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July 2, 1943

Chicago Ladies Auxiliary
Brotherhood Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Mrs. Agnes Thornton, Sec.-Trea.
4231 Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Thornton:

It is with pride that we take this opportunity to express our gratitude to you for your generous contribution of Ten dollars (\$10.00) to the Service Men's Center #3, 62 East 49th Street. The item contributed by you has been a great asset to our Service men, and we appreciate your continued loyal support in this great cause.

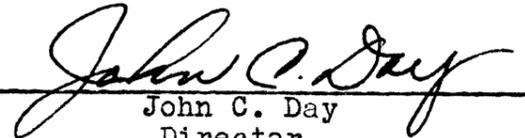
As you know, we have before us a great program; one that will require the cooperation of everyone to assure its success. Your fine spirit of support will be a great incentive for our fighting forces in order to attain our ultimate goal.

with best wishes to you for success, we are

Very truly yours,

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July 6, 1943

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

Dear Miss Wilson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your telegram of June 29th, regarding House Bills Nos. 532, 533 and 534. I wish to inform you that I received your message after the bills had been voted upon.

I shall always welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Very truly yours,


Christopher C. Wimbish

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



July 7, 1943.

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

Dear Sister Wilson:

No doubt you noted from your copy of letter sent to Brother Johnson that my brother's wife passed. She died June 22, was buried June 25. My brother depended on me to make all funeral arrangements and to attend to all of his business. They were married 42 years ago last April 24. During these years she had endeared herself to the family, besides the grief I felt at her loss, I have the deepest sympathy for my brother ~~to~~ his aloneness. I just simply could not do any different about writing.

I had not received Brother Johnson's and Stong's letter at the time I wrote you regarding Sister Malone's case, consequently I did not just exactly what the charges were and some of the details were omitted. However, since I could write you a separate letter at that time, I had hoped that my letter to Brother Johnson would cover all facts about this particular ~~and~~ and that it expressed my opinion as to her eligibility.

There were some phases of my visit to Spokane that I did not make in my report, all seemed insignificant at the time, however since this has come up, perhaps it will make a clearer picture of conditions there. When I notified them of my plan to visit the division, I finally received a letter from the president stating the condition of the Auxiliary, her regret that they could not arrange for a visit to their Auxiliary at that time. I did not let this deter me. I wrote back that I would make the visit as planned, and asked her cooperation in contacting the members and arranging for a meeting. After arriving, I found that Brother Johnson had advised and dictated the letter. Brother Johnson conducted our first meeting. In that meeting it was Mrs Strong who explained that their lack of interest was because of the way their husbands had been treated. She said that the Supervisor of the Pacific

Wilson- Spokane visit.

Coast Zone, for the Brotherhood treated them like they were either imbeciles or infants, that they' (~~the~~ husbands) were not given the proper consideration, respect nor representation. This, it was asserted ~~that~~ was known and condoned by the international office. they also stated that all resolutions sent to convention by the brothers were either ignored or pigeon holed. To ^{this I stated} ~~that~~ that this was out of our jurisdiction and that we felt that the ~~brothers~~ would be able to adjust their affair and their own grievances, and that it was our duty to support the organization for direct benefit we had received and for its achievements which means so much to all minority groups. I further stated that since the complaint had come up in our meeting that it ~~would~~-have-to be reported to our International office.

In the meeting on Friday night, the question was asked; ^{whether} ~~if~~ they could set their meeting date to suit their convenience. I answered in the affirmative, adding that the brothers were welcome at any time and that the local counselor was expected to keep us advised on all matters pertaining to the policies of the brotherhood and to advise ~~them~~ on any subject requested of him. It was stated that they were glad to know it, because up to that particular time they had not been allowed to do so. consequently, had not been able to carry out their own program, the time being used for lectures from these two brothers. I am sending my correspondence concerning the trip, Please return.

It was learned also that ~~the~~ correspondence ~~the~~-correspondence had been sent to Sister Johnson, had not been delivered to the president. They knew nothing about the patriotic stamps., the convention tax for 1943--44 nor the scholarship fund etc.

From my observation and information received, it is clear to me that the domination of a few persons is handicapping the progress of the Ladies Auxiliary in Spokane. It is my opinion that the sooner the officials of the Brotherhood in that division are caused to realize that the Auxiliary is controlled by its own rules and regulations, and not by any ones personal ideas and desires, likes or dislikes, it will be then, and not until then, that this auxiliary will be more successful in its operations.

Fraternally
Letitia Murray
Letitia Murray
Zone Supervisor, Pacific Coast.

July 14, 1943

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

Dear Sister Craig:

Your letter of June 24 was received and I was indeed pleased to read of the many activities taking place in your very busy city. It is quite evident that the further the Auxiliary goes into the many interesting phases of government, labor and economics, the greater will be its contribution to the development of our own organization, not to mention the help it can and will render other movements of a similar nature.

We hope the Poll Tax Bill will have better luck this session than it had over the last and, of course, we all know by now what happened to the President's Fair Employment Practice Committee. We are especially glad that Brother Webster was retained on the Committee and hope that the new appointees will be strong enough to help keep the Committee alive. According to the statements made during the Conference of the March On Washington just ended it is feared that the present Committee may be too much inclined to compromise which it is felt will render the Committee ineffective.

The zone conference is being considered for the Middle Western and Detroit Zones. The Auxiliary hopes to take part in this Conference.

The March On Washington Conference was very successful and was covered by all of the leading newspapers of the city. I am sorry you could not have been here. Sister Sandle was here and I enjoyed meeting her again.

I hope the class on the Consumer Cooperatives which you are attending will be very helpful to you. We are making very good progress here and hope soon to get under way as a buying club.

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Mrs. Elizabeth Craig

July 14, 1943

Your prayers are greatly appreciated for I too, believe in the power of prayer. I am getting along fairly well just now and trust you are enjoying the best of health.

Fraternally yours,

Malena Wilson
International President

HW:le

P.S. Thanks very much for the statement by the March On Washington that appeared in the Washington Star. I wanted very much to see a copy of this statement but felt it was too late to write for one. Everyone here is greatly impressed with it.
H.W.

July 14, 1943

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

Dear Miss Christman:

Please be advised that the International Executive Board of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, have expressed itself as being in favor of accepting the invitation of becoming affiliated with the National Women's Trade Union League.

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, the International Secretary-Treasurer, is being instructed to write you for all necessary particulars and to act accordingly.

Fraternaly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

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

July 15, 1943

Dear Member:

In reply to a request coming from this office, Sister Ellen Williams, President of the Albany Ladies Auxiliary, has supplied this office with the membership list of the Albany Ladies Auxiliary. As a result of which I am taking the liberty to write to each of the members in the hope of reviving the interest of that division.

It is my hope to visit the division some time during the month of September or October and I should like very much to see the Auxiliary taking a more active part in the work of the Organization before that time.

A number of letters have been written the Auxiliary over a period of several months in the hope of obtaining information concerning the Auxiliary activities. The Ladies Auxiliary as such has a very vital part to play in the trade union movement since it is representative of the wife, mother and child and since the labor movement is fighting to bring greater security to the home for without a job there can be no home or any of the other advantages that accrue as a result of the wages earned from the job. The Ladies Auxiliary was designed to give the women in the home an opportunity to contribute her share toward the development of a movement that is dedicated to raising the standard of living for the worker and his family.

The members of the Brotherhood Ladies Auxiliary played a very important part in the days when the success of the Organization was in doubt. The sympathetic understanding and the moral and financial support rendered by the women had a very beneficial and heartening effect. The task of retaining the advantages which we all enjoy today is as important as was the struggle to obtain them. So much so that the women must continue to be on the alert lest the present unsettled conditions for an adverse affect upon their homes and families. It is with this in mind that I am urging the women of the Albany Auxiliary to contribute their share in a mutual struggle for a higher standard of living and for greater security for all of us.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:el

July 15, 1943

Mr. and Mrs. John Mills
Mason (Ino), Wisconsin

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Mills:

It has finally become necessary for me to take time out for a much needed rest. After turning the matter over in my mind for some time I recall your invitation to pay you a visit. The doctor is quite anxious for me to go where I can have a complete rest so if you can accommodate me some time during the month of August it would be greatly appreciated.

I shall expect to be there ten days or two weeks. Will you kindly let me know the weekly rates and any other expense that will be needed to cover the trip.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

HW:le

July 16, 1943

Mr. E. J. Bradley
3rd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
11 North Jefferson Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is to inform you that after taking into consideration the many difficulties arising out of the present arrangement for electing officers for the Ladies Auxiliary to the Train Porters Union that it has been decided to authorize each division to elect a separate staff of officers. That is, St. Louis will have a complete staff of officers and the same will apply to the Little Rock Division. Each division will be required to have a minimum of seven members and to conform to the provisions that apply to the Brotherhood Ladies Auxiliary.

Any comments you care to make will be greatly appreciated.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

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July 19th, 1943

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxilliary
4231. S. Michigan Ave
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 16th, 1943 relative to authority being given women of the Train Porter group to set up locals in such Divisions as St. Louis and Little Rock if they have as many as seven members.

I agree with you in your idea, as a means to enable women in all divisions to become members if they wish to. I also believe it will give added interest among those women when they know that they can have their own local and will not be dominated by some group in a City other than their home Town.

You made no mention relative to whether you was going to inform the Ladies on the Missouri Pacific yourself, Have sister Mae Dailey inform them or wanted me to do that. Please advise me further on it.

Everyone has just about recovered from the MOW Conference and we are again down to real hard work. We are organizing the Car Cleaners here and are meeting with quite some success. Possibly fifty or more here have paid their Fee in full. However, there are about two hundred or more of them in St. Louis and there are a lot of them in the Southern districts in my Zone, all showing keen interest in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters organization.

You can trust me to co-operate with you at all times. With kindest personal regards to you and Ben,

Fraternally Yours,

E. J. Bradley
E. J. Bradley, 3rd. Vice President.

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OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

July 27, 1943

Mr. E. J. Bradley
Third International Secretary-Treasurer
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
11 North Jefferson Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Brother Bradley:

In reply to your letter of July 19, 1943, please be advised that this office has written for the information needed to bring about the desired changes regarding the Auxiliary to the Train Porters Group. Sister Dailey has been consulted and letters have been sent to each of these divisions. I will write sister Freeman of St. Louis and to Memphis and Little Rock some time this week for the desired information.

Your offer to cooperate was greatly appreciated, and if you will stress the importance when you are in the various divisions, of Secretary-Treasurers making regular monthly financial statements, even if no dues are collected, it will be a great help. In most instances reports are sent to Sister Tucker, but for some reason, the Secretary-Treasurers don't realize the necessity of sending a copy to this office, which, as you know, is of the utmost importance. We also find that in a number of instances, the Auxiliary officers consider the official communications sent them as personal correspondence, therefore, they fail to take such correspondence to the Auxiliary membership. If you will speak about these two important matters when you find an occasion to do so, it will be a great help to the Auxiliary.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:a

July 28, 1943

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

Dear Mrs. Lassiter:

It is my intention to go up into the northern part of Wisconsin for a rest sometime next month, after which I hope to make a visit east.

Will you have brother Patterson or someone else in the Brotherhood office to help you outline the itineraries for several of the cities bordering upon or near the state of New York. I should like to know the distance of Philadelphia and whether or not it is on a line to Washington D.C. If so, we will arrange to meet in Philadelphia and go together to Washington, D.C.

I should like for us to keep as much in the same direction as possible so there won't be any unnecessary doubling back. Some idea about the distance or location of the Baltimore and Boston Auxiliary, also the cost, is essential. With this information it will be possible to decide upon how many divisions we will visit together. I think a visit to the following divisions will be very helpful:

Washington, D.C.
Albany, New York
Buffalo, New York
New Jersey

and as many of the other surrounding divisions as time and money will allow. I hope you will let me hear from you as soon as possible as it will take time to write each division and to make the necessary arrangements.

I have not heard from the Ashville Auxiliary for quite some time, although a number of letters have been sent there. Sister Garrett of Buffalo is ill and unable to perform her duties at this time, therefore the Auxiliary was instructed to send a recommendation to this office for the appointment of a temporary Secretary-Treasurer. As soon as this is done, I will send you an account of the financial arrangements.

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Mrs. Katherine Lassiter

July 28, 1943

I trust your health is greatly improved by this time.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson, International President

July 28, 1943

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Int'l. Vice-President
Ladies' Auxiliary BSCP
103 West 141st Street
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which is self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP

HW:ma
Encl:

July 29, 1943

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

Dear Brother McLaurin:

I am very sorry I did not have an opportunity to talk with you during your recent visit here, for I am quite anxious to know what success you had with auxiliaries in the divisions visited by you.

If there are those that I should contact or other observations which you feel would be helpful, I would appreciate hearing from you regarding the same.

I hope to come east the latter part of September and to possibly visit a few of the southern divisions sometime during the winter and spring months. The divisions to be visited will be determined later.

Best wishes to Sister McLaurin.

Fraternaly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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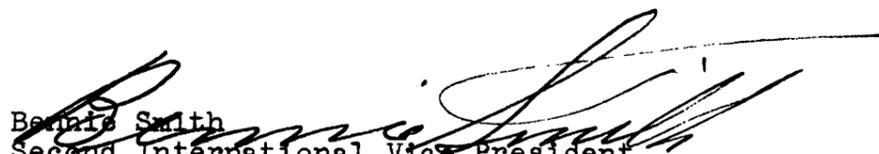
Dear Sister Wilson:

Just a word to say that I have before me communication from the Ladies Auxiliary, Montreal division requesting information with respect to Charter. The money I am informed was sent for same December 1942. Unfortunately I did not know of this until now. I was under the impression they had received the Charter.

Your cooperation in this matter will be deeply appreciated.

No doubt Smity has not gotten around to send the convention proceedings left in his office. I will get them in to Canada so soon as I receive same. With kindest personal regards. I remain,

Fraternally yours,


Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Station No. 26

July 30, 1943

Mr. C. L. Dellums
Fourth International Vice-Pres.
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1716 7th Street
Oakland, California

Dear Brother Dellums:

A copy of the 1942 Auxiliary Convention proceedings is being sent you under separate cover so as to acquaint you with the various policies that were adopted and other happenings that transpired while the convention was in session.

I have received a detailed account from Sister Murray relative to her recent visit in her zone. It is felt that her visit will be instrumental in bringing about a better understanding of the Auxiliary program and that it should result in the International receiving greater cooperation from the local divisions in the future.

Since the home is the center of the organized labor movement, it is felt that the more our women understand what is being done by way of protecting their homes and their families the greater will be their loyalty to those who are working so earnestly in their behalf, therefore it is hoped that the Brotherhood will make a place for the Auxiliary whenever possible in its general educational activities. The Regional conference that was held here on the 22nd - 24th inclusive of this month was very beneficial and I think the men and women who attended the public as well as the closed meetings have a much deeper appreciation of all the things that the Organization and its officials have done for them.

I trust that the convention which I understand is to be held in Los Angeles around August 14 will be equally as beneficial.

Fraternally yours,

HW:ma

Halena Wilson, International President

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August 3, 1943.

Mrs Halena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP
4231 South Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

Enclosed is a letter from Sister Konoly, president of the Spokane Division; in which she tells of her resignation of that office. I am sorry that she has not received the consideration and respect which her office demands. The other person mentioned in her letter was one that joined the night of our meeting there. We had the assurance that her husband was in good financial standing. This same group objects to her, because rumor has it, that she has just recently become the legitimate wife of this porter. According to my understanding of our rules, this has nothing to do with her being eligible to membership in the Ladies Auxiliary.

Will follow instructions concerning elections for the auxiliary to the Train Porters. As yet we have no members from this group. Have made several requests for Train Porters Mailing list, up to present time have not received it.

I have just learned that the Brotherhood is holding a regional conference in Los Angeles sometime between the 14th and 17th of August. Is the auxiliary to be represented in it?

Fraternally yours
Letitia Murray
Letitia Murray.
4th International V. Pres.
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

P.S.
Have you received replies to letters to the Spokane Division.

August 4, 1943

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

Dear Sister Murray:

Your letters were received between two conferences that were being held here in the city, hence the delay in acknowledging the same.

I was glad to receive a more complete account of affairs as they exist in the Spokane Division, and will see if something can't be done to clear up the misunderstanding. I too have written brothers Johnson and Strong and the Auxiliary also in an effort to obtain the information needed to adjust the dispute since the complaint will have to come from the local Auxiliary before the International Auxiliary can take any action. However, the local Auxiliary may refuse by a majority vote to accept the reinstatement of any member if it so desires. The International Auxiliary cannot very well force the local to accept a member who is found to be objectionable but the Auxiliary itself will have to reach this conclusion and not the Brotherhood officials.

A report of conditions as they exist in Spokane will be sent to brother Randolph. He was so busy during his recent visit here that we did not find time to go into a more detailed account of what had taken place in Spokane. I understand he will be in Los Angeles around August 14. It is possible that you may find time to go into this matter with him. I have not heard from the Spokane Auxiliary, but it is my intention to write again and to touch upon the matters referred to in your letter.

The report of your visit was very interesting and I am glad that you feel that the contact was a beneficial one. The itemized expense account was noted. It was hardly expected that you would go so far and have so much to refund.

I was sorry to learn of the passing of your sister-in-law. Please extend

Mrs. Letitia Murray

August 4, 1943

my sympathy to your brother.

Fraternally yours,

Malora Wilson
International President

HW:ma

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

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thanks kindly for your letter explaining decision relative to train porters wives joining the Ladies Auxiliary. Wherever possible we shall attempt to follow instructions.

I would like to report that there has been a re-dedication of the women of Montgomery to the Auxiliary. We had a splendid meeting with them last week and no doubt, you will be hearing from them in the near future.

Trusting all things are moving forward satisfactorily, I am,

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "B. F. McLaurin".

B. F. McLaurin,
International Field Organizer.

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August 5,
1943

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

It is with real pleasure that we receive today from Mrs. Tucker the official affiliation letter from your Auxiliary and check for \$5 covering the annual fee. I extend to you and your Auxiliary a most cordial welcome as one of our affiliates.

I feel that your Auxiliary and the League will find your affiliation of mutual benefit. A letter of acknowledgement has been sent to Mrs. Tucker, the International Secretary-Treasurer of your Auxiliary.

Continued success to you and my very best wishes.

Fraternally yours,

Elisabeth Christman
Secretary-Treasurer

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August 6, 1943

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

Dear Sister Murray:

Your letter regarding the resignation of the President of the Spokane Auxiliary was indeed distressing. I am writing to Sister Kenoly requesting her to remain in office so we may have an opportunity to adjust the existing difficulty. You no doubt will be in possession of a letter that was sent Sister Kenoly and Brothers Strong and Johnson.

