquaint the auxiliary with your intended visit and request their cooperation.

There is one other thing I should like to request. At present I am attempting to outline an itinerary for the Eastern Supervisor. If you will give me the approximate distances and transportation rates for the Eastern Zone it would be very helpful. Since the supervisor of that zone cannot obtain rates the distance cannot be too great yet we should like to cover the districts most in need of these visits.

Kindly remember me to Sister McLaurin.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

February 13, 1943

Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, President  
Washington Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
317 "R" Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Craig:

Your letter outlining the auxiliary's activities was very interesting. There are so many projects going on at this time within the Nation's capitol that conferences and programs such as you write of are an absolute necessity. It is good to know that the auxiliary is being well represented at these meetings.

I think we are all anxiously waiting to hear of the resumption of the railroad investigation and the Washington Auxiliary is fortunate in being able to help carry on. An account of the one day conference held by Brother Randolph has not reached here as yet, but we would like very much to know what took place. I understand Brother Webster is in Washington so we will have to wait until his return.

I trust your Negro History program will convey a message to our racial group to urge them on to greater race loyalty and race pride which can come only as a result of racial accomplishments, not by a few individuals but by the entire race.

Glad to learn of your very lovely surprise.

Give my best wishes to all.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

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February 13, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, International President  
Ladies Auxiliary B. S. C. P.  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

No doubt you will recall that you talked to me when I was in Chicago last June about no report or funds being sent in by the Oakland Auxiliary. When I returned home I took this matter up with the Local President who in turn took the matter up with Sister Rowland. It was later discovered that Sister Rowland had not made a report since she had been in office, however this action caused her to send some fifty (\$50) odd dollars to Sister Tucker.

Recently Sister Nuttall, Local President, came to me concerning this matter again. From correspondence between Sister Tucker and Nuttall, Sister Rowland had not made another report. Sister Nuttall also advised that she had stop coming to meetings and had promised to turn over the books and the funds several times and had failed to keep her promise. Sister Nuttall however requested that I see what I could do about it. I made several attempts to get them from her but failed, so I finally called in her husband and talked the matter over with him. He finally brought the books but we still haven't been able to secure the bank book or any funds.

Shall keep you advised of future developments..

Fraternally yours,

*C. L. Dellums*

C. L. Dellums, Supervisor  
Pacific Coast Zone

CLD:gw

February 15, 1943

Mrs. Letitia Murray  
4th International Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
4715 Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sister Murray:

The information regarding the approximate cost of visits through your zone was received and your comments appreciated. The figures that were submitted were discussed with Brother Randolph who is now in the city and he thinks they are within reason. I should like to know whether these figures represent the full transportation cost or half rate fare. It was not intended to set a specific time for the visits in the zones. These should be made at a time most convenient in each particular zone since the climatic conditions differs to some extent in the various sections of the country. What I am trying to do is to establish the approximate cost of these visits so this information may be presented to the International Executive Board for its approval.

Relative to the present financial status of the Oakland Auxiliary, conditions there are rather unfortuate. Brother Dellums informs me that the secretary-treasurer has stopped attending the auxiliary meetings and that he has been unable to secure the bank book or any funds from Sister Rowland although her husband returned the books. Relative to the financial statements it will be the policy of this office to submit at least quarterly reports to each zone supervisors so that she may be informed of the financial standing of the auxiliaries in her zone. She may at any time request this information from the Auxiliary's officials, however, to request four monthly statements might not work so well since there appears to be some reluctance in sending the three.

It is indeed good to know that the Los Angeles Auxiliary is responding so satisfactorily and I trust each member will be 100% paid up by the end of the year. With such a fine person as yourself to lead the auxiliary I am

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Mrs. Letitia Murray

February 15, 1943

sure it will reach your expectations.

I am glad to know that you are feeling so much better and that Brother Murray is well also.

Faternally yours,

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Halena Wilson  
International President

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Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

February 19, 1943

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

When I called to your attention the Oakland Auxiliary's delay in remitting I had no idea what the true state of conditions were. I knew something was wrong owing to a letter received some time ago from Sister Rowland but I considered it more or less a personal difference and made no reference to the matter. I am sure, however, with your assistance that the present difficulty will be adjusted.

Sister Murray has been advised of the contents of your letter and I shall appreciate being kept informed of future developments.

Fraternally yours,

Halema Wilson  
International President

HW:le

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NEGRO WOMEN, INC.,

1812 Ninth Street, N. W.,

Washington, D. C.

February 22, 1943.

Dear Co-Worker:

We have recently had a meeting with the editor of our Journal, Mrs. Sue Bailey Thurman; and our circulation manager, Mrs. Harriet C. Hall, of Boston. We spent several hours in earnest study, working out plans that would motivate greater interest in our Journal as it finds its way to the women of the country.

We feel that in order for us to make this magazine the success that our women wish it to be, it is absolutely necessary for us to tie it in as tightly as possible with the interests of our own member organizations.

We are asking if you will be kind enough to send in to us the name of a member of your organization who will serve on our staff as contributing editor and report to us on the findings and activities of your organization. She will also send to us any material you may have showing what the women are doing at this critical time in history.

Please let us have this information at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary McLeod Bethune*  
MARY MCLEOD BETHUNE,  
President.

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February 23, 1943

Miss Edith I. Childs  
Managing Editor  
The Black Worker  
217 West 125th Street  
New York City

Dear Miss Childs:

Several weeks ago it was requested that the add containing the announcement of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary Annual Spring Dance be placed in each edition of The Black Worker until the date of the affair. As I have not seen the notice in The Black Worker I am requesting that said notice be placed in the next issue of The Black Worker.

Enclosed is the report for this month of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary activities.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le  
Encl.

February 23, 1943

Chicago Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary held its regular meetings at the Brotherhood Headquarters on February 4th and 13th respectively. President Sister Halena Wilson presiding.

The chairman of the Sunshine Committee, Sister Rosa Smith and chairman of the Sick Committee, Sister Kate Garner, reported the illness of the following members: Sisters Lucille Henderson, Georgia Bailey, and Esther Hill.

The Current Topic Committee presented very interesting programs at each of these meetings. The program included a discussion on the present Poll Tax Bill, No. H.R. 987 and several topics of local and national importance. The committee also presented Negro History following Negro History Week which was enjoyed by all.

The Consumer Committee reported the progress of the Consumer Study Clubs and announced the first broadcast of the National Consumer Cooperative Movement to be heard February 14th over WCFL at 1:45 P.M. All members were asked by the President to tune in for this initial broadcast.

The chairman of the Educational Committee, Sister Milbrey Sneed presented Mr. J. Lipsiger on the evening of the 18th of February who spoke on "Point Rationing". A special chart had been obtained by Sister Wilson which help to simplify the lecture. The members appreciated the efforts of this committee in bringing this very timely information.

The Ways and Means Committee Chairman, Sister Mabel Bryant, stated that the tickets for the Annual Spring Dance on April 3rd would be ready for the first meeting in March.

A special committee was appointed by the President to represent the local and the local March on Washington Division in arranging plans for the National March On Washington Conference to be held in Chicago during the month of May.

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The Sewing Class and the Bookkeeping Class are still in progress, however, the very inclement weather has affected the attendance of both.

New members for the month were: Sisters M. Patton, Irene Spurlock, Bessie L. Burns, Beatrice Adler, Elizabeth Hudson and Floyd Fellows.

The auxiliary is indeed becoming "A Bigger and Better Ladies Auxiliary."

On February 24th Brother Randolph will speak for the auxiliary' Consumer Cooperative League. Sister Agnes Thornton is president of the Brotherhood Consumer Cooperative Study Club and Sister Milbrey Sneed is chairman of the Woodlawn Study Club which is a branch of the Brotherhood Cooperative Study Club. Sister Halena Wilson is Educational Chairman.

Fraternally yours,

T. L. Williamson, Reporter

February 23, 1943

Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, President  
Washington Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
317 "R" Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Craig:

The letter that was sent regarding the monthly remittances was a general letter which was sent to all auxiliaries. In sending general letters it is customary to write to all auxiliaries whether they are in need of such a letter or not. That being the case we have no particular auxiliary in mind. The response coming from the Washington Auxiliary has been satisfactory.

An affiliation with the Women's Trade Union League is very desirable, therefore, I would advise that the auxiliary pay its membership fee and that it continue its association with that body.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

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February 26, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, International President  
Ladies' Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Having just returned from Columbus, I am taking this opportunity to inform you that the present out-look is, that Columbus will eventually set up a Ladies' Auxiliary. Several of the ladies were in attendance at both meetings.

It would be well if you would drop a line to Sisters S. W. Austin, S. Hawkins and C. E. Dyer, whose addresses are 1121 Atchison, 837 Atchison and 467 Fairfield respectively, encouraging them to proceed to set up an Auxiliary at Columbus.

While on the subject of Auxiliaries, I have received a letter from Calgary requesting some information in connection with the setting up of a Ladies' Auxiliary. They have also raised the question as to 'common-law wives.!!'. I do not feel that we can be so technical as to demand a marriage certificate as to the eligibility for membership, in view of the fact that some States recognize 'common-law wives,' and it has been so long since I lived in and near the Province of Alberta, that I am not familiar with the laws of that particular Province. However, I do know that some of the Provinces of Canada have recognized 'common-law marriages,' but in order to evade such a question I am suggesting that you write Mrs. P. T. Clay, 429-A 8th Avenue East, Calgary, Alberta, informing her that I suggested you, as International President of the Ladies' Auxiliary drop her a line with a view of establishing a Ladies' Auxiliary at Calgary. You might set out as to the eligibility of membership into the Auxiliary as well as the other necessary information with respect to setting up of an Auxiliary and its functioning to guide them.

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Mrs. Helena Wilson

February 26, 1943

During the interim I will write Brother Clay telling them that in a few days they will hear from the International President of the Ladies' Auxiliary, who will furnish them with the necessary information with respect to the establishing of a Ladies' Auxiliary at Calgary and request their cooperation.

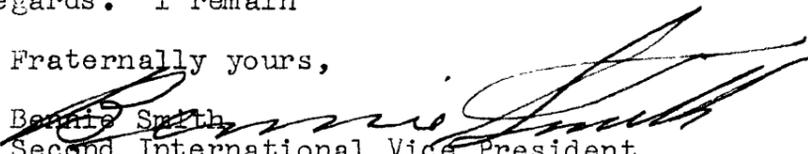
The Auxiliary at Indianapolis is moving steadily forward Sister Allen ask to be remembered to you, as well as the other members of the Auxiliary.

It was my information that Sister Houston formerly Vice-President has not attended the meetings nor paid any dues for more than six months.

The Madam asks to be remembered to you and yours.

With kindest personal regards. I remain

Fraternally yours,

  
Bennie Smith  
Second International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

February 26, 1943

Mr. Abe Goldstein  
% National Service Board  
For Religious Objectors  
Post Office Box 1636  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

Just a few lines to let you know that the bookkeeping class is showing signs of improvement.

The weather has been none too favorable, but it is my intention to have more of the class caught up before your return. Mrs. Sneed, Mrs. Cruse and Mrs. McLendon are about caught up. I will work with Mrs. Thornton, Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Lee, and I am sure you won't be too disappointed when classes are resumed.

We shall appreciate knowing the date of your return so all may be present. The Study Clubs are moving along fine, with a number of the men becoming interested. We had three to join during the Sunday meeting. A meeting was held at the Headquarters Wednesday afternoon with Mr. Randolph as the principal speaker. It is hoped it will lend greater impetus to our efforts.

All the members hope you are enjoying your trip and that you are finding the classes you are taking much to your liking. Remember us to Mr. Breshears if you see him.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson  
HW:a

317 R Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
February 26, 1943

Mrs. Halena Wilson, Internat'l President  
Ladies Auxiliary, B.S.C. P.  
4231 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Our Negro History Program was very good. After all the discussion of what had been done for our race by individuals and groups, we felt that our own organization was the one that was really making other groups of both races set up and take notice.

The one day conference held on Friday, February 5 was well attended with 150 delegates and 13 organizations registering. Some of the outstanding people of the city attended and took part. We had five firemen to speak and they told how they had been put out of the jobs after training white workers.

Brother Randolph appointed delegations to visit 13 senators that they might know and understand our stand toward the F.E.P.C. We reported at 4:30. The reports were very favorable. Some senators wanted the information in writing. After the reports were made, Brother Randolph appointed a planning committee which would head a conference to be held at a later date.

Mr. McNutt had a meeting with a committee representing different organizations to get their viewpoints on the F.E.P.C. The committee agreed that the committee should remain unpaid. Brother Randolph was here and gave his views very frankly. Every, as I understand, was very favorable. We are to wait for final discussion after the President has heard the report.

Yours fraternally,

*Elizabeth V. Craig*  
Elizabeth V. Craig, President  
Ladies Auxiliary, B.S.C.P.  
Washington, Division

*Write Howard B  
Sullivan, Holloway  
Atlanta, Ga.*

March 1, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith  
2nd International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1308 Broadway - Room 305  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of the 26th was just received and the outlook in Columbus very encouraging. It is my intention to go to Cincinnati either the last of April or the first of May. I had decided to write to you for suggestions on how to arrange a meeting in Columbus. With the information contained in your letter it will be possible for me to get into communication with the ladies referred to and request them to arrange a meeting for my intended visit.

Sister Clark of Cincinnati sent in her resignation as president which was deeply regretted. I shall attempt to straighten out conditions there during my visit.

I will write the group in Carvey at once.

I am inclined to agree with you with this common law situation. If a woman is presented to the public as a porter's wife all we can do is to accept her. It is not the custom of labor organizations to demand proof of marriage. All that we can ask is that the conduct of a member conform with that of the other members.

The progress being made in the Indianapolis Division is very gratifying. I think it well to suggest that in small groups that the auxiliary should not be hasty in suspending its members since it is likely they will pay up.

Ben and I both appreciate the kind remembrance coming from Sister Smith and would like to be remembered to her in return.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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March 1, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson was recently reelected for her second term on the Executive Board of the Chicago Women's Trade Union League. The auxiliary official is the only member of the race serving on this Board. Mrs. Wilson who is the International President of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and also President of the Chicago Division Ladies Auxiliary is slowly recovering from a heart attack which she suffered while on an official visit to Oklahoma City nearly two years ago.

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March 2, 1943

Mrs. Nellie Dixon  
6125 Indiana Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Dixon:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the dues paid Mr. Admiral for the Ladies Auxiliary and to explain why no previous acknowledgment was made. Mr. Admiral left the money in the Brotherhood office during my absence and the envelope in which the money was placed was concealed in some papers and it was not until last week the money was turned over to this office. Since such an oversight is likely to occur under similar circumstances without any particular blame to any one it is hoped you will accept this explanation.

