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International Ladies Auxiliary July-Sept. 1946

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THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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

3456 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

July 2, 1946

Dear Member:

This is to commend the Auxiliary members on their response to the recent general letter that was written by this office and to urge each to forget the past and to strive to restore the Tampa Auxiliary to the high and lofty place that all Auxiliaries to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters are expected to occupy. It is further hoped that the members will not permit a similar occurrence by refusing to array oneself either for or against anything of a personal nature that might arise within the Auxiliary.

It is true that one desires to remain loyal to one's friend and this is as it should be under ordinary circumstances, but there are other considerations that oftentimes are more important, and that for instance is the good name of an organization that has fought through years of opposition to bring peace, happiness and security to its members and their families. It is true again that one's emotions may get the better of one under certain circumstances, but a whole movement should not suffer because of this; therefore it is hoped that the Tampa Auxiliary will emerge stronger and more determined than ever because of its recent difficulties.

The principle now at stake is the unity and the well-being of an entire Division and this is a challenge that the women of Tampa cannot let pass unnoticed. Remember whether it be good or bad that every division, every movement, every society, etc is what its members has caused it to be, either through their indifference or because of their own action, so that the innocent suffer the same as those who are not so innocent. This is true in every instance where groups of individuals come together for their mutual protection. This is so of the Tampa Ladies Auxiliary and is true in almost every instance where human emotions come into conflict.

Such situations are corrected only when men and women are able to decide which is more important. The welfare of a hold group or that of a single individual. The decisions that are made in such instances usually determine the progress of society itself to say nothing of a race of under privileged persons.

Thanks again for your favorable consideration of the matters placed before you.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

July 2, 1946

Dear Member:

The Calendar Tea Committee is having their last party for the season, Saturday Nite, July 6th at 600 East 51st Street. Sponsored by contestant, Marie Rye.

Come out and bring your friends. Dinners served and games played all evening.

Marie Rye-----Contestant
Augusta Wilson--General Chairman

July 2, 1946

Mrs. Albert G. Barnett
Chicago Defender Office
3156 S. Indiana Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Barnett:

It is hoped the enclosed news item will be considered of interest to the readers of the Chicago Defender.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh
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LADIES AUXILIARY
TO THE
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
GRANTS LABOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

The scholarship committee of the International Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters granted ten (10) scholarship awards to the Auxiliaries Local Division for the year of 1916.

The Auxiliary in seeking to promote and stimulate a genuine labor philosophy on the part of its membership issues a number of awards annually. These awards cover special Institutes that are conducted at the University of Wisconsin and at the Hudson Shore Summer Schools, for workers or for persons interested in their own or in the economic and educational advancement of others who are connected with the labor movement.

The numbers to receive the 1916 awards are:

Mesdames: Minnie Lee.....Chicago, Illinois
Bertha L. Johnson.....Houston, Texas
Maudie Willis.....Toronto, Canada
Dessie Patton.....Memphis, Tennessee
Selma Burroughs.....St. Louis, Missouri
Ester L. Fortes.....Washington, D. C.
Marguerite E. Rouse.....Detroit, Michigan
Evelyn Ford.....Jersey City, N. J.
Laura Jones.....Denver, Colorado
Miss Eunice Leaverette.....Minneapolis, Minn.

Nineteen (19) scholarships in all have been issued in the past three (3) years. The scholarship committee comprises:

Mr
Mrs. Katherine Lassiter, International 1st Vice President, New York
Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, International Secretary-Treasurer, Washington, D.C.
Mrs. Marion Sappington, International Board Member, Pittsburgh, Pa.
Mr. A. Phillip Randolph, International Counsellor and
Board member of the Ladies Auxiliary, New York, N.Y.
Mrs. Helena Wilson, International President, Chicago, Illinois

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold its 5th Biennial Convention in this city September 16-17 and 18th at which time additional long range plans will be made to further the educational activities of each of the local divisions.

To-Chicago Defender Office
Mr. Albert G. Barnett.

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July 5, 1946

Mrs. Marion Sappington
Intl. Executive Bd. Member
2515 Center Ave.
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sister Sappington:

Transportation arrangements are being called to your attention at this early date so there will be ample time to take care of any complications that might arise.

The International Officers are being urged where possible to obtain half rates so as to keep the Convention's expenditures within the available Convention Funds.

Please send total transportation cost at least thirty days before the Convention date.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

July 5, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
103 West 111st St.
New York, New York.

Dear Sister Lassiter:

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Faternally yours,

Halsea Wilson
International President

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EMILY TAFT DOUGLAS
MEMBER AT LARGE
ILLINOIS

COMMITTEE:
FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

July 5, 1946.

Mrs. Halena Wilson,
International President, The Ladies Auxiliary to
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Train, Chair Car,
Coach Porters and Attendants,
3456 S. State Street, 5th Floor,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for your letter. I am enclosing
a greeting and hope it is satisfactory.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,


Emily Taft Douglas.

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MEMBER AT LARGE
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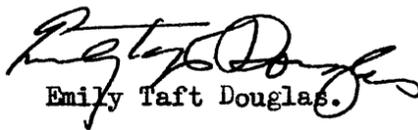
July 5, 1946.

Convention Delegates, The Ladies Auxiliary,
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Train,
Chair Car, Coach Porters and Attendants:

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has helped its members to get better pay and better working conditions. It has helped to make its members more free and self-reliant. From all that I can learn it is governed honestly and democratically. It consequently deserves the support of the wives and families of its members and this is a way that men and women can work together for their common benefit.

I was present when the Brotherhood received its national charter from the A. F. of L. and I have always had a warm spot in my heart for it. My congratulations on your tenth birthday and my best wishes for the decade ahead.

Sincerely,


Emily Taft Douglas.

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July 11, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
103 West 111st Street
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

The card announcing your return to New York was received. I know you were glad to be returning after such a prolong absent.

There have been very few reports as yet regarding the election of the Eastern Auxiliaries. Those that are in have not presented any difficulties, however conditions are quite unsettled in the Tampa Auxiliary. Letters were sent the entire membership on two occasions in an attempt to hold the group together. Sister Blanche Young has written regarding the Gregorys but was informed that there was nothing the Auxiliary could do.

The Auxiliary was given a scholarship in the hope of creating a renewed interest on the part of the members. The member receiving the award only recently reinstated but it was felt that the Auxiliary would be strengthened by reason of having received the scholarship.

Hope you are well.

The enclosed letter is self-explanatory.

Fraternally yours,

Halema Wilson
International President

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TO
THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
TRAIN, CHAIR CAR, COACH PORTERS AND ATTENDANTS
3456 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

July 11, 1946

Dear Members:

The Auxiliary is being requested to send without delay a report of its present membership, the number of members obtained during the recent dispensation, a report on its educational activities including its present finances as well as the number of deceased members if any during the past two years. This information will be used by the International Zone Supervisor on making her report to the Convention. It is essential that this data be sent as soon as possible.

The splendid cooperation received from the Auxiliaries in the Middle Western and Pittsburgh-Detroit Zones has been deeply gratifying and has given ample evidence of the real progress that is being made in the development of our splendid organization. Such cooperation indicates a mass discipline that many believed impossible of attainment.

So keep up the good work.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson
Helena Wilson
International President

EW:jh

100 Verbena Street
Fort Worth, Texas
July 11, 1946

Sister Helena Wilson
International President
Ladies' Auxiliary to the B. S. C. P.
4231 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

We have been notified of the decision from your office concerning Mrs. Ruby Lacy, as the now president of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Fort Worth Division. We are not in accord with the decision, because we feel that Mrs. Lacy altered the ballots for her, (Mrs. Lacy's) gain over her opponent. Mrs. Lacy was in possession of the Seal and any number of blank ballots at her disposal. The ballots were not carefully handled by Mrs. Lacy and were not sealed in the presence of the meeting. We feel that the tellers were honest and competent women, and that they would not use their office in a discriminatory way for or against any person or group of persons in the race for office.

The election was conducted according to Mrs. Lacy's plan, in order to avoid any clashes which had previously occurred. It was not until the meeting adjourned, and every one left the room, thinking that all was well in regard to the election, that Mrs. Lacy and a group of women, Mrs. Waller, Mrs. Cynthia Jones and Mrs. Indiana Green proceeded to go over the ballots and at that time they were contending, only, that Mrs. Green's count was the only one they wanted to contest. It never occurred to us then, that Mrs. Lacy was going to alter the ballots and make herself president. None of the other Candidates bothered the ballots after the tellers made the announcement.

We are certain that you are not aware of the unrest Mrs. Lacy has already caused the Auxiliary. We the undersigned will not support Mrs. Lacy.

As loyal members we petition the International Office of the Ladies Auxiliary to make a thorough investigation of this matter and hear both sides. We also feel that if the International Office has heard Mrs. Lacy's story we should be given an opportunity to express ourselves in the presence of Mrs. Lacy. The question of the matter at the bank is a reflection, we feel, on the entire membership of the Fort Worth Division Auxiliary. The teller and Cashier were contacted today and the Teller said that all provision has been cleared so that Mrs. Lacy could have already sent the report.

We again petition the International Office of the Ladies Auxiliary for a thorough investigation of this matter.

Fraternally yours,

CC. to Sister Fannie Caviness
Copy to Brother E. J. Bradley. 3rd International President & Zone Supervisor



357 RICHARD CHARLES JR. WILFRED

New York Committee for Justice in Freeport

112 East 19th Street, New York 3, N. Y. • STuyvesant 9-4552 - 4518

July 13, 1946

Dear Sir and Brother,

The three little boys, Richard age 5, Charles Jr., 6 and Wilfred 3, are the children of the late Pfc. Charles R. Ferguson who was slain by Patrolman Joseph Romeika in Freeport, New York, last February 5th. You know the details of that crime.

I, too, was a little boy with very little opportunity for an education or for a happy boyhood.

I had to buck discrimination and fight my way through to get the things I so dearly desired.

And now, here I am, very happy to be able to help these three to a chance towards a happier life than I had. I know it isn't much, but I am glad to be helpful in raising a Trust Fund for their education.

I ask you, too, to help the New York Committee for Justice in Freeport. The Committee has been doing a splendid job in bringing this case before the people. We are grateful for its exposure of the Ku Klux Klan in New York: The Committee knows that as long as Romeika remains unpunished he is an inspiration to the Klan and further police brutality, that an attack on the Negro people is an attack on all minorities.

After five months of public pressure Governor Dewey has been forced to appoint a special investigator in this case. Now, our job is to see that this investigation does a job.

The Committee has been aiding the stricken family because they are destitute. A Trust Fund has been established with \$750 already deposited.

Help us give these three kids some kind of lease on life. Lord knows a Trust Fund isn't much but it helps. They will suffer plenty during their years to manhood, and probably through life, knowing the reason for their father's death. But we can help ease that suffering if we assure them that they have friends.

Whatever you can give--big or small--every penny will count.

Sincerely,

CALL >
FOR THE
CLEVELAND, OHIO CONVENTION
OF THE

LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE
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3456 South State Street, 5th Fl.
Chicago 16, Illinois

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July 28, 1944

TO ALL AFFILIATED LOCAL DIVISIONS, GREETINGS:

You are hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Constitution and General Laws of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, that the Third Biennial Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, beginning 10:00 A.M., Monday, September 18, 1944, and will continue through Wednesday, September 20, 1944. All delegates are urged to arrive in time to attend the Mass Meeting on Sunday, September 17, 1944. *And it is possible to remain for the auxiliary's Calendar Tea Sunday Sept. 22."*

- REPRESENTATION -

Article III of the Constitution and General Rules

The International Organization shall consist of the International President, International Secretary-Treasurer, International Counsellor, four (4) International Vice-Presidents, the International Executive Board and delegates in proportional representation from each local division upon the basis of one delegate for the first one hundred (100) financial members, or fraction thereof, and one delegate for each additional one hundred (100) financial members, or fraction thereof, numbering over twenty-five (25).

Organizations, to be entitled to representation, must have obtained, or applied for, a certificate of affiliation (charter), prior to the Convention and no person shall be recognized as a delegate who is not a member in good standing of the local division which she is elected to represent.

After July 15, 1944, dues are not to be accepted until the One Dollar (\$1.00) Convention Tax is paid.. Members becoming un-financial as a result of this tax are subject to all penalties as provided ~~for~~ in the Constitution and General Rules of the Ladies Auxiliary.

- DELEGATES SEATED -

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Delegates are not entitled to seats in the Convention unless the per capita tax and assessments of their organizations have been paid ~~in full~~ not later than August 31, 1944. If there is any question regarding this tax kindly consult the International Secretary-Treasurer or this office.

- ELECTION RETURNS -

Prior to the June election a special election form was sent to each local division with a request that the election form be filled out and returned to this office as soon after the election as possible. This information is essential to the success of the Convention, therefore, the auxiliaries are being requested to kindly comply with this requirement without further delay. In instances where elections are not held a statement to that effect should be sent this office ~~as seen as without possible delay.~~ *possible delay.*

- DELEGATES CREDENTIALS -

Duplicate credentials were enclosed with the special election return form. The Secretary-Treasurer is required to fill out both credentials and sign as directed. One half of the credentials is to be sent to Sister Rosina C. Tucker now and the other to be presented either by the delegate, or by the auxiliary proxy to the Credential Committee at the opening of the Convention on the morning of September 18th. Delegates as well as the local Secretary-Treasurers are required to comply with these provisions.

In instances where the auxiliary finds it inconvenient to send a delegate it may designate a proxy from a sister auxiliary, or it may designate an International Official. It is customary to extend this courtesy to the Supervisor of the Zone in which the auxiliary is located. The Zone Supervisors are: Mrs. Katherine Lassiter, Eastern Zone; Mrs. Halena Wilson, Middle Western Zone; Mrs. Letitia Murray, Pacific Coast Zone; and Mrs. Mae Dalley and Mrs. Fannie Caviness, ~~the Southern Zone.~~ *the Texas Zone.*

*South West Zone
and Pittsburgh-Hitcock*

- RESOLUTIONS -

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Officers and members of the local auxiliaries desiring to submit resolutions to the Third Biennial Convention of the International Auxiliary Order are instructed to send all resolutions to

Sister Rosina C. Tucker, International Secretary-Treasurer, 1128 Seventh Street, N.E., Washington, (2) D.C., not later than September 1, 1944. 1946

- EULOGIES -

The auxiliaries are being informed that special services will be conducted in memory of all the deceased members of the past two years. The delegates are being requested to bring a long stemmed white flower to this particular session and to come prepared to render a brief eulogy. Owing to the number of deceased members the eulogy must of necessity be confined to three minutes or less.

- ACCOMMODATIONS -

Owing to the difficulty of finding adequate housing facilities all delegates, their families and friends are urged to write for advance reservations. This will prevent unnecessary delay after their arrival in the Convention city.

Delegates should ^{come} be prepared to pay at least a minimum of two dollars (\$2.00) a day for lodging. ~~\$2.50~~

Local auxiliaries are required to defray all expenses of their delegates, including transportation to and from, and maintenance at the Convention.

All delegates are herewith advised to arrange in ample time for their attendance at the Convention. Also, to register with the Housing Committee ^{upon} ~~soon after~~ their arrival. (The Chairman of the Housing Committee is Mrs. Vivian Comedy, 3278 East 128th Street, Cleveland, Ohio, Phone LO. 8269. ^{see Mrs. Agnes Horton, 433 E. 45th St. Chicago. See Phone BR. 1696.}) ^{state} ~~state~~ ^{time and place of arrival.} ~~time and place of arrival.~~ ^{For their own convenience, delegates are requested to}

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Additional instructions regarding the Mass Meeting to be held by the Brotherhood and the exact location of the Convention Hall will be communicated in a later circular.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

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3456 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

July 16, 1946

Dear Members:

It was noted in a letter of July 5th from the International Secretary-Treasurer that several Auxiliaries have failed to contribute to the 1946 Scholarship Fund. The Auxiliary is being reminded that the scholarship awards are considered to be of the utmost importance in the development and in the progress of the local as well as that of the International Ladies Auxiliary. This year it was possible to grant scholarships to every division that applied for the award. Ten to be exact. This was made possible through the generous contributions received from the Auxiliaries that are cooperating whole-heartedly to further the advancement of the Auxiliary's educational program.

It is being pointed out that had each Auxiliary responded as loyalty to this program demanded it would have been possible to grant awards to every member who had applied during the past three years. That this was not done was due to the negligence of the Auxiliaries themselves. It is to be regretted that there are those among the local Auxiliaries that are content to assume a do nothing attitude regarding this fund while others are doing their utmost to help build an affective Negro Women's Labor Organization. It is further regretted that it may become necessary if this program cannot be made to work on a voluntary basis to consider methods that will insure its success. It is hoped however that this may be avoided by the Auxiliaries compliance with the arrangements that now exist.

Preparations are moving forward and it is hoped the coming Convention will prove even more constructive than the previous four, and that as many members as possible will be an attendance next September.

Fraternally yours,



Halena Wilson
International President

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-RESOLUTIONS-

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Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

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P.S. General Headquarters are located at 3456 South State Street--5th Floor.
Telephone Number Victory 7124 -25 and 26

July 17, 1946

Mrs. Jean Grover
Assistant, Educational Director
343 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Grover:

This will acknowledge your letter of July 3rd regarding a Speaker, Display Materials and Motion Picture Films for the Fifth Biennial Convention of the International Ladies Auxiliary.

It has been decided to use the display materials and the motion pictures and to let the buying club officers recount their own experiences instead of having a special speaker.