I regret the lapse of time between your report and my recent letter, but things are in a bit of a muddle here. This is vacation time and the office help is somewhat curtailed. We have been trying to get Convention Proceedings out, which has caused us to be tied up for several months. However, the Proceedings are finally ready for posting and I am sure we shall be able to get back to our regular routine after my return from my vacation.

I am writing to Brother Randolph requesting him to acquaint brother Johnson with his duties as Local Counsellor.

I have been informed that the Zone Conference is being confined ^{for} to the Brotherhood Membership. However, the Auxiliary members may attend these sessions. I have written to Brother Dellums to the effect that since the Labor Movement affects the home life of the men's families, that it is felt it would encourage understanding and loyalty of the Auxiliary membership if the women were included wherever possible in the Brotherhood Educational Activities.

Mrs. Letitia Murray

August 6, 1943

I had thought in this way that I might be able to do by indirection more than could be done by approaching this matter more directly. As the Zone Supervisor I would suggest that you inquire of Brother Dellums if the Los Angeles Auxiliary is to be included at least in public meetings, if so, any previous information coming from him would allow you time enough to prepare something that would be creditable to both organizations. The Auxiliary here was on the program and I understand the Auxiliary in Denver will be included in the conference to be held there. If an intertainment is suggested, I would not definitely refuse to arrange something, but I would state that the Auxiliary desires more consideration than that since it too is interested in the educational development of its members and that to be included in such an important meeting would be a great boost to the general morale of the Auxiliary membership.

Fraternally yours,

Halea Wilson
International President

HW:ma
Encl:

August 6, 1943

Mr. Bennie Smith
2nd International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1308 Broadway Room 25
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Brother Smith:

A letter is being sent to Sister Tucker requesting her to direct Brother Totten's attention to the Charter of the Montreal Ladies Auxiliary. I did not know that the Charter had not been received.

We are running a period short on help at the present time. Mrs. Wilcox is on her vacation and things are not running as smoothly as we should like, but vacation time will soon be over. In the meantime, the proceedings will be mailed at the earliest possible moment. You understand, of course, that one of the copies is for your own use.

I have not heard from Calgary since sending a letter explaining the necessary procedure to set up an Auxiliary in that Division. However, I shall write again before I go away on my vacation or right after my return.

We enjoyed meeting you and the madam. The Conference was like old times.

Fraternally yours,

Halma Wilson
International President

HW:ma

THE LADIES AUXILIARY
To
THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS



August 10, 1943

Dear Sister:

The International Auxiliary is very much pleased with the success of Sister Murray's recent visit to the Auxiliaries in her zone, and only regrets that it was not possible to have had her make these visits sooner. However, it is felt that much will be realized as a result of her personal contact with the members in each of the Divisions visited by her.

A number of letters have been written to the Spokane Division in the past, which, if they had been answered, would have helped to establish an earlier contact with the International Auxiliary. This contact would have made it possible for the International officers to send information and to offer suggestions which would have placed the Local officials in possession of facts concerning the Organization which are to the effect that while the Auxiliary is subordinate to the Brotherhood, that it has a Constitution and Rules and Regulations of its own which govern the actions and determine the policies of the Auxiliary membership. This is not to be taken to mean that the Auxiliary may act in a manner considered harmful to the Brotherhood. However, in instances where Auxiliary officials or members run counter to the policies of the Organization, only the International Auxiliary officials, the International Brotherhood officials (see Article 18, Rules and Regulations) have the authority to discipline either the officials or membership, and unless something of an unusual nature were to present itself, the Brotherhood officials would follow the procedure of calling such local infractions or irregularities to the attention of this office for a ruling.

This procedure should be followed by the Local Brotherhood officials also. The local Auxiliary officials may be informed of the position taken by the local Brotherhood concerning certain activities in the Division and The Auxiliary should conform if possible. However, if a disagreement should arise, the Auxiliary is expected not to disregard the Brotherhood, but to present the matter to its own Zone Supervisor or to this office. If The Local Brotherhood officials do not agree with the ruling made by the International officials they have the Privilege of consulting their own Zone Supervisor, who will take the matter up with this office.

Should there be a further disagreement, the services of Brother Pandolph will be invoked, whose decision is final. Only the Local Executive Board, in consultation with the Auxiliary President or Auxiliary membership, may, for good reasons, postpone an Auxiliary meeting. It is felt by this office that any action to the contrary would be due to a lack of understanding. It is further felt that all Divisions will conform to the regular procedure once it is known, since it is only in this way that the continued advancement and development of the Organization becomes possible.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

HW:ma

August 11, 1943

RE: 434:FWW

Miss Frances H. Williams
Group Services Branch
Consumer Division, Dept. of Information
Office of Price Administration
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Williams:

I have not written sooner because I felt that I had nothing specific to write about. However, after attending my first meeting of the committee being formed to combat exorbitant prices, I thought I would like information concerning these activities to date, so I am passing on to you briefly the general attitude of those attending these meetings.

It appears that the women are genuinely interested, and with proper guidance they will cooperate to relieve this community of an intolerable situation.

The Chicago Defender has promised ample publicity in an effort to arouse the public, therefore making it possible for the committee to function more effectively. It was significant that this group, quite different from the one referred to previously, were satisfied to serve purely on a voluntary basis.

Thanks ever so much for the literature. I am going to the country for a rest, at which time I hope to catch up on my reading.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson
President

HW:ms

August 11, 1943

Mrs. R. B. Mills
Route 3
Ino (Wason) Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Your reply to my recent letter was received. Thanks very much for the instructions.

I will leave here Monday evening, August 16, 1943, as instructed, and will arrive on the morning of August 17, 1943. I will be alone, since it is felt in this way that it will be possible for me to get the rest that I need so badly.

It is awfully hot here and everyone around the Headquarters is envious of my intended trip.

All send regards to you both.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson

August 11, 1943

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

Dear Brother Dellums:

I hope you will make it convenient to talk with Sister Murray concerning conditions in Spokane Division so far as they pertain to present relations between the Brotherhood and the Ladies Auxiliary.

It appears that brothers Johnson and Strong, acting with either misinformation or as a result of a lack of information, have produced a rather adverse condition in Spokane insofar as the Auxiliary is concerned, such as stating who in their opinion may or may not become members in the Auxiliary; by presiding over Auxiliary meetings, or, in the case of brother Johnson, who we are told, call off the Auxiliary meeting because he was to be out of the city on the evening the meeting was to be held.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter being sent to the members and to Brothers Johnson and Strong in the hope that a better understanding may be brought about.

It is my understanding that the Auxiliary was reorganized as a result of Sister Murray's visit there, but that due to the above mentioned conditions, the President has already resigned. I have written to her asking that she reconsider so efforts can be made to bring about a peaceful and harmonious adjustment.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

HW:ma

C. L. DeLyms
P.S.

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August 11, 1912

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August 20, 1943

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLICAN STATE COMMITTEE:

Since the issuance of the Call mailed to you under date of August 13, 1943, for the meeting of the Republican State Committee for 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, August 24, 1943, in the Hotel Ten Eyck at Albany, New York, the Court of Appeals handed down a decision that an election for the office of Lieutenant Governor must take place on November 2, 1943.

Therefore, we desire to call your attention to the fact that the State Committee will nominate a candidate for the office of Lieutenant Governor at this meeting.

If you cannot attend and have not forwarded your proxy, please return it to us at the Hotel Ten Eyck in Albany, New York, in order that we may receive it before the meeting on Tuesday.

Edwin F. Jaekle

Chairman.

Katherine Kennedy

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August 20th, 1943.

Mrs Helena Wilson.
Int'l President,
Ladies Auxiliary B.S.P.,
4231 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:-

I am pleased of the opportunity
to be able to write you, I was in Pa just
three weeks, when I was called home to
my daughter (Niece) who has been at
death's door, for four weeks the Dr. had no
hope of her recovery. there wasn't much I
could do. so I had to get a nurse to take
care of her, she's just able to sit up in

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bed. I am just fine. I've had my bank
full. everything is working up very fine
just now! I received the ~~news~~
~~news~~ Miss Edward certainly
deserves great credit, he's the best,
and I mean just that.

I had planned to have
you come East the 15 of Sept. no doubt you
have read in the papers where our St.
Gov Wallace passed in July. We the Rep.
kind want an Election until 1946.
The Democrats took us to Court, as they
are doing everything in their power
to keep Iowa out of the 1944 race. I
know the higher Court ruled that we must

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be an election, and since I
am the State Councilwoman from
the 21st D. District get off until Nov 3rd.
You can arrange to be here the first
week in Nov.

I am leaving for Albany
Monday, will be there for a week or
more. as we have an awful fight
ahead of us. I am awfully sure it has
passed. as I am very anxious to see you.
I read in my book, every communication
I rec'd from you, as that is the only
way to report them. if what is finer
all..
The Long Island group is still!

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very active, we have the tickets
out for our Bar-b-que, and asking for
you, in Soap Island. ~~Prayers~~ I'll
bet it is long since the tickets are out.
I trust you have been well, the
weather here has been terrific.

With best wishes.

fraternally yours.

Katherine Lassiter.

7-11-43
8-20-43

REPORT ON VISIT OF PACIFIC COAST ZONE--- CONCLUSION.

PORTLAND DIVISION: Div.

The Portland is one of the three largest divisions of this Zone. Three meetings were held while there. In order to accommodate the members who were working on different shifts, a meeting was held in the evening and one was held in the afternoon. The brothers attended the third meeting which was in the form of a social, this made it possible to meet with a large number of the members. I find that the regular attendance is poor as it is in divisions on the coast at this time. The Auxiliary is doing a fine job in keeping a paid up membership. There are only four or five on their roster who are not up in their dues. One new member joined while there. A contribution of \$20.00 had been made to the Scholarship fund. All letters to U.S. President, Senators etc have been sent to them, according to request from International Office. They received an answer to their protest against the change in jurisdiction of the Fair Employment Practice Committee. The members do not take a great interest in the Educational Program, they seem to prefer something in a lighter vein, such as socials, card parties etc. The division has an excellent president and Secretary-treasurer, other on the staff and chairmen of committees are also doing fine work. The enthusiasm and cooperation of all was indeed gratifying. There is one hundred and sixteen dollars in the treasure.

OAKLAND DIVISION

As you know there has been quite a bit of trouble in this division; seemingly through the mismanagement and carelessness of their former Secretary-treasurer. All of this has been cleared up, so I have been informed, I also inspected the books and everything seems in order from a casual observation. The new secretary-treasurer seems to be greatly interested and very conscientious. The membership has fallen from 48 to 23. This number is fully paid up. Sister Nutall suffered a stroke last November, she is now able to take up her duties as president. There is every reason to feel that they will start to move forward again. A very constructive meeting was held of the official staff was held in Brother Dellums' office. He was also present at a luncheon, and made a very inspiring talk. I find that the International Secretary-Treasurer has furnished them with a different financial report form to those being used by other auxiliaries. It is large, more like the ones used by the Brotherhood. I liked it very much and hope that they will be sent to all divisions in the near future. Did you receive a triplicate of the financial report for April and May? I might be mistaken, but I have the impression that it contained only the original and duplicate sheets. There is approximately \$30.00 in their Treasure.

LOS ANGELES DIVISION:

The attendance here is not up to normal, however the cooperation is excellent and we feel that we are making definite progress. Four new members have been added to our list since the membership drive was begun in March. Sister Mattie Mae Stafford has been restored to good standing, upon payment of dues in arrears since 1941. She has been appointed Chairman of the Educational Program, to replace Sister Emily Johnson, who resigned from that office. So far this part of the program has been neglected since Sister Johnson did not function while in office, I am very anxious that we can have some part of the program as outlined during the remainder of the term. Sister Stafford has also been appointed Assistant reporter.

REPORT # 2.

Los Angeles Division confid.

There are 47 members enrolled, all of whom are paid up except two. In the June financial report, 18 were paid for the year of 1943. Since the attendance is poor, we are having only one meeting a month, by combining the business and educational program meetings. We are also trying out a plan of having them meet for a while in the homes of members who have failed to attend, hoping that this will inspire and stimulate their interest in taking an active part in the work of the organization. A contribution of \$15.00 was made to the Scholarship Fund, which was sent to Sister Tucker with the April and May report, through an oversight on the part of the Sec-Tres; it was placed on the report, however she has received an acknowledgment of it from Sister Tucker. She also has the receipt. On Monday night, after a report on the bond drive is made, will be in a position to give you our financial status.

The trip was a very enjoyable one, I never felt better, and most important of all I feel that much good was accomplished by the it. I hope their reaction to the international offices will be in keeping with pledges made and interest manifested while in each division.

I am enclosing on separate sheet my itemized expense account for trip and amount of money returned to the International Secretary-Treasurer.

Maternally
Letitia Murray.
Letitia Murray
Pacific Coast Zone Supervisor.

August 24, 1943

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

Dear Sister Murray:

The report on conditions in the Portland Auxiliary is encouraging even though, as you say, the attendance is not so good and that the members desire a less weighty program.

The strenuous work being done by many of the members daily would almost produce such a reaction, however, if the spirit of the Organization remains intact, the Auxiliary program will be adopted sooner or later.

It is good to know that the Oakland Division has finally its affairs straightened out. I think the conditions which have resulted in the change of officers is a good argument against changing officers unless absolutely necessary, at least until the Organization is older, when it will have more experienced members to draw upon.

A check will be made upon the April and May financial report when my secretary, who is working for the Brotherhood during the absence of one of its secretaries, returns to check on the same.

Relative to the attendance in Los Angeles and elsewhere; that condition is to be expected; with homes being broken up and lives disorganized generally, the Organization efforts will suffer in a like proportion. However, if we can keep things together during these hectic times we are sure to have more gratifying results in the future when the Organization will be more greatly needed than it is at present.

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Mrs. Letitia Murfay

August 24, 1943

The response coming from all local divisions in the Pacific Coast zone is gratifying and I hope it will not be too long before another visit can be made, especially to the divisions that are in a less settled condition. So far, no financial report has been received from the Spokane Auxiliary. When sending a copy of the letter which I hope will help bring about a better understanding in that division.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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Dear Mrs. Wilson,

Thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending a copy of the Constitution and General Rules governing your National Auxilliary. I am glad to have the copy for reference and information.

In reciprocation I am enclosing a copy of the Constitution of the National Women's Trade Union League, which through oversight was omitted in my last letter to you.

The best of good wishes to you.

Fraternally yours,

Elisabeth Christman
Secretary-Treasurer.

September 9, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Your letter of August 20th was delivered during my absence from the city, hence the delay in answering the same. Sorry to learn of the illness of your niece and trust this will be one of the many instances wherein the doctor is not all ways right in his pronouncement.

I recall reading of the death of the officer referred to in your letter and understand how much of your time will be required by such an election. However, owing to the change of climate I am afraid November will be a bit too late for me to start out on such a trip. It is my intention to leave here around the first of October. If you are not too busy at that time we, perhaps, can make a short visit to Philadelphia and Jersey City. I should like to know if you made any contacts in Albany while there as I plan to stop off in Albany on my way to New York. My itinerary is as follows: Buffalo, Albany, New York, Jersey City, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington and Baltimore. The Auxiliaries will be notified within the next week or ten days of my intended visit.

Miss Edwards is very modest about the splendid job done by her, but I feel as you do that she has done a splendid piece of work.

Please let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

September 10, 1943

Yellow Cab Company
57 East 21st Street
Chicago, Illinois

Gentlemen:

On the morning of August 30th, another fare and myself engaged cab #321 at the Northwestern Railway Station, the destination being the south side of the city. When the first passenger left the cab at 35th Street and South Parkway, the meter registered the amount of \$1.10. Upon reaching the end of my destination about twenty-five blocks farther south the meter showed the amount of \$1.60. In presenting the bill the driver requested the full amount that appeared on the meter. It was pointed out that according to the existing O.P.A. regulation that when a conveyance^w occupied jointly that the fare was pro-rated. The driver protested, stating that the first passenger paid only 50¢ and that since it was such a long distance that he felt I should pay the full amount, but he finally decided to take off 10¢ which made me pay \$1.50 and the other passenger, according to the passenger, paying 50¢, making a total of \$2.00 for a trip that registered \$1.60 on the meter.

This is being called to your attention in the hope that such practices will be discontinued. Owing to the nature of my work I am in need of cab service rather often but am told when calling the branch office on the far south side that orders ~~were~~ not being taken for that section of the city. I should like very much to know whether this is a ruling of the company or of that particular office.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

P. 3. Box 60

Inc. (Mason) Wis

Sept 12/43

Dear Mrs Wilson:—

Am enclosing you the
receipt from Mrs Harvier.

There is 45 cts for telephone call.
additional.

Hope you reached home safe
& that you are still feeling fine.

Kindest regards to Mr Wilson.

Yours truly

R. B. Mills

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GEORGE MARSHALL CHAIRMAN NATIONAL FEDERATION FOR
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September 16, 1943

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

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the autographed copy of your very interesting book, "Language In Action." I have been out of the city and rather busy otherwise for the past several weeks which has occasioned this delay in acknowledging receipt of such a thorough enjoyable piece of work. Your thoughtfulness in sending the book was greatly appreciated.

The Cooperative activities are continuing to move along very satisfactorily.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

Buffalo N.Y.
Sept 16. 43
174 - Hickory St

Dear Mrs Wilson

I'm fine hoping you
are ok. I'm very sorry
I want be home in
time for the Tea.

my friend rec'd a
letter today her aunt
is very sick. and she
wants me to stay
and care for the
children while she's
away. I do hope
you will make a
nice showing

Yours Sincerely

J. L. Williamson

P.S. I giving 2.00 for
June table

September 20, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Enclosed please find copy of my itinerary for the Eastern Zone.

If it is convenient for you I would appreciate your meeting me where ever it is possible and we can visit the divisions together. However, I don't feel it will be necessary to visit most of the divisions together.

Looking forward to seeing you again, I remain

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le
Encl.

September 21, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassitor:

Enclosed please find copy of my itinerary for the Eastern Zone. Under the circumstances referred to in your recent letter we probably can defer our joint visit to the divisions at this particular time.

I will arrive in Boston October 7 and will leave on the 9th. Will arrive in New York October 10 and leave for Jersey City on October 12. Will go from there to Philadelphia. If you are unable to meet me or go with me to either of these places I will go alone and it may be possible for you to visit a few of the divisions in the southern part of your zone later in the year.

If you can get away on the dates above referred to I would advise that you try now to make reservations on the same train which as you will see will be over the New York Central Road.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le
Encl.

September 24, 1943

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

Honorable Sir:

Once again the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are requesting your support of the cloture rule to prevent a filibuster on the Anti Poll Tax Bill H-R #7. Also, that you vote for the bill itself as a means of bringing true democracy to all the states in the Union.