The dues will be turned over to the secretary-treasurer of the auxiliary during the meeting Thursday evening after which you will hear from her.

We hope we shall have the pleasure of seeing you soon.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
President

HW:le

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March 3, 1943

To Trade Unions, Central Bodies, Women's Auxiliaries  
and Women's Trade Union Leagues

Greetings:

The Illinois State Women's Trade Union League will hold its Biennial Conference of Women Trade Unionists and Auxiliary members in Springfield at the Leland Hotel on April 12 and 13. Your Organization is entitled to send three women delegates.

This Conference brings together trade union and auxiliary women at a time when the legislature is in session, and at this time we have introduced some very much needed legislation for women in industry. This year with millions of women going into war plants and other industries to relieve men for the armed forces, it is more necessary than ever before that women trade unionists and auxiliary women confer on problems of organization work as well as legislative work.

Please send in the credentials as soon as your delegates are elected. Please let us know also if your delegates wish us to make their room reservations at the Leland Hotel. There will be a conference registration fee of \$1.00 for each delegate.

Your organization is urged to send its full quota of three women delegates. Trusting for your co-operation and with best wishes, we are

Fraternally yours,

*Mary V. White*

Mary V. White, President

*Barbara Lennon*

Barbara Lennon, Sec-Treas.



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Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Your letter as of February 13th received but only after I have had the opportunity of visiting Montgomery. Unfortunately, Brother Patterson and myself did not go to Birmingham and was not able to meet the ladies in Montgomery. I don't know what might have happened to that group since at one time they were rather active and enjoyed the work. I have had so little time there in recent months and have been unable to assist with the work of the ladies since I have given most of my time to train and pullman porters and other problems.

I did meet with the ladies of Atlanta and the ladies of Nashville, Tenn., both of which are doing splendid work and when I said to Mrs. Ross of the ladies of Atlanta that there was a possibility of Mrs. Lassiter's visit, they were highly elated.

May I say that it is to my advantage when covering the Eastern Zone to make the following cities in rotation. If going to Buffalo, N. Y., I usually stop in Albany either going or returning. Boston is in a direction of itself and should be made accordingly. I cannot give you the exact fares to these points but can give you the mileage and the coach rates and you will have to add 10% tax. Boston is 232 miles by rail, Buffalo 498. In the direction of Florida, I stop in Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. The fare there is \$9.85 round trip or \$5.10 one way. Thereafter I stop in Richmond, a distance of 116 miles from Washington, on into Norfolk, Virginia, another 102 miles and through to Ashville, into Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, to Jacksonville and through Jacksonville to Tampa, back by way of Savannah to New York. You will find it cheaper to buy a through ticket from New York to Tampa, Florida at an approximate cost of \$47.00. Thereafter tickets from main line for little places like Norfolk, Birmingham, and Montgomery.

For an instance, you can buy a round trip ticket from New York to Tampa by way of Montgomery, back by way of Savannah and Atlanta. I think you see the difficulty in covering the Eastern Zone. If you are concerned about setting up new groups then you will be interested in following the present itinerary in order of their placement. Boston, Albany, Buffalo, New York, New Jersey, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond, Norfolk, Ashville, Augusta, Atlanta, Birmingham, Montgomery, Jacksonville, Tampa, Savannah, Charleston, South Carolina. To reach all these places, you will

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need about \$100.00 carfare and these are coach fares only. The distances are short and could work a hardship on nobody. The longest distance scheduled is between Montgomery and Jacksonville, and this is only seven hours during these times of slow travel.

It is my hope that this information will be of help to you. Sorry I can't give you the exact amount, but I have not covered my Zone since the new rates went into effect. The best way to get information you seek is to outline your itinerary and submit it to the Advanced Travel Department of any of the railroad systems who will be glad to work it out for you.

It is my hope everything is working together for good. My wife wishes to be remembered. Say hello to Brother Wilson. I am,

Faternally yours,



B. F. McLaurin,  
International Field Organizer.

BFM:gs

International Office  
Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

March 5, 1943

G E N E R A L L E T T E R

Dear Members:

GREETINGS! - Now that the auxiliary has established its right to exist also its ability to cooperate by contributing so magnificently to the general development of the Organization's labor policy it becomes necessary for the International Auxiliary to insist upon the enforcement of all existing Rules and Regulations. In accordance with this need the subjects contained in this bulletin are being brought to the attention of all local auxiliaries and their officers. It is the opinion of this office that the members and officers of the Ladies Auxiliary are amenable to suggestions and that they will comply with the Rules, Regulations and Constitutional provisions which have been enacted for their government without being reminded of the penalty that may ensue for failure on their part to do so.

The various situations which have been brought to the attention of this office from time to time indicate the necessity of the following instructions:

TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS - Resolution #35 concurred in by the 1940 Convention states in parts as follows: "At no time may taxes or assessments be voted except by the authority of the Convention delegates." "\*\*\*or in accordance with provisions contained in Article VIII, page 2, Constitution and General Rules." (See page 5 in Revised Rules and Regulations)

SALARIES - Resolution #12 requesting salaries for local secretary-treasurers was not concurred in by the 1940 Convention delegates, therefore, local auxiliaries may not disregard the wish of the Convention delegates regarding this matter. To do so would cause the Auxiliary to be in conflict with the Rules and Regulations under which local auxiliaries are governed.

MONTHLY REMITTANCES - Resolution #47 was concurred in by the 1940 Convention and reads in parts as follows: "Be it resolved that each division submit financial reports monthly, that reports be made out in triplicate forms, one copy to be sent the International Secretary-Treasurer; one to the International President and one to be retained by the local secretary-treasurer."

MONTHLY MEETINGS - Article II, Rules and Regulations provides that the local auxiliary should hold at least one regular meeting each month. Summer vacations or continued failure to hold such a meeting is in violation of this rule. If the auxiliary is to retain its charter it will be expected to comply with this rule.

SOUVENIRS - Article XXII of the Constitution states that "It shall be unlawful for a local auxiliary to endorse any articles of merchandise. It shall be unlawful for a local auxiliary to sell or grant any person the right to solicit advertisements for personal gain or to issue souvenirs or any like matter in the name of the Auxiliary or Brotherhood. Any member convicted for violation of this rule shall be suspended or expelled by the International Executive Board." This should be construed to mean that the Auxiliary members may not form saving clubs or vacation clubs for personal gain or to use the Organization in any way to further such projects or activities.

CONVENTION TAX - Resolution #11 submitted to the 1942 Convention purposing a Convention Tax of 50¢ per year per member was concurred in the Convention. This tax is payable any time within sixty (60) days of the next Convention in September 1944. No member shall be considered financial who has not paid the tax within the time specified in the Resolution.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

SPECIAL NOTICE

It is the desire of the International Auxiliary as soon as it is deemed advisable to organize a Junior Auxiliary for the edification of the youth of the members who belong to the Organization. With this in mind it has been decided in keeping with a recommendation contained in the 1940 Convention Address of the International President to create a Scholarship Fund to train eligible young men and women for leadership in the field of trade unionism.

Accordingly, all local division' auxiliaries are required to arrange some form of entertainment to take place during the first week of May. All proceeds realized from these efforts are to be forwarded to the International Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Rosina C. Tucker, who will place the money in a separate fund which will be used at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee to be named by the International President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Auxiliaries in Canada will conform to the present financial arrangements.

H.W.

221 Selkirk Avenue  
Winnipeg Manitoba  
March 5, 1943

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the Winnipeg Division  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. F. of L.  
Mr. Helen I. Hudson, Secretary-Treasurer  
Suite 1, 198 Euclid Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Dear Madams & Sisters:-

Greetings.

In compliance with the instructions of the President of the Winnipeg Division Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A. F. of L., I hereby request you to set a date convenient for your reception of a committee from the said Winnipeg Division Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, A. F. of L. for the purpose of discussing the future relationship of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Winnipeg Division Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A. F. of L. with the said Winnipeg Division Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters A. F. of L.

Fraternally yours,

A. R. Blanchette  
Secretary-Treasurer  
Winnipeg Division Brotherhood Sleeping  
Car Porters, A. F. of L.

Approved:-

J. C. Wilson, President  
Winnipeg Division  
Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters A. F. of L.

March 9, 1943

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, President  
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
1812 Ninth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

In reply to your letter of recent date please be advised that Mrs. Minnie Lee, 6013 Calumet Avenue, Chicago, Illinois has consented to serve as a contributing editor in reporting the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary.

Very sincerely yours,

HW:le

Halena Wilson  
International President

March 11, 1943

Mrs. Elizabeth Craig, President  
Washington Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
317 "R" Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Craig:

I am sure the Washington Auxiliary must have enjoyed its Negro History Program since the program contained historical data which some of the members had help create. There must have been a feeling of great pride on the part of the members.

The account of the conference involving the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee was greatly appreciated. I have talked with Brother Randolph but as his time is usually so limited we seldom go into matters not affecting the Organization, however, the information coming from you is the first I have received. Thanks very much.

Faternally yours,

Malena Wilson  
International President

HW:ls

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THE LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD  
OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
March 11, 1943

To Affiliated Organizations

Greetings:-

At a recent meeting of the Women's Trade Union League a speaker addressed us regarding the new organization, the "American Women's Voluntary Services", which is offering various classes to aid war work. The speaker asked for an A. F. of L., Committee of women trade unionists and auxiliary members as they want every group represented in their organization and are reserving a place on their Executive Board for one of our representatives.

It was voted to form such a Committee and to ask each affiliated organization to name one of their members to serve on this Committee. When we receive the names from all our organizations we will call a meeting to organize the Committee and we trust your organization will be represented. Please use the attached slip for reporting your member for this Committee.

May we remind your organization that you are entitled to the free use of our building for a party or any affair you may want to give, once a year. Many organizations regularly make use of this offer each year and we trust every organization will want to use it.

With best wishes, we are

*Hazel Dugan*  
Hazel Dugan, Secretary

Fraternally yours,  
*Agnes Nestor*  
Agnes Nestor, President

March 12, 1943

Mr. B. F. McLaurin  
International Field Organizer  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sir and Brother:

Sorry my letter did not reach your office before you left New York as I had hoped to obtain information concerning the Birmingham and Montgomery Auxiliaries. I realize that the Brotherhood officials are very busy at present but I am sure whenever it is possible to do so they will include the auxiliaries in their organizational meetings.

It is the intention of the International Auxiliary to make more contacts within the coming months but for the present these contacts will be determined by the amount to be placed in the travelling budget. Whether such arrangements will include Atlanta I can not say at this time.

Thanks very much for the itinerary of the Eastern Zone. This will prove very helpful in planning a visit which confidentially will be some time in June. In the mean time I shall follow your advise and consult the agencies suggested in your letter. The Auxiliary as a whole is doing very well at present and I am sure the visits even though limited will prove very beneficial.

The remembrance coming from Sister McLaurin is appreciated also your greeting to Ben. We both send our very best wishes.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

March 12, 1943

Miss Edith I. Childs  
Managing Editor  
The Black Worker  
217 West 125th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Miss Childs:

Will you kindly include the enclosed  
article in the <sup>next</sup> edition of The Black Worker.

Trust you are well and enjoying the  
best of health.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le  
Encl.

NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
HOMES USE SERVICE

March 15, 1943

Mrs. Halena Wilson, President  
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood  
of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

The continued influx of essential workers into war production areas, coupled with the increasing shortage of building materials has necessitated an intensive Homes Use program to induce local people to make full use of existing housing in these critical areas. Families who have never before done so, are asked to rent their spare rooms; where possible, properties must be converted to add to the supply of dwelling units and other methods must be used to find homes for war workers in existing housing.

This program is entirely voluntary, depending upon the understanding and cooperation of individuals in these critical areas for its effectiveness.

However, there are national policies and procedures for effecting the Homes Use program on which we are asking a group of national organizations to advise us and give us any help they feel they can.

I should greatly appreciate it, therefore, if you would arrange for yourself and the Secretary of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, or other representatives, if you prefer, to meet with me for a full discussion of the Homes Use program on Monday, March 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the HOLC Conference Room, Third Floor, Merchandise Mart, Chicago. The meeting will close promptly at 5:30 p.m.

The discussion will be entirely informal and off the record; no publicity will be given to the conference and, of course, no formal action will be taken. I am enclosing a list of the organizations to which similar invitations are being sent for the three conferences scheduled.

I should appreciate your letting me know as promptly as possible whether you and the Secretary are able to attend or, if not, the name of your representative, if you care to send one. We shall send participants some administrative orders and other background material describing present plans and procedures for the Homes Use program.



Enclosure

Sincerely yours,

*Philip M. Klutznick*  
Philip M. Klutznick  
Assistant Administrator

NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY  
Organizations Invited to  
Conferences on the Homes Use Program

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 25, 1943

American Association for Adult Education	The National Board of the Young Women's
American Association of Social Workers	Christian Associations of U.S.A.
American Federation of Soroptimists Clubs	National Consumers League
Association of Junior Leagues of America, Inc.	National Council of Jewish Juniors
Boys' Club of America, Inc.	National Council of Jewish Women
Boy Rangers of America, Inc.	National Council of Women of United States
Boy Scouts of America	National Council of Young Men's Christian Associations of U.S.A.
Camp Fire Girls, Inc.	National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.
Common Council for American Unity, Inc.	National Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs
Community Chests and Councils, Inc.	National Federation of Settlements
Consumer Education Association	National Jewish Welfare Board
Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America	National Organization for Public Health Nursing, Inc.
Girl Reserves, Y. W. C. A.	National Travelers Aid Association
Girl Scouts, Inc.	National Urban League
Hi Y Clubs, Y. M. C. A.	National Women's Trade Union League of America
International Society of Christian Endeavor	The Town Hall, Inc.
Knights of Columbus	The Women's League of the United Synagogue of America
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People	

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

March 29, 1943

Alpha Kappa Alpha	Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
The American Legion	Ladies Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors
American Legion Auxiliary	Ladies Society to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen
American Library Association	National Congress of Parents & Teachers
American Public Welfare Association	National Federation of Temple Brotherhoods
Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Engineers	National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods
The Cooperative League of the United States of America	Optimist International
Evangelical Lutheran Synodical Conference of N. A.	Rotary International
Int'l Ass'n of Altrusa Clubs, Inc.	United Council of Church Women
International Ass'n of Lions Clubs	United Christian Youth Movement
Kiwanis International	Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S.
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Railway Signalmen	

WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 1, 1943

Aleph Zadik Aleph of B'nai B'rith	Congress of Women's Auxiliaries of CIO
American Association of University Women	Daughters of the American Revolution
American Council on Education	General Federation of Women's Clubs
American Federation of Women's Auxiliaries of Labor	National Catholic Welfare Conference
American Home Economics Association	National Council of Catholic Men
American Junior Red Cross	National Council of Catholic Women
American Red Cross	National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
B'nai B'rith	National Education Association of the U.S.
Civitan International	National League of Women Voters
	National Negro Congress
	Southern Baptist Convention

#1, 198 Euclid Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
March 18, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith  
Second International Vice-President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1308 Broadway, Room 305  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

I know that you are extremely busy at present but I know, too, that you will not mind giving me some information which is of the utmost importance to both our Auxiliary and the Brotherhood.