I should like to know what arrangements if any can be made for the showing of the film once it is ordered. Would it be possible to obtain the services of an experienced operator? Any information you can give will be appreciated.

Respectfully yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

HELENA WILSON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
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July 18, 1946

Mrs. Helena Wilson
International Pres.
3456 S. State St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

I returned to New York Sunday, the fourteenth of July and found all of your mail. I had no one to forward my mail to me. When I left home I had planned on being away for only a few weeks; therefore I made no arrangement to that effect. My sister's death was most unfortunate, and since there was no one else I had to assume all responsibilities.

I made a visit to Ashville, N. C. on the ninth of May. I found a very lively and interesting membership. The meetings were well-attended with every one working harmoniously together. They made a lovely showing.

Monday, the sixth of May I visited the Richmond, Va. Auxiliary. They seemed very indifferent. The meetings were poorly attended. They hold one meeting a month. In all divisions the Rules and Regulations, the Educational Program, and Youth Movement were explained.

On Tuesday, the fourteenth of May I visited Portsmouth Va. The Auxiliary in that city is not making much progress. The meetings consisted of five members. Sister DeBerry stated that the president of the Brotherhood Local Division is very hostile to the Auxiliary, and sabotages every thing that they attempt to put over.

The regular meeting of the New York Auxiliary will be held tomorrow evening (Thursday). It will be my first meeting since April; therefore I can not tell you anything about the election.

HALENA WILSON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
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THE LADIES AUXILIARY
TO
THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
TRAIN, CHAIR CAR, COACH PORTERS AND ATTENDANTS



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July 18, 1946

I will write you immediately after the meeting.

Fraternally yours,
Katherine Lassiter
Katherine Lassiter
International Vice Pres.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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TRAINS, CHAIR CAR, COACH PORTERS AND ATTENDANTS

3456 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

July 18, 1946

Dear Members:

The Auxiliary is being requested to instruct members and delegates who plan to attend the Convention in September to state specifically the time and date of arrival and the railroad over which the member expects to travel. This will permit the Housing Chairman to give instructions which will save the member time and expense. All are advised to take care of this matter as soon as possible so the necessary arrangements may be made before the member arrives in the Convention city.

The Brotherhood Headquarters is located at 3456 S. State Street, 5th Floor. Phone Numbers Victory 7124-25-26.

Members and delegates are expected to register and obtain badges at the Headquarters.

Fraternally yours,



Halena Wilson
International President

Hw:jh

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July 18, 1946

Dear Members:

Enclosed please find an election form which you are requested to fill out and return with as little delay as possible. The election results are necessary to bring the mailing list up to date.

The name of the Auxiliary's Convention delegate is required when filling out the Convention Committee.

Please instruct delegate and members when writing to Sister Thornton the Housing Chairman to state specifically the time and date of arrival and the railroad over which the member expects to travel. This will permit the Chairman to give instructions which will save the member time and expense.

Brotherhood Headquarter is located at 3456 S. State Street, 5th Floor
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Members and delegates are expected to register and obtain badges at the headquarters.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

H. & J.
encl.

July 19, 1946

Dear Member:

Upon second thought and in consideration for the small Auxiliaries with limited funds, members in Chicago are urged to register available space for not more than Two Dollars (\$2.00) a day per person.

This same consideration will be shown Chicago members by the next Convention City.

Fraternally yours, .

Halena Wilson
Halena Wilson
International President

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

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3456 S. GRACE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

July 20, 1946

Dear Member:

This letter is being addressed to you in view of your signature having been affixed to a communication under date of July 11th which protested the recent Fort Worth Ladies Auxiliary election and the decision that was made regarding the same.

A subsequent letter received from Sister Lacy raises a question as to the manner in which the signatures were obtained. In an effort to clarify the existing issues it is essential that the more important contents of the petition be submitted for verification. They are as follows:

1. "We are not in accord with the decision because we feel that Mrs. Lacy altered the ballots for her (Mrs. Lacy's) gain over her opponent."
2. "The ballots were not carefully handled by Mrs. Lacy and were not sealed in the presence of the meeting."
3. "It never occurred to us then that Mrs. Lacy was going to alter the ballots and make herself President."
4. "We the undersigned, will not support Mrs. Lacy."
5. "We again petition the International office of the Ladies Auxiliary for a thorough investigation of this matter."

If you are in agreement with these statements as contained in the petition please so indicate thereby lending assistance to the investigation that was requested.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson

Helena Wilson
International President

HW:gh
encl.

July 22, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
103 West 111st Street
New York, New York.

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Please contact Sister Edith Wells, Secretary-Treasurer of the
Richmond Auxiliary to Train Porters Local #6.

This group has applied for its charter but owing to a lack of
information there has been some delay in getting this matter adjusted.

Sister Wells lives at 501 S. Randolph St., Richmond 20, Va.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

July 23, 1946

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

Dear Sister Murray:

A letter containing the Minutes of the June 26th meeting of the Joint Committee of Organized Auxiliaries was just received. The Auxiliaries listed as represented at this meeting including Amanda Riley, The Sleeping Car Attendants, Addie Booth BSCP- AF of L. Now there is no law which states that either of these members may not become a part of this organization but they must not identify themselves with the Ladies Auxiliary, BSCP and this appears to have been done.

I have not written Sister Booth about the incorrect designation and the use of the Brotherhood Auxiliary, but have waited to hear the outcome of your investigation.

I shall be pleased to hear from you at your earliest convenience so that the Auxiliary may not become too deeply involved before this matter can be adjusted.

Hope you continue to keep well.

Fraternaly yours,

Helen Wilson
International President

HW:jh

At the office
July 23rd 1946

Mrs. Wilson:

It seems I have been having a time getting this note to you.

I wanted to send it to your home but now I am forced to a-
bandon the idea and send it to the office. Please forgive.

Again thanking you

Ollie
Ollie Miller-Palmer

THE LADIES AUXILIARY
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July 24, 1946

Dear Member:

It has become the custom of this office to communicate with members of various Auxiliaries which have not been visited for some time in the hope of maintaining contact and to cooperate with the Presidents in such districts.

Realizing that a number of years have passed since my visit to the Oklahoma City Ladies Auxiliary a letter was sent Sister Bennett about writing the members and she with her usual desire to help promote strength and interest on the part of the membership readily agreed.

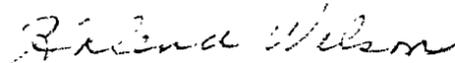
It is hoped that a number of members will attend the Convention in September so that the Auxiliary's very fine program will become better understood. Here members will learn the real meaning and purpose of an Auxiliary to the labor movement. How it functions and why it is so important for women relatives of working men, to have an active and well informed interest in the organized labor movement. Not so much from an immediate individual point of view but from a long range racial point of view since group or racial progress is not made by one group or during the life time of one generation but by many groups and over many generations, so that the women of today are only one phase of what must be a long drawn out struggle for racial freedom and independence.

The Auxiliary's educational program is intended to help charter the course and help Negro women understand their role in an organized effort of mutual self-help. In other words by learning to help one's self one learns to help others. How well this is learned by the Negro race will depend very largely to what extent the potential mothers of each generation have grasped the wisdom of this philosophy.

This critical day in which we now live is a challenge to all minority peoples. If there is a will to strive together their lot will become better as a result of the combined strength of purpose. The surest approach to self help and self protection lies in the organized labor movement, since the size of the family or group income determines the strength and the effectiveness of a people.

The good things of tomorrow belongs only to the ones who strive today. So keep on keeping on.

Fraternal ly yours,



Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

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July 24, 1946

Halena Wilson, Int'l President
The Ladies Auxiliary to the
B'd of Sleeping Car Porters
3456 So. State St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

May I say first of all that your organization sent us an unusually fine group of representatives and I believe they benefited very much by the Institute.

With regard to September 16th, I shall be very glad to be present to speak to your group, at 2:15, ~~at~~ whatever time you allot for me. I assume you would want me to speak for one-half hour, or something like that.

I should like some time to get in touch with A. Philip Randolph regarding pullman porters coming next year. At the very latest I hope to see him, or have my assistant see him at the AFL convention in November. I think your organization and the representatives who attended our institute can do much in getting Randolph interested in having representatives here next year.

Again may I say that we were very pleased with the fine quality of those who came this year.

Very sincerely yours,

E. Schwarztrauber

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

To the Officers and Members of the International Executive Board, I fraternally submit the following report covering the period from Jan. 1. 1946 to June 30, 1946.

RECEIPTS

Albany
Taxes----- \$ 10.27
Fees----- .35 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 25.62
Fin. Members-----12

Ashville
Taxes----- \$ 8.97 ✓
Fees----- 1.75 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 10.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 20.72
Fin. Members-----13
Am't Remitted----- \$ 21.02
Overage----- .30

Atlanta
Taxes----- \$ 22.36
Fees----- 1.75 ✓
Rules----- .30 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 5.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 35.11
Fin. Members-----32
30.91

Augusta
Taxes----- \$ 4.16
Total----- \$ 4.16
Fin. Members-----8

Baltimore
Taxes----- \$ 11.31
Dispen.----- 1.50
Conv. Tax----- 2.50
Total----- \$ 15.31
Fin. Members-----16

Boston
Taxes----- \$ 8.97 ✓
Total----- \$ 8.97
Fin. Members-----None

Buffalo
Taxes----- \$ 19.50 ✓
Fees----- .35 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 4.00
Total----- \$ 23.85
Fin. Members-----12

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Charleston----- ✓
Chicago
Taxes----- \$ 150.52 ✓
Fees----- 3.85 ✓
Dispen.----- 25.50 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 56.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 50.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 285.97 ✓
Fin. Members-----129 77

Cincinnati
Taxes----- \$ 11.31 ✓
Fees----- 3.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 5.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 19.81 ✓
Fin. Members-----4

Cleveland
Taxes----- \$ 32.37 ✓
Fees----- 3.15 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 23.00 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 75.02 ✓
Fin. Members-----39

Columbus
Taxes----- \$ 3.90 ✓
Total----- \$ 3.90 ✓
Fin. Members-----8

Dallas
Taxes----- \$ 22.88 ✓
Fees----- .35 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 2.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 25.23 ✓
Fin. Members-----16

Denver
Taxes----- \$ 82.42 ✓
Fees----- 3.15 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 22.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 109.07 ✓
Fin. Members-----67

Detroit
Taxes----- \$ 34.32 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 4.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 43.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 82.02 ✓
Fin. Members-----29

Fort Worth
Taxes----- \$ 38.35 ✓
Fees----- .35 ✓
Dispen.----- 3.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 41.70 ✓
Am't Due----- 2.82
Am't Sent----- 38.88
Fin. Members---29

Houston
Taxes----- \$ 20.54 ✓
Fees----- .35 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 7.00 ✓
Total Due----- \$ 27.89 ✓
Am't Sent----- 27.99
Overage----- .10
Fin. Members---36

Indianapolis
Taxes----- \$ 16.12 ✓
Dispen.----- 3.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 8.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 5.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 32.12 ✓
Fin. Members---15

Jacksonville
Taxes----- \$ 64.22 ✓
Fees----- 2.80 ✓
Dispen.----- 3.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 30.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 21.00 ✓
Total Due----- \$121.02 ✓
Total Sent----- 120.69
Am't Due----- .20
Fin. Members---75

Jersey City
Taxes----- \$ 14.30 ✓
Dispen.----- 4.50 ✓
Fees----- 1.40 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 35.20 ✓
Fin. Members---19

Kansas City
Taxes----- \$ 29.77 ✓
Fees----- 1.75 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 12.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 25.00 ✓
Total Due----- \$ 69.02 ✓
Total Sent----- 67.76
Am't Due----- .13
Fin. Members---37

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Little Rock T. P.

Taxes----- \$ 5.85 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Total----- \$ 6.55
Fin. Members-----10

Louisville

Taxes----- \$ 19.89 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 35.59
Fin. Members-----10

Los Angeles

Taxes----- \$ 59.54 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 25.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 31.00 ✓
Total Due----- \$117.04
Total Sent----- 116.58
Am't Due----- .46
Fin. Members-----43

Memphis

Taxes----- \$ 23.24 ✓
Fees----- 2.45 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 25.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 50.69
Fin. Members-----30

Minneapolis

Taxes----- \$ 33.54 ✓
Fees----- 2.10 ✓
Dispen.----- 4.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 26.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 81.14
Am't Remitted----- 81.71
Overage----- .57
Fin. Members-----38

Montgomery

Taxes----- \$ 9.88 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 2.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 13.38
Am't Remitted----- 13.88
Overage----- .50
Fin. Members-----7

Nashville

Taxes----- \$ 25.74 ✓
Fees----- 2.80 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 10.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 38.54
Am't Remitted----- 39.05
Overage----- .51

Fin. Members-----32

New Orleans

Taxes----- \$ 27.95 ✓
Fees----- 3.50 ✓
Dispen.----- 3.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 6.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 55.97
Am't Remitted----- 56.49
Overage----- .52
Fin. Members-----33

New York City

Taxes----- \$ 54.95 ✓
Fees----- 4.20 ✓
Dispen.----- 9.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 24.50 ✓
Total----- \$ 92.65
Fin. Members-----65

Norfolk----- X

Oakland

Taxes----- \$ 31.98 ✓
Fees----- .35 ✓
Dispen.----- 6.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 25.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 63.33
Fin. Members-----34

Oklahoma City

Taxes----- \$ 8.19 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 10.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 18.19
Fin. Members-----11

Omaha

Taxes----- \$ 32.89 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 18.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 23.50 ✓
Total----- \$ 76.59
Fin. Members-----39

Parsons

Taxes----- \$ 9.10 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 7.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 16.80
Fin. Members-----13

Philadelphia

Taxes----- \$ 23.53 ✓
Fees----- .35 ✓
Total----- \$ 23.88
Am't Remitted----- 24.88
Overage----- 1.00
Fin. Members-----24

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Pittsburgh
Taxes----- \$ 26.91 ✓
Fees----- 1.05 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 12.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 10.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 49.96
Fin. Members-----22

Portland, Oregon
Taxes----- \$ 15.12 ✓
Fees----- 1.40 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 20.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 36.52
Fin. Members-----29

Richmond, Va.
Taxes----- \$ 11.87 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 2.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 5.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 19.57
Fin. Members-----14

St. Louis
Taxes----- \$ 96.28 ✓
Fees----- 2.80 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 30.00 ✓
Total----- \$129.08
Fin. Members-----79

St. Louis T. P.
Taxes----- \$ 3.90 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 5.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 8.90
Fin. Members-----6

St. Paul
Taxes----- \$ 28.60 ✓
Fees----- 1.75 ✓
Dispen.----- 9.00 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 17.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 10.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 66.36
Fin. Members-----45

San Antonio
Taxes----- \$ 12.61 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Dispen.----- 6.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 19.31
Fin. Members-----14

San Antonio T. P.
Taxes----- \$ 32.61 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
Rules----- .80 ✓
Total----- \$ 34.11
Fin. Members---20

Seattle
Taxes----- \$ 10.53 ✓
Total----- \$ 10.53
Fin. Members---11

Shreveport
Taxes----- \$ 21.97 ✓
Total----- \$ 21.97
Fin. Members---12

Tampa
Taxes----- \$ 7.67 ✓
Fees----- 2.10 ✓
Dispen.----- 1.50 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 15.00 ✓
Total----- \$ 26.27
Fin. Members---11

Tucson
Taxes----- \$ 8.32 ✓
Fees----- .70 ✓
?----- 8.00
Total----- \$ 17.02
Fin. Members---9

Washington, D. C.
Taxes----- \$ 53.82 ✓
Fees----- 2.45 ✓
Conv. Tax----- 12.00 ✓
Schol. Fund----- 50.00 ✓
Total----- \$118.27
Fin. Members---57

Canadian Auxiliaries (5)

Calgary-----

Montreal

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|-------|------|
| Taxes----- | \$ | 12.61 | |
| Schol. Fund----- | | 25.00 | |
| Conv. Tax----- | | 2.00 | 2 00 |
| Total Due----- | \$ | 39.61 | |
| Fin. Members----- | | 6 | |

Toronto CPR

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|-------|--|
| Taxes----- | \$ | 35.10 | |
| Fees----- | | .70 | |
| Schol. Fund----- | | 35.00 | |
| Total Due----- | \$ | 70.80 | |
| Fin. Members----- | | 23 | |

Toronto Pullman

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|------------------|-------|
| Taxes----- | \$ | 13.00 | |
| Rules----- | | .60 ^v | |
| Schol. Fund----- | | 15.00 | 15 00 |
| Total Due----- | \$ | 28.60 | |
| Am't Remitted----- | | 15.60 | |
| Total Due----- | | 13.00 | |
| Fin. Members----- | | 9 | |

Van Couver

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|-------|--|
| Taxes----- | \$ | 9.92 | |
| Fees----- | | 1.40 | |
| Total Due----- | \$ | 11.32 | |
| Fin. Members----- | | 10 | |

Winnipeg

| | | | |
|-------------------|----|------|------|
| Taxes----- | \$ | 6.63 | |
| Conv. Tax----- | | 1.75 | 1.75 |
| Total Due----- | \$ | 8.38 | 3.75 |
| Fin. Members----- | | 7 | |

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RECEIPTS

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| Taxes----- | \$ 1303.04 ⁰ |
| Fees----- | 58.45 ^c |
| Convention Tax----- | 286.00 ^{294.00} |
| Dispensation----- | 88.50 ^e |
| Rules----- | .80 ^{1.10} |
| Total----- | \$ 1736.79 |

Receipts

| | |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Scholarship Fund | 567.00 |
| Donations----- | \$ 560.00 |
| Brought Forward----- | 442.39 |
| Total----- | \$ 1002.39 |
| Scholarship Awards----- | 1046.68 |

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|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| Canadian Auxiliaries | |
| Taxes----- | \$ 77.26 |
| Fees----- | 2.10 |
| Scholarship Fund----- | 75.00 |
| Total----- | \$ 154.36 |
| Cash Sent By Toronto Pullman----- | 15.00 |
| In Canadian Bank----- | 139.36 |
| Members-----55 | |

*Gen. Tax
Rule*

Rules, 60!