Very truly yours,

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September 24, 1943

Jeanetta Welch
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Helena Wilson
International President
The Ladies Auxiliary to the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4231 S. Michigan
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I just ran across a communication from you to Mrs. Bethune of March 9th this year, appointing a contributing Editor to the *African American Woman's Journal*.

I don't know whether or not your ears have been burning, so to speak, but I have been really talking about you. You perhaps know that the Council is indeed anxious to have as one of its members, the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Just last week Mr. McLaurin and Mr. Anderson and I were discussing it, and they think it a good idea. We work here very closely with the local Brotherhood and Mrs. Craig has promised to work with us, but we feel the need of the national group.

I think Mrs. Bethune said that she has asked your group to come in, but as yet you have not decided. We are having our Executive Workshop in New York October 15, 16, 17, and if you came into the Council either before then, or there, you would be entitled to five delegates to sit in and participate on the program. I think in making up the program for next year we definitely need the thinking of our labor groups. While there are those of us who are definitely interested in, and are pro labor, we still need our labor groups to help us plan the type of program needed to serve ALL of our women.

You think this matter over and let us hear from you real soon. I am sure you will find the Brotherhood favorable to such a move. You could add much to the Council, and I am sure we would be able to be of some assistance in your work.

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Next time I am in Chicago I shall try to see you.

With very best wishes for success.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanetta Welch Brown
Jeanetta Welch Brown
Executive Secretary

September 24, 1943

Mrs. Elizabeth C. Morrow, Chairman
Food For Freedom Committee
1707 "H" Street, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Morrow:

Your letter under date of September 15 is being referred to the Cleveland Division of the Ladies Auxiliary with the recommendation that representatives be selected to attend the National Consumers Food Conference to be held there, October 27-28.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

September 24, 1943

Mrs. Kate Garner
Vice President, Chicago Ladies Auxiliary
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4413 Prairie Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Sister Garner:

The Chairman of the Calendar Tea has asked that the following members be appointed to serve on the Finance Committee, Sunday for the tea:

Hetty McLendon Ola Roberts
Esther Hill Minnie Lee
 Bessie Alexander

I am asking you to serve as the Chairman of this Committee. I letter is being sent to each member whose name is included on this list.

Because the Brotherhood is moving there won't be an Auxiliary meeting, October 7 or, perhaps until further notice. Will talk to you about this at the tea.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
President

HW:le

CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
1231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago 15, Illinois

September 24, 1943

Dear Member:

The General Chairman has asked that you be appointed to serve as a member on the Frappe Committee, Sunday, at the tea, in an effort to see that no table receives more than its share.

Mrs. Milbrey Sneed is being asked to serve as the Chairman.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
President

HW:le

September 24, 1943

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

Honorable Sir:

Once again the members of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are requesting your support of the cloture rule to prevent a filibuster on the Anti Poll Tax Bill H-R #7. Also, that you vote for the bill itself as a means of bringing true democracy to all the States in the Union.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

September 27, 1943.

Miss Halena Wilson,
International President,
The Ladies Auxiliary to
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
4231 So. 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 as well as Congress.

I hope that I may continue to have 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.

CWB::G

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

September 27, 1943

- GENERAL LETTER -

Dear Members:

The bi-annual financial report just recently released by the International Secretary-Treasurer indicates that not all of the local Auxiliaries have responded to the recent request for funds with which to create a Scholarship Fund. Official communications are not to be tabled, but are to be considered as an official request which requires that the prescribed action be taken as directed.

Your early consideration of this matter will be appreciated.

The Anti Poll Tax Bill will come up before the Senate during this session of Congress. The Auxiliary is being advised to write its senators requesting them to vote for the cloture rule which ends debate thereby preventing a filibuster also, requesting a vote for H-R #7, the Anti Poll Tax Bill itself. Postal cards may be sent by individual members, a form can be drawn up by the Auxiliary referring to the cloture rule and H-R #7 and, sent by the individual member. However, this must be done without too much delay.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

September 29, 1943

Mrs. Jeanetta Welch Brown
Executive Secretary
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1812 Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I like the tone of your letter very much and if just talking will cause ears to burn I am sure others have burned beside mine. To be perfectly frank, I submitted a resolution to the St. Louis Convention last year recommending that the International Ladies Auxiliary take a membership in the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. After attending the National meeting that was held in this city I was not quite so sure in my mind so, have delayed taking action.

Mrs. Craig and I talked the matter over during her recent visit here and it was agreed to affiliate locally with a clear understanding of the Auxiliary's position relative to the lower income groups.

The Auxiliary feels that individuals with special training are in a much better position to compete in the labor market than are individuals who have little or no training. Therefore, the Auxiliary, while not indifferent to the needs of Government workers and others in like positions, is definitely interested in the unskilled and unorganized men and women of the race who are badly in need of the advantages and the protection which accrue from labor organizations.

The Auxiliary would like to feel convinced that there was a sincere desire on the part of an organization to tackle this very basic problem before committing itself.

The Auxiliary has a very high regard for Mrs. Bethune and would consider it an honor to be associated with any movement sponsored by her only

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Mrs. Jeanetta Welch Brown

September 29, 1943

it wants to know if the Council intends to include the so-called common man and woman in its plans before proceeding further.

I shall be very happy to have you stop in for further discussion any time that you happen to be in the city.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

NW:le

September 29, 1943

Mrs. R. B. Mills
Route #3, Box #60
Ino (Mason) Wisconsin

Dear Mrs. Mills:

Your letter of recent date was received. I hope you will pardon the delay on my part regarding this matter. So many things have come up since my return that I have been kept quite busy.

The Brotherhood is moving to its new quarters in the Binga Arcade at 35th Street and State. There has been quite a bit of indecision concerning this matter, therefore, we have been pretty much upset about it. Then, we have had to arrange a schedule to the east and on top of that we have been busy getting the Calendar Tea in shape which was a huge success. The Auxiliary realized \$470.00 from this tea.

I am enclosing Five Dollars and Twenty-Cents (\$5.20) to cover the following items: Use of car, \$3.25; Phone calls, 45¢; Gasoline, \$1.50. If this amount is not correct kindly let me know.

Remember me to Mother Mills if she is still with you. Also, to Brother Mills and your sister.

Sincerely,

Halena Wilson

HW:le
Encl.

September 29, 1943

Mrs. Mary Hobbs
5522 Indiana Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Hobbs:

As I am leaving the city Saturday evening I thought I would take this means of expressing my deep appreciation for the splendid work done by you and the members of your group.

The Tea was a huge success. There was a total of \$470.33 turned over to the Finance Committee. There will be a very gratifying profit when all expenses are deducted. I feel that the General Chairman would like the pleasure of making an itemized statement so I am leaving that for her to do.

I only want to take this opportunity to extend my thanks instead of having to wait until my return.

If there were mistakes they can be corrected next time. If there was not enough cooperation that also can be improved upon next time.

Thanks again for your very generous support.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
President

HW:le

September 29, 1943

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

Dear Sister Murray:

I have been waiting to receive additional news of conditions relative to the Spokane Auxiliary. As you know, I sent a letter to the Auxiliary in an effort to bring about a better understanding between the Auxiliary and the Brotherhood, however, I am still completely in the dark.

Perhaps you have some information as a result of the conference which I understand that the brothers of that division had with Brother Dellums and yourself. If so, I would appreciate knowing what transpired.

I am leaving October 2 for a visit in the Eastern Zone.

Have been dreadfully busy since returning from my vacation.

Best wishes to Brother Murray.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

September 29, 1943

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

Dear Sir and Brother:

It appears that the porter-instructor job has created quite some dissatisfaction in the Nashville Division. Sister Phillips was rather disturbed over the fact that the Executive Board had met without her knowledge and because it had written to me without her knowledge for information pertaining to Sister Pope's position in the Auxiliary. She based her position regarding Sister Pope on the information she stated she received from Brother Randolph during his visit there. I answered to the effect that the Executive Board should have not called a secret meeting also, when Brother Randolph gave his views relative to Sister Pope that he probably was unaware of the Resolution that was adopted by the 1940 Convention which states:

"***An Auxiliary member may not hold an elective office whose husband, if regularly employed, is not a member of the Brotherhood."

I haven't heard from Sister Phillips since writing this letter.

I have written to Sister Chapman of Louisville in an effort to get Sister Hughes to send in her financial reports more regularly. If this cannot be arranged I am considering instructing that a new Secretary-Treasurer be appointed to fill Sister Hughes' unexpired term. The last financial statement from Sister Hughes was submitted in April. What is your opinion regarding this matter?

Fraternaly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

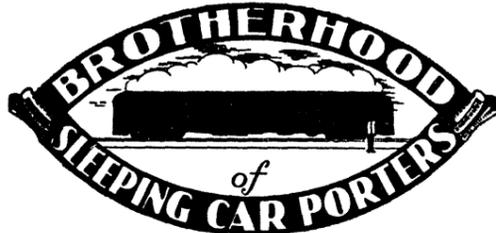
HW:le

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
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1308 BROADWAY
ROOM 305

DETROIT, MICHIGAN October 1, 1948
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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:

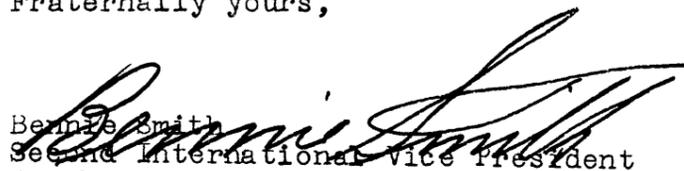
Thanks for your very informative letter in connection with the Nashville situation and for your information Sister Phillips is a very good friend of the Popes and her past and present attitude is based on friendship and further proof may be found in the fact that Pope requested the return of his advanced dues payments when he learned he could get that stool pigeon job. Of that Sister Phillips is aware and the very fact that she herself did not explain to the local Executive Board they had no other alternative but request the information from some one in authority. In addition to what is mentioned above her husband, George Phillips resigned as President of the local, after Pope was put out. Giving illness and other reasons as the cause.

May I suggest that you be governed accordingly in dealing with that particular situation, as it could prove the case of the proverbial cow that gave a good bucket of milk then kicked it over.

Your position is sound with respect to the Louisville matter, I would not hesitate to let them know that the reports must be sent in on time or necessary steps will be taken, in order to have them sent in regular and on time. I find it necessary to shake them up once in a while. I will write them also so soon as I can find the time.

With kindest personal regards, may I remain,

Fraternally yours,


Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

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Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
Founder and President

October 4, 1943

Jeanetta Welch
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Helena Wilson
6046 S. Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I have just read your letter to our Executive Secretary, Mrs. Jeanetta Welch Brown, and I read it with much interest.

I do not think any woman in America, aside from your own members, has shown more interest and desire for closer participation in the activities of the women of the National Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters than I have.

I met with you in your meeting in Chicago, in New York, and I was present at your big dinner meeting in New York. I have spoken for you, and I have shown every side that I could show in my appreciation for your work.

The National Council of Negro Women has as its aim the bringing together of women of the Negro race for the united effort, in the things where we need to be united. It does not aim to stand in the way of the program of any individual organization, but to pool our interests, in order to be able to show the activities of Negro women in this country wherever pressure is needed, on whatever needs to come together for the opening of doors for our group. Any other interpretation you might get of the National Council will be misrepresentative of its ideas.

This Council was conceived in my own ideas, and for 10 years I have been trying to work it out. May I say to you that we need one another. I, Mary McLeod Bethune, am simply a common woman, working for the masses of my race and the world.

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October 4, 1943

I hope that it will be possible for you to be present at our meeting in New York, October 15, 16, and 17. We plan to hold our Executive Meeting on the evening of the 15th. I hope that you will send in your \$50.00, and come, and sit, and work with us.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Mary McLeod Bethune
PRESIDENT

MMCLB: jas

SCOTT W. LUCAS, ILL., CHAIRMAN
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United States Senate

COMMITTEE TO AUDIT AND CONTROL THE CONTINGENT
EXPENSES OF THE SENATE

Washington, D.C.
October 4, 1943

Miss Halena Wilson, International President
The Ladies Auxiliary to Brotherhood of Sleeping Car
Porters, Train, Chair Car, Coach Porters and Attendants
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Wilson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your
communication of recent date.

I favor abolition of the poll tax, and
am enclosing herewith copy of an address which I de-
livered on this subject. I shall also vote to invoke
the rule of cloture.

With every good wish, I am

Yours for Victory!



SWL/FBA
Enclosure

Speech of Senator Scott W. Lucas of Illinois on the National Radio Forum arranged by the Washington Evening Star and broadcast on the Blue Network, 10:35-11:00 P.M., E. W. T., June 2, 1943.

THE POLL TAX ISSUE

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

The House of Representatives has passed an act making unlawful the requirement for the payment of a poll tax as a prerequisite to voting in a primary or other election for national officers. After passage by the House, the bill was sent to the United States Senate, where it was appropriately referred to the Judiciary Committee. I anticipate that at an early date the Judiciary Committee will report this bill favorably to the full membership of the Senate. I shall vote in favor of the anti-poll tax bill.

My Friends, I doubt that America has passed through a period since the Constitutional Convention, when the citizens were so concerned about the right to vote. The elimination of the poll tax is only one phase of this extremely important problem. For example, there are now pending in the Senate and the House of Representatives three bills seeking to amend the Constitution of the United States, which would permit all those who have reached eighteen years of age to exercise the right of franchise. I favor that proposal. Certainly individuals who are physically and mentally strong enough to fly a plane, man a tank, carry a machine gun, and kill the enemy, have the necessary qualifications to exercise intelligently the right of franchise on election day.

Last year the Senate enacted legislation providing soldiers billeted in the camps of this country, as well as the soldiers serving in foreign lands with the opportunity and machinery for voting. The administration of the bill is lacking in effectiveness. I propose in the near future to introduce legislation which will strengthen that measure and insure to every soldier the opportunity to vote.

Recently I introduced a bill in the Senate providing for uniformity in the opening and closing of the polls in federal elections throughout the nation. My bill provides that the polls shall open at six A. M. and close at 9 P. M. This is another bill which will give to the defense worker, the farmer, the housewife, and all other soldiers on the home front a greater opportunity to vote. At the hearings held on my bill today before a subcommittee of the Committee on Privileges and Elections, I was happy to listen to the approval of this measure by the Honorable Frank Walker, Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, as well as the approval in principal by the Honorable Harrison Spangler, Chairman of the Republican National Committee.

All these important measures of legislation form the general pattern of the effort to augment the constitutional right of franchise, of which elimination of the poll tax as a prerequisite for voting is a part. Each and every one of these bills seeks to give the voter every possible opportunity to cast his vote in any primary or general election particularly during this national crisis.

On the cold and bleak Island of Attu, in the jungles of New Guinea, on the planes of Australia, in the swamps and the malaria-infested region of Guadalcanal, yes, throughout the Pacific, men of every race, creed, and color are shedding their blood, nursing their wounds, and fighting on, in order that the cornerstones of free government may continue to stand. What is true in the Pacific is true in the Atlantic. It is true in Europe and Asia. It is also true in North Africa where American boys on the dessert sands, in the mountain passes, and on the streets of Tunis and Biserte, along with the allied brothers, beat back and finally destroyed and conquered one of Hitler's great armies. In that historic battle American soldiers, regardless of race, creed, or color, gave their all that the stars and stripes might continue to wave over a free land. In that battle you could find men whose ancestors were of German, Irish, Polish, Negro, Czechoslovakian, Greek, and Jewish blood, but in North Africa they fought only as Americans.

Surely, My Friends, it is not asking too much that men, whether they be white or black, living in States which require payment of poll tax to vote, should not be denied the right to vote if they are willing to shoulder a gun and die, if necessary, for the flag. I have heard all the arguments of the representatives of the States having poll tax laws, but it seems to me that the time has come in America when those who fight side by side for the protection of home and country, should also be able to vote in the same election precinct for the candidates of their choice.

America has always been known as the land of equal opportunity, the land of equal privileges, and the land of equal rights. It would seem that this piece of legislation is only a small step to guarantee that equality of opportunity, for which America is famed.

Much was said in the House, and much will be said on the Senate floor about the constitutionality of this poll tax bill. It will probably hinge upon whether or not payment of a poll tax is a regulation or a qualification. This recalls to my mind what the dean of our law school used to say when a question was presented that was highly debatable. Not knowing the exact answer, he would pause for a moment and then say, "Young gentlemen, there is much to be said upon both sides of that question".

Obviously, the question must ultimately be decided by the Supreme Court of the United States, but, My Friends, I undertake to say that the Constitution is not a static organism of government. If so, it would have been outmoded in the long ago. For one hundred fifty years it has withstood the test of time and change, and that is primarily true because the powers enunciated therein have been broad enough to embrace everyday conditions as we progress from one generation to another. The Constitution, because of its inherent, its expressed and implied powers, has fortunately grown along with the times and one of the fundamental principles of constitutional government from the beginning has been that men should have the right to vote freely and without any unreasonable restraint.

In my opinion I am satisfied that if and when this legislation reaches the Supreme Court of the United States, its constitutionality will be upheld. I do not believe that any unreasonable restrictions and regulations, which I conceive the poll tax to be, can be placed by any State upon one who seeks to vote for a federal officer.

In conclusion, let me say that I have great respect and affection for my colleagues in the United States Senate, and my hope is that regardless of the States they may represent, in our present crisis they yield to this basic principle and permit H. R. 7 to become the law of the land with the least possible friction or debate.

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Mrs. Helena Wilson
6046 S. Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I was indeed happy to receive your very encouraging letter of September 29. I hope you will pardon my delay in answering you, but we have been extremely busy preparing for our Annual Meeting. However, I am sure you have heard from Mrs. Bethune by now.

I see that we need to have a heart to heart talk about our individual programs. You see, I feel that it will take all types of organizations to make a truly representative Council. If the Auxiliary is definitely interested in the promotion and welfare of unskilled and unorganized men and women, as you say, and if you feel that the Council does give representation to these individuals; then, it seems to me that an organization like the Auxiliary who does give its time to individuals in this classification would come into the Council, bringing with them the rich experience in that category.

You see, Mrs. Wilson, the Council cannot represent a group of people if they refuse to cooperate with the Council. For example, you say that you represent the unskilled and unorganized women. Have you ever stopped to think that if your organization represents a certain group of people, that that group of people will be kept out of plans as long as you, yourself, keep them out, for it is only by participation and representation of any group on a committee will they be so represented?

I feel very definite that there is a great need in the National Council of Negro Women for the unity which we must give to Negro women at this time. Also, that it is as much your responsibility to make this organization what you would have it, as it is for us to make it the kind of organization you want, without having your cooperation in achieving this desired status.