I am sending you a copy of the letter which we received from the Brotherhood asking us to convene with their committee. On Monday, March 15, our Executive Board, of which I am the Chairman, and several other ladies met with the committee which included Brother Jack Wilson, J. Simmons, Q. T. Turner, T. Williams and Bob. Jamerson. At first we interpreted this letter to mean that the Brothers were calling us up on the carpet to be reprimanded but when they met with us they called it a "Round Table Talk"--a talk which crystallized into a discussion on our past misdemeanors instead of our future relationship to the Brotherhood.

The first grievance arose over a meeting place, I understand our meetings may be held at a suitable designated place and not specifically in the meeting place of our Brothers, according to Article Two of our Constitution. They think we should meet in the same Club Room as they and that to meet elsewhere is unconstitutional. They hold meetings at the Union Hall, the place where you organized our Auxiliary. Now the ladies feel that this hall is not suitable for many obvious reasons and refuse to go there, so we have rented a very satisfactory Club Room in another hall at Four Dollars per month. The Brothers could rent this room also, but they refuse.

Article 27 of our International stated that the Auxiliary offices shall be in the offices of the

Brotherhood. So far our Brothers have no office; they only have "office space" along with four other organizations.

Secondly our finances have created a tempest among some of the Brothers as they think that we should turn over our money to them, notwithstanding the fact that they have only temporary quarters at present and are not contemplating renting another Club Room or office until they have received recognition from the C. P. R. This was the personal opinion of Brother Wilson. Some of his committee felt that we should go right ahead and start buying equipment anyhow. Now we ladies have worked hard to build up our Treasury and will be very happy to assist our Brothers financially when ever they have some sort of project or definite plan outlined, but we do not want to be exploited. We told the committee that whenever they were ready to let us know and we would gladly co-operate with them but Brother Turner said that it wouldn't be necessary to let us know as "being wives we ought to know our husbands' needs; therefore we ought to know what the Brotherhood would require and when." But Brother Smith, business is business, and we see no reason for going about it in a haphazard way. So much confusion has been caused over the question of an office and equipment that some of our ladies now feel that we should turn over our money without further ado. I don't think this is the sole purpose of our money and I would greatly appreciate it if you would please explain to us the actual purposes this money should be spent besides of course, our monthly expenses for operation.

Now we have had three parties to raise funds. Our first party was held at the hall but the other two were held at members homes. Naturally some mistakes were made and when informed we gladly corrected them. But instead of asking our Executive Board some of our ladies took it out to the Brothers who promptly discussed it pro and con in their meetings. According to Article 8 this should have been settle by our Executive Board, but these Brothers think that they have full jurisdiction over us, that as the International is over them so they are over us. We know we are subordinate to the Brotherhood but jurisdiction and authority is assigned by our International Auxiliary Order, Article 5, and not by the Local Brotherhood. When we asked for proof they read Article 27 of the Constitution and Brother Wilson stated that it applied to the Local. We do not think this is correct or that they really understand their constitution.

In order to try to clarify this article we quote a paragraph from your last letter to my son-in-law Brother Hudson. Brother Turner said that our interpretation of this passage was incorrect that it had no bearing on the subject. When asked what it did mean we received no answer.

President Pandolph told us that we should entertain our Brothers, so when we were finally able to do so, we made plans for an affair. Brother Wilson said that until the men received recognition that entertainment was definitely out, but that they would accept donations of money.

Now we do not want to do anything which is unconstitutional contrary to our International or which will hinder the progress of our men towards their objective, but the ladies feel that we are capable of taking care of our own business without interference. Really, it seems to come from only a few and not the entire Brotherhood. If they had constructive suggestions or recommendations which would actually help us we would be more than happy to comply, but we do not like dictatorship nor the attitude expressed in Brother Blanchette's letter. And the discussion of our business in their meetings has certainly caused no end of ill feeling between the Brothers and the Ladies Auxiliary. We know that when the time comes you will send us a Counselor. We trust you will send us one with a clear unbiased interpretation of the Constitution and one who can really teach and counsel us.

This letter expresses only my personal opinion but if it would not be asking too much, May I hear from you by return mail as our next meeting will be on March 25 and it is imperative that we receive this information so that we may better help our Brotherhood in what they are fighting for.

Fraternally yours,

(Mrs.) Mabel Brown

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*National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax*  
*Number 10 Independence Avenue, Southwest*  
*Washington, District of Columbia*

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March 19, 1943

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Mrs. Halena Wilson  
The Ladies Auxiliary to The  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car  
Porters  
4231 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson,

We would like to take this opportunity to commend the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters on its strong and positive position for legislation abolishing the poll tax.

A bi-partisan coalition had been formed to back the anti-poll tax bill H.R.7. Discharge Petition No. 3, placed on the Speaker's desk a week ago, already has over seventy-five signatures. We feel very optimistic about the possibility of rapidly securing the necessary 213 signatures to bring the bill to the floor of the House for a vote in the next few months.

We request that the Ladies Auxiliary to The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters take action on the following two points in order to bring the greatest prestige and support behind this vital win-the-war measure.

(1) Address a letter to Congress requesting each Congressman to sign Discharge Petition No. 3 and to support the anti-poll tax coalition bill H.R.7.

(2) Send a letter to all affiliated Auxilliarities to the Ladies Auxilliary to The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters requesting that they contact their own Congressmen immediately.

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Mrs. Halena Wilson

March 19, 1943

We can be successful in obtaining action on this bill if the greatest pressure is immediately mobilized by all organizations which desire the repeal of the poll tax. The Ladies Auxilliary to The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters played a leading role in the last session of Congress and we sincerely hope that we can count on your support for this year.

We would deeply appreciate knowing what action is taken.

Sincerely yours,

*Sylvia Beitscher*

SYLVIA BEITSCHER  
Executive Secretary

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cc to Mrs. Tucker

March 22, 1943

Miss Agnes Nestor, President  
Women's Trade Union League of Chicago  
630 South Ashland Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Nestor:

Enclosed please find name and address  
of our member to serve on your Committee.

With best wishes, I remain

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le  
Encl.

March 22, 1943

Mr. Philip M. Klutznick  
Assistant Administrator  
National Housing Agency  
220 West North Bank Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Mrs. Agnes Thornton of 433 East 45th Street  
and Mrs. T. L. Williamson of 620 East 36th Street will  
represent the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of  
Sleeping Car Porters during the discussion of the Home  
Use Program on Monday, March 29, Merchandise Mart at  
2:00 p.m.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

March 22, 1943

Miss Mary V. White, President  
Illinois State Women's Trade Union League  
408 West Vernon Avenue  
Normal, Illinois

Dear Miss White:

Enclosed please find one credential for  
our delegate to the Biennial State Conference of Women's  
Trade Unionists and Auxiliary Members on April 12-13.

Hotel reservation will not be needed.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le  
Encl.

March 24 1943.

Mr. J. C. Wilson.  
President Winnipeg Division,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
134-Austin Street,  
Winnipeg Man.

Dear Brother Wilson:

Permit me to request the nature of the subject matter that necessitated your approval requesting a reception committee under date of March 5 1943, addressed to the Sec'y of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Winnipeg Division.

For your further information if I can have your cooperation in the securing a complete report of the matter proper consideration can be given same and if necessary instructions issued as to the policy and program of local division including authority of both Auxiliary and Brotherhood divisions, in this endeavor I am sure I have your cooperation.

We are looking forward to visit Canada next month in connection with our C.P.R. matter during the interim keep up the good.

Kindly remember me to all the sisters and brothers and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternaly yours,

  
Second International Vice President.  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS:eb.

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
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Mrs. Helena Wilson  
International President, Ladies Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

The attached is self explanatory, suggest you advise the president, Miss Williams as to the rights of the auxiliary to select their own meeting place and the disposition of there monies and as soon as I am able to get the local brotherhood side I will not hesitate to straighten them out provided Sister Brown has given a true picture.

With kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,

  
Bennie Smith  
Second International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

BS/eb

March 25, 1943

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meetings March 4th and 18th with the president, Sister Helena Wilson presiding. The meetings were well attended. Two applications for membership were accepted. A new member, Sister Helen Thomas was given a warm welcome and extended the hand of fellowship by all present.

The plan for the Brotherhood Coop is still progressing. Sister Milbrey Sneed is president of the Woodlawn Study Club and Sister Agnes Thornton is president of the 43rd Street Area Study Club.

During the meeting of March 18 the auxiliary was honored to have its counsellor, Brother M. P. Webster present whose remarks were very timely and highly appreciated by all.

The president, Sister Helena Wilson was elected delegate to the Illinois State Women's Trade Union League <sup>Biennial Conference</sup> to be held in Springfield, Illinois, April 12 and 13. Sister Mincie Lee was elected to represent The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary at a meeting being held under the auspices of the Chicago Women's Trade Union League. Sisters Agnes Thornton and T. L. Williamson were elected delegates to a Housing Conference to be held March 29 at the Merchandise Mart from 2:00 to 5:30 P.M.

The auxiliary is planning a tour and Card Party at the Bowman Dairy on April 20, the proceeds to be applied to the auxiliary's Scholarship Fund. All members are being asked to help make this a worth while affair.

T. L. Williamson  
Reporter

March 25, 1943

Miss DeVera I. Johnson  
Managing Editor  
The Black Worker  
217 West 125th Street  
New York, New York

Dear Miss Johnson:

Will you kindly include the enclosed article  
in the next edition of The Black Worker.

Trust you are well and glad to note you are  
back with us.

Faternally yours,

T. L. Williamson  
Reporter

HW:le

March 25, 1943

Mrs. Habel Brown  
Chairman, Local Executive Board  
Ladies Auxiliary Winnipeg Division  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
#1, 198 Euclid Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

My Dear Sister Brown:

In acknowledging receipt of your communication under date March 18, May I say that I am sure if you could see the accumulated matter awaiting my attention, you could appreciate my delay in answering. I have however noted with great concern the contents and while it is tracable to a misunderstanding perhaps, as to jurisdiction and authority of the local division as implied in your letter. But I am sure that when the Brothers mentioned have had ample time to study the ~~whole~~ set up of the International Ladies Auxiliary this particular matter will not arise again. It is my hope that the Ladies will not become impatient with some of the Brothers because of the controversy. I am, under another cover writing Brother Wilson your Local Counselor.

Your letter is being forwarded to the International President of the Ladies Auxiliary, Sister Helena Wilson, 4231 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois for consideration and reply to your local President Sister Helen Williams 156 Alfred Avenue, Winnipeg. With all the necessary information requested in your letter. Who in turn will advise all the local officers and members of Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Winnipeg Division.

May I suggest that each of us keep our eyes fixed upon our immediate goal. With kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours

  
Bennie Smith  
Second International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

BS/ eb

March 31, 1943

Miss Sylvia Beitscher  
Executive Secretary  
National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax  
10 Independence Avenue, Southwest  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Beitscher:

Your letter under date of March 19 was received. Please be advised that a bulletin is being sent each local division directing that letters be sent to the designated places and persons requesting support of the Discharge Petitioner No. 3.

The International Ladies Auxiliary is deeply interested in the present efforts to pass the Poll Tax Bill and will do all it can in support of this much needed legislation.

Yours very truly,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

March 31, 1943

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

The International Ladies Auxiliary is deeply indebted to you for the help given the local auxiliary in straightening out its financial difficulties. The Oakland Auxiliary was among the more punctual auxiliary' some time back and I am sure with your continued interest that this will be the case once again.

I hope by this time Sister Nutall is fully recovered.

The name of the new secretary-treasurer has been recorded. Thanks very much.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

156 Alfred Ave.,  
Winnipeg, Man.,  
April 1, 1943.

Mrs. Helena Wilson, President,  
Ladies Auxiliary B.S.C.P.,  
4231 South Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill..

Dear Sister Wilson:

This is to acknowledge letter under date of  
March 26, for which I thank you.

I shall sincerely endeavour to follow your  
instructions and shall instruct my members to do  
the same.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

*Helen Williams*

Helen Williams, President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
Winnipeg Division.

156 Alfred Ave.  
Winnipeg, Man.  
April 2, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith  
Second International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1308 Broadway, Room 305  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith.

This is to acknowledge communications under date of March 24, relating to a letter sent to your office by Sister Mable Brown, for which I thank you.

I have since received a letter from our International President, Sister Halena Wilson, in which she outlined the information requested in detail.

I shall sincerely endeavour to follow instructions and shall instruct my members to do the same. I am sure the situation can be handled successfully with the information received.

With kindest personal regards,

Fraternally yours,

Helèn Williams, President  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
Winnipeg, Division.

# ILLINOIS STATE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

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April 4, 1943

Mrs. Halena Wilson, President  
Ladies Auxiliary of  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

It is so nice to know that you are  
to be a delegate to our State Conference.

Our Programs have not been completed as  
yet, and we may not have time to mail them out  
to the delegates, but will just give them out  
at the opening of the Conference.

The Conference will open at 9-30 A. M.  
Monday April 12, at the Leland Hotel. There will  
be a dinner on Monday evening at the Abraham  
Lincoln Hotel, and there will be a luncheon meeting  
on Monday and Tuesday.

This will be one of our very important  
Conferences, and I think you will find it profitable.  
I shall look forward to meeting you again at the  
Conference.

Fraternally yours,  
*Mary V. White*  
Mary V. White, President

OF  
INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

April 5, 1943

- G E N E R A L L E T T E R -

Dear Members:

A new poll tax bill, H-R #7 has been introduced by a coalition of five Congressmen to the present Congress. The bill is now before the House's Juridical Committee where it appears likely to stay unless something is done to release the Committee from future consideration of this bill.

The petition known as Discharge Petition No. 3 is being circulated in Congress in the hope of obtaining the signatures necessary to bring the bill to the floor of the House for a vote.

The Poll Tax Bill, the Committee on Fair Employment Practice and a federal anti-lynch bill are of vital importance not only to Negroes, but to America as well and each should have the active support of all well-thinking Americans. Owing to the far-reaching significance of these bills and committees the Auxiliary is being requested to support these measures whenever they come up for consideration. This can best be done by each Auxiliary writing its Congressmen and Senators and by letting them know that its members expect their support in these important issues.