15.00

EXPENSES

| | |
|---|------------|
| International President----- | \$ 750.00 |
| International Secretary-Treasurer----- | 375.58 |
| Supplementary Salary----- | 120.00 |
| Paid to Scholarship Fund----- | 153.00 |
| Mr. Llewellyn Ross (G. M. Strikers Fund)----- | 50.00 |
| Total----- | \$ 1548.58 |

Total Expenses----- \$ 2595.26

Total Membership-----1360

Rosina C. Tucker.

Total income including Canadian auxiliaries.

B. For. 1915-16

377.00 bal. for 6 mos.

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July 25, 1946

Dear Member :

Since my recent visit to the Columbus Ladies Auxiliary I have waited with some anxiety to ascertain how the Auxiliary would respond to the conditions that had disturbed the tranquillity of that district. My visit there revealed that many attitudes and degrees of understanding existed which did not react to the best interest of the district as a whole. First there was a serious lack of self-discipline and a lack of understanding of the principles and requirements that are involved in the development of a mass movement, such as the great labor movement.

It appeared not to be understood that labor represents the income of the masses of the people through ^{out} America. Since a vast majority are compelled to work to earn a living. Workers of other groups improve their living and working conditions through strong labor organizations while Negroes have been weak and exploited because through a lack of organization they had been in no position to demand high wages or job security. The race is weak generally in its response to labor organization because Negro women fail to realize that there is racial strength and safety only in organizations and especially at the job level. Once this is thoroughly understood individuals will refuse to take sides with other individuals to the extent of jeopardizing or of becoming a weak link in an otherwise strong organizational chain, since a chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

The same as a race is only as strong as the understanding of its women regarding the issues and problems which effect the well-being of the race as a whole.

The program of the Ladies Auxiliary is intended to teach this philosophy and to prepare Negro women to stand together in a mutual desire for group and not individual progress and advancement.

It is felt that the women of Columbus have this same desire and the same capacity and that they can and will develop this understanding not in a short time but surely over a period of time.

The district has the best wishes of this office which advises that it continue to contribute to the sum total of Negro progress which progress depends upon the economic or job security of the entire race.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

July 26, 1946

Mrs. Marion Sappington
Intl. Executive Bd. Member
2515 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sister Sappington:

I am advising that you prepare a statement for the Convention with regard to the increase in pay that was referred to the International Executive Board by the Cleveland Convention, also the recommendation coming from this office regarding a subsequent increase.

For your information this recommendation was not put into effect although it was approved by the Board owing to a necessary raise in salary for the Secretary of this office.

Will write Brother Randolph whether an additional report is necessary. Will let you know.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:ja

July 26, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
103 West 111st Street
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Your letter of July 18th was received at a time when we were extremely busy with a situation that exist in the Fort Worth Ladies Auxiliary. However I now have time to make the few observations regarding several Auxiliaries in your zone.

To date nothing has been heard of the election outcome in Buffalo, Boston, Baltimore, Norfolk, Richmond Pullman, Tampa, Montgomery, Augusta and the Savannah-Charleston Auxiliaries. Please contact these groups in an effort to ascertain their present status and stress the necessity of each sending in these election reports. If elections have been conducted instruct that details be forwarded to this office.

Hope you are feeling alright. A card of condolence was sent to the address that was given but was returned. Looking forward to seeing you in September.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

July 26, 1946

Mrs. Letitia Murray
4th Intl. Vice President
4715 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sister Murray:

This is to inform you that the Portland and Vancouver Auxiliaries have made no report regarding their June election. Tuscon reported that its election would be delayed.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

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TO

THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
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July 27, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

Your letter of the twenty-second was duly received. I wrote Sister Wells on Wednesday, July the twenty-fourth. Sister Harper said that she had sent you the names of the elected - officers, however I will take the form that you sent to our meeting Thursday evening, the first of August.

I have not heard anything more from the Buffalo Auxiliary. If you have any more information concerning the Auxiliary please let me know. I have written there three times since my visit last May; and I have had no reply from them, nor from Augusta, Savannah, or Montgomery. To date, I have sent six letters to Augusta, Savannah, and Montgomery.

Best Wishes.

Fraternally yours,

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July 27, 1946

Mrs Halena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP
3456 S. State Street
Chicago 16, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

I wrote Sister Riley for information concerning the "Joint Committee of organized Auxiliaries". Will write you immediately upon hearing from her.

I also received my assignment for the Convention program. I shall make every effort to execute it to the credit of the Ladies Auxiliary.

I am still improving, and feel sure that I shall be able to attend the Convention. Hope it will be possible to get reservations near Convention Headquarters.

Best regards to you and Brother Wilson.

Fraternally
Letitia Murray
Letitia Murray
4th International President (Vice)
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

July 30, 1946

Mrs. Marion Sappington
Intl. Executive Committee Member
2117 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sister Sappington:

I had an unexpected conference with Brother Randolph yesterday about the Executive Board's report. In advising as a result that you make a report on the matter that was referred to the Board by the Cleveland Convention and you might mention the subsequent recommendation that was submitted by this office if you think necessary. However a detail explanation on this later affair will be included in my Convention Address.

Fraternally yours,

Malena Wilson
International President

EM:jh

2129 Canning
Parsons Hs.
July 30-46

Sister Helena Wilson
Int. Pres. of Ladies Auxiliary
To The B. S. C. P.

Dear Sister Wilson: I am here in
sending to you the election
results of our Auxiliary.

I am also sending a report of
the membership dues, paid
by the Parsons Ladies.

Since many things has happen
and in our local ladies group
that were not to our plans,
the ladies have been loyal
and paid the balance of
their yearly dues to the con-
-vention date.

We have a new secretary, Treas.

Miss Francis Scarborough, the
daughter of Mr. Otis Scarborough.

We are enclosing under separate
cover, our financial sheet.

Our contribution tax of (\$1.00)
for 14 members has also
been sent to our Int. Sec.
Treas. Mrs. Tucker.

We lost another member,
Mrs. Jewel Davis, that is
she is ^{not} working with us,
but we reclaimed Mrs.
Mary Meadows, since her
husband has been discharged
from the service.

Since this is convention
year, I know you are kept
busy, so I do hope to see
you in Chicagoⁿ September.

Fraternally yours, Mary de Davis

BIENNIAL FINANCIAL REPORT

ROSINA C. TUCKER
INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY-TREASURER

LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

August 1, 1944 to July 31, 1946

Cash Balance, August 1, 1944 - - - - - \$1677.10

- Receipts -

Income from Auxiliaries:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|
| Per Capita - - - - - | \$5036.97 | } 6505.87 | |
| Fees - - - - - | 219.80 | | 1336.42 |
| Assessments - - - - - | 1249.00 | | <hr/> |
| Rules and Regulations - - | 19.98 | 7872.29 | |
| Scholarship Fund - - - - | 1151.06 | 1671.10 | |
| Brought Forward " " - - - | 165.38 | 911.37 | |
| Total Receipts - - - - - | | \$7083.59 | |

-Disbursements-

| | |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| Salaries and Office Expense - - - - - | \$2718.20 |
| Convention, 1944 - - - - - | 1245.90 |
| Zone Trips - - - - - | 403.00 |
| Scholarship Awards - - - - - | 1421.73 |
| Organizational Expense - - - - - | 115.00 |

Total Disbursements - \$5903.83

| | |
|---|---------|
| Expense for 1946 Conv. at Chicago - - - - | 300.00 |
| Total - - - - - | 6203.83 |

Balance:

| | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| American Bank - - - - - | \$2761.72 | Nov. 1st. |
| Canadian Bank - - - - - | 902.04 | |
| War Bonds - - - - - | 700.00 | |

Rosina C. Tucker.

Summary of Receipts

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August 4 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

This is let you know that I sent the letters to the Auxiliaries.
that were negligent in sending the elections forms to you.

I had the pleasure of meeting quite a few of the train porters
and their wives. Also, a number attended our meeting.

Fraternally yours,
Katherine Lassiter
Katherine Lassiter.
International Vice Pres.

August 6, 1946

Mrs. Mary L. Davis
President Parsons Division
2129 Corning St.
Parsons, Kansas

Dear Sister Davis:

Your letter of July 30th containing the Auxiliary's financial statement as of the present date was received. Your several letters indicates the existed of a deep-seated loyalty on the part of the Kansas members that is highly gratifying and it is hoped that I shall have the pleasure in the near future of meeting and knowing better the fine women who are working with you in the interest of a higher and better standard of living.

A letter was sent Sister Dailey asking that she contact the Auxiliary regarding its election. She will be pleased to know that all is well.

Please give my best wishes to all. Will be looking forward to seeing you and others during the Convention. It is suggested that all who are planning to attend the Convention will write in advance for lodging so there will be no delay upon arrival.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

BW:jb

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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TRAIN, CHAIR CAR, COACH PORTERS AND ATTENDANTS

3456 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

August 6, 1946

Dear Member:

This is to let you know that the plans for the Fifth Biennial International Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary are moving steadily along. Most of the delegates and members are expected to arrive throughout Saturday September 14th so as to be in time for the huge mass meeting Sunday September 15th.

The Auxiliary's Convention will be called to order Monday September 16th promptly at 10:00 A. M. Sessions will continue through September 18th at the Metropolitan Community Church, 41st Street and South Parkway.

There will be an interesting program Monday Morning just prior to the opening of the Convention. Make it a point to be present. The Auxiliary's grand reception will be held Tuesday September 17th at lovely Corpus Christi Assembly Building, 4622 South Parkway at 8:00 P. M. Every effort will be made to make this a lovely affair and a credit to the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary.

Additional information will be announced later. You are being reminded that the Chicago Auxiliary is falling behind in the payment of its One Dollar (\$1.00) Convention tax. A report on the tax paid by each Auxiliary will be made in the International Secretary-Treasurer's financial statement so if you have not paid your tax please do so on August 15th or September 5th, the two remaining Auxiliary meetings before the Convention convenes, or send same by mail or by the Brotherhood member upon his visit to the Headquarter.

Meetings are 1st Thursday at 3:00 P. M. and 3rd Thursday at 8:00 P.M.
3456 S. State Street, 5th Floor.

Fraternaly yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson-----President
Czerda Blackburn--Recording Secretary

August 6, 1946

Mrs. Letitia Murray
14th Intl. Vice President
4715 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, Calif.

Dear Sister Murray:

The Cooperative Program has been arranged for Tuesday Afternoon September 17th. A moving picture, "Let's Cooperate" of half hour showing time has been engaged.

The Denver delegate, Sister Maunie Wells is being requested to make a ten minutes report on the Denver Buying Club Activities and the Chicago Buying Club will give an outline of its progress to date. Washington is being requested for information concerning its cooperative activities if any and Sister Velma Coward will be requested to comment on the activities of the Credit Union of which she is a member.

If you have any comments or suggestions please let me hear from you. There will be a display of Co-op literature also.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

7402 Susquehanna Street,
Pittsburgh 8, Penna.,
August 7, 1946.

Mrs. Halena Wilson, Int. President,
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP,
3456 South State Street,
Chicago 16, Illinois.

Dear Sister Wilson:

Your communications of July 11 and 16 to Sister Sappington received and contents carefully noted. If we have in any way contributed to the creditable record of the Pittsburgh-Detroit Zone, we are happy to have been able to do so.

We held our election in June as acheduled, and we have been waiting to receive the election form on which to make our report. Your letter of July 16 indicates that the one intended for the Pittsburgh Auxiliary must have miscarried, also the delegate's credentials. May we have both sent to us again?

During the recent period for re-instatement of delinquent members, nineteen letters were mailed by this Auxiliary; we heard from one, Sister Lucille C. Buckner, who paid the two (\$2.00) dollars re-instatement fee and the one (\$1.00) dollar~~x~~ Convention Tax. A few said they would comply, but allowed the period to close without doing anything about it. We have a mailing list of 44, of which 27 are financial members.

At some of our meetings we have endeavored to hold panel discussions on the work of the OPA, and they have proved quite interesting. We have also had some of our members to represent the group at meetings sponsored by various departments of the OPA. So far, we have not been able to get any of our members to take advantage of the scholarship offer and attend the Summer School. This year we donated ten (\$10.00) dollars to the Scholarship Fund. We have a balance in treasury ~~in xxx~~ of \$101.05, as of August 1st. We have not lost any members by death during the past two years. We are enclosing reports for May, June and July.

Kindest regards.

Fraternally yours,

A. Lorenz Balli Jones
.....Secy-Treas.

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ELEANOR G. COIT, *Director*

August 9, 1946

Miss Helena Wilson
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Wilson:

The American Labor Education Service each year holds a workers education conference in the Middle West, which is attended by many of those interested in workers education in eight or ten midwestern states. This conference offers an opportunity for the exchange of information on the part of those engaged in workers education, and makes possible a discussion of new developments in the field.

At a meeting of the Conference Planning Committee which was held in Chicago a couple of weeks ago, members of the Committee asked ^{me} to write you to say how much we hope that you will be willing to serve as a member of the Committee. We need your advice and counsel in making plans for this year's meetings, which will be held in Milwaukee the first weekend in November.

We should greatly appreciate your willingness to serve as a member of the Committee, and shall look forward very much to hearing from you.

With kind personal regards,

Sincerely yours,


Eleanor G. Coit
Director

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Caroline Lowe McWatt
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August 11, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson Intl. Pres
Aux. to the BSCP

Dear Sister Wilson

I received your letter dated July^{5th} or
rather it was forwarded to me at
Charleston West Virginia and am
now replying.

My husband succeeded in getting rates
to Chicago and it will cost that is
fare by Pullman approximately \$15.36
I would like to know if we have any
arrangements for lodging and accommo-
dations in Chicago. I would appreciate
it very much if you could let me know
what the Convention has in mind, that
is to accommodate the delegates and
International Officers.

Fraternaly Yours

Carrie McWatt Intl. Ex. Board Member

C.R.M.

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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

326 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

August 12, 1946

Dear Members:

This is to express the appreciation of the International Ladies Auxiliary for the splendid cooperation received from the local Auxiliaries during the past two years and to congratulate each on the progress that is indicated in the semi-annual statement just received from the International Secretary-Treasurer.

It is noted in a number of instances that the growth of some Auxiliaries have been more rapid than others but all indicate greater strength and stability than was evident a few years past. Keep up the good work.

Everything is being done to bring about a better understanding of the Auxiliary program, and the urgent need for the type of organization that is intended to give greater protection to wage earners throughout the country. The Convention program is being arranged so as to bring this much needed information to the Auxiliary membership therefore it is hoped all who possibly can will put forth every effort to attend the Convention in September. There will be a social side of the Convention as well as a serious side so that all will feel benefited by such a trip.

The Auxiliary is reminded not to delay in sending its Convention tax. This tax is needed to defray the expenses that are incident to the Convention and should be paid without further delay. The Auxiliary is urged to give this matter its immediate attention.

All members having joined the Auxiliary since October 1944 are required to pay the \$1.00 tax.

Members and delegate are urged to register with Sister Agnes Thornton, 433 East 45th Street, Chicago 16, Illinois so they maybe assigned to their respective places prior to their arrival.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson

Halena Wilson
International President

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August 12, 1946

Ladies Auxiliary of Brotherhood of Sleeping
4231 So. Michigan Ave. -Car Porters
Chicago, Ill.

Gentlemen:

As you may have noted in the press, the printing trade unions are demanding an unusually large increase in wages as of September 1, 1946. Negotiations with the unions are now in progress and, from past experience, we feel they may continue for some time and may not be settled until after September 1, 1946.

It is necessary, therefore, that we inform you that the price on any and all unfinished work on September 1st, upon which we have given you a quotation, and the charges for all regular jobs for which we have an established price, will be subject to revision as of September 1, 1946.

There have been and probably will be further substantial increases in the costs of paper stock and other materials.

We are very sorry that we must be so indefinite about this whole price situation but, under the circumstances, there is no alternative.

We trust that you will appreciate our position in the matter.

Your very truly,

Clarke-McElroy Publishing Company



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New York Committee for Justice in Freeport

112 East 19th Street • New York 3, N. Y. • ST. 9-4552 - 4518

August 12, 1946

Dear Sir and Brother:

The Georgia lynchings are burning themselves into the consciousness of all America. In recent weeks the full horror of race hate has been brought home to us. There is a tendency to forget that Georgia came to New York on February 5th when policeman Romeika killed two Ferguson brothers in Freeport, Long Island. That must not be!

Only after this Committee exposed the Klan in New York State as having threatened to stop the Freeport justice campaign, was their charter revoked. The KKK and every other fascist mentality in and out of hood or uniform would only be emboldened if we relinquished the fight now.

Five months of continual heat compelled Governor Dewey to appoint a special investigator. He did so to circumvent the demand that he supersede District Attorney Gehrig. Gehrig, District Attorney for Nassau County, caused the grand jury there to exonerate the killer. But Gehrig is also the regional Republican lieutenant for Dewey's machine. Incidentally, he "welcomed" this investigation, and by so doing foreshadowed the kind of inquiry to expect. Well, the investigation came and went. Dewey released their report; simultaneously rejecting the people's demand to supersede.