OFFICIAL ORGAN: "THE AFRAMERICAN WOMAN'S JOURNAL"
(A Quarterly Review)

Mrs. Helena Wilson

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October 16, 1943

The National office is very conscious of the advantages and protection which accrue from labor organizations. We are working whole-heartedly with both branches of labor. Much of our material that has gone out from this office has urged the active participation of Negroes in bonified labor organizations, and we realize that most of the Congressmen that are Anti-labor are also Anti-Negro. I don't believe that any serious thinking Negro in these days can afford to well deny the close tie-up of labor and the salvation of Negro people.

I do not think there is anything else that we can write you on this subject, but I do want you to know that the national office is very well aware of the importance of Negroes cooperating with labor. Although I am still a young woman, my record in labor is a long one and one of which I am very proud. I am one of the very few Negro women who worked actively to help organize the U.A.W. in the Ford Motor Company in Detroit, Michigan, and I have been active in many labor organizations.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanetta Welch Brown
Jeanetta Welch Brown
Executive Secretary

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October 21, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, Pres.,
Ladies Auxiliary to the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
3456 South State Street,
Bingum Arcade Bldg.,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

In accordance with the suggestion of Mr. A. Philip Randolph, International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, I am sending you under separate cover a few of our pamphlets which we hope you find of interest and use to you in an educational program to emphasize the value of child spacing information to the women of this country.

After you have looked over these pamphlets if you will let me know of any plan you might have to utilize them in quantity I shall be glad to discuss with you how the Federation could be of further service to your organization.

Yours very truly,


C. C. Pierce, M. D.
Medical Director

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October 21, 1943

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, Secretary-Treasurer
The Ladies Auxillary
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
1812 Ninth Street N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Tucker:

Again I am called upon to assist our sisters in straightening out their financial records. This came about as a result of membership statement you sent as of August 1943. Some of the confusion came about as results of mistakes made by your office rather than our local office. I wish to hereby call your attention to them: On sister Mitchell's August report she listed Elizabeth Smith for seventeen months dues (\$3.40) but on your report you did not show sister Smith; Mollie Enghram was shown for five months dues, paid to October, but your report did not credit it; Bertha Shelton was shown as paying initiation fee plus three months dues, including November, your report did not credit her with initiation fee but credited her with four months dues, including December, making a total of one dollar (\$1) which is also wrong; Viola Davis was shown as paying fifty cents (\$.50) assessment, but your report showed her as paying four months dues; Goldie Sloan also paid fifty cents (\$.50) assessment, but your report did not show her payment at all.

On the July report Rosa Lee Shelton was listed for three months dues, including June, your report did not show her payment; Grace Matthews paid two months in July and three months in June, but your report only showed her paying two months. However, in connection with this sister, something will have to be done. She was quite ill for sometime and was sent to Texas for her health. After an absence of near two years, she returned, and as I understand it the sisters want to credit her for this long illness and start her dues as of June when she returned. This matter will have to be straightened out through you and our local office. Further, on the July report; Goldie Sloan was shown as paying seven months dues, including December, but your report did not credit this payment at all; Stella Hammons was shown as paying four months, including December, but your report did not show it. When I straightened out this Division before, you gave me a list of sisters who were paid through August 1942 and included in that group was sister G. A. Thompson. Then in March of this year when I straightened out the records, we sent in nine months dues for her which would have brought her through May 1943. The report you sent this time only showed her paid through December 1941.

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker

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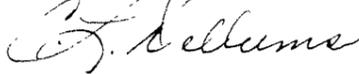
October 31, 1943

Your membership statement did not show A. Rowland though our June report showed her paying twelve months dues; Your report did not show sister L. J. Roper though she is paid through November.

I believe a recheck of your records will verify these mistakes.

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,



C. L. Bellums, Counselor
Pacific Coast Zone

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cc. Letitia Murray, Los Angeles
Maude L. Mitchell, Secretary-Treasurer, Oakland Division
Ardella Nutall, President, Oakland Division

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3456 South State Street- Victory 7124

October 25, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

I am in receipt of a resolution relating to my recent visit in the Eastern Zone that was said to be submitted by the New York Ladies Auxiliary.

As there were no signatures affixed to the resolution it could not be given official recognition. And, as I cannot believe such a communication could have been written with your approval I am reserving further comments until I hear from you at which time I shall be glad to acquaint you with conditions as they exist in each division⁴ was visited.

I trust you were successful in regards to the work that made it necessary for you to visit the down state districts.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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RESOLUTION

SUBMITTED BY THE LADIES' AUXILIARY
of the
NEW YORK DIVISION

WHEREAS: The International President of the Ladies' Auxiliary to The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Sister Helena Wilson, is making a tour through the Eastern Zone, and

WHEREAS: First International Vice-President of the Ladies' Auxiliary and President of the New York Division, Sister Katherine Lassiter, is Supervisor of the Eastern Zone, and

WHEREAS: For reasons that are valid, imperative and beyond her control Sister Lassiter is unable to be with Sister Wilson during such parts of the trip that may have been planned and asked for a short postponement to give her the opportunity to meet and work with Sister Wilson on her proposed trip and this was refused, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the New York Division in meeting assembled voice our protest against the lack of consideration which denied our President, Sister Katherine Lassiter, a privilege which is hers by virtue of her position and may affect her prestige in the Auxiliary, be it further

RESOLVED: That copies of this resolution be sent to the International Counselor, Brother A. Philip Randolph, and the International President of the Ladies' Auxiliary.

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3456 South State Street. Victory 7124

October 25, 1943

Mrs. Anna M. Cruse
6220 South Parkway #1
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Cruse:

Your change of address was received. Thanks very much.

Will you kindly arrange a meeting of the Executive Board sometime before the next regular Auxiliary meeting. There are a number of matters to be placed before the Board for its consideration.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
President

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3456 South State Street, Victory 7124

October 25, 1943

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

Honorable Sir:

Your letter of October 4 containing your recent speech on the National Radio Forum was delivered during my absence from the city which I trust will explain this delay in acknowledging same.

The Auxiliary appreciates the position you have adopted concerning the anti-poll tax bill and is inclined to favor the other legislative measures to be introduced by you.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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October 26, 1943.

Mrs Halena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sister Wilson:

In a conference with Brothers Randolph, Delluns and Strong, concerning the Malone case at Spokane, Washington; Brother Strong expressed the belief that she was an exponent of racial discrimination and segregation stating as his reason, that she had gone to the Pullman Officials in an effort to have the moneys paid by the Porters for the Community Chest, given directly for the use of the negroes in that city; also that she greatly favored providing a Negro U.S.O. Center. He further stated that her reasons for such efforts are selfish, and that she intends to use the Auxiliary for her personal gains.

In consideration ~~for~~ his viewpoint; he was requested to have a heart to heart talk with Sister Malone in an effort to change this attitude; if this method did not prove satisfactory; it was then the privilege of any member desiring to make a complaint against her, to do so by filing their complaint with the Ladies Auxiliary of that division, to be tried according to the provisions of our Constitution.

It was further decided that we were within our rights to accept her fees for re-instatement, along with the rest of the delinquent member who were all in arrears from six (6) months to two (2) years; and that the financial report should have been sent to the International Secretary -Treasurer as planned in my meeting with them.

I have been expecting a letter from Brother Strong on this matter, but up to present date have not heard from him.

#2-Mrs Helena Wilson.

May I present another angle to this case for your consideration: Numerous complaints have been made, that our group is not receiving the benefits of the money paid into the Community Chest by us; hence the interest taken, could be impelled by a desire to see greater justice be given our group. There could be a similar motive for advocating the separate U.S.O. centers; In U.S.O. Centers controlled by other groups ; our boys may be given a sandwich and a cup of coffee, but no other consideration is shown them and no absolutely no effort to entertain them. While this is a deplorable condition, nevertheless it exists, and it is only in our own Centers that an effort is made to relieve their loneliness and build up their morale.

Received your General Letter urging the payment of the Scholarship Fund: Altho the Semi-annual report recently received, did not designate it; The Los Angeles division sent in their contribution on April 9, 1943. The Amount sent was Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00) On my visit to the divisions, I emphasized the need of sending in their contribution. I feel reasonably sure that all of the divisions except Spokane, have already responded.

IN the semi-annual report there is also an omission of the ten dollars (\$10.00) sent the Chicago office, in payment for Patriotic Stamps purchased from your office, in August 1942. Payment for them was made January 20, 1943. Will appreciate your making this adjustment for us that the Los Angeles division receive due credit in the next report from the International Secretary-Treasurer.

Hope your trip East was both pleasant and beneficial.

Have had an attack of neuritis in my shoulder and side. It is much improved.

Mr. Murray joins me in sending best regards to you and Brother Wilson.

Fraternaly yours
Letitia Murray
Letitia Murray
4th International President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

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3456 South State Street - Victory 7124

October 26, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

As a copy of the resolution was left out of your letter
I am taking this means of sending a copy for your ben-
efit.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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3456 S. State St. - Victory 7124

October 28, 1943

Boston Ladies Auxiliary BSCP
Mrs. Bessie Ford, Secy-Trea.
1180 Tremont Street
Boston, Massachusetts

Dear Members:

This is to express my deep appreciation to the Boston Ladies Auxiliary for the many courtesies shown me during my recent visit to that city. The enjoyable evening spent with the members of both organizations did much to add to the pleasure of my trip. I left Boston with the feeling that there would be a renewed interest on the part of the members of that division.

The great fight that was carried on by the representatives of the Brotherhood on the American Federation of Labor's Convention floor has had a stimulating affect upon the men and women throughout the entire organization and it is felt that Boston will be no exception to that general feeling. The Boston Auxiliary is now in its infancy, therefore, it is not expected that the Auxiliary will acquire the knowledge that is needed to build an effective program, not at least for some time to come. The most that is needed at present is the will and determination to plan for the uncertainties of the future. This can best be done by reading and discussing present trends which will have a direct bearing upon the future wellbeing of all persons who are required to work for a living. It must be borne in mind that defense jobs will be a thing of the past when the war is over and the retrenchments that are bound to follow will have their affect upon our lives. What this affect will be depends upon the thinking that is being done today. Organizations that are weak are likely to collapse while organizations that have the loyalty and understanding of their members will stand the best chance of survival and if Negroes are to come out of this war with more then they had from the last war women and children alike will have to plan now, they will have to decide now on the course that is to be pursued during the post war period.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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3456 S. State St. - Victory 7124

October 28, 1943

Mrs. Myrtle Haskins, President
Boston Ladies Auxiliary BSCP
389 Warren Street
Roxbury, Massachusetts

Dear Sister Haskins:

I should like to avail myself of this means of extending my sincere thanks to you for the many considerations shown me during my recent visit to Boston. The rest I received while there and in New York strengthen me to such an extent that I completed my trip in pretty good shape. I have thought of you with the hope the anxiety you were feeling when I saw you would turn out to be groundless.

Relative to the Auxiliary, it is felt if you will call meetings of the Executive Board to plan the activities for the group that the meetings will be far more interesting and beneficial. A series of programs centered around child health, child delinquency, child labor laws, nutrition, etc. would be very much in accord with the needs of the present times. Women in industry and the laws of the State in so far as they pertain to hours of work and rates of pay are equally as interesting. The proposed amendment to the existing Social Security Act should be understood/* since their future wellbeing will most likely depend upon the passage of these amendments. The extent of unemployment compensation, better housing, all have a direct bearing upon workers in general, therefore, should be understood by the members of the Ladies Auxiliaries if they are to contribute anything of value toward a better way of life for the future generations.

Plans for social activities and entertainments should be recommended by the Board also. For the present a business meeting and a social meeting a month may prove of value in developing your program. Any help that may be desired in arranging this type of program will be gladly given.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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*by the Auxiliary members

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October 29, 1943

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune
1812 9th Street, N. W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

It is regretted that your letter of October 4, 1943 arrived during my absence from the city.

The Auxiliary is indeed grateful for the personal interest you have displayed in it throughout the years of its existence. It is also mindful of the fact that you have spent practically the whole of your life striving for the improvement of the less fortunate of the race, and the Auxiliary wants you to know that it is ~~instinting~~ instinting in the regard and the esteem which it has for you, and as it is felt that the Auxiliary is in a position to help in the consolidation of the women of the Negro race, the Auxiliary will be glad to do what it can in that direction. Therefore, the International Secretary-Treasurer will be instructed to apply for the membership in the National Council of Negro Women, Incorporated in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

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

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3456 S. State St. - Victory 7124

November 2, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

This is to acquaint you with the changes that were made in the Buffalo and Baltimore divisions during my visit of recent date. Owing to the prolonged illness of Sister Garrett, she has been unable to attend meetings and it was evident that she would not be able to do so for some time to come so, Sister Elizabeth Meadows was appointed to fill the unexpired term. I do not have Sister Meadows' address but will send it as soon as I have heard from her. Sister Maggie Avery was appointed the First Vice President and Sister Sarah Mosley, Chaplain. The following sisters were appointed members of the local Executive Board: Sisters Sarah Jordan, Elizabeth Meadows, Maggie Avery, Eulah Rainey and Sarah Mosley.

The president of the Baltimore Auxiliary had been inactive for nearly a year so her office was declared vacant and Sister Mary Malbey was appointed First Vice President. No other appointments were made in either of the other divisions that were visited.

As soon as you are at liberty I should like to take up with you the possibility of you covering the remaining divisions in your zone.

I trust your niece is improving and that your present activities will prove successful.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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P.S. Sister Jannie McGathon of Baltimore, the First Vice President, was moved up according to the provisions to fill the office of president. H.W.

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November 3, 1943

Northland Greyhound Lines
509 Sixth Avenue, North
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Attention: General Passenger Agent.

Dear Sir:

On August 17, 1943, Mrs. Helena Wilson, a member of our Organization, was a patron of your Bus Service from Ashland, Wisconsin and her destination was Ino, Wisconsin. She was issued ticket A-286678 from the Union Bus Station, Ashland, Wisconsin.

Mrs. Wilson was carried by her destination to Poplar, Wisconsin, arriving there around 11:00 a.m. when your driver "Lewis" discovered his mistake he gave Mrs. Wilson transportation check #68328, under date of August 17, 1943 with notation on back, "O. K. for transportation from Poplar to Ino."

Mrs. Wilson was in a land of strangers and it was obviously inexpedient and frightening to remain in Poplar until the evening Bus came along. She therefore got in telephonic communication with her intended host in Ino who had already telephoned Ashland when his guest did not arrive and through him arrangements were made for taxi service from Poplar to Ino.

Mrs. Wilson, however, who was and remains under a physician's care, views her inconvenient experience and the unnecessary and additional expense to which she was subjected philosophically. Her unnecessary expenditures were:

Mrs. John Haviac, Ino, Taxi Services	\$4.75
Telephone Tolls	.77
	<u>\$5.52</u>

and it is requested that she be reimbursed this amount.

Very truly yours,
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

Ernest Smith, Secretary-Treasurer
Chicago Division

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3456 S. State Street - Victory 7124

November 5, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

The Ashville and Albany Divisions have not submitted a financial report so far this year, however, it is felt that Albany will make a report following its next regular meeting.

Montgomery and Birmingham have not submitted a report this year but Montgomery has recently reorganized and it is felt that a report will be submitted soon. Birmingham, evidently has become completely inactive.

Norfolk has not sent a report so far this year, that is, to my office. I would suggest before writing that you check with Sister Tucker concerning these divisions as it is possible that they may have remitted to her and failed to submit a copy of their reports of this office.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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November 5, 1943

Mr. Billy Bowe
% Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Bowe:

This is to acknowledge with thanks the many courtesies shown me by you during my recent visit to your city. The information given me concerning my ticket was indeed helpful and worked out exactly as you said it would.

I arrived in Washington where the meetings were well attended and left feeling that much had been accomplished there as else where.

I trust you are well and that the Auxiliary will have the pleasure of a visit from you when we assemble next September in Cleveland, Ohio.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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Mr. William Milteer
175 Wilkerson Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Brother Milteer:

This is to express my sincere appreciation for your kindness in escorting me to Jersey City and other acts of kindnesses shown me during my recent visit to that city.

Your great loyalty and the many years of devoted service apparently are repaid by the deep devotion shown toward you by the men and women of your division. The meetings were satisfactory and it is felt that the visit did much to lift the morale of the Auxiliary members.

I trust you will continue to enjoy the best of health and that we will see you in Cleveland next September.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
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Mr. Bill Mills
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Brother Mills:

I am taking this opportunity to express my sincere thanks for the dinner and for the other courtesies shown me during my recent visit to your city.

I hope your plans for the March On Washington Dance are developing satisfactorily and that your efforts in that direction will meet with the utmost success.

It is felt that the visits to the various divisions were beneficial in that they supplied the information that was needed to establish more effective contacts with the local officials. The joint meetings were well attended and the brothers expressed their surprise and satisfaction with the showing being made by their Ladies' Auxiliary. They felt much as you do concerning the necessity of their woman relatives contributing to a movement designed mainly for the protection of their families and homes.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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November 6, 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 of October 21 to Sister Tucker arrived shortly after my return from Washington otherwise it would have been possible for me to make a re-check with Sister Tucker while there. A letter is being sent Sister Tucker requesting a careful check on all divisions so if similar mistakes exist they may be corrected. The International Auxiliary is grateful for the time and the interest given by you in helping to adjust this matter.

Up to the present time no word has been received concerning the Malone Case in Spokane.

Sister Murray states that she has been waiting to hear from Brother Strong. We have not been able to hear from the Auxiliary either. Whatever additional help you can give in this matter will be appreciated. I can understand Brother Strong's point of view but the lack of response is not helping to get this situation straighten out.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
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Mrs Helena Wilson.
International Pres
Ladies Auxiliary B.S.P.L.
3456 S. State Street
Chicago - Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:-
This is the first long I've had
to myself since the 15th of Sept. I am real-
ly worn out. It is with deep regret that
I was unable to be with you, as I had
looked forward to that with great pleasure.
I am sure you understand how impor-
tant it was for me to make the trip. We
visited twenty six countries, we traveled
somewhat by train and bus, and some

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times by motor caravans, screaming
Sinner to head our approach. it was truly
wonderful. we came down to N.Y. City
and sat ~~at~~ ^{at} ~~the~~ ^{the} hotel. there was no left
up until the vote before election.
which was Mrs. Second. Our success was
phenomenal. we never anticipated such
such a plurality.

we are so elated over
the election of Francis Rivers
(Calverly) he was running against
a very famous white candidate
for city judge. Rivers was so
far ahead of him. so many papers
was betty. he would not win.

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I am deeply grieved over that Resolution
and can't understand what happened.
at the last meeting, which was the 15th of Sept
I had the duty to read your letters,
and turned them over to Sister Sledge.
They voted out fifty dollars for a receipt.
I instructed them to have two meetings.
Sister Sledge promised me she would
meet you, also accompany you to your
journey.