The Poll Tax Bill is now in committee and you are requested to write the above officials in an effort to create the pressure needed at this time.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

April 5, 1943

TO MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dear Sisters:

I have been attempting for the past several weeks to arrange a budget for the purpose of having the Zone Supervisors make some much needed visits in their zones. It is felt that the morale of the various divisions will be greatly strengthened as a result of these visits, therefore, I should like to recommend for your consideration the necessity of putting this plan into operation without further delay.

Your opinion in this matter will be greatly appreciated as we should like very much to arrange the budget so as to start these visits within the next few weeks.

Fraternally yours,

HW:le

Halena Wilson  
International President

April 6, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith  
2nd International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1308 Broadway - Room 305  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother:

The copy of the letter sent you by Brother Wilson of Winnipeg is such as to influence me to write for your opinion regarding the situation there. It is evident that a ruling should be made concerning several matters referred to by Brother Wilson. His position concerning entertainments, liquor laws, etc. is very well taken and under the circumstances will have to be respected by the auxiliary. The attitude of the sisters of the auxiliary with reference to both presidents should be adjusted also that of the auxiliary toward the local counselor. Since these matters have been brought to my attention indirectly I did not feel that I should act upon them without asking for your advise. Would you suggest that I write to the auxiliary so as to establish once and for all the authority or the lack of same before the situation becomes more aggravated.

It is my intention to visit in my zone sometime after the end of this month. I had in mind going to Cincinnati, Columbus, <sup>Pitts</sup> Cleveland, Detroit and Indianapolis. Are these proposed stop overs in order and have you any suggestions regarding the best connections, trains, etc.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

April 6, 1943

Mr. David Kellum, Editor  
The Chicago Defender  
3435 Indiana Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly include the enclose article  
in the next issue of The Chicago Defender for I feel  
many of your readers would appreciate the opportunity  
of hearing one of your staff members.

With thanks for your cooperation, I remain

Yours truly,

Milbrey Sneed, Chairman  
Educational Committee

Ladies Auxiliary to the  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Encl.

April 6, 1943

The Educational Committee of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters will present Dr. S. I. Hayakawa as guest speaker Thursday evening, April 15, 8:30 o'clock at 4231 South Michigan Avenue.

Mr. Hayakawa will speak on "Consumers Co-operatives and Amelioration of Race Relation"

Dr. Hayakawa is Assistant Professor of English at Illinois Institute of Technology; Author of Language in Action; Book of the Month Club selection; Book Reviewer for the Chicago Sun Book Week and weekly columnist for the Chicago Defender.

The Brotherhood Coop Study Club was organized over a year ago and is now making preparation to start a buying club.

The various Consumers Coops in the community are cordially invited to attend this meeting.

St. Paul, Minnesota

726 Sherburne Avenue

April, 8, 1943

Mrs Helena Wilson Int. Pres.

Dear friend and sister

I received your letter and think it a good idea for the Zone Supervisors to visit their respective zones from time to time. I think your last visit to our zone was very beneficial. I was extremely grateful that in your helpful talks you confirmed all of the things I had stressed here from time to time.

We are having lovely weather this Lenten season after a very hard winter. We had quite a shower last night which has left the earth so clean. My family all send their regards to your family. I heard Paul Robeson sing the other night at the Northrop Auditorium on the Minnesota University campus. He was in good form as always. Our auxiliary meetings have been rather curtailed. All of the officers are working every day. We are now having one meeting the third Sunday afternoon in each month. They have done away with the social meetings which were never well attended. I had a fine financial report from sister Tucker. We should not have any unfinancial members. Most of the members are working so should have the wherewithal. I am still attending classes in advanced writing and getting good grades for which I am so thankful. The course is difficult but I like every bit of it. Hope to see you here soon. Fraternally

yours

Carrie B. Mowatt

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
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2ND INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT



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April 9th, 1943

ASHLEY L. TOTTEN  
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Mrs. Helena Wilson,  
International President,  
Ladies Auxillary to the B. of S. C. P.  
4231-South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago ILL.

Dear Sister Wilson:

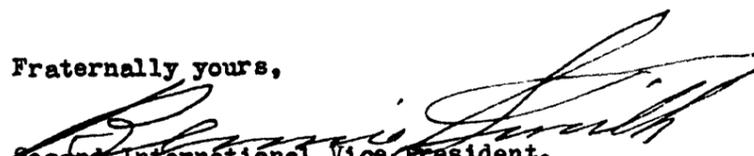
In appreciation of yours under date of April 6th, permit me to suggest that first try and get a true and correct report from the Winnipeg Auxillary, as to the method in which they conduct the affairs of the Auxillary with respect to intertainments for the purpose of raising funds in order that we may be dealing with facts, it is my hope that you feel that I do not doubt one word mentioned in the communication over the signature of Brother Wilson, but it is my considered opinion there exist a biterness between some of the Brothers and Sister Brown, which could influence a report not including all the facts, should it develop that the statements contained in the above mentioned can not be refuted, then we can hue to the line and let the chips fall where they may.

Attached find copy of letter which is self explanatory, may I have your reactions.

In view of your planed visit over a portion of your zone may I suggest that you plan your trip to stop first at Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Columbus, Pittsburgh, Cleveland and Detroit, in that way you will not be doubling back over any portion of the road including your return to Chicago, the distance between stops shorter, expence less.

The brevity of this letter is due to the fact that I am acting as my own Steno (Smile).

Fraternally yours,

  
Bennie Smith  
Second International Vice President.  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

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- EXECUTIVE ORDER #3802 -

WHEREAS: There can be no justifiable reason for racial or sex discrimination in a country involved in a total war when as never before there is a need of all available help from the entire citizenry, and

WHEREAS: There is a vital need for a wider distribution and a broader inclusion of both man and woman power if the country is to be successful in its all out war efforts, and

WHEREAS: There is evidence of a great waste of available man and woman power which causes a great reservoir of able-bodied men and women who are willing and anxious to respond to their country's needs, and

WHEREAS: Such discrimination is seriously impeding industry in its total output of ships, planes and other materials

BE IT RESOLVED  
THAT:

This Conference of the Illinois State Women's Trade Union League go on record as expressing its disapproval of these undemocratic discriminations and that it express its approval of Executive Order #3802 which was issued June 25, 1941 by the President of the United States of America for the purpose of putting an end to these forms of discrimination which have seriously retarded the country's war efforts thereby unnecessarily prolonging a brutal war and adding to the deplorable loss of lives

BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED THAT:

This Conference approve the work that has been done by the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee which was created by Executive Order #3802 for the purpose of lessening all forms of discrimination both in industry and the various governmental agencies.

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April 12, 1943

Mary Hobbs  
5522 L. Ave.

April 14, 1943

Mrs. Willa Bell Redding  
1930 Indiana Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Friend and Member:

It will be necessary for me to be out of the city on a number of occasions during the coming months and I am quite desirous of having the various committees function as efficient as possible. While I am absent it will be a great relief to me to know that each chairman is keeping in touch with her committee and reporting as regularly to the membership as possible. I trust I may count upon your cooperation since your committee is an important one and can add much to the auxiliary meetings.

Now that I am growing stronger I hope with the help of the chairmen to revitalize the members serving on the various committees.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson, President  
Chicago Ladies Auxiliary

HW:le

April 15, 1943

Mr. Abe Goldstein  
1200 West Belen Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Goldstein:

I received your telephone message upon my return home Tuesday at 10:30 P.M. I suppose it was an oversight on my part that the members did not come to class on that evening.

Mr. Wilson came home with an attack of intestinal flu and it appeared that my plans would have to be altered. In the haste of making last minute preparations I forgot to send notices to the members. However, if you will overlook this omission I shall do my utmost to see that it does not happen again.

If we do not hear from you to the contrary we shall be expecting you on the evening of the 20th. We deeply regret having caused you to make the trip under the circumstance.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson

HW:le

April 15, 1943

Miss Lillian Herstein  
5429 South Greenwood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Herstein:

The day before leaving for Springfield an article appeared in the Chicago Defender announcing a change in the status of the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee. Even though this did not appear to be official it caused me to be a bit doubtful as to the most effective working of the letter authorized by the State League, therefore, your suggestion to wait until we return to the city was very acceptable under the circumstances.

I have consulted Mr. Burton, the director of the March On Washington here in Chicago in an effort to ascertain exactly what the Committee desires and was told that the Committee wants to be reconstructed as an independent agency responsible only to the President, that it wants the railroad hearings that were called off to be re-scheduled and the hearings to be conducted by the members who are now on the Committee who made the original investigation. The Committee is also requesting an adequate personnel for the purpose of extending its work.

If additional information is desired you might call ATLantic 8367 where Mr. Burton can be reached around five or six o'clock in the evenings. Thanks very much for your interest in this matter.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson

HW:le

April 16, 1943

Representative Ernest A. Greene  
House of Representatives  
Springfield, Illinois

Dear Sir:

In an effort to prevent the lowering of wages which will affect the American standard of living both of the organized and of the unorganized workers, the various labor organizations including the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are interested in the passage of House Bill #219 or "the equal pay for equal work bill."

The substitution <sup>of</sup> for womanpower <sup>for</sup> and manpower is a vital need arising out of existing conditions which women are patriotically filling to the very best of their ability. To use the present emergency as an excuse to undermine the labor movement or to vitiate all that the worker has fought so many years to obtain is thought to be taking an unfair advantage of a very crucial situation and since the living standard of the entire Negro race depends more or less upon the wages paid into the race for services rendered is all the more reason for Negroes to watch with growing concern the present tendency to lower wages by paying women workers less for filling the vacancies caused by the induction of men into the military services. Therefore, your support of this bill will be greatly appreciated.

I should like to have spoken to you personally while visiting the House of Representatives last Tuesday morning but being none too strong the exertion of the previous day prevented me moving about as freely as I should like to have done. I trust you will pardon this personal reference but it is felt that this explanation is in order under the circumstances.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

April 16, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith  
2nd International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1308 Broadway - Room 305  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother:

Will arrive in Detroit May 15th over the New York Central at 4:20 P.M. I am requesting the Auxiliary to arrange two meetings. One to be a joint meeting of brothers and sisters and the other for auxiliary members only. Would appreciate whatever arrangements are made with regards to a place to stop.

I have written a number of times to the Louisville Auxiliary both to the president and secretary-treasurer, but up to the present I have not received a reply from either. I would appreciate any information you are in possession of concerning this division.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

April 20, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith  
2nd International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1308 Broadway - Room 305  
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Sir and Brother:

I understand that you will be in Chicago the end of next week. I suppose we will be able then to discuss matters in the same.

In an effort to straighten out conditions in Winnipeg I wrote for information regarding the actions of the Executive Board also for information concerning the auxiliary's method of entertaining and its compliance with the regulations required by the Canadian government. As you say, with both sides it will be possible to send a general statement that may help the atmosphere.

The itinerary suggested by you is being followed and the auxiliaries have been notified of the intended visits and the extra time of my arrival.

Relative to Brother Wilson appointing a counsellor in Winnipeg it would seem that he acted without authority unless he had been appointed previously by Brother Randolph and it is my understanding that this was not done. It seems also that a better feeling would exist if the brother was not too anxious to establish his authority and to place the sisters in what he considers "to be their place."

From the general appearance of your letter I would say you are doing a fine job so, keep up the good work (smile).

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

April 20, 1913

Miss Mary V. White, President  
Illinois State Women's Trade Union League  
408 West Vernon Avenue  
Normal, Illinois

Dear Miss White:

Just a few lines to let you know how very much I enjoyed the Conference in Springfield. I left with a stronger determination than ever to build an effective Legislative Committee within the Ladies Auxiliary. Suggestions on how best to obtain the information that will be needed to keep abreast on such matters will be greatly appreciated.

The Blue Book containing the official list of State and County officials is extremely helpful.

Letters have been written to the representatives from the first and fifth districts urging their support for the "equal pay for equal work bill."

Hope you have become rested by this time.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

April 22, 1943

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters held its regular meetings at the Brotherhood Headquarters April 1st and 15th respectively with Sister Halena Wilson presiding and assisted by Sister Kate Garner, First Vice President. The meetings were very interesting and well attended. Three applications for membership were accepted and the members extended a cordial welcome by the Auxiliary.

The president, Halena Wilson discussed news article on Captain Eddie Rickenbacker and spoke on his attitude toward Labor in general which was very enlightening.

Mesdames Agnes Thornton and T. L. Williamson, delegates to the Housing Conference held at the Merchandise Mart, on March 29 made splendid reports of the Conference.

During the meeting of April 15 the secretary-treasurer, Sister Agnes Thornton, made a partial report of the spring dance which was on the evening of April 3. Sister Mabel Bryant, the chairman of <sup>the</sup> Entertainment Committee is visiting in Hot Springs, Arkansas and was unable to make a report at this meeting. The dance was well attended and promises to be a huge financial success.

The president, Sister Halena Wilson who was elected delegate to the Legislative Conference of the Illinois State Women Trade Union League that was held in Springfield, Illinois, April 12 and 13, made a partial report which was enjoyed by all, after which Sister Wilson introduced Dr. S. I. Hayakawa, assistant professor of English at the Illinois Institute of Technology. Dr. Hayakawa spoke on racial prejudice and the Consumer Cooperative Movement. The speaker's discussion was very timely as well as educational. He praised the efforts of the auxiliary and urged members to start the Buying Club without further delay even if on a small scale.

The Auxiliary also had a special guest in the person of Mrs. Fannie Baxter, President of Northern District Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Baxter made some

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very encouraging remarks following the discussion on the Consumer Cooperative Movement.

T. L. Williamson, Reporter

Miss DeVera I. Johnson:

Will you kindly include the above article in the next edition of The Black Worker.

Trust you are enjoying the best of health and that you will have a pleasant Easter day.

TLW

# ILLINOIS STATE WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

408 W. Vernon Avenue  
Normal, Illinois

April, 25, 1943

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Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Malena Wilson, Int. President  
Ladies Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
Train, Chair, & Coach Porters  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

You have done a fine job in writing to Representatives Green and Berman of the first and fifth districts, urging their support of House Bill 249. We shall need every vote we can possibly muster on that Industrial Affairs Committee to get the Bill out on the floor. It would be most helpful if you would follow your letter up to Rep. E. A. Greene with a personal call or a telephone call, and perhaps some of your other members could see him too. There are so many of the members of that committee who are opposed to our legislation that we must change the opinion of some of the members or our Bill will be lost in committee.