Instead of offering our opinion of the shabby device the governor used, we send along with this letter a detailed analysis by the National Lawyers Guild. They witnessed the "public" hearings, and as attorneys, can be expected to reliably appraise the proceedings.

As you read their memorandum, and we hope you do, the anti-labor poison poured into this case by DA Gehrig will not escape you. Being trade unionists you will realize that beating down this terrorism is clearly a task which must be carried through.

We are writing to you because the continuation of the Committee's work is jeopardized by a lack of funds. \$1,200 of receipts have gone into a Trust Fund for the three little children of Charles Ferguson and for direct aid to the family. That left us strapped.

We ask that you help with a contribution. Make possible the winning of this case; by so doing you will have helped stem the rising tide of fascism in America.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Langston
DOROTHY LANGSTON
Executive Secretary

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August 13, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
103 West 111st Street
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Since writing to you I have heard from Baltimore, Norfolk, Montgomery, Montreal and Buffalo.

Montgomery is planning to send its first delegate and is very proud of this achievement. Norfolk reported on the election but evidently is not sending a delegate since none was indicated.

Buffalo has not had a meeting since May and Sister Lockett reported that the President had not been successful in getting enough together to hold an election. It is felt in this latter instance that the charter should be lifted until such time as a re-organization is possible. What is your feelings in this matter? An election report was received from Sister Harper but we can't seem to find the same so please have her send another report of the officers and the name of the delegate.

The Tampa Auxiliary has had an election but has not submitted its election report. Will write you more about this group when I receive something definite.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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

3456 S. STATE STREET, 5TH FLOOR VICTORY 7124

August 13, 1946

Dear Members:

This is to call to your attention the fact that the Auxiliary has not submitted a report of its June election. You are reminded that all Auxiliaries are required to submit a statement immediately following the election so the necessary changes in the mailing list, if any, can be adjusted.

If for some reason no election was held it is of the utmost importance that this information be submitted so that the cause may be ascertained and assistance given where possible.

The Secretary-Treasurer should be instructed to return the election form and to send the delegate credential to Sister Tucker without further delay.

Fraternally yours,

Halera Wilson

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HW:jh

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Rosa Tucker

Mrs. Helena Wilson
International President
3456 S. State St.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

In reply to your letter of August, the thirteenth, I am sending the names of the elected officers and delegate as per your request. I received the financial report from Sister Tucker, however she failed to include the money sent by our local for the Scholarship Fund.

Concerning the Buffalo Local, I am in favor of the Charter being lifted until there is a re-organization of the Auxiliary.

I was away when the election was held in our local. The Auxiliary members (all except those who were running for an office) said that it had to go through. The remainder of the members consulted Brother Totten and insisted that my name be put up for nomination. This was approved by Brother Totten, so they went ahead with the election which you know was contrary to our rules.

I will tell you more about it when I see you.

Fraternally yours,

Katherine Lassiter
Katherine Lassiter
International Vice Pres.

P.S. Mrs. Sledge and I are staying with Sister Henderson.

August 19, 1946

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

Dear Sister Murray:

Your letter of August 16th was received and it is being answered so the transportation cost per official may be settled without too much delay.

It is noted that your transportation and expenses enroute will amount to \$117.80. There is also an additional \$60.00 for room and meals while in the Convention city. This is not entirely clear since the officials are allowed a set amount per day. In this instance the amount will be about \$5.00 for a period of seven (7) days. If it is possible this amount will be increased, however such action will depend upon the Convention Tax that is collected during the next week or two.

The total cost of your trip if correctly understood will be as follows: \$87.80 for transportation, \$30.00 for expenses enroute and \$35.00 per diem. Please make any comments that you feel to be necessary.

As you have not heard from the Seattle Auxiliary a letter will be sent to inform the officers and members that the Auxiliary may not become a part of this or any similar movement. If the Auxiliary persist in its affiliation should there be ~~any~~ it will be necessary to take some definite action.

Trust you continue to improve.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

August 19, 1946

Mrs. Letitia Murray
4th Intl. Vice President
4 715 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sister Murray:

In response to your request for Credit Union Literature, I have a number of pamphlets but have them piled away with a quantity of other literatures and would not know exactly where to search for this information. I would suggest however that you write to Sister Coward who should be in a position to send this such information since she has agreed to talk on the subject.

Her address is: Mrs. Velmar I. Coward
2303 Marcell Avenue
N.D.G., Montreal 28, Quebec.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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Marion E. Sappington

NOTARY PUBLIC
PITTSBURGH 19, PA.

August 21, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

This replies to your letters of July 26 and 30 in reference to the increase in pay that was referred to the International Executive Board by the Cleveland Convention.

Please excuse my delay in answering your letters, but I was very busy at the time I received them making preparations to attend the American Woodmen Quadrennial Convention in Denver and did not have the time to get the information you are referring to.

I must ask you to please state in detail the statement you wish me to make. I have been under the impression that you and the Secretary-Treasurer received the increase after the 1944 convention. Do you wish the statement to contain the explanation that this increase is to be retroactive as of September 1944?

As you realize it has been quite difficult for me to keep all details clear because of my heavy program, therefore I must ask your help in getting this information properly compiled.

If you think it necessary, I will arrange to come to Chicago a day earlier in order to take care of any part of the work that you may need me to do.

With best wishes, I am

Fraternally yours,

Marion E. Sappington

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August 21, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson, International President
Ladies Auxiliary to BSCP
3456 South State Street, 5th Fl.
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Sister Wilson:

Just a word of remembrance and to hope you are well. As you are doubtless^{ly} aware at this time there has been quite a chaotic condition within the ranks of the New York Division of the Ladies Auxiliary. The matter came to a crisis some nights ago when Sister Lassiter brought in some local preacher to install the new officers which as you are aware is contrary to the ruling of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Most of the women who attended called me out of bed about midnight after their meeting to discuss the matter and to express their indignation. I talked the matter over with Brother Randolph and he authorized me to take care of the situation and place the Auxiliary under the supervision of the New York Division of the Brotherhood until at such time harmonious relations can be restored. I have so notified Sister Lassiter and have authorized the members of the Executive Board to sit in at their meeting and to hold them strictly to the Constitution and By-Laws of your Auxiliary.

Now I have just been informed that Sister Lassiter is withholding authorization for money to be paid to the delegate, Sister Ada V. Dillom, to the Convention. The time is drawing near for the Convention and she ought to know whether or not reservations are to be made and traveling expenses paid. Some of the ladies were in to see me today and have advised me that Sister Tucker, International Secretary-Treasurer notified them that the credentials were sent out by you and that Sister Lassiter has already been provided with one but in their opinion she is not pleased with the election of Sister Dillom and is possibly doing something to deny her the right to serve as a delegate.

Now I do not know whether this is true or not but I do feel that you ought to write a letter to Sister Lassiter immediately insisting that she

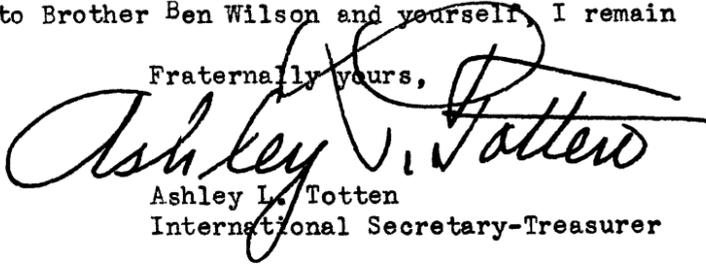
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August 21, 1946

provide Sister Dillon with the necessary funds so that she might make her reservations to attend the Convention and that she also furnish her with her credentials. The situation here is quite aggravating but I am definitely sure that with the help of our Executive Board we will be able to straighten the matter out once and for all.

Kindest personal regards to Brother Ben Wilson and yourself, I remain

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ashley L. Totten". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

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Ashley L. Totten
International Secretary-Treasurer

August 22, 1916

Mrs. Sara D. Harper
Secretary-Treasurer
New York Division
38 West 136th St.
New York, New York

Dear Sister Harper:

Enclosed please find Delegate Credential.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh
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August 22, 1916

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

A letter was just received from Brother Totten regarding present conditions as they are said to exist in the New York Ladies Auxiliary. Brother Totten called attention to Sister Dillons traveling expenses as the Auxiliary's Convention delegate, stating that the same are being withheld which is said to be preventing the delegate from making the necessary reservations.

Whatever the reason for withholding this money, you are advised to see that the Auxiliary takes care of this matter at once. If the next regular meeting will not allow sufficient time, the Executive Board may act in this matter subject to a special call from you as the President.

Since the Auxiliary has been placed under the supervision of the Brotherhood you are advised to notify the Brotherhood Executive Board in the event there is a special Auxiliary Board meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Malena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

August 23, 1946

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Your letter of August 18th regarding the Buffalo Auxiliary and other matters was received. Brother Randolph has not given an opinion as yet regarding the Buffalo proposal but I will write you as soon as he replies.

Aside from seeing that the Auxiliary takes care of Sister Dillon's Convention expenses it will be appreciated if a more detailed account of the present unrest in the New York Auxiliary is received. Regarding the June Election, the action of the Auxiliary will be placed before the Executive Board for comment when it meets next month.

Fraternally yours,

Halema Wilson
International President

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P.S. It is noted that your transportation expenses have not been submitted. Please take care of this at your earliest convenience.

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38 West 136th St.,
New York, N.Y.,
Aug. 26, 1946.

Mrs. Halena Wilson, Int. Pres.,
Ladies' Auxiliary to B.S.C.P.,
3456-58 South State St.,
Chicago 16, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson:

This is to acknowledge receipt of Credentials for our duly elected delegate, Sister Ada Dillow, and to express my thanks for same.

I'll have them properly filled out, giving one to Sister Dillow and sending the other to Sister Tucker.

There is no Auxiliary report for July (1946) for the following

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reason.

Our first meeting for the month fell on July 4th which was a holiday, - and of course there was no meeting.

On the second meeting July 18th, no dues were collected, at all.

The only collection was one (\$1.00) dollar Convention tax paid by Sister Mary Wendell on this date.

I explained this to the Auxiliary and the president authorized me to hold this amount (\$1.00) and include in the August report, which you will note in my report which you'll receive next week.

I trust that the Convention will be both profitable and

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pleasant, and that the next
one will be held in New York.

With every good wish for you
and yours, I am

Fraternally Yours,
Sara D. Harper,
Sec'y-Treas.

August 26, 1946

Mrs. Marion Sappington
Intl. Executive Bd. Member
2515 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sister Sappington:

In reply to your letter of August 21st please be informed that the Auditing Committee made a recommendation (see page 127 in the 1944 Convention Proceedings) that the Secretary-Treasurer be further remunerated for her services.

The Minutes do not indicate the will of the Convention but it was moved that the matter be referred to the International Executive Board. In the Board meeting increases for both officials were discussed. Owing to the limited income it was decided to allow One Hundred and Twenty Dollars (\$120.00) per year per official until an additional increase was possible. This statement will suffice since the subsequent arrangement between this office and the Brotherhood will be explained in my Convention Address.

The increase authorized by the Executive Board as of last fall was not put into effect owing to complications.

Your kind offer to arrive a day earlier is appreciated but unless you need additional information on the above mentioned subject you need not make such a sacrifice at a time when you are so busy.

Will be looking forward to seeing you.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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August 27, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
107 West 111st St.
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

This is to inform you that the Board Meeting will be held at my home,
60 1/2 South Parkway, 3rd Apartment West following the mass meeting on Sunday
September 15th. Dinner will be prepared after which it will be possible to
go into the business meeting.

Faternally yours,

Malena Wilson
International President

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August 27, 1946.

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

Dear Sister Wilson:

I am enclosing a letter and information concerning the Joint Committee of Organized Auxiliaries, received from Sister Riley of the Seattle Division. I have ^{advised} that these activities be discontinued ~~as~~ as the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, until such time as the approval of the International has been received.

My comments on the Convention expense are that, I am afraid that I have greatly underestimated my expenses. I find that my transportation alone is \$105.63. This does not include my Pullman reservation (return trip) which will have to be made in Chicago.

Sister Wood of Tucson is in Los Angeles, I have advised her to hold the election as soon as possible after her return to Tucson, and if it is impossible to get the results to you before she leaves Tucson, to get them to you immediately upon her arrival there. The Woods and Sister Shaffas of Tucson and the Meltons Of El Paso (CCP) expect to arrive in Chicago on the evening of September 14th.

Although the the-Salt Lake Division has been inactive for sometime, Sister Nettie Gregory plans to attend the Convention.

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Fraternally
Letitia Murray

Letitia Murray

4th International Vice President
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP.

August 27, 1946

Mrs. Marion Sappington
Intl. Executive Bd. Member
2515 Center Avenue
Pittsburgh, Penna.

Dear Sister Sappington:

This is to inform you that the Board Meeting will be held at my home,
6046 South Parkway, 3rd Apartment West following the mass meeting on Sunday
September 17th. Dinner will be prepared after which it will be possible to
go into the business meeting.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
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Mrs. Helena Wilson
Int'l Sect'y-Treasurer
3456 S. State Street
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sister Wilson;

I am in receipt of your letter of August , the twenty-third.

I am sorry Brother Totten did not explain to you why the Auxiliary withheld the money from Mrs. Dillon . On July, the eighteenth I told Mrs. Dillon to go down to the station and get her transportation- submit same to the Auxiliary. The next meeting was August, the first, and when I asked for the transportation expense her reply to me was that she did not have to get it, all that was necessary was to vote out the money and then she could make her arrangements. Mrs. Hicks chimed in by saying she (Mrs. Dillon) was due \$150.00 and I did not want her to have the money. She was going to the Brotherhood and report same. Mrs. Dillon was as rude and nasty as she could be. They (Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Rambert, and Mrs. Harper) wanted the money voted out at random. When I refused to do so, Mrs. Hicks performed, shook her fist and invited me out to fight. I have the names of all the ladies who were present, as I was going to take it up with you in Chicago. Not stopping there, I am taking her to court as soon as I return from the convention. I can not tell you anything about the unrest. All that I know they blamed Sister Toogood for their defeat and came to the meeting and cursed her out. That is all that I can tell you.

Please write at once and tell me how many days and what must be allowed the delegate per diem. The Board decided 7 days

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at \$5.00 per diem. I want this confirmed by you. The next meeting is Thursday, September, the fifth.

I submitted my transportation expenses to Sister Tucker on August, the eighteenth.

With Best Wishes.

Fraternally yours,

Katherine Lassiter
Katherine Lassiter
International Vice Pres.

August 27, 1946

Mrs. Letitia Murray
4th Intl. Vice President
4715 Compton Ave.
Los Angeles, California

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Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Bessie Truman
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Truman:

The Fifth Biennial Convention of the International Ladies Auxiliary, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters will convene September 16th through the 18th, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The Auxiliary would feel highly honored to receive a greeting from you while the Convention is in session.

Yours truly,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, New York

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August 28, 1946

Mrs. Mary Bethune
Bethune Cockman's College
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mrs. Bethune:

The Fifth Biennial Convention of the International Ladies Auxiliary, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters will convene September 16th through the 18th, at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway, Chicago, Illinois.

The Auxiliary would feel highly honored to receive a greeting from you while the Convention is in session.

Yours truly,

Halema Wilson
International President

HW:jh

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Jean Grover
Asst. Educational Director
Central States Cooperatives, Inc.
343 S. Dearborn Street
Chicago 4, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Grover:

This is in reference to your letter of August 1st regarding an operator for the Cooperative Moving Picture that is to be shown at the Auxiliary's Convention.

Up to the present time no one has been found to take care of the same therefore it will be greatly appreciated if CSC can help out in this matter. The Cooperative Program is scheduled for Tuesday September 17th at 2:15 P.M. at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway.

Sincerely yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:ja

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Daisy
6543 S. Langley Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Lucas:

Enclosed is a general outline of the Auxiliary's activities during the week of the Convention. Additional publicity probably will be released following the adoption of the various resolutions.

Will appreciate any comments.

On Monday Afternoon Mr. Ernest E. Schwarztrauber, Director of The School for Workers, Madison Wisconsin will address the Convention. His subject "The Importance of Workers Education" on Tuesday Afternoon. A Consumers' Cooperative Program including Cooperative Moving Pictures. Mrs. Velmer I. Goward, International Executive Board Member of Montreal will speak on Credit Unions. Local Auxiliary Officials will outline the Auxiliary's Cooperative Buying Club activities under the sponsorship of the Chicago and Denver locals.

Reception Tuesday Evening September 17th at Corpus Christi Center. The results of the election will be announced also following the close of the Convention including next Convention city.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
President

HW:jk
encl.

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Letitia Murray
Dist. Intl. Vice President
4715 Compton Avenue
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sister Murray:

Enclosed please find the results of the 1946 June Election.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

Hw:jh
encl.

PACIFIC ZONE

Letitia Murray
Zone Supervisor

August 28, 1946

Los Angeles Ladies Auxiliary

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PACIFIC ZONE

LETITIA

August 28, 1946

Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
1st Intl. Vice President
103 West 111st Street
New York, New York

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Enclosed please find the results of the 1946 June Election.