There was not a dissimbling rail. I
haven't seen any of them since I came
back. We are having a meeting Thursday
of this week, I will find out what took
place. Believe me, when I say I am
as incensed of that Resolution as
you are. I know that you will
forgive them for being so

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radicals, that was really uncalled for.
We voted out five dollars in fees
as our contribution to the scholarship.
and it looked up in the last meeting. Mrs.
Harper said she sent it to Mrs. Tucker. I
noticed on the financial report that no
credit was given the N.Y. Auxiliary for that
was the ten dollars for the purchase of the
stamp.

So sorry to hear the illness of Sister
Lassiter, I was in Buffalo, but did not have
time to look her up. I can get off any
time now, as we are not so much for
time. Again let me say that I am
so sorry I wasn't here to meet and
meet you, as I know it would
have been a source of pleasure work

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With you. Hope you ^{are} well rest & from
your trip. My niece is not doing well
at all, I am thinking of sending her away
to regain her health, it keeps me so upset.
many nights I am not able to sleep.
my heart is so heavy.

With best wishes,
Sincerely yours,
Katherine Lassiter

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Also to:

Mr. Osmond Cole of Albany
Mr. B. Woodson of Buffalo
Mr. J. L. Williams, - Boston
Mr. J. W. Tate - Baltimore
Mr. L. S. Faulkner - Philadelphia

November 8, 1943

Mr. C. H. Daniels
President, Jersey City Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
195 Union Avenue
Jersey City, New Jersey

Dear Brother Daniels:

This is to express my sincere appreciation to the members and the officials of the Jersey City Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters for the splendid co-operation received during my recent visit to that city.

It is felt that much good is derived from the joint meetings since they make it possible for the brothers to acquire information concerning the activities of the Ladies Auxiliary which they probably would not acquired otherwise especially in so short a time.

The spirit manifested by the Brotherhood was indeed inspiring and did much to add to the success and effectiveness of the entire trip.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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November 9, 1943

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

Dear Sister Murray:

Your letter of October 26 arrived a few days after my return from the Eastern Zone where it is felt much of a constructive nature was accomplished.

Relative to the Malone Case it may be that a situation about which we all feel so keenly motivated the action that was taken by Sister Malone, however, it would appear that the wrong approach was made in this instance for since discrimination exist with regards to the service men it would seem that the city officials and not the Pullman officials would be the logical persons with whom to lodge complaints. Certainly, no such appeal should be made to the Pullman officials in the name of the Ladies Auxiliary. Whether or not this was done, the ruling made during the conference was in accord with the provisions contained in the Auxiliary's constitution. Whatever the difference the Auxiliary is not justified in ignoring the communications that have been sent from both offices since every effort was being made to bring about a satisfactory adjustment. This undertaking has been made more difficult due to the attitude displayed by the Auxiliary officials. Therefore, my opinion is, that unless some cooperation is received from the local Auxiliary that steps will have to be taken to impress the Auxiliary with the seriousness of its action. With this in mind one more attempt will be made to contact the Auxiliary officials after which it may become necessary to lift the charter, at least for the time being. A letter will be directed to the Brotherhood officials so that every avenue of approach may be utilize before taking this drastic action. Your opinion in this matter will as usual be highly appreciated.

Sister Tucker's attention was directed to the statements contained in your letter and I am sure adjustments will be made.

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Mrs. Letitia Murray

November 9, 1943

I trust you are feeling better and that Brother Murray is enjoying the best of health also.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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November 10, 1943

Mr. J. H. Hunter
President, Asheville Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
219 South Side Avenue
Asheville, North Carolina

Dear Sir and Brother:

A number of attempts have been made to establish contact with the Asheville Ladies Auxiliary. Letters requesting specific information have been addressed to the President and to the Secretary-Treasurer but to very little avail, therefore, I am writing you in an effort to obtain knowledge of conditions as they pertain to the general status of the Asheville Auxiliary.

As you know, the Auxiliary's prolonged and continued neglect in replying to such communications represents a form of insubordinate, which if permitted to continue by the local Auxiliary, will make it necessary for the International Auxiliary to act in accordance with the provisions contained in the Constitution.

However, before proceeding further this letter is being addressed to you in the hope that together we may discover the reasons for this lack of response.

Any assistance that you can give in this instant will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternaly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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November 10, 1943

Mr. J. J. Johnson
President, Spokane Division
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
4408 North Post Street
Spokane, Washington

Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of letter
to Brother J. W. Strong which is self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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

- GENERAL BULLETIN -

Dear Members:

The information contained in this Bulletin was obtained at the Inter-State Conference held in this city by the Women's Trade Union League at the Hotel Sherman, October 22-24, 1943. It is felt that the following subjects which were discussed at that time would be of interest to the Auxiliary membership.

EMPLOYMENT: Labor statistics show that twenty million workers are now employed in industry and by the Government. Of this number ten million are in uniform and 2,200,000 having been hired by the Government since the attack on Pearl Harbor. There is said to be a total of 3,300,000 now working in the Navy yards alone. One out of every three people workers today were put to work during the past three years.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAY ROLLS: It was said that wages would be larger by the end of the year than they are now. The greatest increase in employment and pay rolls being 2500%. This huge increase applies to the air-craft industries. Employment and pay rolls in general raised from a 140% to over 300% in 1943. A 23% wage cut is expected at the end of the war. This reduction will be brought about as a result of a resumption of the normal work week when there will be no time and a half for overtime.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The total unemployment in 1941 was 7,700,000. In 1943 this figure had diminished to one million. It is established that $4\frac{1}{2}$ million persons shifting from war to civilian industry will be unemployed two years after the war. The greatest loss of employment is said, will take place in iron, steel, machinery, air-craft, auto and ship building.

WOMAN POWER: Between 17 and 18 million women will be needed to balance the loss of manpower by the end of the war. Of the existing 1,400 industries now in existence there are only 56 not suitable for women workers. Mixed crews (men and women workers) in plants are said to lift the morale of the workers, also to have decreased accidents in the plants.

SPLIT SHIFTS: To increase the present number of women workers split shifts of four hours each are being put into practice by a number of industries. Married women are working on these shifts in the mornings and school boys in the afternoons. This is said to be proving very effective in the sections where the labor shortage is most acute. Freezing of labor became necessary for the country to make the most of its available workers since to frequent change of jobs was proving too great a risk to the nation's security. As it is, a number of plants are said to be behind in their present schedule which most likely will necessitate a larger number of women workers that are now employed.

SOCIAL SECURITY: As a result of a seven year study the Social Security Board has made the following recommendations:

1. To place all State unemployment funds in one National fund, thereby making it possible to extend the present number of sixteen weeks coverage to twenty-six weeks and to increase the present weekly allotment in keeping with the total funds found to be available under this new plan.
2. To change the present provision of a \$15.00 limit for the first child of a widow who is covered by the law to \$40.00 for the first child and \$12.00 for each additional child under the age of 18.
3. The Board also recommends that the Federal Government make large grants (contributions) to the poorer states instead of the present custom of matching dollar for dollar which makes it possible for the richer states which are better able to assume their responsibility to receive more assistance from the Government than the poorer states.
4. The Board recommends that all workers including domestic and agriculture workers, etc. now excluded to be included in the scope of this act.
5. The Board also recommends changes in the required amount of wages earned over a given period to prevent loss of benefits because in case of sickness workers cannot earn the amount as required under the present arrangements.

O. P. A. It was pointed out during this conference that when the war is ended that the first reaction of the merchant will be to ignore old existing regulations; that when the demand for merchandise is in excess of the supply on hand that such demands without adequate restrictions will cause the cost of living to get entirely out of control. It was pointed out that the public in its own interest should demand an extension of all necessary controls after the war so that the workers whose wages will be greatly reduced will receive a maximum of protection. It is felt that without greater forethought and without adequate planning that the possibility of internal conflict will constitute a serious threat throughout the entire country. This conflict will be in the form of the employed against the unemployed, women workers against men workers, white workers against colored workers, all of which makes it necessary as one speaker put it, to try to anticipate the strongest adverse forces likely to be introduced during that period by preparing now for the very worst while hoping for the best.

Fraternaly yours,

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November 12, 1943.

Mrs Helena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.
3456 South State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

In acknowledging receipt of your letter today, I wish to clarify the statement made concerning the Malone case in an effort to have you see it from more than one angle. I had no intention of trying to influence you in her favor, nor do I approve of any action of anyone who intentionally fosters segregation or discrimination in any form. I understood that the approach was made as the Superintendent of the Community Center, knowing the needs of the Center, she might have contacted not only the Pullman Co; but other corporations who collected large sums from their negro employees; in an attempt to supply these needs.

For almost two years prior to my visit in Spokane, the Auxiliary had been inactive and seemed non-cooperative: my visit there, I found that there were members who were interested and desirous of carrying on the work. While there we succeeded in reinstating nine (9) of the twelve members enrolled; and received one new member. I instructed them to send their report to you and Sister Tucker at once, this report was to include the Scholarship Fund Contribution. I also explained the Convention assessment with the request that it be sent with their report as it was collected. Every one seemed agreeable and pleased with our accomplishment that evening. I was very much encouraged. Some one with influence, who was not present, must have upset all of our plans and work.

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LADIES AUXILIARY

I am writing them today, urging them to answer communications and to send in their report, and advising that of the consequences should they continue unresponsive. If our combined efforts fail to sufficiently impress them with necessity of complying with the requirements of the Constitution; the law must be enforced, as much as I would regret to resort to this measure.

Many thanks for adjustment for Los Angeles division.

Externally yours

Letitia Murray
Letitia Murray
4th Int'l V. Pres.
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Mrs. Jeanette Welch Brown
Executive Secretary
National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
1812 Ninth Street, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Brown:

Please accept my apology for this delayed reply to your letter of recent date. I was under the impression that the communication had been answered and it was not until thumbing through the papers on my desk that I found that this was not the case.

The conclusions advanced by you in your letter were sound and carried a great deal of weight.

It has been decided that the Auxiliary will apply for membership in the National Council of Negro Women, Inc. in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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The information contained in this Bulletin was obtained at the Inter-State Conference held in this city by the Women's Trade Union League at the Hotel Sherman, October 22-24, 1943. It is felt that the following subjects which were discussed at that time would be of interest to the Auxiliary membership.

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EMPLOYMENT AND PAY ROLLS: It was said that wages would be larger by the end of the year than they are now. The greatest increase in employment and pay rolls being 2500%. This huge increase applies to the air-craft industries. Employment and pay rolls in general raised from a 140% to over 300% in 1943. A 23% wage cut is expected at the end of the war. This reduction will be brought about as a result of a resumption of the normal work week when there will be no time and a half for overtime.

UNEMPLOYMENT: The total unemployment in 1941 was 7,700,000. In 1943 this figure had diminished to one million. It is established that 4 1/2 million persons shifting from war to civilian industry will be unemployed two years after the war. The greatest loss of employment is said, will take place in iron, steel, machinery, air-craft, auto and ship building.

WOMAN POWER: Between 17 and 18 million women will be needed to balance the loss of manpower by the end of the war. Of the existing 1,400 industries now in existence there are only 56 not suitable for women workers. Mixed crews (men and women workers) in plants are said to lift the morale of the workers, also to have decreased accidents in the plants.

SPLIT SHIFTS: To increase the present number of women workers split shifts of four hours each are being put into practice by a number of industries. Married women are working on these shifts in the mornings and school boys in the afternoons. This is said to be proving very effective in the sections where the labor shortage is most acute. Freezing of labor became necessary for the country to make the most of its available workers since to frequent change of jobs was proving too great a risk to the nation's security. As it is, a number of plants are said to be behind in their present schedule which most likely will necessitate a larger number of women workers that are now employed.

SOCIAL SECURITY: As a result of a seven year study the Social Security Board has made the following recommendations:

1. To place all State unemployment funds in one National fund, thereby making it possible to extend the present number of sixteen weeks coverage to twenty-six weeks and to increase the present weekly allotment in keeping with the total funds found to be available under this new plan.

2. To change the present provision of a \$15.00 limit for the first child of a widow who is covered by the law to \$40.00 for the first child and \$12.00 for each additional child under the age of 18.

3. The Board also recommends that the Federal Government make larger grants (contributions) to the poorer states instead of the present custom of matching dollar for dollar which makes it possible for the richer states which are better able to assume their responsibility to receive more assistance from the Government than the poorer states.

4. The Board recommends that all workers including domestic and agriculture workers, etc. now excluded to be included in the scope of this act.

5. The Board also recommends changes in the required amount of wages earned over a given period to prevent loss of benefits because in case of sickness workers cannot earn the amount as required under the present arrangements.

O. P. A. It was pointed out during this conference that when the war is ended that the first reaction of the merchant will be to ignore all existing regulations; that when the demand for merchandise is in excess of the supply on hand that such demands without adequate restrictions will cause the cost of living to get entirely out of control. It was pointed out that the public in its own interest should demand an extension of all necessary controls after the war so that the workers whose wages will be greatly reduced will receive a maximum of protection. It is felt that without greater forethought and without adequate planning that the possibility of internal conflict will constitute a serious threat throughout the entire country. This conflict will be in the form of the employed against the unemployed, women workers against men workers, white workers against colored workers, all of which makes it necessary as one speaker put it, to try to anticipate the strongest adverse forces likely to be introduced during that period by preparing now for the very worst while hoping for the best.

International Office
LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 South State Street, 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

November 15, 1943

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

Dear Members:

As the following questions were posed by the members of the several divisions that were recently visited this information is being imparted in the hope of furnishing guidance for the local divisions where problems of a similar nature may exist.

AUXILIARY PROGRAM: The members of the local Executive Board share equally with the President the responsibility of helping to arrange an interesting program for the Auxiliary membership. The enclosed bulletin can be made to serve as a guide in helping to develop a program since the subjects touched upon are incorporated in the general program of the Ladies Auxiliaries. A Calendar of Events including these topics may be discussed by the Board and if agreed upon submitted to the Auxiliary for its approval. A series of meetings dealing with child delinquency, child health, child labor, nutrition, etc. may be considered. Meetings based upon social security, unemployment compensation, pre-war and post-war price levels and wages addressed by American Federation of Labor speakers, should be of great interest to the membership since all these vital subjects have a direct bearing upon the wellbeing of every man, woman and child, not only in America, but throughout the entire world. Entertainments to build the treasury and an occasional social evening for the Auxiliary members should be considered by the Board also. Social affairs are incidental to the main purpose of the Auxiliary, therefore, expenditures for this purpose should be kept at a nominal figure.

MEMBERSHIP: Only wives, mothers, daughters, sisters, nieces and cousins of paid up Brotherhood members are eligible for membership in the Ladies Auxiliary. This restriction was made because past experiences in the labor movement have taught that open membership would not have the stabilizing affect necessary for a satisfactory development of the Ladies Auxiliaries since women, whose means of a livelihood come from a source other than The Pullman Company can not be expected to have the same interest or loyalty as the woman whose living is derived from this source.

CONVENTION TAX: A Convention Tax of Fifty Cents (50¢) per year per member for the years of 1943 and 1944 was assessed by the 1942 Convention. This makes a total of One Dollar (\$1.00) per member, payable by July 15, 1944. Local Secretary-Treasurers are requested to make a list of all taxes collected by placing the name of each member on a separate sheet of paper and submit the list with the regular financial statement to Sister Tucker. This list will enable the International Secretary-Treasurer to check the financial standing

of each member since after July 15, 1944, this tax will be applied as dues owed by the individual member. The Canadian Auxiliaries will observe this ruling but will continue to conform to the present financial arrangements for Auxiliaries in Canada.

CONVENTION DELEGATES: Owing to the great educational benefits derived from the Biennial Convention each division is being urged to send a delegate to the Convention in Cleveland, Ohio during the month of September 1944. With this thought in mind it would be well for the Auxiliary to begin now to plan the various forms of entertainment through which the necessary funds may be obtained.

LOCAL TREASURY: In answering the question, "Why have local treasuries?"; it should be borne in mind that the funds in all treasuries of the local divisions represent a general reserve upon which the International Brotherhood may draw upon at any time, should the need ever arise. In the labor movement difficulties sometimes arise which requires very huge expenditures, because of this each local Auxiliary should feel obligated to build a reserve for the interest and general wellbeing of the entire Organization. The probable pooling of funds, of physical and moral strength should be looked upon as a source of the great hidden human and material wealth to be placed in times of stress at the disposal of either international or local body.

VISITS: As many additional visits as possible will be made shortly after the first of the year.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

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3456 S. State Street - Victory 7124

November 16, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

A letter was addressed this past week to the President of the Asheville Division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in the hope of ascertaining the true state of affairs with regards to the Auxiliary in that division. A number of attempts have been made by this office to establish contact with the Auxiliary, but almost to no avail, only one letter having been received, if I remember correctly, since before the last convention, while no financial statement has been made so far this year.

In an effort to arrive at some kind of an understanding, however, if this division continue to ignore all attempts to establish a regular contact this office will be placed in the position where something of a drastic nature will have to be considered.

In talking the matter over with Brother Randolph, it was his opinion, under the circumstances, it may be necessary to lift the charter. I am calling this to your attention since your opinion in this matter will be appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State Street, 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

November 16, 1943

Dear Member:

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary is desirous of conducting a very vigorous Membership Drive in the hope of getting its unfinancial members to pay up their back indebtedness as well as in the hope of bringing in as many new members as possible.

Your name was suggested in the Committee meeting last Wednesday as one who would be likely to serve on this committee, therefore, I am writing to ask that if you find it possible to serve to kindly inform the Chairman, Mrs. Mary Hobbs, 5522 Indiana Avenue, or telephone Eng. 2570.

The Membership Committee is a very important committee without which the growth of the Auxiliary would be seriously retarded, therefore, whatever assistance you can give this committee will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
President

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A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
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November 16, 1943

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President, Ladies Auxillary
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456-58 South State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Just a word to inform you that, I have recently returned to the states after a sojourn in Canada for the purpose of determining a Bargaining Agency for the Sleeping Car Porters in the employment of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. The attached is self-explanatory.

For your further information the Ladies Auxillary in Montreal is making wonderful progress. They have launched a membership drive and they are planning to do all possible in cooperation with the International. It seems to me that there is some small friction due to lack of information. They have some of their funds in the Local Treasure and some want to use it to promote an affair to increase their Treasurer, as well as keep the Auxillary before the Montreal Public. Others want to hold what they have and tax membership for the purpose of promotion.

I ~~am~~ endeavored to explain, ~~that~~ so long as the intentions were as stated to me it was ~~properly~~ right to use the funds to under-right the cost of the affair, and it was not necessary to tax the membership.