We had a hearing before the committee last Tuesday, April 20 for the proponents of the Bill. Next Wednesday, April 28 the hearing will be continued, and then on May 5 the Committee will vote the Bill out or kill it.

If you and Lillian Herstein have sent the telegrams to Paul McLutt and the President on the Conference Action, please let me know the amount of the telegrams, and I will reimburse you. I am sure you will have a good legislative committee in your auxiliary. If you do not get the Illinois State legislative Digest, and our Life and Labor Bulletin I will put your name on the mailing list.

Fraternally yours,  
*Mary V. White*  
Mary V. White, President

*Answer*

P.S. I will put your name on the mailing list of the weekly News Letter of the Illinois State Federation of Labor - they always carry a full report of the State Labor Legislation in that paper.  
M. W.

156 Alfred Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Man.,  
April 26th. 1943..

Mrs. Helena Wilson,  
International President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
4231 S. Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill..

Dear Sister Wilson:

I am in receipt of your letter under date of April 16th, and shall now endeavour to give the information requested in detail.

The local executive board consists of seven members, who yet have not had a meeting, even to elect a chairman. It has been stated, not by motion, that the only relationship desired between said body and president is that the president may attend their board meetings only if requested. The Executive Board feels that it should settle all important matters that arise. For instance when the local Brotherhood recently requested a meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary with their committee to discuss future relationships, the executive board determined it their duty to preside, Hence the acting chairman of the board presided at the meeting.

Advertised dances are to be held only in licensed dance halls. Raffles and bingo are illegal. We held two house parties at which whist, dancing and bingo were indulged in, although dancing and bingo were not advertised. We did not charge admission but a subscription. A raffle was not advertised either but rather to take a chance which is permissible.

As per liquor laws of Manitoba; rationed supply may be procured and drank only on premises of liquor permit holder. Should any organization sponsor a banquet at which alcoholic beverages will be served special legal banquet permit must be procured. We have never served liquor at any of our entertainments.

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Mrs. Helena Wilson:

It is a difficult task to veto admission to anyone who may have liquor on his person not covered by a premises permit or to discover that said person has liquor in his possession.

I regret to say that there has not been as much harmony between the local Ladies Auxiliary and the local Brotherhood as there should be. There has been a certain amount of resentment of the part of several ladies toward the local Brotherhood's advice, especially regarding the jurisdiction of the local Auxiliary, although the Brotherhood stated that they did not wish to dictate or interfere, but rather to draw our attention to anything that might be a detriment to the Auxiliary and Brotherhood. In your letter of March 26, this question of jurisdiction was explained fully, and from now on I believe there is no room for further misunderstanding.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

*Helen Williams*

Helen Williams, President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
Winnipeg Division.

156 Alfred Ave.,  
Winnipeg, Man.,  
April 26th. 1943.

Mrs. Helena Wilson,  
International President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
4231 S. Michigan Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill..

Dear Sister Wilson:

Please excuse my negligence in informing you how the Auxiliary acted upon your letter regarding a salary for our Secretary-treasurer.

The motion to pay a donation of \$3.00 to the Secretary -Treasurer was rescinded in our meeting,,April 8, with the secretary retaining the money she had received. previously.

Awaiting your approval, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

*Helen Williams*

Helen Williams, President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
Winnipeg, Division.

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
1231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

April 26, 1945

- GENERAL BULLETIN -

Dear President:

This is to remind the Auxiliary of the communication of November 19, 1942, in which reference was made to the provision which requires that monthly financial statements are to be made both to the International Secretary-Treasurer and to the International President of the Ladies Auxiliary.

It is felt that ample explanation has been given regarding the necessity of such a report, however, if the method of submitting these reports is not entirely clear the secretary-treasurer should request the services of the International Secretary-Treasurer until there is a thoroughly understanding. As has been previously stated this is a business organization with rules that all officials both local and international are required to observe. In instances where this is not done measures will have to be resorted to that will insure the cooperative compliance of the persons entrusted with these obligations.

A number of divisions will be visited within the next few weeks and others later at which time efforts will be made to impress the officers and members with their responsibility to the International Organization. Where there oral or written efforts are not fruitful the local Executive Board in such divisions will be requested to make an investigation and report to this office.

It is sincerely hoped that such a procedure will not be necessary since it is to the mutual benefit of all members of the Auxiliary to help strengthen the Organization by complying with the rules that were adopted for its government.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

April 27, 1943

Dear Sister:

Sister Dyer was requested to send me the roster of the Columbus Ladies Auxiliary so that a word of greeting might be sent the membership prior to my visit there.

There is a deep feeling of satisfaction on the part of both organizations in knowing that the message of organization has fallen upon fertile minds in the Columbus Division. Collective bargaining and collective planning is occupying almost every waking hour of some of the most enlightened minds of the world. Such planning has become so obvious by now that the Negro who, no doubt, will get the least out of this general planning can not afford to be indifferent to his own future wellbeing.

With these thoughts in mind there is a natural feeling of elation because the women of the Columbus Division have become aware of this need and I trust as a result of my visit there that I shall be able to say that much will serve as a lasting reminder of the great benefits to be derived from organization and cooperation which over a period of time is bound to result in greater unity and solidarity.

Faternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

Trip of May 2-16, 1943

(May 3rd and 4th - Meetings-Indianapolis)

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Chicago, Illinois - May 3rd

Indianapolis, Indiana

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Time: 5:00 P.M. (May 3rd)

Road: New York Central

Road: New York Central

Fare: Chicago to Columbus, Ohio

\$ 11.72

*S. wa Allen  
2514 Highland Pl  
Indianapolis, Ind.*

Seat-Indpolis. .90

" Ind-Cin. .65

" Cin-Col. .65

(May 5th & 6th-Meetings-Cincinnati)

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Indianapolis, Indiana May 5th

Cincinnati, Ohio

Time: 2:15 P.M.

Time: 5:40 P.M. May 5th

Road: New York Central

Road: New York Central

(May 7th & 8th-Meetings-Columbus)

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Cincinnati, Ohio - May 7th

Columbus, Ohio

Time: 12:00 Noon

Time: 4:15 P.M. May 7th

Road: New York Central

Road: New York Central

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Columbus, Ohio - May 9th

Orrville, Ohio - May 9th

Time: 8:15 A.M.

Time: 11:20 A.M.

*Frances Dyer  
467 Fairfield Ave  
Columbus, Ohio*

Road: Pennsylvania

Lv: Orrville - Time: 12:35 Noon

Fare: All coach trains

Ar: Mansfield, Ohio - May 9th

Time: 1:39 P.M.

Road: Pennsylvania

(May 11th & 12th-Meetings-Pittsburgh)

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Mansfield, Ohio May 11th

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Time: 12:33 Noon

Time: 4:40 P.M. May 11th

Road: Pennsylvania

Road: Pennsylvania

Fare: \$..... 5.83  
Chair 1.00  
(10%)

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(May 13th & 14th-Meetings-Cleveland)

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania - May 13th

Cleveland, Ohio - May 13th

Time: 12:25 Noon

Time: 3:40 P.M.

Road: New York Central

Road: New York Central

Fare: \$ 4.35  
Seat .65

*Estelle H. Blanks  
621 Duff St  
Pitts. Pa.*

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(May 15th & 16th-Meetings-Detroit)

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Cleveland, Ohio - May 15th

Detroit, Michigan - May 15th

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Time: 4:20 P.M.

Road: New York Central

Road: New York Central

Fare: \$13.42  
Seat .90

*Rosie Taylor  
2237 E. 79 St.*

LEAVE:

ARRIVE:

Detroit, Michigan - May 17th

Chicago, Illinois - May 17th

Time: 1:00 P.M.

Time: 5:00 P.M.

Road: New York Central

Road: New York Central

Fare: (Seat \$1.20)

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Approximate Cost of Fare: \$50.00

May 4, 1943

Miss Mary V. White, President  
Illinois State Women's Trade Union League  
408 West Vernon Avenue  
Normal, Illinois

Dear Miss White:

Your letter of recent date was received and I earnestly agree with you that we must have every vote we can possibly secure in order to get the Bill on the floor. I shall follow your suggestion in making personal calls to the representatives, etc.

As I will be out of the city for several days Miss Herstein has agreed to take care of the letters, etc. to the President and Paul McNutt.

I would sincerely appreciate having you to put my name on the mailing list for any publications dealing with legislation.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

2912 Flora St.  
Dallas, Texas  
May 5, 1943.

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker  
International Sec.-Treas.  
Ladies Auxiliary No. 2, B. of S. C. P.  
1128 Seventh Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sister Tucker:

Sometime ago Sister Wilson requested us to buy some more stamps to assist in purchasing a \$5,000 War Bond. The stamps do not sell so well among the ladies of this division, so a part of us got together and decided to give a Tea, the proceeds from which, we decided to finish paying for the stamps we now have on hand and to send the balance as a donation from the Dallas Division, towards the purchase of the War Bond.

I am enclosing herewith a P.O. money order for \$42.50, to be applied as follows: \$37.50 as our donation to the War Bond Drive and \$5.00 we owe on the stamps we now have.

You will also find enclosed one of the invitations we used for the Tea. With kind and personal regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

*Olevia Rawlston*  
Olevia Rawlston, Sec.-Treas.  
Dallas Division

enclosures  
c/c/ Mrs. Malena Wilson  
Mrs. Fannie J. Caviness

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Pittsburgh  
**Sun-Telegraph**  
Pittsburgh, Pa.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

May 6, 1943

Mrs. Rosine G. Tucker  
Auxiliary of the Sleeping Car Porters' Union  
1128 Seventh Street, N.E.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Tucker:

Lately there has been considerable discussion in our papers of Grade Labeling. In fact, we know that several organizations have been fighting for Grade Labeling for the past ten or twelve years.

In order that I may write with understanding and intelligence about Grade Labeling in my columns, I should like to know your views on this subject. I would appreciate it so much if you would give me the attitude of your organization on Grade Labeling and the reasons therefor.

Very truly yours,

*Marion G. Leslie*  
Marion G. Leslie  
WOMEN'S EDITOR

MGL:rw

*Mrs. Wilson, Please take care of this.  
Tucker.*

HOUSE WILL VOTE MAY 24th ON H. R. 7

ACT IMMEDIATELY

*National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax*

*Number 10 Independence Avenue, Southwest*

*Washington, District of Columbia*

*Jennings Perry*  
Chairman

*Dr. Will Alexander*  
Vice Chairman

*Virginia Foster Durr*  
Vice Chairman

*Sylvia Beitscher*  
Executive Secretary

May 7, 1943

Dear Friend:

The American people have rolled up another smashing victory in their fight to abolish the vicious poll tax system.

218 SIGNATURES HAVE BEEN SECURED TO DISCHARGE PETITION 3. The successful completion of the Petition in record-breaking time (less than 2 months) marks the beginning of a legislative offensive by the win-the-war forces of this country. We have proved that through unity and organized pressure, the American people can make democracy work.

H. R. 7. THE PEOPLE'S ANTI-POLL TAX BILL COMES UP FOR A VOTE IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES MAY 24th.

YOUR SUPPORT IS REQUIRED NOW!

1. Address a letter to Congress insisting that each Congressman be present May 24th to vote for H. R. 7. The poll taxers will try to load the bill down by controversial amendments in order to split the support for the bill. This strategy must be defeated. Insist that the Congressmen vote against all amendments.

2. Address a letter to your affiliated locals urging they communicate immediately with their Congressmen - to be present May 24th to vote for the bill and to vote against all amendments.

This is the last round in the fight to pass the bill in the House. YOUR ORGANIZATION CAN MAKE A VITAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR BY ACTING NOW!

With deep appreciation for your magnificent support, I am

Sincerely yours,

*Sylvia Beitscher*

SYLVIA BEITSCHER  
Executive Secretary

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT  
DR. FRANK P. GRAHAM  
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HON. JAMES O'CONNOR  
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TEN MILLION VOTES FOR DEMOCRACY -- TEN MILLION VOTES TO WIN THE WAR

Department of Information  
**OFFICE OF PRICE ADMINISTRATION**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 8, 1943

Refer to: 434:FHW

Mrs. Halena Wilson, President  
Women's Auxiliary, Brotherhood of  
Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

At our meeting for national organizations in Chicago on February 12, 1943, when we discussed the role of volunteers in the new price control program, we promised to let you know when a definite plan was worked out.

We are now able to make good on our promise to inform you. Enclosed you will find the following:

1. A memorandum to all Regional Administrators and District Directors from Prentiss Brown on the subject of Volunteers. To this memorandum is attached Field Administrative Letter No. 23 on use of volunteers in War Price and Rationing Boards which outlines the entire program.
2. A memorandum to Members of War Price and Rationing Boards from Mr. Prentiss Brown on the subject, Functions of War Price and Rationing Boards in the New Retail Price Control Program.

It will be important to use any means at your disposal for passing this information on to your local members so they can take steps immediately to volunteer through their Office of Civilian Defense or War Price and Rationing Board. Members volunteering will want to think in terms of the type job they are best fitted for and the free time they have to devote to the work.

If we can do a good job, we can be assured that it will be of inestimable value in the ultimate success of the new price program.



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We are taking this opportunity to send two other pieces of material, one is the second in a series of rationing posters. Additional copies of this poster can be obtained from the Community Service Member of your War Price and Rationing Board. The second is a news release on the effect of the black market in meats. The more people we can reach with this story and encourage to refuse to deal through black market channels, the sooner such practices can be wiped out. More meat will then be available at the store when you go in to spend your points.

If you have any further questions we will be glad to help you. Please keep us informed of your activities, so we can be prepared to service you adequately.

Sincerely yours,

*Frances H. Williams*

Frances H. Williams  
Group Services Branch  
Consumer Division

Enclosures

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

MILTON P. WEBSTER  
1ST INTERNATIONAL VICE-PRESIDENT  
4231 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

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May 19, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, Int'l. President,  
Ladies Auxiliary,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
4231 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Permit me to inform you that I am presently arranging a trip South beginning May 25th and continuing through ~~about~~ the 20th of June.

I am cognizant of the fact that you stated sometime ago Mrs. Lassiter would be coming South about this time. In light of the fact, I am wondering if she will be crossing my path at any of the present schedules. If so, it might be well that we know about it since I am planning large meetings to rally the new porters and their wives to our great cause.

Enclosed you will find an itinerary and if her plans dove-tails into mine at any of these points, kindly notify the groups. Of course, all these plans are subject to change, nevertheless, I have written the groups because unless some contract matters comes up I shall follow through as per schedule.

Sorry I was unable to see you during my short visit over the last week-end but trust that my next visit to Chicago the latter part of June will give me this pleasure.