Faternally yours,

Helena Wilson
International President

HW:jh
encl

EASTERN ZONE

Katherine Lassiter
Zone Supervisor

August 28, 1946

New York Ladies Auxiliary

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| <u>NAME</u> | <u>ADDRESS</u> |
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| Lillie Smith | 514 1/2 N. 6th St. |
| Elizabeth McNeill | 914 N. 5th St. |

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| Annie M. Leak | 2601 Ludlow St. |

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| Gertrude Ross | 567 Pulliam St. S. W. |
| Johnnie M. Perkins | 3018 Habersham Road, N. W. |

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| Erline McQueen | R.F.D. 2, Asheville, N.C. |
| Gertrude Epps | 59 Congress St. |

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Secretary-Treasurer

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| Julia B. Burwell | 1909 Venus St. |
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Tampa Ladies Auxiliary

(Eastern Zone Continued)

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405 S. Fremont Ave.
2110 Morgan Street

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Emeline Davis
Sobelle Cunningham

363 Forrest St.
192a Union St.

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1507 Edmondson Ave.
1635 W. Lafayette Ave.

Montgomery Ladies Auxiliary

President
Secretary-Treasurer

Gertrude Braswell
Agerean Braswell

616 Thurman St.
610 Cleveland Court

No report yet from the Buffalo, Augusta and Savannah-Charleston Auxiliaries.
Will send report when they arrive.

Louisville, Kentucky,

August 30th, 1946

Mrs. Helena Wilson,
International President
Ladies Aux. B.S.C.P.
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Wilson:-

At last I have about gotten this report together, after much delay and interference, I hope it is not too late to be encouched in your report, not that it is of any consequence, but that it will enable you to have a report from this area, as I am aware of the desire of one to at least have touched all local groups in a certain area in making a report.

Enclosed is the report of the newly elected officers, I did not see the request (print) until I had started writing. I note the ink did not take well however I hope you will be able to make them out.

Our activities for the past have been the presentation of our International President to a public audience, presentation of the International President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Mr. Randolph, after a Mass meeting, at a Bangast to about 250 person, this was joint, but the Ladies Aux. sold most of the tickets. We assisted in all mass and local meetings of the F.E.P.C. We made contributions to all civic and patriotic groups, namely Red Cross, the Cancer drive, the Community chest-War fund, Memorial for the deceased Porters. Contribution of \$15.00 to our National Scholarship fund.

I have forwarded to the International Sec'y-Treas. the report covering dues for thirteen members to date, and the \$13.00 thirteen dollars as tax for Convention expenses.

It is my hope to see you at the National meeting if my work does not detain me at that time.

Wishing for you a most successful meeting, and good health.

Yours Fraternally

Anna R. Hughes
Anna R. Hughes.

August 30, 1946

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Your letter of August 27th regarding the transportation expenses for the New York Convention Delegate was received. Will talk this matter over with you upon your arrival next month.

The recommendation of \$5.00 per diem for 7 days constitutes the considered action of the New York Auxiliary Executive Board and is perfectly in order. It is customary for such matters to be placed before the Board however if the membership desires to alter this recommendation in any way it is free to do so.

Regarding your transportation, it is necessary that this expenditure be submitted to this office after which Sister Tucker will be authorized to send the check. Would suggest that this be done without too much delay otherwise the check may reach you a bit late.

Faternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

HW:jh

ORIGINAL IN CHS RARE BOOK ROOM
ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FOLDER

VAL-KILL COTTAGE
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS CO.
NEW YORK

September 2, 1946

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

I am very glad of this opportunity to send a message of greetings and good wishes to the members of the Ladies Auxiliary, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters as they meet at their fifth Biennial Convention.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Roosevelt

BETHUNE-COOKMAN COLLEGE

Mary McLeod Bethune, President Emeritus

DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA

JAMES A. COLSTON, President
CHAS. B. PRETTYMAN, Chairman
Executive Committee of the Trustee Board
BERTHA L. MITCHELL, Secretary-Treasurer

September 2, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President
The Ladies Auxiliary to
The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456 S. State Street, 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Wilson:

Thank you for the opportunity which you extend to me to give my greetings to the Fifth Biennial Convention of the International Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the Greetings which I would like read for me at your meeting.

My very best wishes are yours.

Sincerely yours,

Mary McLeod Bethune
Mary McLeod Bethune

MMB/fld

MARY McLEOD BETHUNE
Founder-President

National Council of Negro Women, Inc.
(Affiliated with the National Council of Women of the United States, Inc.,
and International Council of Women of the World)
1318 Vermont Avenue, Northwest
Washington 5, D. C.
Telephone: COlumbia 4491

September 2, 1946

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

GREETINGS!

The National Council of Negro Women joins me in extending
to you our fondest greetings and congratulations on this
your Fifth Biennial Convention.

These are the days when the united efforts of
women are needed to help build a new world.

May your progress be constructive and effective.

God bless every one of you!

Mary McLeod Bethune

Mary McLeod Bethune
Founder and President of the
National Council of Negro Women
Washington, D. C.

Vancouver

2218 East 38th. Ave.,
Vancouver, B. C.
Sept. 3, 1946.

Mrs. Letita Murray,
4715 Compton Ave.,
Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Sister Murray:

Please find enclosed the election returns for 1946.

The Vancouver Division has four new members for this year.
Donation to the Scholarship Fund was \$5.00.

As part of the Educational program many of the Sisters
attended Classes from July 15 to 26, on Race History and Race
Relations held at the Vancouver Normal School By Dr. Melville
Jacobs, Professor of Anthropology, University of Seattle, Wash.

As you know, we have a very small group here, but our
attendance at meetings are now very good and we hope to have
a much better report to send in future.

We have delayed sending this report as we expected to
have our delegate attend the Convention this year. However,
she has just informed us that she will not be able to attend.

Sister E. Lipscombe resigned from position as Secretary-
Treasurer some time ago and she was on holidays, so I just
received word of your telegram and your address.

The Vancouver Division extend their best wishes for a
very successful Biennial Convention.

Hoping this report meets with your approval, I am

Fraternally yours

S. Washington
Rec. Secretary-Treasurer
Vancouver Division
Ladies Auxiliary, B. S. C. P.

*Sister Murray is the Proxy for the
Vancouver Div.*

ORIGINAL IN CHS RARE BOOK ROOM
ELIZABETH (BESS) TRUMAN FOLDER

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 6, 1946

I hope that all success
will attend the Fifth Biennial
Convention of the International
Ladies Auxiliary, Brotherhood of
Sleeping Car Porters.

Bess W. Truman

215 East Hawthorne,
North Kildonan, Manitoba,
September 6, 1946.

Dear Sister Wilson:

I am sending you a copy of the information requested by Sister Tucker for her reports and sincerely hope that I have not caused you too much inconvenience from my long delay in submitting my monthly statements.

I have had some very trying times for the past few months and found it just about impossible to do any organizational work. I explained my circumstances to the Auxiliary, offered my books back and declined nomination for my office. They have accepted my explanations, asked me to keep the books and nominated and elected me again. I am very sorry I could not fulfil my duties as expected and can only promise now to forward the detailed reports as soon as possible and perform my duties in the future to the best of my ability.

Unfortunately I cannot attend this Convention nor will the Auxiliary be sending a delegate but all our hearts will be with you and wishing for every success.

Fraternally yours,

Helen Iola Hudson

Helen Iola Hudson, Sc.-Trea.
Wpg. Div., L. A. B. S. C. P.

Enc.

FINANCIAL STATUS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST, 1946

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| Bailey, Helen | is paid through | August, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Blanchette, Yvonne | " " " | August, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Bowen, Cwendolyn | " " " | July, 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> No tax Paid. |
| Brown, Mabel | " " " | October, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Ferguson, Hilda | " " " | January, 1946, <u>Unfin.</u> Con. Tax Pd. |
| Garrick, Viola | " " " | June, 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> No dues, 50¢ Tax. |
| Guilberry, Laura | " " " | June, 1946, <u>Reinstated</u> , Con. Tax Pd. |
| Hicks, Olivia | " " " | November, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Hudson, Helen Iola | " " " | June, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Hurt, Violet Fisher | " " " | June, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Lewis, Wealthy(Toronto) | " " " | Jan. 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> No tax Pd. |
| Mayes, Alva | " " " | June, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Nealy, Ann Mae (Montreal) | " " " | April, 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> No Tax Pd. |
| Phillips, Hestelle, | " " " | June, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Phillips, Inez E | " " " | June, 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> No dues, 50¢ Tax. |
| Ramsey, Margaret | " " " | Aug. 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> , 50¢ Tax. |
| Simmons, Edith | " " " | December, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Stoek, Rose | " " " | September, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Sunter, Kathleen | " " " | November, 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> Convention Tax Pd. |
| Whitley, Olive | " " " | December, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Williams, Bessie | " " " | Sept. 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> No Tax Pd. |
| Wilson, Margaret | " " " | November, 1946, Convention Tax Pd. |
| Morrow, Geraldine | " " " | June, 1945, <u>Unfin.</u> , No Dues, 50¢ Tax. |

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| Total Amount in bank to Auxiliary's credit | \$ 49.86. |
| Convention Tax | 17.00 |
| Scholarship Fund. | 10.00 |
| Taxes and Fees | 227.52 |
| Any other funds to Int'l credit . . Bank interest | .52 |
| Total Amount in bank to International's Credit | <u>\$ 245.04</u> |

215 East Hawthorne,
North Kildonan, Manitoba,
September 6, 1946.

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Fraternally yours,



Helen Iola Hudson, Sec. Trea.,
Wpg. Div., L. A. B. S. C. P.

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A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
International President

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First International Vice-President
3456-58 South State Street
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St. Louis, Missouri

C. L. DELLUMS
4th International Vice-President
1716 Seventh Street
Oakland, California

September 7, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President
The Ladies Auxiliary
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
3456 South State Street
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

It gives me great pleasure to take this opportunity to offer greetings to the officers, delegates, members and friends of the International Ladies Auxiliary at its Fifth Biennial Convention.

I am sure the officers and members of the Brotherhood appreciate the great work you have done and will continue do, not only in the interest of the Brotherhood as such but other ethnic minorities which predominate in our organization. Without the moral backing and great moral stimulant the Auxiliary provided us from time to time we certainly would not be as far advanced as we are.

I wish for you your greatest, most enjoyable and most successful convention.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "C. L. Dellums". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

C. L. Dellums
International Vice-President

CLD:gw

3018 HABERSHAM ROAD N. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Sept. 9 1946.

Convention's greeting

Dear Sister Wilson:

You have my best
wishes for a grand
and successful
Convention.

I want to thank you
for being so congenial
with me for the
past eighteen months

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3018 HABERSHAM ROAD N. W.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

of service to the Atlanta
Division, which has
not been an easy
job, but I've done
my very best.

I shall continue to do
my best for the Auxiliary

Men's Fraternally

Johnnie Perkins
Sec. Treas. The Ladies' Aux. P.S.C.R.
Atlanta, Ga

September 9, 1946

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

Dear Sister Murray:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of August 27th and the information which it contained.

The minutes of the Joint Committee of Organized Auxiliaries were forwarded to Brother Randolph. It is felt that the activities of this group are similar to those of the Brotherhood's Auxiliary' overall program, but it will be necessary to withdraw the Seattle membership until more is known about this group.

Your comments on the convention expense were noted. It will be possible to make the necessary adjustments upon your arrival.

Glad to receive the information regarding the Tucson and Salt Lake City members.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
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September 9th, 1946

Mrs. Halena Wilson
International President
Ladies Auxiliary to the B. S. C. P.
3456-58 So. State Street, 5th Floor
Chicago 16, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Acknowledging your letter of September 3rd, 1946, I shall be glad to send a few words of greeting to the convention of the Ladies Auxiliary and am enclosing same. I shall look forward to seeing you during that period.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Patterson".

Thomas Patterson
Eastern Zone Supervisor

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Press Release
September 9, 1946

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, will hold its Fifth Biennial Convention and Twenty-first Anniversary Celebration in Chicago, Illinois, September 15-20, inclusive. The Convention and Celebration will open up with a Public Meeting to be held at the DuSable High School, 49th and State Streets, Sunday, September 15, at 8:30 p.m., Daylight Saving Time. The meeting will be addressed by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor, who will discuss the question of "Organized Labor and the Negro". Other speakers of the meeting will include: Nelson Wilson, International President of the Ladies Auxiliary; International President A. Philip Randolph; and International Vice Presidents C. L. Dollans and W. F. Webster.

Among the subjects to be discussed by Brotherhood officials at this meeting will be a synopsis of the fight to prevent Negro Locomotive Firemen and Trainmen from being eliminated from the job through the efforts of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, two organizations which are clamoring to eliminate Negroes from working in these classifications and which organizations have color clauses in their constitutions that prevent Negroes from becoming members. These two organizations have the bargaining rights for the Firemen and Trainmen on many of the southern roads. This places the Negro in a most unusual position of not being able to join an organization which bargains for its wages and working conditions.

The First Division of the National Railroad Adjustment Board rendered a decision in favor of the Trainmen's Union in which it ordered the railroad to stop the Negroes Porter-brakemen from doing what it called "Trainmen work".

Press Release
September 9, 1946

A Restraining Order is now in effect in the United States District Court in Chicago against the Santa Fe Railroad, Trainmen's Union, and the National Railroad Adjustment Board, which prevents the elimination of these men for the time being. A similar Restraining Order is in effect against the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad, although it is based on a different premise than the Santa Fe case. Strenuous efforts are being put forth to eliminate these workers from their jobs and the details of these activities will be discussed at this meeting.

Sessions of the Convention, which will be confined to members of the Organization, delegates, and invited guests, will be held at the Chicago Division Headquarters of the Brotherhood, 3456 South State Street, 5th floor. The Convention of the International Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters will be held simultaneously with that of the Convention of the Brotherhood. Sessions will convene at Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway. Mrs. Helena Wilson of Chicago is the International President of the Ladies Auxiliary and Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker of Washington, D. C., is the Secretary-Treasurer.

On Wednesday afternoon, September 10, at 2:30, the session of the Convention will be open to the public to the capacity of the hall. At this session, International Vice President Webster will make a report to the Convention of his stewardship as a member of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices during the years of its existence. International President Randolph will also address this meeting on the question of the National Council for a Permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee, its past activities and immediate future program.

Other activities of the Convention will include the Biennial Soiree to be held

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Press Release
September 9, 1946

at Forum Hall, Monday, September 16, at 8:00 p.m.; a reception of the Ladies Auxiliary at Corpus Christi Center on Tuesday, September 17, at 8:00 p.m.; and a concert participated in by relatives and members of the Organization on September 18, at 8:00 p.m. These activities will conclude with the Twenty-first Anniversary Celebration and Convention Dance at the Savoy Ballroom on September 19, from 10:00 p.m., to 2:00 a.m.

Delegates will be in Chicago to attend the Convention from 105 local divisions of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, located in the main railroad centers of the United States and Canada.

Atl. Ladies Auxiliary

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LIST OF DELEGATES
TAKEN FROM ELECTION RETURNS

AUXILIARY

DELEGATES

MEMBERS

| <u>AUXILIARY</u> | <u>DELEGATES</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 1. Albany | - Ellen Williams <i>Proxy KL</i> | |
| 2. Asheville | Leo Sheftall ✓ | |
| 3. Atlanta | ✓ Gertrude Ross ✓ | |
| 4. Buffalo | | |
| 5. Boston | Jennie Carney ? <i>Ida - Barco</i> ✓ | |
| 6. Baltimore | ✓ Proxy <i>KL</i> | |
| 7. Cleveland | Nina Sutton ✓ | |
| 8. Cincinnati | ✓ Della Abernathy ✓ | |
| 9. Chicago | ✓ Ola Roberts ✓ Minnie Lee | |
| 10. Columbus | B. Smith (Beatrice) ✓ Irene S. Austin ✓ | |
| 11. Dallas | Alberta Williams ✓ | |
| 12. Detroit | ✓ Bessie Cain ✓ | |
| 13. Maximilian Denver | ✓ Nannie Wells ✓ | |
| 14. Fort Worth | Hudnall, Claralyn ✓ <i>Lyon</i> | |
| 15. Houston | ✓ Louise Myers ✓ | |
| 16. Indianapolis | Madeline Miller ✓ | |

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 V.C.
 E.M.B.

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| <u>AUXILIARY</u> | <u>DELEGATES</u> | <u>MEMBERS</u> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------|
| 17. Jacksonville | ✓ Daisy Davis ✓ | |
| 18. New Jersey | ✓ Georgia Boone ✓ | |
| 19. Kansas City | Mattie Bigham ✓ | |
| 20. Indianapolis Louisville | Addie Thomas ✓ | |
| 21. Los Angeles | ✓ Arie Walker ✓ | |
| 22. Memphis | ✓ Lula Gibson ✓ | |
| 23. Minneapolis | Leota Perkins ✓ | |
| 24. Montgomery | ✓ Agerean Braswell ✓ | |
| 25. Nashville | ✓ D. D. Phillips ✓ | |
| 26. New Orleans | Susanna Lester | |
| 27. New York | ✓ Ada Dillon ✓ | |
| 28. Norfolk | ✓ Prody K4 ✓ | |
| 29. Oakland | ✓ Ardella Nutall ✓ | |
| 30. Oklahoma City | Lessie Bennett | |
| 31. Omaha | ✓ Iola England ✓ | |
| 32. Pittsburgh | ✓ Florence Ball-Jones ✓ | |
| 33. Philadelphia | ✓ Lillian Collins ✓ | |
| 34. Portland | | |
| 35. Richmond | | |



AUXILIARY

DELEGATES

MEMBERS

36. San Antonio

Ella Williams

37. St. Paul

✓ Ella Archer ✓

38. St. Louis

Lela M. Lee

39. Seattle

✓ A. Fletcher Booth ✓

40. Shreveport

✓ Estelle Wilson

41. Tampa

✓ ~~Berninah Hadley~~ Ads Stevens (att)

42. Toronto Pullman

✓ Reba Fleming ✓

43. Washington

Bernese Williamson ✓

44. San Antonio TP

Letona Ross

J Fields

45. St. Louis TP

Mary Lee Davis

46. Richmond Local #6

47. Vancouver

Maude Field

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September 10, 1946

Mrs. Mary E. Jackson
206 East 53rd Street #1
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Member:

This is to inform you that your application for membership in the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary was accepted at its regular meeting on the afternoon of September 5. The Auxiliary is taking this opportunity to extend a cordial welcome and the hope that it will have the pleasure of becoming better acquainted in the very near future.