I believe everything will go along O.K., but I suggest that you write the President occasionally and advise from time to time as to the methods and policies of the organization. The president, in fact all the officers, are very fine people, but she informs me that she only hears from you occasionally, so if you will drop them a letter telling them that I spoke of the wonderful progress to you, that they were making and anything else in the line of

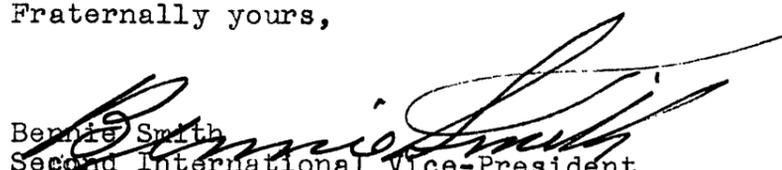
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activities that you may desire. In short, an outline of programs ~~of~~ action, which I am sure the president will endeavor to carry them out. I promised them that in the not to distant future ~~you~~ would visit them.

I also understand that Calgary plans to set-up an Auxillary very shortly, and I have promised my assistant that on his next trip to Calgary he might start them off. Any instruction in connection with the setting-up of the Auxillary of Calgary, you might write Brother A.R. Blanchette, Asst. to Zone Supervisor, Canadian Division, 221 Selkirk Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Everything moves promisingly forward and here's hoping that you are very happy in your new location. Wishing to be remembered to Ben and all the sisters of your division and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,


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

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Enclosure

Ps: I have a new girl so you will over look the errors, had she not been gone before I signed it I would have had her to write it over, however, the address of sister Dash is, 950-Laporte Street Montreal Que, Masie Dash, I am sure you have it.

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BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

Unfinancial Members-November 18th
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1. Elizabeth Alley 5344 Wabash Av	1-42	1. Mrs. James Morris 5618 Calumet Av	
2. Edna Gibson 4633 Wabash Av	12-41	2. Ada Collins	1-43
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1. Bettie Lange 4248 Michigan Av	4-41	4. Etta Gaunt 6023 Calumet Av	2-42
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3. Anna Johnson 4533 Michigan Av	3-42	1. Virginia Browdre 4553 South Parkway	1-42
4. Jennie McGill 4630 Michigan Av	3-42	2. Catherine Bailey 5616 South Parkway	1-43
5. Margaret Jones 5601 Michigan Av	11-42	3. Alice Kelly 5944 South Parkway	1-43
6. Carrie Boyd 5601 Michigan Av	11-42	4. Alicia Taylor 6148 South Parkway	1-43
7. Hallie Davis 6133 Michigan Av		5. Naomi Gaines 6152 South Parkway	6-42
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1. Nettie Whiteside 4133 Indiana Av	9-41	1. Lillian Shack 4842 Vincennes Av	
2. Cynthia Allen 5512 Indiana Av	10-42	2. Clara Anderson 4840 Vincennes Av	6-42
3. Mattie Jackson 6156 Indiana Av	10-41	3. Jeska Plenister 4745 Vincennes Av	4-41
4. Nellie Dixon 6125 Indiana Av	12-42	4. Rosa Evans 4745 Vincennes Av	1-42
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1. Essie Bond 4109 Prairie Av	6-42	1. Adeline Terrell 4753 Forestville Av	1-43
2. Zola Granberry 5705 Prairie Av	3-41	* * *	
3. Carrie Reid 5705 Prairie Av	6-42	1. Flossie Alderson 6115 Vernon Av	10-41
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3. Lillian Butts 4838 St Lawrence Av	3-42	4. L. O. Manson 544 East 44th St	
4. Margaret Cross 6601 St Lawrence Av	1-42	5. Moleda Johnson 363 East 59th St	5-40
5. Leora Jules 6716 St Lawrence Av * * *	10-41	6. Carrie Taylor 6004 S May St	11-42
1. Birdie Millette 623 E Marquette Rd	12-42	7. Johnnie Smith 4314 Cottage Grove Av	
2. Pearl Davis 722 E Marquette Rd * * *	9-42	3. Cynthia Edwards 353 East 55th St	
1. Georgia Eason 6512 Eberhart Av * * *		9. Sarah H. Collins 217 Wood St Wheaton, Illinois	11-42
1. Fannie Person 6411 Langley Av			
2. Odessa Clarke 6835 Langley Av * * *	5-42		
1. Pearl Lowe 4855 Evans Av * * *	9-42		
1. Sadie Anderson 450 East 42nd St	1-42		
2. Oneida Calhoun 722 East 44th St	6-42		
3. Nellie Allen 611 East 48th St	5-42		
4. Mary Bell 509 East 48th St	10-42		
5. Jaunita Jones (May reinstate) 64 East 50th St	5-39		
6. Bessie Laws 537 East 50th St	4-42		
7. Josephine Adair 353 East 55th Pl	7-42		
8. J.M. Lee (may reinstate) 204 East 56th St	12-39		
9. Cora Gravette 617 East 61st St	10-42		

CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

November 19, 1943

Dear Member:

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Members who are contributing to the financial strength of the Organization by remaining faithful to their obligations are being urged to call upon those who for one reason or the other are withholding this necessary support. To ensure the success of this drive unfinancial members are being requested to pay up their back indebtedness. This may be done by paying a little each month until the entire amount has been liquidated.

The future protection and security of all workers will be the main issue when the war is over. Such an issue should be of the utmost importance to the woman who stands to lose the most because of her home and her family.

Fraternaly yours,

Halena Wilson
President

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3456 S. State St., 5th Fl. - Victory 7124

November 19, 1943

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

Dear Sir and Brother:

Congratulations! It is indeed a great victory to have carried the Dominion by such an overwhelming majority. Sister Coward has written to tell me of the great spirit of rejoicing that is felt by the members of that division. The information concerning the progress being made by the Montreal Division was greatly appreciated.

Relative to the lack of information it is very difficult to anticipate the needs of each local division. Bulletins are prepared which contains general instructions but in individual instances where differences arise it is essential that the Auxiliary request information pertaining to its particular difficulties. The local divisions were instructed to consult the Convention Proceedings since they contain information concerning the Auxiliary's program which if followed, would be very helpful. However, I will write the President as requested and also concerning the matters referred to in your letter.

Calgary was contacted quite some time ago but we were unable to get anything of a definite nature from there. A letter will be sent Brother Blanchette in the hope of setting up an Auxiliary in that division.

We like our new headquarters very much. The workmen are beginning to get busy and it is felt that the office will be by far the finest on the south side when the workmen are finished.

Ben isn't feeling so well just now, but he is a great deal better than he was some time back.

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Mr. Bennie Smith

November 19, 1943

I trust you and the madam are well.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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P.S. Twenty copies of the Rules and Regulations for Vancouver and three copies for the Toronto (Pullman) Auxiliary are being sent under separate cover in your care. Will you kindly see that they reach their destination.

H.W.

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November 20, 1943

Jeanetta Welch
Executive Secretary

Mrs. Helena Wilson, President
The Ladies Auxiliary - Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of November 12.
The National Council shall be very happy to have the Auxiliary become
affiliated with its organization.

We shall expect to hear from you again soon. May you have
a very pleasant Thanksgiving.

Sincerely yours,

Jeanetta Welch Brown
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Executive Secretary

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3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.-Victory 7124

November 22, 1943

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Your letter of November 7 relative to the resolution was received and I suppose the least said the better as it is evident that who ever sent the resolution was not aware of the facts or of the unsoundness of the position that was assumed.

The visits as a whole appear to be very successful, however, this can best be determined by the future course of events.

A letter was received from the Brotherhood's President of the Asheville Division stating that the Auxiliary would meet this evening at which time it is hoped there will be an adjustment of the present unsettled state of affairs. It appears also that there has been an improper handling of the dues because of which the question was asked by Brother Hunter, "If it would be possible for the members to reinstate instead of paying all the back dues." He was informed that this could be done only by a majority vote of the International Executive Board members, however, as things now stand it is felt that the Auxiliary is responsible by permitting such a condition to extend over such a long period of time. Therefore, I am of the opinion that all back dues as well as all back per capita tax dues the International should be paid. However, a definite ruling will be made when all facts have been presented. When this information has been received it will be submitted to you with suggestions. This will enable you to take over and give the advise and assistance that may be required.

In the meantime if you will have the Brotherhood assist you in ascertaining the approximate transportation cost from New York, starting with the nearest

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Mrs. Katherine Lassiter

November 22, 1943

southern division and including all of the southern points of your zone, it will be possible to determine which may be visited at this time and which at a later date. It is also felt that a visit a bit later with Philadelphia, Baltimore and perhaps Boston or Washington may be possible.

Relative to the Scholarship Fund. A general letter instructed each division to sponsor a Scholarship affair, the proceeds from this effort to be sent to the International Secretary-Treasurer, and not a donation from the treasury. Information, no doubt, will be requested of you concerning this matter so this is being brought to your attention at this time. The local Auxiliaries must understand that they can take only such action with official communications as is requested by these communications. Such communications are not to be tabled or otherwise ignored, however, more time and guidance will be needed before this is thoroughly understood. It will help, however, by stressing these things when talking to the local groups.

Fraternally yours,

Malena Wilson
International President

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CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

November 27, 1943

Dear Member:

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Halena Wilson
President

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CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

November 26, 1943

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meetings in the new Headquarters, 3456 South State Street, on the evenings of November 4 and 18 respectively, with the President, Sister Halena Wilson, presiding. The meetings were well attended. Two new applications for membership were accepted. Sister Smiley was reported ill also, Sister Sewell recovering from an operation.

The local Executive Board made the following recommendations:

1. That the Membership Committee under the chairmanship of Sister Mary Hobbs, consider plans for an extensive Membership Drive. All members were asked to cooperate.
2. That the Auxiliary resume its Social evening so that the members may have an opportunity to become better acquainted. The social evening, owing to the increased volume of business conducted during these regular meetings, will be held once every three months.
3. That the Auxiliary make Thanksgiving donations and Christmas gifts to the Service Men's Center. pies, cakes and rolls were generously donated by the members who were present at both of these meetings for Thanksgiving.

These and other recommendations were approved by the Auxiliary's membership.

Sisters Hetty McLendon, Augusta Wilson, Ola Roberts, Bertha Batson and Halena Wilson attended the recent Inter-State Conference of the Women's Trade Union League; the first two members attending as the Auxiliary's delegates.

The reports of the Conference were the high lights of the evening. Sister McLendon, representing the Auxiliary on a special Office of Price Administration Committee investigating price regulations, made an interesting report on the activities of that Committee.

The Brotherhood Consumer Cooperative Buying Club had its opening Saturday, November 6, 1943, 6222 Rhodes Avenue. The Club for the present will conduct its business in the basement of that address and will be opened only on Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The Club has a fairly complete line of merchandise to which various articles of canned and stable goods will be added from time to time. All Auxiliary members and Brotherhood members are urged to take out a membership in the Buying Club so as to be eligible to make purchases. Plans will be announced later relative to the Cooperative Membership Rally to take place some time after the first of the year. The joining fee in the Buying Club is One Dollar and shares have been fixed at Ten Dollars a share. This share capital will be used to finance the store which the Cooperative hopes to open at some future date at which time it will be the desire of the Club to secure a more central location which will serve the convenience of the entire membership to a much greater degree. The success of this venture will depend entirely upon the cooperation received from the members of the Organization since it is felt that the Cooperative Movement contains the answer and the solution to many of the problems confronting our group. All members and their friends are being urged to attend the regular Cooperative meetings with a view toward becoming affiliated with the Cooperative Movement.

Fraternally yours,

T. L. Williamson, Report

November 26, 1943

Miss DeVera Johnson
Managing Editor
The Black Worker
217 West 125th Street
New York 27, New York

Dear Miss Johnson:

Enclosed herewith please find copy of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary' activities for the month of November.

Trusting you are well and had an enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday as well as looking forward to the coming holidays.

Faternally yours,

T. L. Williamson

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Chicago Ladies Auxiliary

The Chicago Ladies Auxiliary held its regular monthly meetings on the evenings of November 4th and 18th respectively. ~~Sister~~ Halena Wilson was President presiding. The meetings were well attended. Two applications for membership were accepted.

The ex. Bd. made the following recommendations which were accepted by the membership: (1) That the membership dues be increased from \$1.00 to \$1.50 per month. (2) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (3) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (4) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (5) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (6) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (7) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (8) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (9) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (10) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (11) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (12) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (13) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (14) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (15) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (16) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (17) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (18) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (19) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (20) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (21) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (22) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (23) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (24) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (25) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (26) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (27) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (28) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (29) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (30) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (31) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (32) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (33) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (34) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (35) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (36) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (37) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (38) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (39) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (40) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (41) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (42) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (43) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (44) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (45) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (46) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (47) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (48) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (49) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (50) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (51) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (52) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (53) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (54) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (55) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (56) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (57) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (58) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (59) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (60) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (61) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (62) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (63) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (64) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (65) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (66) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (67) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (68) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (69) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (70) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (71) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (72) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (73) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (74) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (75) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (76) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (77) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (78) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (79) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (80) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (81) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (82) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (83) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (84) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (85) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (86) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (87) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (88) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (89) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (90) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (91) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (92) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (93) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (94) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (95) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (96) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (97) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (98) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (99) That the dues be collected every 3 months. (100) That the dues be collected every 3 months.

Mrs. Hettie Mc Lendon and Augusta Wilson attended the Women's Trade Union Conference which was held ~~at~~ 22 to 24 ~~at~~ Hotel Sherman which they were delegates each gave some highlights of the meeting which was very interesting to all.

Special we have opened our Brotherhood Consumer Co-operative Buying Club on Nov 6th at 6222 Rhodes Ave Basement we are open every Sat, from 11 A.M. to 7 P.M. we have a very nice supply of merchandise we are asking all members to come and patronize as also ask your friends to do likewise.

J. L. Williamson Reporter

P.S. Hear Miss Edwards please take care of the news for me many thanks

Fraternally yours

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Nov 29th 1943.
P.O. 4.30

Mrs Helena Wilson.
International Pres
Ladies Auxiliary B.S.P.C.
3456 S. State St.
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Dear Sister Wilson.

I do not recall getting a letter from you, instructing the auxiliary to sponsor a scholarship affair. I would have rather done that, ~~rather~~ than take the money from the treasury. However I'll see that it is done in the very near future. I have no desire ever to ignore or table any communication coming from you. They are at all times highly regarded by me.

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I realize that success can be obtained ^{only} by working whole heartily together. I took your letter down to Brother Patterson, and asked him to find out about the transportation cost. I will write you as soon as I hear from him. I am so sorry to hear of the mix up in the Ashville auxiliary.

With best wishes,
fraternally yours,
Katherine Lassiter.

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3456 S. State St., 5th Fl. - Victory 7124

December 3, 1943

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

Dear Brother Smith:

Enclosed please find copy of letter to the Louisville
Ladies Auxiliary and their Secretary-Treasurer, Sister
Anna R. Hughes, which is self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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Civilian Public Service Unit #81
c/o Connecticut State Hospital
Post Office Box #361
Middletown, Connecticut
December 9, 1943

Dear friends,

Thanksgiving found me still in Civilian Public Service but moved again. Effective October 8 I was transferred to Camp #32 at West Campton, New Hampshire. My place in the Alexian Brothers' Hospital unit was then already filled by a man who had been scheduled for service in China. All overseas CPS units, including his, were dissolved last summer by Act of Congress, and many transferees from them are working as full-time attendants while receiving training in all departments of the hospital and studying "language and area." The return to camp was a delightful relief from Chicago, for it brought bridge building, sunburn in October, and early hours. But it was also a chance to relive my first months in CPS -- with humor now spicing the early disappointments.

I came to Middletown State Hospital November 15, and have since been working as a ward attendant in this community of remarkably normal people. Hourly I see the many ways in which the patients are able to care for themselves and each other --- and they do, without pay and almost without other remuneration.

Three years ago, the "historic peace churches" agreed to finance the food, clothing, medical attention, and other needs (but not tools, machinery, or job-supervision) of a large number of conscientious objectors and to administer the Civilian Public Service units. The reasons for this undertaking are many and complicated, but important among them is a regard for the admonition of Matthew 5:41: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." The government was compelling young men of pacifist faith to do "work of national importance under civilian direction in lieu of induction into the armed forces." So Mennonites, Brethren, Quakers, and whoever would join in their efforts would "go the second mile." Not only would they give more than was required of them, but they would transform compulsory labor into a loving service of their fellow-men.

This motive was mixed with others, among which was the natural desire of America's more influential pacifists to protect their younger comrades. These two aims are not easily joined, for one is the drive of the pacifist group to give its energy to the world, and the other tries to get that which justice would guarantee to every minority. In strict logic, the two goals are not mutually exclusive, for the thing to be given and the thing to be gotten are not the same. However, many of my fellow-pacifists -- among them some of the most pleasant, the squarest, and the most emotionally balanced men I have known -- are today serving Federal prison terms up to five years because God called them to give while CPS asked them to take, or because they felt an obligation to resist what they think is encroachment on human rights. The nature of CPS as an organ of religious agencies trying to both give and get has led to many of these unfortunate imprisonments. For, in practice, there are many points at which giving must exclude getting, or obtaining must prevent expending. Those who believe in "going the second mile" must go; for them it is God's way. But those who disbelieve in it cannot; for them it would be cowardice. Therefore those who believe must not compel the company of others. CPS, inspired by the "second mile" philosophy, was bound to be weak so long as it tended to so compel individuals, and so long as it tried to protect its men while serving society.

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This weakness is crucial, but CPS is statistically more than half successful. Those camps run by the Mennonite Central Committee, which are largely Mennonite in personnel, reflect relatively little conflict between the giving of service and the securing of protection. They meet the government's requirement by keeping a neat camp, giving a hard day's work, and avoiding points of possible tension with nearby communities. They "go the second mile" by giving a harder day's work, keeping a neater camp, and setting higher standards of discipline than the government demands; by financing and otherwise supporting and running the camps; and by asking no remuneration. They protect their men against arbitrary treatment. The CPS pattern gives an opportunity to foster study and a corporate religious life. About one third of all CPS units meet this standard, and perhaps half the men in other camps would meet it if those with other concerns did not set the tone for their units. Because of this success, it is fitting that the Mennonite Central Committee and the Brethren Service Committee should have decided without hesitation to continue CPS administration, without substantial change if necessary, in 1944.

Five months ago the government established a new type camp at Mancos, Colorado, which tends to partly remove the weakness caused by the conflict between giving and getting. The men there are assigned to the United States Bureau of Reclamation, which has full control of both work and off-work time. They are building an irrigation dam and canals. There is virtually the same essential freedom from petty disciplinary arrangements in off-work periods as in religious camps, and the same liberty and furlough privileges. It seems that the men were brought to Mancos because there was a job to do, while in too many other units, largely former Civilian Conservation Camps, work is found by the government because free labor is available. The religious agencies have no part in the running of the camp, but it is indicated that they may increasingly participate as a chaplaincy.