Thanking you for your fine spirit of cooperation and interest, I am,

Fraternally yours,

B. F. McLaurin,  
Int'l. Field Organizer.

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ITINERARY  
OF  
B. F. MCLAURIN  
INTERNATIONAL FIELD ORGANIZER  
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

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Chicago, Illinois	May 13, 14, 15, 16
Buffalo, New York	May 21, 22, 23
New York, New York	May 24
Richmond, Virginia	May 25, 26
Rocky Mount, N. C.	May 27, 28
Florence, S. C.	May 29
Charleston, S. C.	May 30
Savannah, Georgia	May 31, June 1
Augusta, Georgia	June 2, 3
Macon, Georgia	June 4, 5
Atlanta, Georgia	June 6, 7
Travel	June 8
Birmingham, Alabama	June 9, 10
Tuscaloosa, Alabama	June 11
Meridian, Mississippi	June 12, 13
Montgomery, Alabama	June 14
Travel	June 15
Jacksonville, Florida	June 16, 17
* * Tampa, Florida	June 19, 20
Miami, Florida	June 21
New York, New York	June 23

\* \* Travel, June 18

## National Women's Trade Union League of America

ENDORSED BY THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR AND THE TRADES AND LABOR CONGRESS OF CANADA

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NEW YORK WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

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GLOVE WORKERS' UNION

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AGNES NESTOR                    GLOVE WORKERS' UNION  
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MRS. RAYMOND ROBINS  
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MARY N. WINSLOW  
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ILLINOIS                                WORCESTER, MASS.

317 MACHINISTS BUILDING  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 20,  
1943

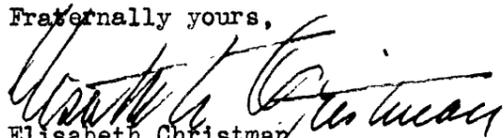
Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Mary White, the president of our Illinois State Women's Trade Union League, has told me of your participation in the State League's annual conference. I have long known of your interest in our League and of your active membership and am glad to know that you are a member of the Chicago League's executive board.

My purpose in writing you today is to extend a cordial invitation to your national auxiliary to consider affiliation with the National Women's Trade Union League. Our League has affiliated to it a number of national women's auxiliaries. We have sought their affiliation because we have always regarded women's auxiliaries as a part of our strength. The annual affiliation fee is \$5 (any amount over that which you can spare.) I know I need not go into detail when writing to you about the great contribution made by women's auxiliaries to the labor movement and I do not need to describe in detail the program and activities of the Women's Trade Union League. You will find enclosed a folder giving our National League's platform, its purpose and a brief description of its three main divisions of work. If you need more of these folders for the information of your fellow officers we will be glad to send them. You know about the League's monthly Bulletin because your name has been on the League's mailing list for quite some time. If you will send us the names of your fellow officers we will be delighted to add them to our list.

It will be a pleasure to hear from you and to know the result of your Board's decision in response to my invitation to affiliate - may it be favorable. My best greetings to you.

Fraternally yours,

  
Elisabeth Christman  
Secretary-Treasurer

Mrs. Helena Wilson, President  
Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood  
of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

EC/fb

May 25, 1943

Miss Helen Williams, President  
Winnipeg Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
156 Alfred Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Canada

Dear Sister Williams:

I have just returned from an extensive visit in the Detroit-Pittsburgh Zone which I trust will explain the long delay in replying to your letter of April 26. The information pertaining to the local executive board was appreciated and I should like to make the following observations regarding the same:

The president may or may not be elected a member of the executive board, but she shall have access to all meetings being conducted by the board. Unless elected as a member she may not be counted to make out a quorum, neither may she vote, but she may enter into the discussions. The president presides over all meetings except the board meeting unless she is elected as its chairman and, appoints all committees unless the auxiliary decides otherwise in the latter case. The executive board does not decide issues but submit recommendations to be approved or disapproved by the auxiliary membership. The board is to work in close harmony with the auxiliary president.

The action taken by the auxiliary regarding the salary paid the local secretary-treasurer is agreeable with this office.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

May 26, 1943

Dallas Ladies Auxiliary, BSCA  
c/o Mrs. Olivia Lawlston, Secy-Treas.  
2712 Flora Street  
Dallas, Texas

Dear Sister Lawlston:

Your letter of May 5 containing the copy of the letter that was sent Sister Rosina Tucker concerning the money order that was to be used for the purchase of war bonds was delivered shortly after I had left the city on a visit to the auxiliaries of the Detroit-Pittsburgh Zone which I trust will explain the delay in acknowledging the same.

The fine spirit displayed by the members of the Dallas Auxiliary is one of the most concrete example of loyalty and devotion that has come to my attention in a very long time. Such a gesture proves that Negro women are in ever increasing numbers beginning to place the proper evaluation upon the proper things. In helping to build economic organizations and by helping to accumulate the funds needed to maintain and to develop the organization's program, Negro women are making their greatest contribution to the economic development of their racial group.

First of all, we as a race of people are a race of working people. Unlike the man who sells automobiles, washing machines, hats, shoes, etc. to make a living; the working man has nothing to sell, but his labor. Therefore, he must, like the business man, sell his commodities which is his labor, for the highest possible price and this can only be done through strong labor organizations.

Therefore, it is deeply gratifying to note the splendid attitude displayed by the Dallas Auxiliary. Such whole hearted participation will do much to strengthen and to convince others of our mutual need for organization and cooperation which if practiced over a long enough period will eventually plant the seed for greater

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Mrs. Olivia Rawlston

May 26, 1943

unity, loyalty and solidarity within the Negro race.

So, keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

Malena Wilson  
International President

HL:le

May 26, 1943

Miss Elizabeth Christman, Secretary-Treasurer  
National Women's Trade Union League  
317 Machinist Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Christman:

Your letter of May 25 extending the International Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters a cordial invitation to become affiliated with the National Women's Trade Union League was received.

The League's invitation is being placed before the International Executive Board with a recommendation that the invitation be accepted. The International Vice Presidents are now traveling or completing plans to travel in their respective zones which may cause some delay in getting action on this matter. However, the League will be informed of the Board's decision at the earliest possible date.

I enjoyed the conference in Springfield very much and found Mary White to be a very splendid person.

Because the League is so basically sound in all its approaches to the problems confronting labor in general, the Ladies Auxiliary has been pleased with the contact and hopes to enlarge this contact in the years to come.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

May 28, 1943

Dear Board Member:

A letter under date of May 20th was received from Miss Elizabeth Christman, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Women's Trade Union League of America, extending an invitation to the International Auxiliary to consider affiliation with that body.

It is felt that the Auxiliary will derive much from such an affiliation since the League is basically sound on all its labor policies and because the Auxiliary can through this association develop its labor legislation program to a very high degree. The League is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and so far as I have been able to discern is more or less liberal toward all workers regardless of their racial identity.

There is an annual affiliation fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) or any additional amount the Auxiliary can afford.

Since the Auxiliary as a labor organization should have strong and powerful labor contacts I feel it my duty to recommend favorable action on the League's invitation.

Fraternaly yours,



Helena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

May 28, 1943

CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY - BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meetings on the evenings of April 6th and 20th with the First Vice President, Sister Kate Garner, presiding. Sister Helena Wilson, the President being on an official visit to several of the Auxiliaries in the Detroit-Pittsburgh Zone.

The meetings were well attended. Three applications for membership were accepted. A new member, Sister Irma Austin was given a warm welcome and extended the hand of fellowship by all present.

The Card Party given on April 20th at the Bowman's Dairy was a success. The Auxiliary extends its thanks to all members for their cooperation. Prizes were won by Mesdames Cooper, Harris, Brooks, Garner and Wilson.

The committee to the The/March On Washington Movement reported on the plans for the conference which is to be held by the Movement in Chicago beginning June 30th. Plans are also being made to have a nation wide broadcast of some sessions of the conference.

Sister Mabel Bryant, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee made a report on the Spring dance given April 3rd which was a huge financial success.

The Brotherhood Consumer Cooperative Buying Club is continuing to make progress. Several new members have joined the club while a number of old members have completed payment on their first share in this enterprise. The weekly attendance of the members who are enrolled in the Bookkeeping class has been very encouraging and deeply gratifying. The club will hold its annual election during the month of June. Regular meetings of the Coop Buying Club are held in Woodlawn the first and third Sundays of each month at 6143 Evans Avenue, Second Apartment

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from 4:00 to 6:00 P.M. Also, the second and fourth Thursdays evenings in the month at the Brotherhood Headquarters from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M. Members of the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary are invited to attend these meetings and to bring their friends.

T. L. Williamson, Reporter

Miss Johnson:

Kindly include the above article in the next issue of the Black Worker.

Trust you are well and enjoying the Spring of the year.

T.L.W.

May 28, 1943

Miss Margedant Peters  
1715 East 67th Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Peters:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of May 6th calling attention to the Congress of Central States Co-operatives that was held in the city May 15-16.

It is regretted that I was out of the city when your letter was delivered and I did not return until after the meeting had adjourned otherwise a representative from our club would have been in attendance.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson, Chairman  
Education Committee

HW:le

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

May 28, 1943

Dear Board Member:

A letter under date of May 20th was received from Miss Elizabeth Christman, Secretary-Treasurer of the National Women's Trade Union League of America, extending an invitation to the International Auxiliary to consider affiliation with that body.

It is felt that the Auxiliary will derive much from such an affiliation since the League is basically sound on all its labor policies and because the Auxiliary can through this association develop its labor legislation program to a very high degree. The League is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor and so far as I have been able to discern is more or less liberal toward all workers regardless of their racial identity.

There is an annual affiliation fee of Five Dollars (\$5.00) or any additional amount the Auxiliary can afford.

Since the Auxiliary as a labor organization should have strong and powerful labor contacts I feel it my duty to recommend favorable action on the League's invitation.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

ALBANY, ASHEVILLE, BIRMINGHAM, MONTGOMERY, SPOKANE

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

June 1, 1943

Dear Members:

It was recently brought to my attention by the International Secretary-Treasurer that no word has been received from the Albany Auxiliary for quite some time. It is felt there must be a reason for this omission and the International Auxiliary would greatly appreciate knowing what that reason is.

The Auxiliary has had this matter called to its attention on a number of occasions and it is again being requested to submit a statement regarding the present state of affairs so something of a definite nature may be done to help adjust whatever is responsible for this delay.

In instances where an adjustment is not possible it will be necessary to place the matter before the International Counsellor and the International Executive Board with a request that recommendations be made for the future guidance of this office.

Fraternally yours,



Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

INTERNATIONAL OFFICE  
LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

June 2, 1943

BUFFALO, ATLANTA, BOSTON, DALLAS, JERSEY CITY, FORT WORTH, EL PASO, NORFOLK,  
RICHMOND

Dear Members:

In looking through the financial report files of this office it is found that a duplicate financial report has not been received from the \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary for the past several months.

This matter is being brought to the Auxiliary's attention in the hope that the Auxiliary will recognize the necessity of complying with the rules governing the submission of these reports.

Much patience has been shown up to now to allow the officers time to acquaint themselves with the responsibilities of their office. However, it now becomes necessary to ascertain the Auxiliary's attitude regarding these reports so that the International Counsellor and the International Executive Board may be informed and requested to make recommendations for the future guidance of this office.

The local Auxiliaries are required to submit duplicate statements and it is hoped that the Auxiliary will do so without causing it to become necessary to take action in this matter.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

*Copy*

June 2, 1943  
Spokane Division  
S 435 Pine Street  
Spokane, Washington

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,  
International Counselor,  
Ladies Auxiliary.

Dear Brother Randolph:

We are pleased to report the visit of Mrs. Murray to our Auxiliary on May 27-29 and great appreciation of her visit was expressed by all who came in contact with her. She did splendid work while here and created enthusiasm for the work.

It is regrettably true that the Spokane Auxiliary has been inactive for some months, however we feel that they shall be active and further their work for and in behalf of the Brotherhood on the condition that we may be able to keep egocentric personalities from dominating.

You no doubt are aware of the fact that there are individuals who seek membership in organizations for selfish reasons and we are confronted with such a condition here, which tends to disrupt the welfare and tranquility of the Auxiliary.

In November 1941 a member of our Auxiliary became incensed because of her inability to control and called on the secretary demanding a dues payment of recent date refunded and withdrew from the organization. At this time this individual was five months in arrears on dues. While Mrs. Murray was here this woman takes advantage of the visit and paid up her arrears to reestablish herself in the Auxiliary. No doubt this was desired for selfish reasons which we know definitely will destroy the poise and harmony of the organization.

Furthermore we are of the opinion that this woman cannot maintain membership in the Auxiliary as she does not have any realitive in pullman service who is connected with the Brotherhood. Her previous membership was based on a nephew who was then in pullman service and who since has resigned. His last connection with the Brotherhood is as of March 1941.

Mrs. Murray accepted payment of \$4.80 on the premise that he will return to pullman service at a later date. However we are of the opinion that this is inconsistent with the policy and good judgement of the Brotherhood.

We will be pleased to receive your opinion on this matter by air mail as it is desired to render a decision on the eighth of June.

Fraternly yours,

J. J. Johnson, Counselor

J. W. Strong, A

NATIONAL HOUSING AGENCY  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE ADMINISTRATOR  
HOMES USE SERVICE

June 16, 1943

Miss Halena Wilson, International President  
The Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood  
of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Wilson:

You will no doubt recall that at the meeting on March 29, Mrs. Thornton told us you might be able to carry an article on the Homes Use program in your publication.

We have prepared the enclosed statement which would be helpful to you in writing such an article. I believe you will find all the facts covered in the statement. However, we shall be glad to give you any additional information you may require.

We should appreciate receiving an advance copy of whatever material you may use, so that we may notify our War Housing Center Managers of the Auxiliary's cooperation. I believe Mrs. Thornton was given a list of the cities in which we have War Housing Centers, but in case it has been mislaid in the meantime, I am enclosing another copy.

Sincerely yours,

  
Florence D. Stewart  
Chief Community Participation  
Adviser

Enclosures



Chicago Ladies Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

June 11, 1943

Dear Member:

The Membership Committee of an organization should be its most active committee, however, during the winter months it is often difficult, due to the inclemency of the weather, for this committee to make the many contacts that are required.

Now that conditions are more favorable I should like very much to increase the size of this committee and I am writing to ask if you would serve as a member on this important committee.