The Auxiliary is making its final arrangements for receiving the convention delegates who will begin coming in toward the end of the week. You are urged to come out and meet the visitors and to participate in the many affairs that have been planned. The outstanding events are as follows -- the huge Mass Meeting, September 15th, DuSable High School; the opening of the Auxiliary's convention, Monday, September 16th, 10:00 A.M.; and the Reception Tuesday evening at the Corpus Christi Center, 46th and South Parkway. Also, the Brotherhood's dance at the Savoy Ballroom Thursday evening. Additional announcements will be made throughout the convention activities. The convention will be held at the Metropolitan Community Church, 4100 South Parkway.

Regular Auxiliary meetings -- first Thursday at 1:00 P.M. and third Thursday at 8:00 P.M., Brotherhood headquarters, 3456 South State Street, 5th floor.

Fraternally yours,

Malena Wilson
President

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Louisville, Ky.
Sept 11th 1946

My dear Mrs Wilson
in some way, our mother
our credentials have got lost.
I am asking that you please
mail some at once so I can
have Mrs Hughes to fill
them out before I leave
I hope to see you Monday.
Wish you a Grand
convention.
Yours truly
Addie M. Thomas
646 So. 21. St.

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Sept-11-1946

Dear Sister Wilson:

I have not received the money for my Convention expense, finding that I would be unable to get reservations, if I waited too long; So last week, my husband bought my transportation & reservations - I was sure it ^{the money} would get here before it was time to leave. It hasn't up to 8 A.M. today.

I am leaving here tomorrow evening on the Californian and will arrive in Chicago Sunday morning. I feel confident that this matter will be adjusted on my arrival in Chicago.

much love,

Fraternally,
Letitia Murray

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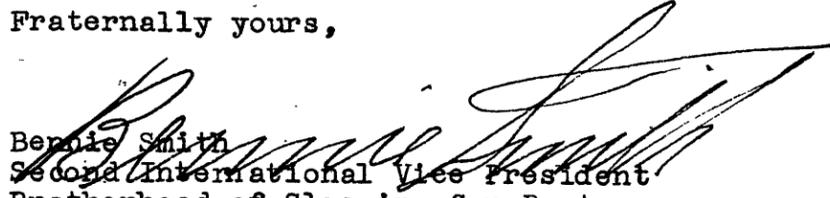
Mrs. Halena Wilson
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Ladies Auxiliary to
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3456-58 So. State Street - 5th Floor
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Will you kindly convey to your Convention
Assemble my sincere greetings and pledge of
my continued support and cooperation of the
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleep-
ing Car Porters.

With kindest personal regards, permit me to
remain

Fraternally yours,


Bennie Smith
Second International Vice President
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September 13, 1946

Mrs. Helena Wilson, Int'l. President
Ladies Auxiliary to the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
o/o Metropolitan Community Church
41st at South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Wilson:

It is with much pleasure that I take this opportunity to extend greetings and goodwill to the delegates and friends assembled in the 5th Biennial Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary.

I have contracted a most religious veneration for the fine and noble work you have set your ship a sail. I know something of the troubles that beset you. However, it is well within the bounds of conservative statement to say that you will bring your ship safely to port, for it requires no extraordinary perception to discern that you are capable, with knowledge and experience, to hold the Brotherhood fulfil its mission of bringing greater security and happiness to our members and to create a world of equality for all.

In anticipation of attending a few of your sessions, I am

Fraternally yours,

Benjamin F. McLaurin
Int'l. Field Organizer

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To the International President, Sister Halena Wilson, Officers and Delegates
to the Fifth Biennial Convention of the International Ladies Auxiliary to the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,

Greetings:

It is a pleasure, a duty and an honor to send a few words of congratulation and goodwill to you from the Eastern Zone of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, in recognition and appreciation of the splendid progress made by the Auxiliaries throughout the country under the able, conscientious and progressive leadership of your International President, Sister Wilson, for the efficient work of your International Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Rosina Tucker, and for the capable way in which the International and Local Officers and members have given good stewardship in their respective spheres.

The local Auxiliaries are finding an honored place in the various cities in which they are located, as the International Organization finds itself in the labor world, because of the social and civic work rendered in the betterment of the community and their cooperative efforts in progressive movements.

In this Fifth Biennial Convention, may harmony, justice and tolerance mark your proceedings as you plan and legislate for a bigger and better union to serve its members, the labor movement, a greater America and a united world.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thomas Patterson".

Thomas Patterson
Eastern Zone Supervisor

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THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS=

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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Marquette Room

Detroit, Michigan
Sept. 14, 1946

Dear Sis Wilson, Intl. Officers & members of the L. A. to the B. & C. P. I am sorry that I can not be with you in this convention, as I have been looking forward to it since the Cleveland Convention. Nevertheless I am sending by Sis Cain our delegate my impression of the University of Wisconsin School for workers!

I really don't know where to begin because it was all so wonderful. The campus and buildings were so very beautiful, and the breeze from Lake Mendota was grand for sleeping nights. But I was mostly impressed with the director of the school, Mr. Schwartz-traber and other members of the faculty. They did everything to make our stay there an enjoyable one. There was an air of

friendliness even among the
people of madison. you felt
welcome in the churches, and
their places of business. Friend-
ship is something we should
cherish, and I feel I found many
friends among the faculty and
students at the Univ. of wis. school
for workers.

I believe that the faculty of any
school has a lot to do with
the impression one gets of ~~the~~^{that} school,
and I can truthfully say that Mr.
Schwartztraber, and the best of the
faculty were the best.

The courses offered were inter-
esting and taught by some of the
most talented instructors in the
country, and the Detroit local feel
we will benefit greatly from what
I have brought them from madison.

I wish to thank each and everyone
of you that was responsible for my
going to the Univ. of wis. school for

Workers.

Respectfully Submitted

Marguerite C. Rouse

Secy. Gen.
Detroit

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September 14, 1946

Mrs. Helena Wilson,
International President,
The Ladies Auxiliary to the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,
Fifth Biennial Convention,
4100 South Parkway, Chicago.
Dear Mrs Wilson -

Greetings to your officers and delegates attending your Fifth Biennial Convention meeting in Chicago. I recall attending your first convention when you were organizing your International Auxiliary and that meeting was here in Chicago too. You were a small group then but a determined group making a good start and because you have built well you have been successful and are to be congratulated on your splendid organization and the fine work you have done.

As you know I have been ill for a month and just getting able to be around and that is the reason I am sending this written greeting instead of giving it to your delegates in person and would so much like to do. We appreciate having your International as an affiliate of our National League and your Chicago Auxiliary with our local league and you on our Board.

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I hope your convention will reiterate your
opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment.
It was defeated at the close of the 79th Congress
in the Senate but the sponsors will continue
to press for its passage and try to mislead
the new members of Congress to support
it. We want your members to know
that the fight is not over. If that amendment
is adopted it will, as your delegates
know, destroy the separate protection labor
laws for women.

Wishing you a most successful
convention and with all good wishes, I am

Fraternally yours
Agnes Nestor
President.

P R O G R A M

of the

FIFTH BIENNIAL CONVENTION OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS
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3456 South State Street, 5th Floor

September 15-20th, 1946

OPENING SESSION

Monday, September 16th

10:00 Call Convention to order by Milton P. Webster, Chicago
Zone Supervisor
Invocation
Introduction of International President, A. Philip Randolph

10:30 Report to the Convention by International President

11:00 Appointment of Committees

11:30 Address by Charles Sherman, Director of Labor Relations,
Anti-Defamation League

12:00 Address by member of Cooperative League

12:30 Adjournment

Luncheon 12:30-2:00

SECOND SESSION

2:00 p.m.

2:00 Report of Credential Committee
Address by Max Delson, Labor Attorney of the Workers
Defense League

2:30 Address by John Hargroves, Labor Relations Advisor,
Office of Price Administration

2:45 Report by Ashley L. Totten, International Secretary-
Treasurer

3:15 Report by the Chairman of the International Executive
Board

Adjournment

THIRD SESSION

Tuesday, September 17th

10:00 Report of Committees

12:00 Address by William Kennedy, Chairman, Railroad
Retirement Board

12:30 Adjournment

Luncheon 12:30-2:00

FOURTH SESSION

2:00 p.m.

2:00 One minute silent prayer for the deceased Brotherhood
officials and members
Report of Committees
Adjournment

FIFTH SESSION

Wednesday, September 18th

10:00 Report of Committees
Report on FEPC by Milton P. Webster, International
Vice-President
Adjournment

Luncheon 12:30-2:00

SIXTH SESSION

2:00 p.m.

2:00 Suspension of Rules for the Election of Officers
Report of Committees

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| SEVENTH SESSION | Thursday, September 19th |
| 10:00 | Report of Committees |
| 12:30 | Adjournment |
| | Luncheon 12:30-2:00 |
| EIGHTH SESSION | 2:00 p.m. |
| 2:00 | Report of Committees |
| | Adjournment |
| 4:00 | Conference for Pullman Car Cleaners and Yard Forces Reports from representatives of the Pullman Car Cleaners and Yard Forces and Brotherhood officials. |

HALENA WILSON
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

LADIES AUXILIARY
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

MASS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 1946

In addressing you this afternoon it is for the purpose of calling attention to the aims, the principles and the responsibilities of the Ladies Auxiliary to the organized labor movement.

Not a great deal is known about the Auxiliary generally, because its program is less controversial, and because its activities are far less spectacular than those of its parent organization. But, regardless of these differences, time has established the importance and the necessity of the particular contributions that have been and are being made by women relatives of organized labor's real or potential members.

And yet, if organized labor could engage in its many activities without interrupting the family income, or without occasionally jeopardizing the well-being of the home, it is highly probable that non-working women would have no particular interest in an occasion such as this. But, it is because homes have been disrupted, and it is because hundreds of thousands of wives and mothers have learned from experience that the fate of organized labor determines very largely the fate of their homes, are reasons for women becoming a part of the labor movement and are reasons for women to learn more about the why and wherefor of an organization that has such a far-reaching effect upon their general well-being.

One of the more important facts about the Auxiliary is that it was first organized for the purpose of conditioning the minds of women, and to gain their support, their goodwill and their cooperation without which the efforts of organized labor would have been far less successful. For one of the

strange contradictions of organized labor is that it oftentimes brings distress and unhappiness to the very persons it wants most to protect. Therefore, if these persons who are the wives and mothers do not understand and are not willing to accept the set-backs that sometime occur, the labor movement would not only find itself being opposed by its member's employer, but it would find itself in the position of having to overcome the opposition of their women relatives as well. So, it is that the Auxiliary is not a magnanimous gesture on the part of organized labor, but it is a very important and necessary part of its over-all program.

In being more specific, the local auxiliaries to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters had its inception in New York City soon after the Brotherhood was organized in 1925, which was at a time when the labor movement was as new, as unpopular and as suspect with the women relatives of Brotherhood members, as it was with the women relatives of union members of 40 or 50 years ago.

Therefore, it was not unusual or out of the ordinary for the Brotherhood's auxiliary to have encountered the same difficulties and the same problems as those experienced by all other auxiliaries at the beginning of their organizational activities.

The International Auxiliary was organized in this city just 8 years ago this month. Only 27 auxiliaries were presented at the Auxiliary's first convention whereas 58 auxiliaries from Canada and the United States will be represented at the Auxiliary's 5th Biennial Convention when it convenes tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock.

In a comparatively short time the Brotherhood's auxiliary has developed a program that is preparing its members to make a worthwhile contribution to the over-all fight that is being waged to bring equal opportunities to

all persons who work for a living. Outstanding among the Auxiliary's activities is the Auxiliary's keen interest in all social and labor legislation, its endorsement of workers' education -- the International Auxiliary having granted 19 scholarship awards to the members of the local auxiliaries to attend the summer labor schools during the past 3 years, and the Auxiliary's active participation in the Consumers Cooperative Movement.

The more the Auxiliary learns about these subjects the more it is convinced that any real or lasting progress on the part of workers will have to come through intelligent group participation in the legislative, cooperative and organizational spheres of influence. Through organization the worker is placed in a position to raise his standard of living by improving his working conditions, by obtaining shorter hours of work, and by securing higher rates of pay. In the legislative sphere he is placed in a position to work for measures that are intended to improve his lot generally, such as working for national housing, health and other security measures, including a national fair employment practices commission, by working to destroy Bilboism and the Poll Tax -- just to mention a few.

Through cooperation workers are enable to spend to the best advantage the income that is realized through their combined organizational activities. Minorities, by pooling their earnings protect themselves from the middle man and other forces that make inroads into their limited resources. For example, the effectiveness of the pooling of funds was brought to my attention not so long ago. This involved an instance on the West Coast where a hotel was in the process of being erected. It was understood when the hiring of personnel was being considered that it had been decided to employ one particular racial group, but in the meantime, another group who desired those jobs called a meeting and as a result the latter

group raised something like \$100,000 for the purpose of purchasing stock in the new enterprise. When the time arrived to staff the hotel the group that had invested in the business went to the management and demanded jobs on the strength of their investment and as a result the \$100,000 determined which group received the jobs. So, it is with the 15 million Negroes in America who have million of dollars, which if pooled could be used as battering rams to break down the doors of prejudice and segregation that exist here in America for there is almost unlimited power in intelligently directed group spending.

In closing I should like on behalf of the Chicago Ladies Auxiliary, to extend a most cordial welcome to the visiting delegates, members and friends and to hope that much of a constructive nature will be realized from their several visits to this 5th biennial convention. Everything that the Chicago Division has is at their disposal and it is hoped again that when each of you depart that you will leave feeling that it was indeed good for you to have been here.

ADDRESS
of
PROFESSOR E. E. SCHWARZTRAUBER
Director, Labor School
University of Wisconsin

International Ladies Auxiliary
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
5th Biennial Convention
Chicago, Illinois
September 16, 1946

Madam Chairman, President of the International, Friends and
Delegates.

I, of course, have deep sympathy for your Chairman trying to get
over to you the name of mine. If you were to come to the University of
Wisconsin, you would not be troubled with that, because our students
call me by my first name as perhaps some of your representatives at our
School will tell you.

I feel it a great honor to be asked to appear before your group.
I am very much interested in your organization for all that it means in
the intelligent leadership it has and the intelligence with which you
have approached this whole question of the organization and unionization
of your own delegates and your own membership in your respective
communities.

Then too, I am interested in being here because you have sent so
many excellent students to Madison in the past two years. This past
year I think there were more than twice the number of the year before,
which is an indication, I think, that the results must have been good.
We are hearing about it. So I am happy for that reason, too, to be
here. I want to assure you from our faculty's own evaluation of those
you selected to come here last year and this year, that the group
was very excellent and they did an excellent job in their work with us.

There is another reason I am interested in your auxiliary. You are, as I take it, almost entirely, aren't you, the wives of the men who give those fine services on the railroads. It has been one of my duties to do a considerable amount of traveling, and whenever possible, I have always taken the opportunity to talk with the porter. I could sit back in the smoker when the porter was not busy and talk with him, and I always found this to be true- and I am not merely handing bouquets because it might seem appropriate - that I have never met a more intelligent and wide awake group of men than the Pullman porters I have met on the railroads.

I want now to go on into a brief discussion of our workers' education program and why we have such a program at the University of Wisconsin. But I cannot do this without first some comments on the serious times in which we live. You, as everyone else, must realize that we are living in one of the most terrible periods in the history of mankind. With the discovery of the atom bomb and its potential uses, we are at a stage in civilization which is very much like that stage of civilization when man first discovered fire. We are at a turning point in history, and what mankind does in the coming few years is going to determine whether we look forward for our children to one of the greatest outlets of creative human energy in history, or whether we are going to see our civilization go down in ruin. I don't believe most of us really think the latter could happen, but if any of you have read a recent series of articles in "The Chicago Sun" or have listened to the radio on the effect of the bomb on Hiroshimo, you will, I think, appreciate what I mean.

As a member of the white race speaking to you of the Negro race, I must add this out of a very deep conviction. The white race in the past twenty five centuries has been the dominant race in the world. From the time civilization crossed over from Asia into Greece about 600 B.C., the white race has been dominant. It has been an exploiting race. It has dominated and exploited the Asiatic people and those of Africa. It brought your ancestors to this country and exploited them nor has the exploitation ended. As a result of those long centuries of domination, the white race is in danger of what always happens to those who have unlimited power. A poison seeps into the life of such a people which makes it impossible for them to see the direction in which they are going. There develops an arrogance, a domineering attitude which makes men willing, without understanding that they are unjust, to trample under foot the rights of minorities, the rights of those over whom they govern.

I think we are suffering in America today because of the poison developed by slavery and the poison continuing to arise out of the lynching atrocities that have since then been committed in the South and the subtler atrocities that are committed in the North - all pressing down and the keeping within narrow frustrated limits, your peoples who have such great capacities and creative energies.