The trickle of voluntary transferees toward this kind of camp is slow, and some believe that sacrifices designed by pacifists are imposed even at Mancos. They point out that assignees there are denied the remunerations of other drafted men, and they claim that such denial could not happen, had the religious agencies not offered to "go twain." The agencies have now asked reasonable pay for those who do not voluntarily forego it. This step was recently taken through the National Service Board for Religious Objectors, but other groups, represented chiefly by the American Civil Liberties Union, and including non-pacifist leaders, have long been demanding pay for CPS men (presumably roughly on the scale of enlisted men in the armed forces). A similar attitude has been longer taken on such issues as dependency allotments, injury compensation, etc. If pay is offered, it will probably be only in the government-administered camps, which would increase in total capacity, and in certain hospital units, thus largely attracting those who have no adequate motive for being in religious agency units.

With a substantial amount of justice assured to any who place emphasis on justice, the spirit of giving will become more obvious in the religious camps. An American Friends Service Committee memorandum has said: "The spirit that takes away the occasion for war can be achieved only by those committed to it by their voluntary act. If our standard of work and moral conduct is only that to which we are compelled by Selective Service, we cannot achieve such a life. The standard for work and moral conduct in Friends C.P.S. must therefore be higher than that required by Selective Service. Only those men who gladly undertake this standard would under this proposal be in Friends' camps. Where men are found to be at variance with such standards, their reassignment to a more suitable location will be sought."

Though I have admired Friends' CPS administration for a patience that I could not feel or demonstrate myself, I have considered it too complacent in the face of undisciplined and unpacifist attitudes in camp. For the forthright statement on standards, I wish to thank them and offer wholehearted support. I wish to go further and ask for stubborn application of the expected standards. However, I must

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warn that, in my opinion, even with stubbornness plus the commendable administrative changes promised on December 1, when Friends decided, after long discussion, to continue administration in 1944, there may be no effective pacifist standard while those who do not share our desire for it must choose between remaining where it will be supposedly in effect and asking transfer to a payless and to them similarly restrictive and otherwise more undesirable government camp.

Effective application of the proposed standard would bring Friends' CPS to the level already achieved by Mennonite CPS. That, in itself, would justify continued non-governmental support for most men who would still prefer a religious agency camp. But perhaps a thousand CPS men, or one eighth of the estimated 1944 total, would accept such maintenance reluctantly or in time refuse it, unless we hoped for a further step away from "buying protection" and toward giving service. The "second mile" is not merely giving more than is asked; it should be giving precisely what we see is most needed. And we see clearly that if the resources --- human and financial --- now absorbed by our maintenance, could be put into other fields of effort, the result would be more constructive. We are not concerned about pay, particularly, or about privileges. Some of us have no dependents and others have families who, in loyalty to the pacifist cause, have made themselves sacrificially independent. Many of us have received great advantages of training and experience from our unequal society, and have thus incurred a debt that can be repaid only to society and only where it needs us most. There are today delinquency and malnutrition in America, famine in India, and a dearth of skilled help and medical attention in China. Various progressive movements, some of them experimenting with mass medical, housing, and other techniques which government may later use in its social services, some of them unable to pay more than bare maintenance to their workers, are desperately short of help. The more acutely one realizes all this, the more one welcomes the declaration of the Friends Service Committee for increased variety of service, and the renewed promise that it will be prepared to finance in all respects and direct those projects "for which it has a particular concern and which cannot be financed otherwise." I think it appropriate that at least one of the peace churches should patiently but uncompromisingly work toward this aim. But here again I believe that there is a prerequisite, for we cannot expect the government and other non-pacifist institutions to accept all the implications of such a change until our camps have achieved -- not merely promised -- the standards mentioned earlier.

In my last week at Campton a skeleton crew was closing camp. Many of the men had been transferred to Campton after the training units for overseas work had been "Congressionally liquidated." Most of them had long been working at trifling projects or made work, interrupted by a short period of hope. All were still uncertain of where they would go next. But suddenly there was a change from the indifferent spirit, at work and after hours, which had hitherto characterized Campton. The daily period of meditation was revived. Most symptomatic was the long Sunday "Meeting for Worship" on November 7 in which seven or eight assignees, each in a different way, showed that he had experienced the inner purge needed for a new start. One put it this way: "Our frustration is meaningless; millions are or will be more significantly frustrated. It is their need which we must help meet." I saw humility in that group, and a morale which was not merely cheerful, but dedicated. To me the experience was a preview of what is now called "the new program for Friends' CPS."

May all have a happy holiday season and a better year,

Albe Goldstein

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Mrs. Helena Wilson, International President
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Dear Mrs. Wilson:

In answer to your question of December 8th concerning the various labor schools, we are glad to send you certain folders which we have at hand, and suggest that you write for further information to the directors of these schools. It so happens that the arrangements for next summer's sessions of the schools have not yet been finally made, which accounts for my having to send you out-of-date material. The addresses of the schools are given on the folders in each case, with the exception of the Hudson Shore Labor School, for which the winter address is 1133 Broadway, New York City.

In general the schools run from one to five weeks, and the students are able to attend for a one or two week period, or for a longer period in certain cases. Students are admitted to the schools on scholarships which are raised by local committees.

It has occurred to me that you might like to have the name and address of the local Summer School Committee member in Chicago, Mrs. Marion Despres, 1220 East 56th Street. You may also want to get in touch with Miss Annetta Dieckmann of the Metropolitan Board, Y.W.C.A., 203 North Wabash Avenue.

I hope you will call upon me for any further information you may care to have.

Cordially yours,


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Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

On November 6, I had a long conference with Brothers Johnson and Strong and Sister Strong concerning the Malone matter. Sister Johnson was not in the city at the time so I did not get to see her. It seems that Mrs. Malone and Brother Strong have fallen out due to some differences on local matters. I think Brother Strong wants to be the "number one" Negro in Spokane and possibly Mrs. Malone has the same ambition. At any rate, Strong disagrees with her local activities which are entirely outside the auxiliary. As a result of this division he has turned Brother Johnson and both their wives against her.

They admitted that the majority of the ladies in the auxiliary were in favor of Mrs. Malone but Johnson and Strong and their wives will be able to keep the auxiliary from functioning. I suggest that you appeal to the Chief to call the sisters together and request that they meet and carry on the work and not allow personalities or outside activities to brake up the auxiliary.

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Dellums
C. L. Dellums, Counselor
Pacific Coast Zone

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cc. Mrs. Letitia Murry
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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
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In view of your recent forthright and commendable statement in which you declared the directives of F.E.P.C. to be of a mandatory nature and in view of the fact that FEPC is striving to bring about a full utilization of the American manpower, the International Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is urging that you continue to take an uncompromising position to prevent the 16 Southern railroads cited by FEPC from precipitating a major crisis, not only in the industrial life of the American Negro but of lessening American prestige at a time when America is striving to build world confidence in American policies.

Halena Wilson
International President

CHICAGO LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

December 24, 1943

Dear Madam and Sister:

You will notice that a letter under date of December 8th written by the Brotherhood and calling attention to its extensive membership drive has been mailed to each of its members. Because the Auxiliary is a component part of the Brotherhood it is felt that the Auxiliary should impress upon the women relatives of these men the importance of such a drive.

The chief function of the Brotherhood is to bring security to its members. The chief function of the Auxiliary is to impress upon the wife and mother the fact that the Brotherhood is a family organization and that regardless of whether the wife is employed or not that the husband is the natural head of the home. How good a "head" he is depends largely upon the wages he receives and the protection he gives those dependent upon him. Therefore, the development of strong labor organizations in which all members of the family are interested are essential, not only to the wellbeing of the family but to the wellbeing of a race as well, since job security and an adequate wage represents the milestones in the progress of a people. Since the future of the race depends upon present attitudes in so far as labor is concerned, all delinquent as well as financial and prospective members of the Ladies Auxiliary are being called upon to contribute their share to the tremendous task of bringing economic security to a group to whom job security meant practically nothing until the Brotherhood and its Auxiliary came into existence.

To help create a way of life that will bring greater happiness and security to workers in general and our own group in particular, the drive to organize the families of their "bread winner" is an important one since the future of a people depends upon a regular job and an adequate wage.

The Auxiliary holds its meetings the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings at 8:00 o'clock in the Brotherhood headquarters, 3456 South State Street, 5th Floor, at which time all back indebtedness may be paid in stipulated amounts each month until all indebtedness is liquidated. The wage being paid today must not be permitted to lull the Negro into a sense of false security. So come out and help build the future course of events.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
Halena Wilson, President
Chicago Division

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FOREWORD

The cause of labor, regardless of race, color, creed, religion or national origin, is the cause of civilization, Christianity and Democracy. The whole fabric of civilization rests upon labor as the foundation. Unless the workers of hand and brain are free and secure, the flow of goods for the consumption and enjoyment of mankind cannot continue in adequate quantity and quality. Labor is prior to capital, and capital is only productive with the use of labor. Labor also needs capital, and sound, intelligent, constructive, fair and democratic management, for economic and industrial progress.

The trade-union movement is not alone for the purpose of winning wages and better working conditions for labor, but also to cooperate with business enterprise for the purpose of raising the standard and quality of service, and goods created by the joint cooperation of labor, capital and management.

I want to congratulate the Brothers and Sisters of the Canadian Pacific Railway upon the great victory recently won. It is a tribute to their sound understanding of, loyalty and devotion to, the interests of the workers and the C.P. Railroad, for what benefits the porters, will benefit the carrier. The personnel of porters when contented and satisfied as free workers, able to make their own choice with respect to representation for the determination of wages and working conditions, are bound to reflect a higher type of service which will make for the economic advancement of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Now the Union does not run the business of the Carrier. It does not give the porter the right to be insubordinate to the management. I, therefore, wish that all of the brothers do their work well and perform it diligently, courteously, efficiently, and with due respect to the rules of safety. The good union man is a good worker, and a good worker is usually a good union man. A poor worker will not make a good union man, and a poor union man cannot be a good worker.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters will ever stand ready to support and protect the interests of the CPR porters, when they are in the right. It will not support any porter who does not observe and recognize the need for sobriety, courtesy, honesty and discipline on the job. Any porter who disregards these qualities of work will not only fail to give good service to the carrier, but is an enemy to himself, the porter personnel, his family, and the Union. But I am confident that we do not have any such porters as members of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in the Dominion of Canada. I am proud of the intelligence and vision they displayed in the election. All Canada respects the porters as the result of this election, more. The labor movement respects them highly, and we have an obligation to live up to, a high standard of service and unionism, and thereby hold aloft the banner of the Brotherhood.

Fraternally yours,

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH

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Good Luck And Cheer

and

Much Happiness Throughout
The Year



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3456 S. State St., 5th Fl. - Victory 7124

December 28, 1943

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

Dear Brother Dellums:

Your letter under date of December 15 was received. Your suggestions and observations appreciated and Brother Randolph has been written to according to your request. A number of efforts have been made to adjust matters in Oakland since having the situation brought to the attention of the International Auxiliary. However, it would appear that if these efforts are still not acceptable to the group there that in the interest of organizational discipline that the Auxiliary should be declared officially inactive until a more responsive attitude is in evidence. This was my position when writing Brother Randolph also Sister Murray', however, nothing definite will be done until hearing from Brother Randolph.

I trust the year 1944 will contain much happiness and success for you and yours.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

International Office
LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

December 30, 1943

Dear Members:

Almost from the very beginning the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice, has had to fight a powerful wave of opposition. Not only has that opposition come from the employer and the labor unions which practice discrimination, but from the various governmental agencies and officials as well. To date F.E.P.C. has made an enviable record in the face of almost insurmountable obstacles. At present there is a strong determination on the part of the Southeastern railroads and the railroad Brotherhoods to defy the recent directives issued by F.E.P.C. which ordered an end to discrimination on their part. If these groups are successful in defying the directives of F.E.P.C. the future industrial position of the Negro will be extremely uncertain.

Therefore, the local Auxiliaries are being requested to write President Roosevelt commending him on his recent statement in which he stated the directives of F.E.P.C. were mandatory, in other words, that its directives had to be obeyed, and request that he take a firm stand in dealing with these Southeastern railroads, who owing to their outspoken determination to defy F.E.P.C.'s ruling are jeopardizing America's all out war efforts especially since F.E.P.C. is helping to strengthen and alleviate the very policies and customs which America is attempting to sell the entire world.

Fraternally yours,



Helena Wilson
International President

HW:le

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International Office
LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
3456 S. State St., 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

December 30, 1943

Dear Members:

I should like also to suggest that the Auxiliary membership send letters to its Congressional representatives requesting their support of food subsidies which will prevent further increase in the cost of living. Subsidies represent sums of money paid by the Government to a given industry or in this case to farmers as a means of assuring a just return for their products and at the same time preventing their wares from selling at an unreasonably high price by the time they reach the consuming public.

Federal distribution of ballots for oversea soldiers and sailors for the coming presidential election should be considered also, however, each of these subjects should be covered in separate letters. It is not reasonable to expect that men and women who are called upon by the Federal government, regardless of so-called state rights, to fight for the entire country to be denied the right to vote in Federal elections if they so desire. This should be looked upon as an obligation on the part of the Government.

If the Auxiliary is not entirely familiar with subsidies it would be well to have a speaker who is in favor of keeping prices down, thereby preventing the cost of living from getting entirely out of control since such rises will work a hardship upon the vast number of workers whose wages have not been increased but have remained stationary up to the present time.

I would also advise that the Auxiliary write its senator requesting their support of the Foli Tax Bill shortly to come before Congress, also requesting the support of the "cloture rule" which if passed will prevent a filibuster. The filibuster is a method used by Congressmen who oppose a measure to consume so much time talking aimlessly that the proposed bill is eventually "talked to death."

It is hoped in time to make this legislative program a very forceful part of the Auxiliary' activities, therefore, the local Auxiliaries are being urged to contribute to the gradual development of this vital function on the part of organized labor by growing along with the program.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
Halena Wilson
International President

HW:le

12-31-43

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER
OF THE
LADIES AUXILIARY
OF THE
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS



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Submitted by Rosina C. Tucker

To the officers and Members of the International Executive Board, I fraternally submit the following Financial report covering the period from July 1, 1943 through December 31, 1943.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PLACE	DUES	FUELS	RULES & REG- ISTRATION S.	PATRI- OTIC STAMPS	SCHOLAR- SHIP FUND	CONVEN- TION FEE	TOTAL	
Albany								
Asheville 7/1/43				10.00				
Atlanta								
Baltimore	10.79	.35				3.50	14.64	
Birmingham								
Boston	13.00							
Buffalo	5.55							
Chicago	84.38	5.25	.70		20.00		110.33	
Cincinnati	13.52	1.75					15.27	
Cleveland	23.14	.70			10.00		33.84	
Dallas	10.53				5.00		15.53	
Denver	35.03	8.05	2.50		37.00		81.39	
Detroit	20.36	2.80					22.81	
Fort Worth	22.44	5.50			5.00		30.94	
Houston	24.64				12.05		36.13	
Indianapolis	13.26	1.05			5.00		19.31	
Jacksonville	66.56	1.75			10.00		78.31	
Jersey City	9.23						9.23	
Kansas City Mo.	26.18	.35					26.53	
Little Rock	3.25						3.25	
Little Rock T. P.	4.94						4.94	
Louisville	9.49						9.49	
Los Angeles	16.38	1.40					17.78	
Columbus	11.57	.70			2.00		14.27	
Memphis	17.71	5.15					20.86	
Minneapolis	19.26	2.10					21.36	
Montgomery	3.51	5.60					9.37	
Nashville	20.02						20.02	
New Orleans	18.33		1.50				19.83	
New York	42.96	6.30					49.26	
Oakland	15.26	1.40		.30			16.96	
Oklahoma	11.44	.35					11.79	
Omaha	15.99	1.05			10.00		37.04	
Parsons T.P.	10.27	1.40					11.67	
Philadelphia	13.78	2.10					15.88	
Pittsburgh	21.32	2.10			10.00		33.42	
Portland Or.	25.91	.70					26.61	
Richmond, Va.	11.57					.50	12.07	
St. Louis	49.01	.70			10.00		59.70	
St. Louis T.P.	8.15				5.00		13.15	
St. Paul	26.42	.35			10.00		36.87	
Salt Lake City	8.84	.35			10.00		19.19	
San Antonio	25.71	2.80			10.00		38.51	
San Antonio T.P.								
Seattle								
Shreveport	15.47	1.40					16.87	
Tempe	7.98	1.05	1.00				10.03	
Washington D.C.	46.15	3.50			50.00	2.50	102.15	
Mrs. Lelitis Murrey	returned from fund for tour							24.50
Total	859.30	64.05	5.70	10.30	221.05	6.50	1156.46	

CANADA (AMOUNT DUE)

Montreal	22.23	1.05		40.00	1.50	64.78
Toronto	5.40		.20			5.40
Toronto C.P.R.	16.38	1.05				17.43
Vancouver	29.38	2.40	1.10	9.00		41.88
Wannipeg	Nearly all members are paid thru 12/43			27.25		27.25
Total	73.39	4.50	1.30	76.25	1.50	156.74

EXPENSES

Mrs. Wilson office and travelling expenses.....	\$650.00
Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker's expenses, office help, typing, rent, postage etc.....	283.50
Ledger.....(400 pages).....	4.20
Fee National Trade Union League.....	5.00
Total Expenses	<u>942.70</u>
Total Receipts	1156.46
Balance	213.76

Notes: 1. The Los Angeles Auxiliary in March '43 forwarded to this office \$2.50 for rules and regulations and \$10.00 for Patriotic stamps. These items were inadvertently left from the former financial statement.

Notes: 2. Because of shortage of help and the enormous amount of work to be done before Convention time I have abridged this report somewhat, however if any supervisor desires further details, please write me.

Fraternally Submitted
 Rosina C. Tucker
 Int. Sec., -Treas.

Rosina C. Tucker

Illinois Chapter

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December 31, 1943

Dear Friend:

The New Year 1944 is a challenge to all of us on the home front. The early part of this year will undoubtedly see the launching of the great Western front offensive we have all been awaiting. The Moscow, Cairo and Teheran conferences have paved the way for victory on the military front, although we know that this victory will not be cheaply won.

On the home front patriotic citizens must mobilize for support to the Commander-in-Chief, so that the home front will truly give unified and vital support to victory.

Congress is reconvening on January 10th. There are important questions to be decided, questions which have as great a bearing on the winning of the war and the peace as the battles on the military front. The Anti-Poll Tax Bill must be passed by the Senate; the original Green-Lucas Soldier Vote bill must be approved by the House and passed in both houses; the Anti-Subsidy bill must be defeated in the Senate; a more equitable tax program must be enacted.