The chairman, Sister Mary Hobbs, would like to call a meeting of this committee as soon as possible so if you find that you can serve will you kindly let me know so your name can be given to the chairman.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson  
President

HW:le

June 11, 1943

Mrs. Viola Booker  
540 East 44th Place  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Booker:

Enclosed please find an application blank which when filled out and presented with fifty cents (50¢) for the joining fee will enable you to become a member of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

It is a privilege to comply with the request coming from Brother Booker whom I met at the Organization's meeting last evening and I trust the Auxiliary will have the pleasure of extending you the hand of fellowship within the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson  
President

HW:le  
Encl.

June 11, 1943

Mrs. Mary E. Hobbs, Chairman  
Membership Committee, Chicago  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
5522 Indiana Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Hobbs:

Enclosed is the present membership list of the Ladies Auxiliary. A letter is being sent to four or five additional members requesting them to serve on this committee. As soon as a response has been received these names will be sent also.

Marie Fellows	6446 Evans Avenue
Agnes Thornton	433 East 45th Street
Eate Garner	4413 Prairie Avenue
Lulu Lumpkins	4633 Wabash Avenue
Hetty McLendon	5424 Prairie Avenue
Anna Gibbs	4326 South Parkway
Asleen Robinson	6762 Rhodes Avenue
Mabel Bryant	5611 Michigan Avenue

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson, President  
Chicago Ladies Auxiliary

HW:le

June 11, 1943

Mr. William Torma  
Education Director  
Central States Cooperatives, Inc.  
1535 South Peoria Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

Will you kindly send the Brotherhood Coop Buying Club 100 Ledger, Journal and Employee Record Sheets, 11 by 14 and also 100 Membership Ledger Sheets, the same size. The club desires to set up its bookkeeping system as soon as possible after which it plans to submit the information that is required for membership in the Central States Cooperatives. These two items will help expedite matters for the club as we should like to use these forms in the bookkeeping class Tuesday evening, June 15th.

It is regretted that it is not possible at present to send a delegate to the conference in Detroit but the club hopes to be prepared to participate in all future meetings to be held in the city. Owing to my absence from the city the notice of the recent meetings that were held in the Ida B. Wells Cooperatives was not made available to the club's membership in time to enable them to attend the meetings, however, special efforts will be made to see that this does not happen again.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson, Chairman  
Education Committee

4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

June 17, 1913

Senator C. Wayland Brooks  
United States Senate Chamber  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Your position relative to a vote for cloture as it pertains to the filibustering of the last Poll Tax Bill was noted.

Since it is felt that the Bill of Rights should have precedence over state rights when the states deprives their citizens of the privilege intended by the Bill of Rights, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, is writing to request your favorable support of the cloture rule when the petition is again circulated in the Senate.

Respectfully yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

June 17, 1943

Senator Scott W. Lucas  
United States Senate Chamber  
Washington, D. C.

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Your position relative to a vote for cloture as it pertains to the filibustering of the last Poll Tax Bill was noted.

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Respectfully yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

June 17, 1943

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
President of United States of America  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir and President:

Owing to the outstanding contribution made by Milton P. Webster, the First International Vice President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, one of your appointees on the Fair Employment Practice Committee, the Ladies Auxiliary is asking that you take under favorable consideration the continuance of Mr. Webster as a member of this Committee.

It is felt that the Fair Employment Practice Committee did much to make America conscious of the injustices being done a minority group within its own borders and the Auxiliary desires to take this opportunity to thank you for your efforts to ameliorate a very grievous situation.

Respectfully yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

June 18, 1943

Miss Lillian Herstein  
5429 South Greenwood Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Herstein:

I regret very much that I was unable to find you in on the occasions when I have telephoned your residence, however, I am sure you understand my desire to dispose of the matter raised by me in the recent conference of the Women's Trade Union League.

For a number of reasons the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee has undergone a number of changes before and since this subject was presented to the conference. If due to the changing status of the Committee you feel that the League should not commit itself at this late date it will be quite alright. However, I should like to dispose of this matter one way or the other.

Your views will be greatly appreciated.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

June 18, 1943

Spokane Division,  
8 435 Pine Street,  
Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Letitia Murray, Supervisor,  
Pacific Coast Zone, Ladies Auxiliary,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
4715 Compton Avenue,  
Los Angeles, California.

Dear Madam & Sister:

Enclosed you will find copies of letters to Mr. Randolph and Mrs. Wilson. Since these letters are clear and comprehensive it is not necessary to repeat. However we feel that you are entitled to more information on the personality of Mrs. Malone. The facts are as follows,

This woman has no realitive in pullman service.

This woman deliberately asked that her dues of 50 cents be refunded.

Her desire to reinstate is for selfish reasons.

She keeps up confusion and will not work unless she can control the majority on personal issues.

Therefore we feel that she should be denied membership in the Auxiliary and that \$4.80 should be refunded. Thanking you for a speedy reply we remain,

Faternaly yours,

J. J. Johnson, Counselor

J. W. Strong, Assistant

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
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June 18, 1943

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S 435 Pine Street,  
Spokane, Washington.

Mrs. Halena Wilson, International President,  
Ladies Auxiliary to  
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
4231 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Madam & Sister:

Enclosed you will find a copy of letter we addressed to the International Counselor, which is self explanatory, and he in his good judgment has referred the matter to your office for adjustment. So we are writing you and Mrs. Murray on the matter.

The money collected while Mrs. Murray was here has not been remitted on instructions from the counselor (local) to avoid having Mrs. Tucker's office make a refund in the event the person in question is not admitted to membership.

Thanking you for an early decision we remain,

Faternaly yours

J. J. Johnson, Counselor

J. W. Strong, Assistant

HALENA WILSON  
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## THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
TRAIN, CHAIR CAR, COACH PORTERS AND ATTENDANTS



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June 19, 1943.

Mrs Halena Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.  
4231 South Michigan Avenue.  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sister Wilson:

Concerning acceptance of Sister Rosa D. Malone Of Spokane Division:  
The nephew of above mentioned member, worked for the Pullman Company  
and was a member of the Brotherhood at the time of her joining the  
Ladies Auxiliary. He is now in the service of our country and intends  
to continue working for the Pullman on his return.

She was accepted, not as a new member, but upon the payment of all  
dues in arrears. At the time no one objected, nor gave any reason why  
she should not be accepted. Later I heard the comment that "she tried  
to run things".

Personally, I think that she would be quite an asset to the organization  
if she received the proper cooperation. She has experience, a business  
training a deep interest in our race and in the progress of the organiza-  
tion. She has been the Superintendent of the Booker T. Washington Com-  
munity Center for 5 or 6 years, from which she is being given a leave of  
absence to become the business manager for the George Washington Carver  
U.S.O. Center for the duration.

It seems that she was Committee Chairman for a successful Mass Meeting  
on one of Brother Randolph's visits to Spokane. Perhaps he remembers her.

I might add that these objections are coming from the same source that  
made so many complaints against the International official of the BSCP.

#2- Sister Wilson.

I am in favor in favor of affiliating with the National Women's Trade Union League.

On my return, I found my sister-in-law seriously ill, I have Spent much of my time with her, this has delayed my finishing the report of my trip. Will get it to you next week if possible.

Fraternally  
*Letitia Murray.*  
Letitia Murray  
Int'l Vice Pres.  
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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

June 21, 1943.

Miss Halena Wilson,  
International President,  
The Ladies Auxiliary to  
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car  
Porters, etc.,  
4231 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Illinois.

My dear Miss Wilson:

Thank you for your kind letter written in behalf of the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in regard to the Anti-Poll Tax Bill. I have read it with interest.

I am glad at all times to hear from friends who are interested in public matters, particularly on the many and varied questions which are now claiming the attention of the people.

I hope that this informal acknowledgement of your communication will not keep me from having the benefit of your views as questions arise in which you may be interested.

With sincere regards, I am

Yours very truly,



C. Wayland Brooks.

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June 21, 1943

Mrs. Halena Wilson  
6046 South Parkway  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Since last seeing you and receiving your very kind letter I have been pondering some more the possibilities of cooperative organization in trades unions such as the one you are affiliated with.

I have never had the pleasure of meeting Mr. A. Philip Randolph, but I should like some day to have the opportunity. If, on some occasion, I can have the opportunity of seeing both you and Mr. Randolph, I should be delighted to hear of it. It happens that I am leaving for Topeka, Kansas, next Saturday or Sunday (June 26-27) and shall not be back for three or four weeks. You can always reach me by letter, however, by writing to Illinois Institute of Technology. Should any opportunity for such a meeting arise in the near future at a time convenient for all of us, I should be very grateful if you will let me know.

Most sincerely yours,



/ S. I. Hayakawa

SIH:DK

June 23, 1943

Dr. S. I. Hayakawa  
3300 Federal Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sir:

It so happens that Mr. Randolph will be in the city for the next several days. If it will be convenient for you an appointment can be arranged for one o'clock Friday afternoon at the Brotherhood Headquarters, 4231 South Michigan Avenue.

May I hear from you concerning this arrangement.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1943

My dear Miss Wilson:

Your letter of June seventeenth to the President has been received and will be made available to him. Meanwhile, you may be assured that he will appreciate your interest in writing on behalf of Mr. Milton P. Webster, whom you recommend for appointment to the newly constituted Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

Very sincerely yours,

  
M. H. McINTYRE  
Secretary to the President

Miss Halena Wilson,  
International President,  
The Ladies Auxiliary,  
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
4231 South Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago,  
Illinois.

June 23, 1943

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meetings on the evenings of June 3rd and 17th with the President, Sister Malena Wilson, presiding. The meetings were well attended. Three applications for membership were accepted.

The Auxiliary is planning a Calendar Tea at the Parkway Ballroom for the Auxiliary's fall entertainment. All members are being asked to cooperate and to give their birth month to the Chairman, Sister Agnes Thornton. It is expected that there will be a keen but friendly rivalry among the members from now until the date of the tea.

The Auxiliary was informed by the President that the Brotherhood was planning a regional conference in the very near future.

The membership drive in the Brotherhood Consumer Cooperative Buying Club is proving very successful. It is the intention of the club to apply for membership in Central States Cooperative Wholesale in the very near future. The club is fortunate in having so many of the brothers subscribe for membership in the Buying Club. The club held its first annual meeting Tuesday, June 22 at the Brotherhood Headquarters. The election of officers for the ensuing term was conducted at this meeting. Recommendations submitted by the Board of Directors including the recommendation for setting up of the necessary permanent commodities were favorably acted upon and from all indications there will be much greater progress in the second year than in the first. All Auxiliary members are urged to take an active part in the development of this very worthwhile movement.

T. L. Williamson, Reporter

Miss Johnson: This is the report for June of the Chicago Auxiliary activities.

T.L.W.

317 R St., N. W.  
Washington, D. C.  
June 24, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, Internat. Pres. Ladies Aux. A.S.C.P.  
4231 S. Michigan Ave.  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear sister Wilson:

I have not had the chance to just sit down and write you a letter since our scholarship rally which was held in May. We have done real well and are still collecting money.

We sat in on the Roll Tax Bill which was discussed for two days in Congress. The A. E. P. C. has a new chairman who has not finished <sup>choosing</sup> the committee as yet. I understand he is trying to be very careful in choosing other members. Well I think he has had plenty of time to do so and get the hearings going.

We attended a Victory rally held by the Central Labor Union at which William Green pledged that the A. F. of L. would not participate in any strikes during the War.

Brother Randolph was here holding a two days membership drive which was carried on very successfully.

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On June 15 & 16, a conference of the Eastern zone was held here with quite a few in attendance. As you know we are very crowded in Washington, but we did a fine job in housing the delegates. They all left well pleased. Brothers Randolph, Webster, and Patterson discussed the rules and problems which was very helpful. To my mind, it was Educational. I do think everyone was helped by coming.

I guess you all are looking forward to having the March in Chicago. I am sure it will be well attended. I shall not be able to make the trip at this time.

The weather is hot but I am trying to keep up with a class in Consumer Cooperatives being conducted at Howard University.

There are so many ladies working in War time jobs that it is hard to find one who is able to make the sacrifice to take it. I hope I will be able to make all classes.

You know I am a great believer in prayer so I always ask God's blessing for you. Remember me to the ladies.

Yours fraternally,  
E. V. Craig sec.

156 Alfred Avenue,  
Winnipeg, Man.,  
June 26, 1943.

Mrs. Halena Wilson,  
International President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
4231 S. Michigan Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill..

Dear Sister Wilson:

This is in reply to your letter of June 8,  
and I shall, at this time, endeavour to give you  
full details.

The question of a salary for our secretary-  
treasurer was mentioned at several meetings and  
as I had seen nothing to that affect in the consti-  
tution, I wrote Bro. Bennie Smith for official  
ruling. Bro. Smith's reply and also a letter from  
your office were read at our regular meeting Feb.  
11, stating that no local secretary-treasurers  
were to be compensated.

The majority was still in favor of compensation  
for our secretary hence; a motion was made by Sis.  
Mabel Brown, seconded by Sis. Katherine Walker and  
carried that the secretary receive a donation of  
\$3.00 per month for the time being. Moved by Sis. A.  
Mayes and Seconded by Sis. Edith Simmons that the  
donation commence Feb. 1. This donation to be listed  
on the financial sheet as a contribution.

I believed this motion to be unconstitutional  
and after due consideration wrote the auxiliary  
asking them to rescind said motion. This letter  
was read in the regular meeting Feb. 25. The motion  
was not rescinded but a copy of my letter was sent  
to your office for official ruling.

We awaited your reply March 11th.

At our meeting March 25 your ruling was presented  
to the auxiliary and the motion was rescinded and  
struck from the records.

The question then arose if the \$3.00 paid the secretary-treasurer for the month of Feb. should be refunded. It was suggested that the ladies themselves refund the \$3.00 and the majority was in favour of this. At this time the secretary stated that it was \$6.00 as she had taken \$3.00 for the month of March also. This had been taken out of dues, collected in the previous meeting and replaced with money received from profits of entertainment held March 17. This statement caused a great deal of disapproval and questioning. The majority held that all matters pertaining to salary were pending and should have been arrested until we received your ruling. It was moved by Sis. Mabel Brown and seconded by Sis. Helen Hudson that the question be referred to your office, carried. Moved by Sis. Alva Mayes and Seconded by Sis. Yvonne Blanchette that the secretary bring this letter to the auxiliary for approval.

April 8, in an attempt to settle the question ourselves the issue took new life.

Note that our agreed practice and custom, after the money in our treasury had been banked, is that all withdrawals from the treasury are paid by check, signed by the Sec-treasurer and President. Hence our opinion that the secretary should have received compensation by check instead of by cash deducted from dues, without our knowledge or sanction.

Several ladies were willing to compromise and pay the \$3.00 back to the auxiliary for the month of Feb. ourselves and the secretary refund the \$3.00 for the month of March. This compromise was rejected.