This which we of the white race are doing is, I think, the great danger that faces the world today, because it is making us whites blind, blinding us to what is happening in the world around us. Unless we discover that injustice against any people is dangerous, unless we awake to the need for change, we are going headlong into another world catastrophe.

I am concerned, as Pearl Buck has often warned in her writings, at what may happen within, say, the coming century. It is quite conceivable, if the western world continues its suicidal resort to wars, that we will become the dominated group. The colored peoples of the earth, are of greatly superior number to the white peoples of the earth. If, therefore, China, India and Africa become awakened and aroused as they are and we keep on following our stupid policies, the time could certainly come when the tables in history would again be turned and the colored races could start out on a process of world domination.

Now, I do not believe that any one race is capable of surviving as a dominant race and not being poisoned thereby, whether it is black or white or yellow; therefore the only hope for the future of mankind lies in the development of a cooperative Christian spirit of unity of all peoples, of all races. We must work out that sort of solution, That is the hope I have in the trade union movement, as well as in that other great hope, the church, To these two, cooperation is a basic process in human progress.

The trade union movement, to which you belong through your auxiliary, is a relatively recent one in our cuntry. In fact, it is only some sixty years old, but ^{it} has been developing most rapidly in the past two decades. Your own auxiliaries are increasing in your own international as it is among trade unions generally. That is to me one of the most hopeful things in the present situation. As I see it then, the only hope for the growth of a more democratic and just society tomorrow is, as I have said, in what the church and the trade union movement may do to make it so.

Now, it so happens I am a worker in both the church and organized labor, though my vocation is in the trade union movement as a director of an educational project at the University of Wisconsin, and the job I have there is encouraging workers from all over the United States, as well as from Wisconsin, to come together to study their problems, not merely those immediate ones of wages and hours and conditions, but the long range problems of "where do we go from here?" - "what is coming tomorrow?" Unless workers, unless your auxiliaries in the trade union movement, concern yourselves not merely with day by day wages but also with long range policies, there isn't going to be very much to hope for from the trade union movement in the long run. In Germany, the tragedy of organized labor was chiefly its concern only with day by day problems and when the great unemployment period came in Germany, the trade union movement had no program to meet it. Hitler came and filled the vacuum and labor was destroyed." That is the danger in America, that unless the trade union movement thinks not only of now but of tomorrow, sometime when a great depression comes, as I am afraid it may, there may be a vacuum into which some Huey Long or some type of an American Hitler will come promising the moon to the workers and then the worst could happen to our American democratic life.

I haven't much fear of Communism conquering America if we build a just America - just to all within it. I have a great fear of Fascism moving in, as it did in Germany, supported by great industrial groups, afraid of the trade union movement and frightened perhaps by what it might demand if another severe depression came.

So our job at the University of Wisconsin is to bring workers and their wives together there for the two reasons: one, helping them to understand their problems in collective bargaining, their problems as consumers, and problems of their relation to the community. All these are immediate problems that you and the unions have to face. Then there is another, a long range problem, a part of which has to do with race relations, which I consider of extreme importance. I bring this matter up at this point. I know you are concerned about the relation between blacks and whites in the trade union movements. We know there is a great deal of discrimination among the unions against Negroes. I have attended a number of conventions of the American Federation of Labor. I have seen A. Philip Randolph walk down the aisle up to the platform to make his yearly plea in the way that only A. Philip Randolph can do it, that the American Federation of Labor should give attention to this question of race discrimination in unions, and nothing fundamental has yet been done to answer his plea. However, at the last convention I attended, it seemed that, comparing it with previous ones, a change is taking place and that the workers in their trade unions, are beginning to see that there must be some way of bringing about real unity between Negroes and the whites in the labor movement.

So it is that what I am concerned about in our school is that when our School is in session at Madison we have a good representation from your and many other Negro organizations. You were well represented this year. In fact, of the five hundred and seventeen students that came for the 1946 summer institutes, at least fifty

were Negroes. That is a larger number than the previous year. The significances of it is this. When the workers are at School in Madison, as some of your own representatives will indicate, they live together, they eat together, they go to classes together, they play together. Something happens to people when they live together. We do not have courses in race relations. I am more and more dubious about the value of giving courses in which we talk about the problems of the Negroes and the whites. We have had some unfortunate experiences where we tried to have special conferences on the race issue in unions. A white delegation from one city at one of these conferences said, "Oh no, you don't get us to go to that meeting. You can't push anything down our throats on this question." There we failed. We have discovered, and I am coming to the conclusion we are right, that the best way to approach race issues in our School is not to talk about them but to meet them in the way we live and practice our principles. It is amazing what happens in worker attitudes under such circumstances. For six weeks of the past summer we had as one of our teachers a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin this past winter. He is a Professor of Economics at West Virginia State College, which, as you know, is the School for Negroes in West Virginia. For six weeks he taught courses in labor history and labor problems. Now, when you remember that we have delegations of workers from all over the country, including the South, and that when they come and have a Negro as their teacher, we are getting somewhere, it seems to me. In only one instance did a student walk out on this teacher. That one was sent here from Latin America and was not a worker but a government official.

I could give you story after story of people who came from the deep South and changed in their race attitudes at the end of a two week period - you know workers come for only two weeks at a time. At the end of each two week period, we have an evaluation meeting where students and faculty discuss results. At one evaluation meeting that I am thinking of in particular a young man from Louisiana got up and said "Well, I have come to the conclusion there is only one way for us to treat one another, of whatever race, and that is to treat one another as equal Americans." That is the sort of thing we have seen happen again and again.

I think you see now what our program is. I shall not take much more of your time except to add a bit to what your Chairman of the Educational Committee has stated about our School's existence, since 1925. Our school started as a school for working girls, none of whom with the exception of four were trade unionists. This last year, of our total of men and women enrolled, only two were not trade unionists except those enrolled in the Church Leadership Institute who, of course, do not have a trade union. But this period of growth, some 22 years now, is bringing us to a point where we are beginning to see the results in our own state of Wisconsin and to hear and observe results in other states. Among the unions, among your own groups I am hearing what is happening - so we do know that we are helping you in your problems. Not only are we at Wisconsin in this work but there is an increasing number of colleges and universities that are going into the field of workers' education to set up programs of the sort that we have at Madison. That should make for real development in the labor movement.

I think I shall leave very largely the rest of the story to your own delegates who will tell you about the environment, the teachers, the courses of study and their own actual experiences. So let me turn to other problems if workers' education is to serve its purpose. As I said in the beginning I am very much concerned about the future. I am concerned particularly that trade unionists see the importance of the work ahead just as you as an auxiliary in your own union has a great work to perform. I know some auxiliaries in some unions that are merely card party groups. They do not have a program of action, they meet occasionally to raise a little money by card parties and games, etc. and enjoy a social evening, which is perfectly all right so far as it goes. But in these days when the world is on the brink of catastrophe, it is a sad state of affairs for either men or women not to have something definite and positive planned in the way of study and work in their own groups, toward a better unionism, a better community and a better world generally.

Your auxiliary does have a program and as you expand it I hope you continue to send your members up to the School for Workers so that they can come back to help you expand your program of study and activities.

A program needs a leadership. It does not require experts but rather some one with spirit and determination and persistence to gather together groups of women to study international and domestic problems. It is amazing what you can do among your own groups just by getting some pamphlets and studying, for instance, the problem of international cartels and monopolies and their danger to our country and to the world. You hear a great deal about tariff problems as they affect

foreign trade. International problems may seem too difficult to attempt to understand. But you and all other citizens must learn how close home they come to you.

Then we have domestic problems: housing, race tensions, inflation and the like - all of these coming right down to your local community levels, that you ought to be studying. The only hope for America is that we all become intelligently aware of what is going on and at least be able to go to the polls in November and indicate to our representatives who are going to Congress and our respective state legislatures what they ought to do as we see it.

These are, it seems to me, some of the objectives of a workers' Educational Program for your locals. And of course they should not exclude one of your chief objectives of helping your own Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in their own struggles. I am pleased to see that you have a strong organization that can do all these things. I know, as you do, that the struggles of a union for better conditions can be hindered or its troubles can be solved, depending upon the attitude of the wives, as in the case of a strike or other difficulties.

Then I think there is another area we just haven't solved or gone into yet as a labor movement, and that is educating our children in trade union loyalty. In the public schools our children grow up and are trained usually by teachers who do not understand what the labor movement is. By the time they have completed their schooling, they have been isolated from the whole spirit of the labor movement, that movement that your own husbands are a part of and are helping to build. So there again is a job that you people can tackle and in some way develop programs that will help to bring the children into an understanding of the labor movement.

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Well, Madam Chairman, I think I have taken as much time as I should. I appreciate very much this opportunity to talk with you today and I am now going to have the pleasure of listening to some of those who have been up to our School and then if there are any questions any of you should like to ask afterwards I should be very glad to answer them.

Thank you!

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A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS

International Ladies Auxiliary
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
5th Biennial Convention
Chicago, Illinois
September 16, 1946

International President, Mrs. Wilson, International Vice Presidents,
Officers and Delegates to the Fifth Biennial Convention of the Ladies
Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

I bring you greetings from the Fifth Biennial Convention of the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters which is now in session. I want
to convey to you the congratulations of the brotherhood convention for
your fine and splendid organization, for the constructive and brilliant
achievements you have made during your eventful history.

I need not tell you that the process of getting the men educated
to recognize the necessity and value and importance of the Ladies Auxiliary
was one that took a bit of time, but the men have now come to the
realization of the fact that your organization does not exist as a
gesture, but as a necessity. They understand now that your organization
is an institution in the brotherhood movement, that it is as in-
dispensable as the men's organization, and that in the long history
and bitter struggle for workers in America and throughout the world,
that the women have played a noble and effective role in winning
victories for the workers and building a labor movement of power,
of credit, of significance and courage.

So I am happy, indeed, to have the opportunity to appear here and share in your affairs because of the great and fine spirit that is reflected in your midst. I am proud of your leadership. I am proud of your program. No other single organization among women, either black or white, is carrying on a more constructive and fundamental educational program than yours. It is to your credit that in the field of workers education you are leading the men and the men have much to learn from the work that you are doing in giving the people understanding of the principles, program and philosophy of organized labor, and also of the cooperative movement and as to what they mean, not only to the Negro people but to the world.

We are living in a time of great storm and stress. The whole world is in a condition of uncertainty and unpredictability, and, as a matter of fact, nobody really knows what is in the offing, what the future holds, but we do know that if we remain united on a sound, sane, sober and fundamental program, that we will be moving in the right direction toward the goal that will bring a better world for all men and women.

So I am greatly concerned that your organization will display as it has in the past that sense of unity and harmony that alone can make for progress, and that the men will understand and realize that the reins of organizational leadership are in hands that are steady, and that you will move forward to the goal that lies ahead, *That a goal which* means for the Negro workers, *in particular* and the world, *in general,* ~~in particular~~ the abolition of illiteracy, the abolition of superstition, and the creation of the kind and type of world that will mean *better* relations

between the races and nations and peoples that will constitute the freedom and democracy that alone will make men happy.

And so my dear sisters, I want to say to you that I have not been a part of any movement in my entire life in which I get a greater thrill, a greater sense of exaltation, a greater sense of service, and a greater sense of loyalty and devotion to ideals and principles than the Ladies Auxiliary. I am proud of you. I am proud of your spirit and vision because of what it means to the Negro people, not only in America but throughout the world.

President and Officers, I want to bid you onward and forward and upward. The future belongs to the people. The future belongs to the common people. The future belongs to the disinherited ~~people but~~ ~~the~~ peoples whose hearts are sound and pure and whose hearts are devoted and dedicated and consecrated to the cause of a better world, a world of peace, of democracy, of freedom and plenty.

I thank you very much for this opportunity to be here and to meet you and may I say that your affairs here have been a credit. Last night ~~it was a feature that~~ ^{your reception} gave one a thrill to look at the beautiful women assembled in the hall, and there was such grace and dignity and beauty that it made one's heart expand with a great deal of egoism - that is the men - to know that they had women of such fine quality and excellence.

So my dear ladies and sisters, I feel very close to you because of the fact when the Brotherhood started I told the men we must organize the women now. We can't wait, because if we wait it may be too late

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and you have justified that move. Your leadership has intelligence, it has devotion, consecration, loyalty, understanding and ability and courage and that is what it takes in order to carry a struggle on to a successful conclusion, and so forward, onward and upward.

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Dear Miss Wilson:

I was delighted and highly honored when asked recently to be chairman of the National Committee of Sponsors of the Workers Defense League's luncheon in honor of Dr. Frank P. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina.

The occasion is the presentation to Dr. Graham of the League's annual Clendenin award for distinguished service in behalf of labor's rights. The award, in the form of a plaque, will be given to Dr. Graham Saturday, November 2nd, 12:30 p.m., at a luncheon held in conjunction with the Tenth Anniversary Conference of the Workers Defense League, at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York.

The award has gone in the past to Senator Robert M. La Follette, John F. Finerty, A. Philip Randolph, and Rev. James Myers.

Dr. Graham warmly merits the award - for more services to labor and all humanity than can be recorded here. He has been in the forefront of every struggle for labor's democratic rights in the South. Through years of active work with the National Sharecroppers Fund he has contributed much to the campaign to improve conditions of Negro and white sharecroppers and tenant farmers. He has opened the University of North Carolina to labor institutes, an innovation in the South. He has pioneered for adequate federal aid to education, so vital to the cause of equal justice to labor and minorities. He is a tower of strength to all concerned with the improvement of our democracy and opposed to every form of totalitarianism.

Thus I am sincerely happy to invite you to be one of the National Committee of Sponsors of this testimonial to Dr. Frank P. Graham. May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,

Eduard C. Lindeman



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To mark these ten momentous years the League will publish an Anniversary Journal containing articles by prominent educators, liberals and unionists. It is to be distributed to 15,000 members and friends of the League in trade unions, church, educational, fraternal and minority groups in connection with the Tenth Anniversary Conference on November 2 at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City. The conference will be highlighted by a luncheon in honor of Dr. Frank P. Graham, president of the University of North Carolina.

We think you will want to convey a message of greeting to the WDL on behalf of your union, or a goodwill message on a problem of concern to the nation today, such as inflation, or one urging "Buy Union", or possibly one in support of a specific service or activity like a community service program. At the same time you will be advancing the work of the League. Advertising rates in the Journal range from \$200 a page and \$100 for a half page to \$12.50 for a sixteenth page. You will find a detailed schedule on the accompanying form.

We would appreciate your full cooperation in reserving space for your organization without delay. Remember: The fight of the Workers Defense League is the fight for your rights, for your existence.

Fraternally yours,

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Minneapolis Ladies Auxiliary

The Minneapolis Ladies Auxiliary had a membership of 39 in July of this year with 20 members paid up as of that date. There were nine reinstatements during the dispensation and a Treasury of \$157.11. This Auxiliary reported very gratifying educational activities which included both men and women speakers, current topic discussions and two scholarship awards during the past two years. The Auxiliary has retained its present official staff for a number of years and as a result is indicating much greater progress and stability than would be expected with too frequent changes. The Auxiliary is fortunate not to have had any deaths during this period.

St. Paul Ladies Auxiliary

Although no visit was made to the St. Paul Ladies Auxiliary during the two year period just ended the Auxiliary is found to be in excellent condition. In a statement of July 24th the Auxiliary reported a membership totaling 45. All appeared to be financial as of that date. Six reinstatements and 3 new members were obtained during the recent membership dispensation. The Auxiliary has contributed to the annual scholarship fund and has kept in close contact with its supervisor and has cooperated to the fullest with any plans or suggestions that have been submitted. The Secretary-Treasurer reported \$150.03 in Treasury and a bright outlook for the Auxiliary's future. No deaths were reported.

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Denver Ladies Auxiliary

While it has been quite some time since my last visit to the Denver Ladies Auxiliary it is gratifying to report the many activities and the strong financial condition of this group. Educationally, the Denver Auxiliary has an enviable record. The splendid work done in policing and checking prices during wartime controls under OPA, earned this group special recognition by that agency. So outstanding was the work of the women in this division that its representatives were placed in charge of the sugar rationing board and they were called upon to take the lead in many other control activities. This Auxiliary recently organized a Consumers' Cooperative Buying Club and has been fortunate enough to apply and receive two scholarship awards thereby preparing itself for greater trade union activities. The Auxiliary reports 11 new members, one reinstatement, a total membership of 87 but with quite a few unfinancial. The Auxiliary has purchased two \$75.00 war bonds and reports over \$500.00 in its treasury. There have been no deaths.

Detroit Ladies Auxiliary

The Detroit Auxiliary has made steady progress during the past two years, During my visit to this Auxiliary about two years ago it was noticed that the few who were in the Auxiliary at that time were anxious to build and to progress, and it was felt that this eagerness would cause the group to forge ahead once the members receive a clearer understanding of what was expected of them. Today the membership has increased, the Auxiliary is alert to its opportunities having submitted two or three members for scholarship awards during the past three years and having received two awards. It has contributed very generously for an Auxiliary its size to the Scholarship Fund. It has cooperated in every way possible with the Intl. Auxiliary and the future outlook for this groups continues to be bright. The Auxiliary has well over \$200.00 in its treasury and a paid up membership of 33 as of July 31st.