You can play an important role in victory on the home front by mobilizing your organization for participation in these important campaigns. Start the New Year right by arming yourself with the necessary information and participating in plans for action on these measures.

There will be a legislative meeting of the Illinois Chapter of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties on Friday, January 7, at 7:30 P.M., at the Y.W.C.A., 59 E. Monroe St.

We urge you to attend and participate in planning to make our collective voice heard for victory.

Sincerely,

Theresa C. Ehrlich

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Miss Halena Wilson
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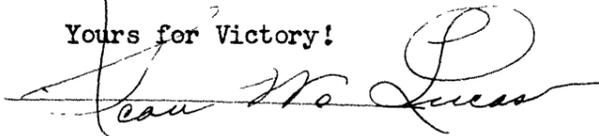
Dear Friend:

This will acknowledge receipt of your communication of recent date. I regret the necessity of replying by mimeographed letter, but the volume of correspondence I am receiving on this and other legislative matters is so large that it is impossible for me to write everyone a personal letter.

The contents have been noted, and you may rest assured this matter is being given my consideration. I appreciate having an expression of your opinion.

With every good wish, I am

Yours for Victory!



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St. Louis Train Porters Auxiliary Local #75	1	1	Josephine Freeman
St. Paul, Minn.	1	1	Ella Archer
Tampa, Florida	1	1	Ola Gregory
Toronto, Canada	1	1	*Malena Wilson
Washington, D. C.	1	1	Elizabeth Craig

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The following Auxiliaries were not represented by delegates or proxies:

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Birmingham, Alabama	Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
El Paso, Texas	Richmond, Virginia
Little Rock, Arkansas	San Antonio, Texas
Montgomery, Alabama	Spokane, Washington

*by proxy

(2) \$100 bonds
(1) \$500 "

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Kiddas not only bought
etc. but made a donat
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bond fund.

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Presidents who are not delegates
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Convention Assessments

Financial Members

ALBANY, N. Y.	8.00	5
ASHEVILLE, N. C.	18.00	15
ATLANTA, GA.	10.00	11
Augusta	5.50	11
BALTIMORE, MD.	16.00	16
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.		
BOSTON, MASS.	10.00	10
BUFFALO, N. Y.	7.00	9
CHARLESTON, N. C.	15.00	15
CHICAGO, ILL.	68.50 + 27.50 = 96.00	110
CINCINNATI, OHIO	12.00	12
CLEVELAND, OHIO	61.00 + 2 = 63	42
COLUMBUS, OHIO	13.00	13
DALLAS, TEXAS	20.00	15
DENVER, COLO.	6.50 } 63.50 57.00	66
DETROIT, MICH.	18.00 } 36.00	27
EL PASO, TEXAS		
FORT WORTH TEXAS	32.00 + 7 = 39.00	32
HOUSTON, TEXAS	22.50	35
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	10.00 + 7 = 17.00	17

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 71.00
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 Friday members
 1,490
 At the end of August
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Financial Members

JACKSONVILLE, FLA.	73.00	77
JERSEY CITY, N. J.	17.50	20 ⁽²⁾
KANSAS CITY, MO.	21.00	28
LITTLE ROCK, ARK.	5.00 <i>at financial</i>	5
LOUISVILLE, KY.	13.25	12
LOS ANGELES, CALIF.	41.00	48
MEMPHIS TENN.	25.00	25
MINNEAPOLIS MINN.	39.50	29
MONTGOMERY, ALA.	15.00	15
MONTREAL, CANADA	12.85 ^{\$14.00} (Bank)	28
NASHVILLE, TENN.	29.00	29
NEW ORLEANS, LA.	25.40	29 29
NEW YORK, N. Y.	65.00	70
NORFOLK, VA.	9.50	11 correct
OAKLAND, CALIF.	29.50 + 1.00 = 30.00	30
OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.	36.50 27.00	27
OMAHA, NEB.	36.50	37
PARSONS, KANSAS	12.00 + 2 = 14.00	14
PHIDELPHIA, PA.	18.00	23
PITTSBURGH, PA.	30.50	27

PORTLAND, OREGON	27.00	35
RICHMOND, VA.	16.50	14
ST. LOUIS, MO.	54.50	89 91
ST. LOUIS TRAIN PORTERS	8.00	8
ST. PAUL, MINN.	41.00	32
Salt Lake	8.00	12
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS	44.00 + 14 = 58.00	49
SAN ANTONIO TRAIN PORTERS	9.00 + 41.50	9
SEATTLE WASHINGTON,	13.00	13
Shreveport, LA.	17.00 + 2.00 = 19.00	19
SPOKANE, WASHINGTON		
TAMPA, FLA.	11.00	11
TORONTO, AUXILIARY	6.00	7
TORONTO, C. P. P.	31.00 in Bank	44
TUCSON, ARIZ.	6.00	12
VANCOUVER, B. C.	18.00 (Bank)	13
WASHINGTON, D. C.	75.50	71
WINNIPEG, CANADA.	4.00 + 12.00 = 16.00	16

Taxes & Fees (2)
Jan. 1 - June 1/43

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65.29

ALBANY, N. Y.	-----
ASHEVILLE, N. C.	-----
ATLANTA, GA.	11.97
BALTIMORE, MD.	16.96
BIRMINGHAM, ALA.	-----
BOSTON, MASS.	24.18
BUFFALO, N. Y.	11.86
CHARLESTON, N. C.	-----
CHICAGO, ILL.	115.93
CINCINNATI, OHIO	16.61
CLEVELAND, OHIO	23.66
COLUMBUS, OHIO	10.98
DALLAS, TEXAS	31.64
DENVER, COLO.	67.68
DETROIT, MICH.	23.91
EL PASO, TEXAS	-----
FORT WORTH TEXAS	25.36
HOUSTON, TEXAS	32.66
INDIANAPOLIS, IND.	12.97

JACKSONVILLE, FLA. ----- 65.51
 JERSEY CITY, N. J. ----- 16.51
 KANSAS CITY, MO. ----- 28.56
 LITTLE ROCK, ARK. ----- 10.27
 " " " " 7P ----- 4.94
 LOUISVILLE, KY. ----- 13.00
 LOS ANGELES, CALIF. *** ----- 68.61
 MEMPHIS TENN. ----- 11.63
 MINNEAPOLIS MINN. ----- 19.25
 MONTGOMERY, ALA. ----- 9.37
 MONTREAL, CNANADA ----- 24.22 (In Bank)
 NASHVILLE, TENN. ----- 16.27
 NEW ORLEANS, LA. ----- 28.80
 NEW YORK, N. Y. ----- 52.41
 NORFOLK , VA. -----
 OAKLAND, CALIF. ----- 45.76
 OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. ----- 14.96
 OMAHA, NEB. ----- 40.01
 PARSONS, KANSAS ----- 5.25
 PHIDELPHIA, PA. ----- 11.18
 PITTSBURGH, PA. ----- 47.13

PORTLAND, OREGON ----- 16.51 -----
 RICHMOND, VA. ----- 11.05 -----
 ST. LOUIS, MO. ----- 78.22 -----
 ST. LOUIS TRAIN PORTERS ----- 16.33 -----
 ST. PAUL, MINN. ----- 28.56 -----
 Salt Lake City ----- 15.92 -----
 SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS ----- 28.57 -----
 SAN ANTONIO TRAIN PORTERS ----- 2.80 -----
 SEATTLE WASHINGTON, ----- 16.19 -----
 Shreveport, LA. ----- 20.25 -----
 SPOKANE, WASHINGTON ----- 23.10 -----
 TAMPA, FLA. ----- 8.08 -----
 TORONTO, AUXILIARY ----- 9.63 (Dr Bank) -----
 TORON TO, C. P. P. ----- 40.94 " -----
 TUCSON, ARIZ. ----- -----
 VANCOUVER, B. C. ----- 5.60 " -----
 WASHINGTON, D. C. ----- 57.96 -----
 WINNIPEG, CANADA. ----- 25.85 (Dr Bank) -----

TEN MILLION VOTES FOR DEMOCRACY

This is what you can do to help repeal the poll-tax:

The House of Representatives, once again expressing the will of the American people, passed HR 7 by an overwhelming vote of 265 to 110 on May 25.

HR 7, the anti-poll tax bill, is now before the Senate Judiciary Committee. This is the *identical* bill on which hearings were held for a year and a half, and reported out favorably by the Committee last year.

The poll taxers in a last ditch effort will attempt to filibuster the bill to death. In the Senate there is no limit to the length of time a Senator can speak. A minority of the Senate, by talking for days and weeks, can prevent transaction of all business. This is called a "filibuster." *The only way a filibuster can be broken is by a two-thirds vote of the Senate to limit debate. When debate is so limited, it is known as "invoking cloture." Only then can the Senate vote on the anti-poll tax bill.*

Senator Bilbo has already threatened to filibuster for 18 months, if need be, to kill the bill. Therefore, the crucial vote on the poll tax is the vote on cloture. *Unless cloture is invoked, the Senate will not be allowed to vote on this bill.* It is your responsibility to secure a written commitment from your Senators that they will be present in the Senate to vote for cloture, to continue voting for cloture until the filibuster is defeated, and to vote for HR 7 to abolish the poll tax.

1. WRITE TO BOTH YOUR SENATORS TO SUPPORT PASSAGE OF HR 7 BY VOTING TO INVOKE CLOTURE. TELL THEM THAT A VOTE FOR CLOTURE IS A VOTE FOR VICTORY. GET A WRITTEN COMMITMENT FROM THEM THAT THEY WILL BE PRESENT IN THE SENATE TO VOTE FOR CLOTURE TO PASS HR 7.

2. Organize community-wide action in your city and your state to repeal the poll tax. This is the only way to assure maximum pressure on your Senators. Write to the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax for material and for help.

3. The fight to abolish the poll tax is financed by the people. We need your help. Send us your contributions now, so that we can get this material to thousands of Americans—so that we can help unite the American people into an irresistible force for poll tax repeal—a priority for victory.

TEN MILLION VOTES TO WIN THE WAR

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National Organizations Supporting Poll Tax Repeal

Alpha Kappa Alpha
Alpha Phi Alpha
American Civil Liberties Union
American Federation of Labor
American Federation of Labor, Women's Auxiliaries
Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen
Church League for Industrial Democracy
Colored Voters League
Congress of Industrial Organizations
Congress of Women's Auxiliaries
Council Against Intolerance in America
Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union
Fraternal Council of Negro Churches
International Labor Defense League of Women Shoppers
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
National Conference on Social Work
National Council of Negro Youth
National Federation for Constitutional Liberties
National Intercollegiate Christian Council
National Lawyers Guild
National Negro Congress
National Urban League
National Women's Trade Union League
Railway Labor Executives Association
Southern Conference for Human Welfare
Southern Women's Committee to Abolish Poll Tax
Townsend Plan
United Christian Council for Democracy
Women's Christian Service Division of the Methodist Church
Young People's Religious Union
Young Women's Christian Association

FOURTEEN CAN'T VOTE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T PAY THE POLL TAX

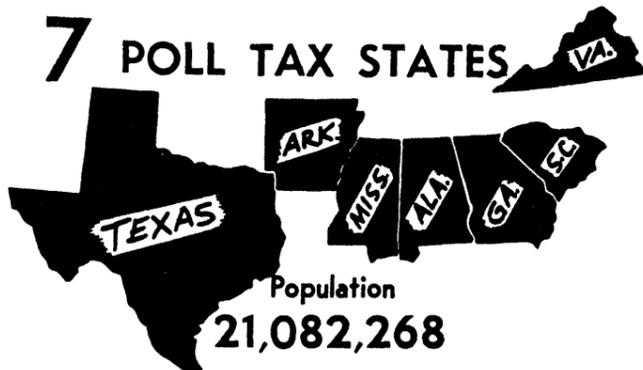


TWO MAY VOTE

VOTE HERE

The number of ballots cast in 1942, in the poll-tax States, is to the number cast in free-voting States as two is to fourteen.

THIS IS WHAT THE POLL-TAX MEANS



In 1942, 3 per cent of the population cast only 672,877 votes and elected 69 representatives with an average of only 9,800 votes cast in each Congressman's election.

7 FREE-VOTING STATES

California, Connecticut, Indiana, Iowa,
Kansas, Minnesota, West Virginia
Population
21,077,995

In 1942, 29 per cent of the population cast 6,181,057 votes and elected 69 representatives with an average of 89,500 votes cast in each Congressman's election.

The Poll Tax as a condition of voting in Federal elections will be abolished when the Senate passes H. R. 7 and the anti-poll tax bill is signed by the President.

The poll tax locks the ballot box away from ten million white and Negro citizens in seven Southern states.

In 1942, an average of only 3 per cent of the population in Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Mississippi, South Carolina, Texas and Virginia participated in Congressional elections. The poll tax prevented the others from voting. The average in the non-poll tax states was 25 per cent.

Poll-taxer Connally of Texas, elected by 15 per cent of his people, and poll-taxer Smith of Virginia, elected by 5 per cent, are co-authors of the most drastic anti-war production bill ever considered by Congress.

Poll-taxer Pace of Georgia, elected by 1 per cent of his people, is the author of a bill to increase the cost of living by \$4,000,000,000.

Poll-taxer Bankhead of Alabama, elected by 2 per cent of his people, is the author of a bill to add another \$1,000,000,000 to the cost of living.

Poll-taxers Dies of Texas (elected by 3 per cent of his people), Smith of Virginia (elected by 5 per cent of his people), and Cox of Georgia (elected by 1 per cent of his people), each has had set up his own "investigating" committee to hamper the war effort, smear and scuttle the win-the-war administration policies. These committees, with the powers of Congressional bodies, are completely controlled by their poll-tax chairmen.

There are 69 poll-tax Representatives and 14 poll-tax Senators in the United States Congress.

They control by chairmanship 17 of the 47 standing committees of the House, 9 of the 33 of the Senate.

The poll tax perpetuates them in office. They grow in power as seniority rights give them control of more and more committees every year.

Their bloc of votes in Congress, combined with those of the opposition, is used at every opportunity to defeat the Administration's progressive and win-the-war policies and measures.

On the floor of Congress they defend lynching, anti-Negro discrimination, and anti-Semitism.

They are the fountain-head of legislation against aliens, against labor, against war production, and for inflation.

They feel no responsibility except to the 3 per cent of the people of their constituencies who are allowed to vote.

Mississippi is an example of how the poll tax works. A poll tax of \$2.00 must be paid for the privilege of voting—\$4.00 if it was not paid the year before. In that state the average income is \$203.00 a year. With poverty like this, men and women cannot afford to pay what amounts to *one or two day's income* for the privilege of voting.

ABOLITION OF THE POLL TAX IS AN ESSENTIAL FOR VICTORY

It will—

Break the stranglehold of the defeatist and anti-administration forces in Congress. Free ten million votes for democracy, ten million votes to win the war. Assure the colored peoples of the world of the sincerity of our aims.

"America must erase the blot of the poll tax at once if it expects to face the world as a sincere advocate for freedom and democracy."—*William Green, president American Federation of Labor.*

"This drag on our war mobilization must be cut away at once. To let it continue means the immobilization of a huge army of citizens who want to join their fellow Americans in working

and fighting for the nation."—*Philip Murray, president Congress of Industrial Organizations.*

"Labor has a vital stake in the move to repeal the poll tax statutes, because working people cannot function as citizens in those states which have them."—*A. F. Whitney, president, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen.*

"The fight to win the war and the fight to abolish the poll tax have their roots in the same principle."—*Julius G. Luhrsen, executive secretary, Railway Labor Executives' Association.*

"The fight to abolish the poll tax is an essential part of the war program of the United Nations."—*Representative George H. Bender.*

"Abolition of the poll tax is a fight for democracy and at this particular period a fight for unity

so essential to the winning of the war."—*Representative Vito Marcantonio, author of H. R. 7.*

". . . the poll tax is not purely a domestic question. What we do about it has a significance for all the people of the world, who are looking for signs that the great democratic powers understand the spirit of the new day, when neither race, creed, color nor economic status can limit the exercise of freedom."—*St. Louis Star-Times.*

"This bill can and should be a part of a pattern of living and growing democracy which we exhibit in our own demonstration to the world that our way of life is something worth fighting for."

—*Walter White, National Association for Advancement of Colored People.*

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Washington
Saturday

Dear Mrs Wilson:

In regard to
dance just call Mrs. Wiley and
tell her to tell you to go ahead
with our dance. I told them
to consult you before setting a
spring date. However we will go
ahead with our dance and put
our own steam behind it. It just
means the M O W must get our
support for their affair.

The J.E.P.C. atmosphere is still hazy
but might clear up. We have
a meeting here Sunday. Keep up
the good work
Sincerely
J. Wilson

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My dear Mrs. Wilson:

It has been estimated that by the end of 1943 approximately 34 percent of the total workers in the war production industries will be women, 6 million of which must be recruited this year. I am sure you can realize how urgent it is at this time that the Negro womanhood of America be fully apprised of these needs and the qualifications for the various types of employment; where training may be secured, and the various methods of approach for employment consideration.

In proportion as women are taken into industries, large numbers of women who would like to be considered for such employment would be hampered because of children for whom adequate care has not been previously provided.

The attached file of information regarding the care of children of working mothers has been compiled so that you may be aware of the various programs now being initiated. Will you interest yourself in your own community to see what is being done and what should be done for Negro children.

In order to get certain information we are sending you a questionnaire ~~herewith attached~~ which we would under separate like to have you fill and return by March 15, 1943, so cover that we may have some idea of the participation of Negro children in this all-important program throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune

OFFICIAL ORGAN: "THE AFRICAN WOMAN'S JOURNAL"
(A Quarterly Review)

Take "D" express train to Chambers Street. Come up to street and cross over and go down stairs and take train marked Newark--Penn Station. Get off at first stop which is Exchange Pl. Come up stairs and take bus marked Greenville. Get off at Virginia Avenue.

The address is 432 Jackson, Ave.

Inform Peter Wilson. This is your information to get to Jersey City. You will get your train at 125th Street + St. Nicholas Ave. the 8th Ave. Subway.

Will see you tomorrow.

Yours,

William H. Bowe

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RECREATION

If you would like to garner some ideas to use in making it fun to cooperate, try this section -

There are 5 divisions:

1. Crafts

Includes craft work of all kinds; wood, metal, leather, and other materials, with suggestions of how this art fits in to the recreational program.

2. Drama

Includes charades, tableaux, and plays; how to use and enjoy them in cooperative groups.

3. Folk Dancing

Includes squares, singing games and all that comes under the heading of this division of cooperative recreation.

4. Games

Includes equipment, quiet, active and singing games and their use in home and larger meetings.

5. Music

Includes singing and instrumental music and the suggestion that a co-op is ready to go places when it starts to sing.