Finally Sis. Margaret Wilson moved that we pay \$3.00 for March out of our pockets, seconded by Sis. Alva Mayes. Amendment by Sis. Mabel Brown that the entire matter be dropped.

Hoping I have given all information regarding this issue, with kindest regards.

Fraternally yours,

Helen Williams, President,  
Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP.,  
Winnipeg Division.

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June 29, 1943

Senator C. C. Wimbish  
State's Senate  
Springfield, Illinois

A NUMBER OF AUXILIARY MEMBERS WITH FAMILIES TO CARE FOR AFTER WORKING HOURS LIVING IN THE THIRD DISTRICT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 532, 533, and 534. IN THE INTEREST OF FAMILY MORALE YOUR OPPOSITION TO THESE BILLS IS EARNESTLY REQUESTED.

Halena Wilson, President  
Ladies Auxiliary,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Senator C. C. Wimbish  
State's Senate House  
Springfield, Illinois

Senate Bill 368 was designed to prevent future wage competition between men and women workers, therefore, your support of this bill would be considered a friendly gesture by the workers in your district.

Halena Wilson, President  
Chicago Ladies Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

June 29, 1943

Miss Helen Williams, President  
Winnipeg Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
156 Alfred Avenue  
Winnipeg, Manitoba  
Canada

Dear Sister Williams:

Your letter of June 26 was just received and I am writing in an effort to help in the adjustment of the matter involving the compensation for the local secretary-treasurer.

I wish to thank you for all particulars which indicate that no serious violations were intended and that there should be no difficulty in effecting an amicable settlement. Several points in your letter were well taken but I am advising in the interest of harmony that since it was the opinion of a majority of the Auxiliary members that the secretary-treasurer be compensated in the first place that the Auxiliary accept full responsibility for the payment of the six dollars and that no further discussion of the affair be permitted. If the secretary-treasurer failed to act in accord with the stated policy of the Auxiliary in regards to the handling of its funds it was quite in order for the members to request an explanation and that the members insist that these policies be complied with, but beyond that it would appear that a lack of understanding was responsible for the previous action which I trust will be disposed of and completely forgotten.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

Copy

June 20, 1943

Mr. J. J. Johnson  
Counselor Spokane Division  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.  
8.435 Pine Street  
Spokane, Washington.

Dear Friend & Brother:

I regret very much that the critical illness and death of my brother's wife prevented my acknowledgment of your letter of June 18, 1943, at an earlier date. In reply, I am stating facts as presented to me, answering each complaint in the order given in your letter.

(1)

Sister Malone joined the Auxiliary at the time her nephew was in the Pullman service. He was out of service due to ill health, later he was called for government service, hopes to continue his service with the Pullman Company after the duration.

(2)

The second meeting was held on Friday night at Sister Conolly's home. Before the meeting opened some one whispered to me that Sister Malone had asked that .50 dues be refunded. No one mentioned it in the meeting, however when I brought the matter before the body, the Secretary-Treasurer was questioned and she said that she did not recall being asked for a refund.; then the minutes and the financial record were searched and there was no account of the money having been received nor returned.

(3)

There was no way of any one knowing what her personal motives were for for being restored to membership. Apparently she is deeply interested in the welfare of the organization.

(4)

The \$4.80 back dues were accepted, not on the premise that her nephew intended to return to the service later, but in accordance with article #14 of the Constitution and General Rules of the International Ladies Auxiliary to the BSCP., which reads: " A delinquent member may be restored to good standing upon the payment of arrears of dues and assessments."

#2 J. J. Johnson , Spokane Division.

It is not quite clear, from your letter, whether the Ladies Auxiliary-~~file~~ filed a complaint against Sister Malone, with you, requesting the the \$4.00 be refunded to Sister Malone, or whether it is a personal request from you and Brother Strong. Please enlighten me.

My interest is centered in the welfare and progress of our GRAND ORGANIZATION, and any decision reached in accordance with the Constitution and General Rules of the International Auxiliary Order, for its continuance and success has my heartiest approval.

Fraternally yours  
*Letitia Murray*  
Letitia Murray  
Pacific Coast Zone Supervisor  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

Copies to ;  
Sister Wilson International President  
Sister Honoly President Spokane Division.

P.S. Pardon the paper. I am out of second sheets. Will send letter + report at earliest date, possible.  
L. M.

June 30, 1943

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter  
1st International Vice President  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
103 West 141st Street  
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

The enclosed letters are self-explanatory.

Trusting you are enjoying the best of health, I re-  
main

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le  
Encl. 2

To the officers and members of the Ladies Auxiliary BSCP. I fraternally submit this report covering the period from January 1st through June 30, '43.

Albany, N. Y.		Detroit, Mich.	
		Jan.-June -----	\$24.71
Asheville, N. C.		Scholarship Fund -----	7.50
Rules and Regulations-----	1.20	Enrollment	25
Atlanta, Ga.		Paid up	19
Jan.-June -----	11.97	New members	1
Enrollment	22	El Paso, Texas.	
Paid up	12	Forth Worth, Texas	
New members	3	Dec.-June -----	25.36
Baltimore, Md.		Enrollment	39
Taxes and fees -----	11.96	Paid up	20
Scholarship fund -----	5.00	New members	3
Total -----	16.96	Houston, Texas	
Enrollment	14	Jan.-June-----	42.66
Paid up	11	Enrollment	45
Birmingham, Ala.		Paid up	33
Boston, Mass		New members	4
Sept.-Dec. -----	11.18	Indianapolis, Ind.	
Enrollment	25	Jan.-June -----	12.97
Buffalo, N. Y.		Enrollment	16
Feb.-April -----	11.86	Paid up	14
Enrollment	22	New members	3
Paid up	9	Jacksonville, Fla.	
Cincinnati, Ohio		Jan.-June -----	67.51
Aug. '42 thru June '43 -----	16.61	Rules and Regulations -----	7.00
Rules and Regulations -----	2.50	Total -----	74.51
Total -----	19.11	Enrollment	127
Enrollment	16	Paid up	116
Paid up	11	New members	2
New members	2	Jersey City, N. J.	
Chicago, Ill		Jan.-June -----	16.51
Jan.-June -----	115.93	Scholarship Fund -----	3.00
Rules and Regulations -----	3.60	Total -----	19.51
Patriotic Stamps-----	10.00	Enrollment	41
Total -----	129.53	Paid up	26
Enrollment	260	Kansas City, Mo.	
Paid up	160	Jan.-June -----	28.56
New members	23	Scholarship Fund-----	25.00
Cleveland, Ohio		Enrollment	39
Feb.-June-----	23.66	Paid up	32
Paid up	23	New members	1
Columbus, Ohio		Little Rock, Ark.	
Organized May 2, 1943		Louisville, Ky.	
May and June -----	10.98	Jan.-April -----	13.00
Enrollment	13	Patriotic Stamps -----	3.00
Paid up	11	Total -----	16.00
Dallas, Texas		Enrollment	14
Feb.-June -----	33.14	Paid up	12
Patriotic Stamps -----	5.00	New members	1
Donation to War Fund. -----	37.50	Los Angeles, Calif.	
Total -----	75.64	Jan.-June -----	68.61
Enrollment	41	Rules and Regulations -----	2.50
Paid up	39	Total -----	71.11
New members	4	Enrollment	50
		Paid up	44
		New members	4

Denver, Colo.  
 Jan.-June ----- 67.68  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 5.00  
 Enrollment 63  
 Paid up 48  
 New members 7

Memphis, Tenn.  
 Dec. '42-May '43 ----- 11.03  
 Patriotic Stamps ----- 10.00  
 Total ----- 21.03  
 Enrollment 11  
 Paid up 7

Minneapolis, Minn.  
 Jan.-June ----- 19.25  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 3.00  
 Scholarship Fund ----- 5.00  
 Total ----- 27.25  
 Enrollment 33  
 Paid up 11  
 New members 14

Montgomery, Ala.

Nashville, Tenn.  
 Jan.-June ----- 16.27  
 Enrollment 27  
 Paid up 27  
 New members 6

New Orleans, La.  
 Dec. '42-May '43 ----- 27.75  
 Scholarship ----- 5.00  
 Enrollment 54  
 Paid up 14  
 New members 7

New York, New York  
 Oct. '42-May '43 ----- 52.42  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 1.20  
 Total ----- 53.62  
 Enrollment 52  
 Paid up 43

Norfolk, Va.

Oakland, Calif. Jan.-June ----- 45.76  
 Patriotic Stamps ----- 1.95  
 Total ----- 47.41  
 Enrollment 29  
 Paid up 23  
 New members 4

Oklahoma City, Okla.  
 Jan.-June ----- 14.96  
 Scholarship Fund ----- 10.00  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 1.20  
 Total ----- 25.16  
 Enrollment 18  
 Paid up 6  
 New members 3

Omaha, Nebraska  
 Oct. '42-April '43 ----- 40.01  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 2.10  
 Total ----- 42.11  
 Enrollment 49  
 Paid up 25  
 New members 4

Parsons, Kansas  
 Organized Feb. 1943  
 Feb.-June ----- 5.25  
 Charter and Seal ----- 5.00  
 Rules and Regulations ----- .90  
 Total ----- 11.15  
 Enrollment 15

Phila, Pa.  
 Dec.-May ----- 11.18  
 Scholarship Fund ----- 6.00  
 Total ----- 17.18  
 Enrollment 18  
 Paid up 11

Pittsburg, Pa.  
 July '42-May '43 ----- 47.13  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 2.50  
 Total ----- 49.63  
 Enrollment 34  
 Paid up 26

Portland, Oregon  
 Jan.-June ----- 16.57  
 Scholarship Fund ----- 20.00  
 Total ----- 36.57  
 Enrollment 41  
 Paid up 23

Richmond, Va.  
 Jan.-June ----- 11.03  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 1.80  
 Total ----- 12.83  
 Enrollment 16  
 Paid up 14

St. Louis, Mo.  
 Jan.-June ----- 78.32  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 5.00  
 Total ----- 83.32  
 Enrollment 100  
 Paid up 94  
 New members 7

St. Louis Train Porters  
 Jan.-June ----- 16.33  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 2.50  
 Total ----- 18.83  
 Enrollment 21  
 Paid up 10  
 New members 7

St. Paul, Minn.  
 Dec. '42-May '43 ----- 28.56  
 Patriotic Stamps ----- 5.00  
 Total ----- 33.56  
 Enrollment 43  
 Paid up 18  
 New members 1

Salt Lake City, Utah.  
 Oct.-June '43 ----- 15.82  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 1.50  
 Total ----- 17.32  
 Enrollment 15  
 Paid up 13  
 New members 1

San Antonio, Texas  
 Dec. '42-June '43 ----- 29.87  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 4.00  
 Total ----- 32.87  
 Enrollment 42  
 Paid up 21  
 New members 3

San Antonio Train Porters  
 Organized April ----- 2.80  
 April-June -----  
 Charter ----- 5.00  
 Total ----- 7.80  
 Enrollment 8

Seattle, Washington  
 July '42-May '43 ----- 14.69  
 Rules and Regulations ----- 1.50  
 Scholarship Fund ----- 6.00  
 Enrollment 13  
 Paid up 13  
 New members

Shreveport, La.  
 Jan.-June ----- 20.25  
 Patriotic Stamps ----- 5.00  
 Total ----- 25.25  
 Enrollment 27  
 Paid up 16  
 New members 4

Spokane, Washington

Tampa, Florida  
 Dec. '42-~~XXXXX~~ April ----- 8.08  
 Enrollment 14  
 Paid up 10  
 New members 2

Montreal, Canada  
 Nov. '42-May '43 (due) -- 24.22  
 Rules and Regulations ---- 3.00 pd.  
 Enrollment 28  
 Paid up 20  
 New members 2

Toronto, Canada # 1, *Que*  
 Jan.-June ----- 9.63  
 Rules and Regulations ---- 3.60 pd.  
 Enrollment 14  
 Paid up 8  
 New members 3

Washington, D. c.  
 Jan.-June ----- 57.96  
 Stamps. ----- 5.00  
 Rules and Regulations ---- 3.30  
 Total ----- 66.26  
 Enrollment 62  
 Paid up 58  
 New members 6

Winnipeg, Canada  
 Nov.-June (due) ----- 25.85  
 Rules and Regulations (pd)- 2.60  
 Enrollment 34  
 Paid up 14

Toronto, Canada # 2.  
 Nov. '42 -April '43 (due) 41.54  
 Enrollment 41  
 Paid up 24  
 New members 4

Total Enrollment ----- 1745  
 Receipts for fees and taxes \$1205 .09  
 Receipts for patriotic Stamps 44 .95  
 Receipts for Rules and Regulations 58.50  
 Receipts for Scholarship Fund 92.50  
 Total receipts \$1401.04

**EXPENSES**

Jan. 11, '43 Mrs. Mae Dailey, 2nd Int'l Pres. expenses to Little Rock 25.00  
 " 13 " E. Morrison paper Co. office supplies ----- 10.00  
 # 15 " Purchase of \$500.00 bond ----- 375.00  
 Feb. 27 " George Meaney for 2-1000 page ledgers----- 24.00  
 Apr. 28 " Safe deposit box ----- 3.60  
 " " " Mrs. Mae Dailey Expense to cover her zone ----- 80.00  
 " " " Mrs. Halena Wilson, Int'l Pres. to cover her zone. --- 100.00  
 # " " Mrs. Letita Murray, 4th Int'l Vice Pres. Expense to  
 cover her zone ----- 173.97  
 June 2, " Mrs. Fannie Caviness, 3rd. Int'l Vice Pres. expense  
 to cover her zone ----- 80.00  
 January through June.  
 Mrs. Halena Wilson, Int'l pres. office expenses ----- 200.00  
 Mr. Ashley L. Totten, Int'l Sec.-Treas. BSCP. for Charter for  
 Quebec and Columbus ----- 10.00  
 Office rent Int'l Sec.-Treas. Ladies Auxiliary ----- 60.00  
 Office help typing ----- 19.50  
 Rosina C. Tucker, Int'l Sec.-Treas. for stamps, express charges and  
 mailing supplies etc ----- 39.36  
 Office help Int'l Sec.-Treas. ----- 166.50  
 Total expense ----- 1366.68  
 Balance in bank June 30th ----- 1847.21

**NOTE:**

The above report is not itemized as the previous reports thereby using less space and entailing <sup>too</sup> work for the typist who is kept very busy by the local. However, if further light on the report is needed, I will gladly answer all questions written me.

*Rosina C. Tucker.*  
 Fraternally

Rosina C. Tucker  
 International Secretary-Treasurer.