Oklahoma City Ladies Auxiliary

The July report of the Oklahoma City Ladies Auxiliary showed a total membership of 20. While no visit has been made to this district for the past several years it was deeply gratifying to learn that the officers had retained their fighting spirit and that the faithful few were as imbued today with the principles for which the organization stands as they were during my first visit to that city more than five years ago. Too much credit cannot be given the President and her faithful co-workers for the firm stand they have taken and for their unwaivering determination to carry on despite the many obstacles they still are having to surmount. The International Auxiliary wishes to commend all who are working for the success of the Auxiliary's program in this district and to commend them for the vision,

determination and understanding with which they are pursuing that objective. *all financial contributions have been met including a contribution to the Scholarship fund. Mention Scholarship Contributions*

Cincinnati Ladies Auxiliary Pullman

The July report of the Cincinnati Pullman Auxiliary revealed that district to be in better condition than at any time during the past several years. There has been a number of new members and a general response that is very encouraging. Numerous letters have been written to Cincinnati as to many other of the smaller districts in the hope of infusing new determination and of reaching the one goal for which the International Auxiliary constantly strives and that is to impart a clearer understanding of the tremendous importance of the program that has been adopted for the guidance and protection for the Organization's members in particular and minority groups in general. The exact data of this Auxiliary was not available when this report was arranged. Do no doubt to some matters in need of adjustment and to the new officers becoming familiar with the duties of their respective offices.

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Toronto Pullman

The Toronto Pullman Auxiliary has shown much progress since its Biennial report in 1944. The Auxiliary's recent news item to the BLACK WORKER contained an account of many wholesome and profitable activities under the direction of one or more of its members. This is a small group but there is evidently a very active membership since the financial report shows a total balance of well over One Hundred Dollars and a petty cash fund that is kept at a stipulated amount for immediate working purposes. This is considered a good arrangement since such a fund prevents loss of time and many other inconveniences.

It is indeed gratifying to see these small groups respond so splendidly and especially to the extent of defraying the expenses of their Convention delegate over such long distances. This and similiar groups are to be highly recommended and it is hoped that all will continue to press onward. *all financial obligations have been met to date.*

Indianapolis Ladies Auxiliary

The Indianapolis Ladies Auxiliary has done extremely well all things considered. There has been good leadership in this Auxiliary but not the membership response that is needed to develop a strong organizational spirit. It is felt however that this group will eventually rise above the obstacles that now impede its progress. The Auxiliary has had several outstanding public affairs which proved successful from a financial point of view. It has contributed annually to the scholarship fund. Has sent a delegate each year to the Convention and has in all other ways met its obligations to the International Auxiliary. It has a good sized treasury and with a little more cooperation and understanding could occupy an enviable position in its city even-though it is small in numbers. *by*

The program that has been presented by the International Auxiliary is intended to place the members of the local Auxiliaries a position of leadership in all instances where it is intended to bring liberation and improvement to humanity as a whole.

PITTSBURGH LADIES AUXILIARY

A report dated August 7th was received from the Pittsburgh Ladies Auxiliary giving an outline of its activities for the past two years. The report indicated more than half the total membership as being financial. Letters had been sent to all members who were in arrears during the recent dispensation, however, the response was not as gratifying as it might have been. The Auxiliary was reported as having been active in the OPA to the extent of several of its members attending special meetings, and that the Auxiliary had participated in OPA discussions during the regular Auxiliary meetings. These activities were said to have been quite interesting.

Annual contributions have been made to the Scholarship Fund even though there has been no desire on the part of the members to take advantage of the opportunity to apply for a scholarship award.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported a treasury of more than \$100 and the Pittsburgh Auxiliary, the same as almost all others, is much stronger financially than it was two years ago. No deaths have occurred in the auxiliary during 1945 and 1946.

COLUMBUS LADIES AUXILIARY

The Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is at present recovering from a rather trying experience. For sometime past there has been a feeling of unrest in this auxiliary -- most of which was found to have been caused by a none too careful application of the Golden Rule. However, when the crisis arose there was found to be a healthy organizational spirit on the part of a few members, which would not allow them to turn aside when the auxiliary needed them most. As a result, there is every indication that the auxiliary will emerge, perhaps stronger than it has been for quite

Scholarship fund - 76 PC + "Consult letters for contributions"

some time. Several new members have been obtained during the past few weeks, taxes have been paid and there was an expressed desire to keep the auxiliary intact and to comply fully with all future requirements. *The aux. ~~has~~ contributed \$ 5 to the scholarship fund and \$ 10 to the F.R.R.*

TORONTO CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILROAD AUXILIARY

A July report from Sister Mamie Willis, the former president of the Toronto CPR Auxiliary, and that of the secretary-treasurer, presents an interesting account of the auxiliary's activities for the past two years. ^a Of/total membership of 55 -- 35 were paid up as of the month of July. There was well over \$300 in the treasury at that time with all financial obligations having been discharged. The auxiliary has contributed \$60 to the Scholarship Fund and reported various amounts to local projects that were considered to be of a worthwhile nature, including participation in a banquet for Toronto's returned soldiers. A number of entertainments were reported from which gratifying sums were realized.

However, not much progress was reported with regards to the development of the educational program which is of far greater importance. A scholarship award was granted the auxiliary to the Hudson Shore Summer School for the year 1946, which it is hoped will result in greater educational activities on the part of the auxiliary as a whole. One death was reported in the passing of Sister Mable Turner.

WINNIPEG CPR AUXILIARY

The Winnipeg Ladies Auxiliary had not been heard from up to the time this report was prepared, however, there were periods during the past 2 years when this auxiliary engaged in a number of outstanding activities. Therefore, it is regretted that at least a part of the

auxiliary' efforts are not to be encouged in this report. It is felt, however, that this omission will not be repeated since the reports made by the International Zone Supervisor are permanent records of the degree of progress that is made by each auxiliary during the 2 year period between conventions.

CINCINNATI TRAIN PORTERS AUXILIARY

The Cincinnati Train Porters was organized in May of this year. There have been a number of communications sent to and received from this auxiliary since its inception and it is felt that a strong organizational spirit will eventually develop within this group owing to the number of members who are attending the present convention. Information and knowledge will be gained by these members that should be of great value to the auxiliary at a time when the auxiliary's program is new to officers and members alike.

LOUISVILLE AUXILIARY

The recent report of the Louisville Ladies Auxiliary indicates progress for the 2 years just ended. The auxiliary has done exceptionally well from a financial point of view and as a result has been in a position to make contributions to a number of civic and patriotic groups -- including contributions to a Memorial to Deceased Brotherhood members; the annual contributions to the International Scholarship Fund; to the FEPC, etc. The closest cooperation was reported here as elsewhere with regards to the FEPC activities in this and other cities. The convention tax is paid by all members who were financial as of August 30. The auxiliary played a prominent part in arranging outstanding public meetings during the respective visits of the International President of the Auxiliary and the International President of the Brotherhood. Present indications are that the educational activities of this division will soon keep pace with its other activities.

OMAHA AUXILIARY

The Omaha Ladies Auxiliary was found to be in good condition when visited in the Spring of 1945. The special meetings were well attended during which time the auxiliary program was thoroughly discussed and the much desired information given. The auxiliary has taken its collective obligations seriously over a long period of time and has been one of the strong pillars in the organizational structure of the International Ladies Auxiliary. The membership of this auxiliary remains more or less stable and it is felt that the future activities of this division will increase as time passes so as to include fuller participation in the Auxiliary's over-all educational program. *All financial & other matters have been met by this aux.*

CALGARY AUXILIARY

The Calgary Ladies Auxiliary was organized in 1945 by the International President and the 2nd International Vice President of the Brotherhood during a visit to that place. Many communications were sent to this group and the usual information and suggestions submitted with a request that the auxiliary write for any additional advice or instructions that might be needed, so as to clarify any questions arising in the minds of the officers or members.

Shortly after the auxiliary was organized an unfortunate incident occurred which caused the auxiliary to become inactive. Efforts were made to reconcile the members, but to no avail. Just what the auxiliary's present status is cannot be said, but a statement from the two Brotherhood officials who only recently returned from Calgary was to the effect that an adjustment had been affected and that the auxiliary would resume its activities. Immediate contact was made with this group, but there has been ^{no} ^{act} ^{ment} knowledge as to the present time.

KANSAS CITY AUXILIARY

The Kansas City Auxiliary has cooperated with the International Auxiliary to the fullest extent during the past 2 years. Financial reports have been submitted regularly and much time and efforts expended to submit the statements as accurately as possible. The general activities have been frequent enough as to hold the interest of the rank and file membership. This interest is reflected in the payment of dues, which has been more or less constant for the past several months. The financial condition of the auxiliary is good, which indicates that the morale of the auxiliary is good also. The convention tax is paid 100%. The auxiliary reports the passing of one member in the person of the late Sister Rossie Pressley. *All former obligations have been met by the auxiliary*

CLEVELAND AUXILIARY

The Cleveland Auxiliary continues to move forward under the capable leadership of its president, who evidently has the loyal support of her officers as well as the rank and file membership. The auxiliary has reported occasional educational activities, as well as several successful attempts to increase its finances. Several names have been added to the membership, including one re-instatement. Duplicate financial statements have been submitted regularly and all other obligations have been met as required by the International Auxiliary.

CHICAGO AUXILIARY

The Chicago Auxiliary has made much progress during the past 2 years, financially, numerically and educationally, with emphasis on the latter. The auxiliary has had very active Legislative, Current Topics, Educational, Membership, Ways and Means and special entertainment committees; and the

September 24, 1946

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

Would advise that you wait until I have discussed the New York situation with Brother Randolph before taking the action that was discussed in the International Executive Board meeting. Will write you as soon as it is clear how best to proceed.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson
International President

H:le

September 24, 1946

New York Ladies Auxiliary to the
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters
c/o Mrs. Sara D. Harper, Secy-Treasurer
33 West 136th Street
New York, New York

Dear Members:

The International President in considering the recent installation of officers in the New York Ladies Auxiliary has referred to the Constitution of the Brotherhood and to that of the Ladies Auxiliary, and can find no provision in either which prohibits a minister from installing the officers of the Ladies Auxiliary.

The Rules and Regulations for the Ladies Auxiliary states in part: "The influence or sympathy of the Ladies Auxiliary shall not be used either for or against any political or religious organization*****" See Article XXII. There is nothing in this article that would tend to invalidate the recent action that was taken regarding this matter. However, if a majority of the Auxiliary members feel there should be another installation to be held by some one other than a minister and if by so doing there is a likelihood of re-establishing peace and harmony, the Auxiliary is at liberty, under such circumstances, to act as it thinks best.

The International President in giving this opinion is not arraying herself for or against any individual, but is motivated by a sincere desire to see harmony restored in the New York Ladies Auxiliary.

Fraternally yours,

Helena Wilson
International President

HW:le
cc - Mrs. Katherine Lassiter
Mr. A. Philip Randolph
Mr. Ashley L. Totten

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September 24, 1946

To Trade Unions, City Central and State Federations of Labor,
Women's Trade Union Leagues and Committees and Auxiliaries

Greetings:-

The Interstate Conference of Women Trade Unionists and
Auxiliary Members, under the auspices of the Women's Trade Union
Leagues and Committees of Illinois and Wisconsin, will be held in
Chicago, at the Stevens Hotel, Friday evening and Saturday,
October 25 and 26. Your organization is entitled to three women
delegates.

This is the first Interstate Conference since 1944,
because due to war time restrictions and other conditions only
State Conferences were held. We should, therefore, have a well at-
tended Interstate Conference this year.

We will devote the most of the first two sessions to
reports of delegates so that we may have an exchange of information
regarding conditions and changes that have taken place during the
past two years and especially during the reconversion period.

There will be a luncheon meeting on Saturday, Oct. 26,
with outstanding speakers. The afternoon session will be devoted
to the changes needed in the Social Security Act, with time for
discussion. The plan for this Conference is to have few speakers,
so that we can have delegates' participation at the other meetings.
We want the delegates to get the most out of our meeting together
within this short time.

Registration of delegates will be taken Friday evening
at 7:30, and the meeting will open at 8 o'clock, and the Saturday
meeting at 10:00 A.M. Registration fee will be \$1.00. Enclosed
find reservation card for hotel room for delegates from outside of
Chicago. Return these as soon as the delegates are elected.

Trusting you will send your full representation of
three women delegates, we are

Fraternally yours,

Women's Trade Union League Interstate Conference
Committee

Agnes Nestor
Agnes Nestor,
Chairman

Martha Lange
Mrs. John Lange,
Secretary

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September 24, 1946

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

Dear Sister Lassiter:

The copy of the enclosed letter is being sent the New York Ladies Auxiliary so that the installation of officers may be disposed of in a satisfactory manner as possible. It is suggested that you encourage the members to act as they think best regarding the installation so that the differences of opinions may be brought to an end without any unnecessary delay.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson
International President

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Encl.

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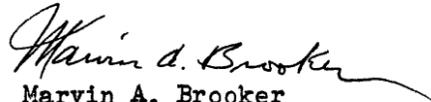
Miss Halena Wilson
International President
International Ladies Auxiliary
to the Brotherhood of Sleeping
Car Porters
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Miss Wilson:

We wish to acknowledge your wire of September 20
expressing the views of your organization relative to
the question on dairy products.

The members of the Board appreciate your cooperation
in presenting your comments to them.

Sincerely yours,


Marvin A. Brooker
Secretary to the Board

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September 30, 1946

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

Dear Sister Murray:

In checking through the various committee reports made during the 5th Biennial Convention of the Ladies Auxiliary that recently met in Chicago, I find I do not have a copy of the Co-operatives and Credit Unions' Committee report. As chairman of that committee will you kindly inform me where I may secure a copy of same.

Your cooperation in this matter is deeply appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

Lucille Edwards
Secretary to Mrs. Wilson

Tucson

Sept, 1946

**Report of The Ladies Aux. To The Brotherhood Of Sleeping
Car Porters, Tucson, Arizona, Division —**

On, Feb. 10⁴ 1944, the Ladies Aux. to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters Tucson, Division, was organized, with Sister A. Douglas ~~appointed~~ Acting Pres., Sis. M. Woods Acting Vice Pres., Sis. T. Shaffas Secretary, and Sis. A. Haynes, Treasurer. Bro. E. A. Woods was appointed, Counselor. At the time the Ladies became organized only Bro. and Sis. Woods knew anything about the Organization. The Ladies thought the organization was A Social Club.

A constitution was sent to the Secretary. Constitutions were ordered for 14 members, a charter, Application blanks and other materials needed were ordered, in April.

In May, 1944 an Election Bulletin was received from Headquarters. At this time an instance was cited about our going contrary to the Constitution. Article 22, Concerning Religion and Political. Sis. L. Murray, our Int. Vice-Pres, sent instructions by Bro Woods asking the Ladies to read their Constitutions. After some protest it was done. Because the ladies thought this was only A social club, other problems came up concerning persons eligible to join etc. Seven Members handed in their resignation to Sis. Murray who came to Tucson to speak to the Ladies, and try to get them straightened out.

Election of officers was had while Sis Murray was here.

Sis. M. Woods Pres. Sis. K. Walker, Vice-Pres. Sis. T. Shaffas Secy Treas. and Sis. O. Wallace Rec. Secy.

With seven members to work with Sis. Murray gave us encouraging words on ways to increase our membership. Sis. Murray told us of ways in which we could increase our treasure. Every one enjoyed having sis. Murray with us.

Ladies Aux. Tucson Div.

In Aug. 1944, three applications were received and voted on.

Sis M. Woods Pres. of the Ladies Aux. was elected Delegate to ^{with} National Convention.

~~Around~~ ^{decided to} ~~about this time~~, the Ladies started selling food ^{and} at the Elks rest Hall and were able to clear quite a nice sum for their treas. Waist Measuring Socials were given at the home of the Pres. Sis M. Woods,

The Ladies sold F.E.P.C. stamps in large numbers. In Feb. 1945, \$5.00 was sent to the Labor Library. In return the Int. Field Organizer Bro. B. Mc Laurin sent us A letter of Appreciation.

In April, 1945 two applications were received and voted on. Letters and Telegrams were sent to our State Senators urging their full support on F.E.P.C. A social was had to raise money for the School Fund, and all of the members were busy selling F.E.P.C. Stamps.

In May 1945, the ladies helped the Brothers to sponsor or sell tickets for their Dance on the 19th of June receiving 10 per cent of the money from the tickets the Ladies sold. The ladies sold food and gave the proceeds to the Brothers which was \$23.00.

Because of the severe heat only a few members remained in the City so meetings were not held. During the Summer the Bros. asked the Ladies to plan A joint Social inviting all Bros. wives, families and friends. The Joint Social was had at the Estevan Park Center with Mr. H. Payton who is over the Local Union Culinary workers, speaking on the importance of being in the Union. The speech was very interesting.

Refreshments were served and a short program was rendered. Games were played and the Photographer took pictures of the Bros., Ladies, and friends. This was in Dec. 1945.

In Jan. and Feb. 1946, the bros. and the Ladies had a series of joint meetings, and they were indeed interesting. The Ladies became enlightened on many of the problems that the brothers are confronted with, and they asked questions about the ladies aux. The importance was stressed to the Bros. in getting their families to join the Ladies Aux.

Because of the illness of some members, only call meetings could be held. During the past three months because of the intense heat and the absence of most of the members from the city meetings have been at a standstill.

Being election of officers was held, with the same persons being elected.

\$10.00 was sent to the School Fund this month of Sept., 1946.

Sister M. Woods, Pres.

Sister K. Walker, Vice, Pres.

Sister T. Shaffas Secy, Treas.

Sister O. Wallace, Rec. Secy.

*Mrs. Wood - is delegate
visitors from Tucson Div.
Kladye Haynes -
Annie Mae Melton*

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