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Chicago, Ill.  
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Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I know by this time Mr. Randolph has told you of the wonderful meeting we had here Sunday, so I will not dwell on that at this time.

I hope you received the list of names I sent to you by Brother White. Here are a few more. Lee Hartwell. No 1926 card. Number 3139 Ind. Ave. R. E. Lucas. No 1926 card. S. Tibbs. No 1926 card. G. W. Garner. No 1926 card. Number 4753 Ind. Ave. I am glad you are going to send the cards to me. There will be less chance of them going astray, and it gives me an opportunity to collect dues when I hand the dear brother his card.

I want to call your attention to the balance payment of Brother Robert Gray, Receipt No. 2284. He joined in Cleveland, Ohio, and had a receipt from Brother W. H. Des Verny. You can see how I have handled this case. If it is not right please let me know, so that I may be prepared in the future.

With best wishes, and hoping I may hear from you soon, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

WESTERN HEADQUARTERS  
3118 GILLES AVENUE  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS  
MAY FIRST 1926/

Mr. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer, B.S.C.P.  
2371 Seventh Avenue, New York.  
Dear Brother Randolph:

We are back to normal now and the work has slowed down to its usual rate. I think that the mass meeting had a wonderful effect on the members here as well as the public. It is the talk of the town. The other two meetings were not so well attended although in Tuesday night Mrs. Lowe rendered a splendid address. I am having a series of meetings next week for the members and Pullman porters only in the continued campaign to work up the spirit in the local body. The dues are being paid at a little better rate than heretofore. The receipts from dues this week up until noon to day were one hundred twelve dollars. We do not expect the members to come in in such large groups. The increase in membership is slow and constant and if we can keep it up we will soon have them all. Our membership as we count on our books is close to seven hundred. There are a large number of men of whom we have no record. I would like to have the list of all Chicago men in your office and then we can check up with ours and make an accurate record. Keeping in personal touch means much to the organization in this territory and I think that it has been largely responsible for the progress here so far.

I have just been handed a report of Mr. Allmona on the condition of the office here together with a comparative statement for the three previous months. Incidentally it is the first one that I have ever seen and I would like to have one every month as it would save me a lot of trouble digging through the reports trying to get the information for my self. Had I known that he was furnishing the organization that character I could have saved myself a lot of unnecessary work. You no doubt have a copy of this time and can see just what shape the Chicago Division is.

Everything is moving along here as well as we could expect and I am meeting with the committee next week to plan a program that will prove more attractive both to the men in and out of the organization. We are running short on subject matter for publicity so if you have anything new we can use it to advantage here.

Let me know as definitely as you can the date of your arrival on your return.

Fraternally Yours  
Organizer, Chicago, Division.

Telephone: BRAdhurst 0454



General Organizer  
A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
Editor "The Messenger" Magazine

BROTHERHOOD OF  
**Sleeping Car Porters**

Headquarters:  
2311 SEVENTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

May 5, 1926

Mr. M. P. Webster,  
Organizer, Chicago Division,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Webster:

We have just got into the midst of a thorough handling of the work in New York. May I say that the condition of affairs, however, is quite gratifying. Everything now is working in shipshape form. There are no conflicts or antagonisms, but a spirit of harmony and co-operation mark the general work here as elsewhere. This attitude of mind in the Organization is the most obvious and constructive thing imaginable, because those who are carrying forward the work of organization have organized the spirit of concord, and nothing can hinder or halt the organization of the men as a whole.

May I say that I am quite highly appreciative and gratified over the situation in Chicago, especially am I happy to witness the big constructive and co-operative spirit of the Chicago officials and Organizing Committee.

I realize that the Movement is settling down to a normal, continuously, progressive state. It naturally will not have as large a number of the men joining as before. May I advise that you concentrate on getting the part-paids to pay up in full and those who are behind in dues to come up to date.

Now, I will have in your hands in the next few days a complete list of the Chicago group, so that you can establish the contact and continuous touch that you suggest and of which I realize to be a very vital and important thing. You were quite right when you said that such contact is the thing that makes for progress. I will also advise Mr. Allimono

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to give your office a copy of the report each month, and may I request that you co-operate with him to the best of your ability in assisting him to get out his report on time, so that it may be handled in line with the auditing here monthly.

I am glad to know that the meeting has had a healthy reaction. That was a magnificent meeting for which you deserve great credit. I wish you would cultivate Miss Mary McDowell. She can be of great service to our Movement. If you get any information relative to the pending case, kindly let me have it, especially if you learn that it is likely to be postponed so that I may be saved a trip, for I should not like to come to Chicago for the case and it be deferred to some other time.

As to new subject matter, I should get out a circular in your graphic and vivid style on the fact that the Brotherhood has taken legislative action through Resolution introduced by Emanuel Celler of Brooklyn, N. Y., to investigate the finances of the Pullman Company and the wages and working conditions of the Pullman Porters. I am going to Washington to fight to push this Resolution through the House of Representatives and the Senate. Even if it does not go through, the publicity and the psychological value of its propoganda to the Movement are invaluable.

May I say also that in the next fifteen days I contemplate to present the expartee statement to the United States Railroad Labor Board, which will be some vital material for you to use in your drives to stimulate interest and secure memberships. If I should return for the case on the 11th I should like for you to get together the women so that I might talk to them about the Auxiliary. I would not make any attempt to hold any big meeting, but just to talk to the women who are already enlisted. It does not matter how many you will be able to get. If you do not have any more than a half a dozen, that will be quite sufficient.

There was a young lady in the University of Chicago who wants me to speak at the University when I return. She is connected with the Interracial Committee, but I have forgotten her name. Miss Gaines would know. Will you kindly get her name from Miss Gaines and let her know that I will be available to speak at the University when I return, providing, however, the case is to be tried on the 11th.

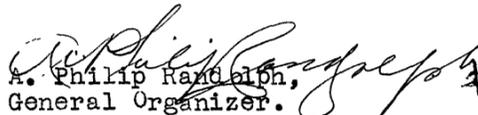
As a general policy, May I suggest that you hold a Committee meeting once a week or every two weeks. It will be of great help to you in executing your programs. If there

M. P. W.--3--5/5/26

are any new developments either for or against the Organization always feel free to make them known to me, so that we may plan to treat ~~them~~ immediately. Have you heard any more about the Collins case, and have you any different attitude toward same? If so, kindly inform me, so that we may co-operate in handling it.

Kindly remember me to the brothers and friends.

Fraternally yours,

  
A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

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Oakland, Calif. May 6, 1926.

Mr M.P.Webster.Organizer.  
#3118 Giles ave,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Old Pal:I am doing all I cal for the boys,out here,and we are  
doing a good work,I am going to stand by the ship,no mat-  
ter what happen,the sea is ruff and the wind are high but  
I'll stay with her untill she make the harbor,I will not be  
a quitter as we all know that a quitter never gain nothing,  
I think the heaviest part of the battle is already fought and  
and the victory is in sight,I hope I will get to see you soon  
Tell all of the boys that old Dad Moore is with them, and will  
be till Crises is over,tell Price I say Hello,and keep up the  
good work for I am with him.

From your old pal.

Dad Moore.  
#519 Wood St.  
Oakland, Calif.

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3118 GILES AVE CHICAGO ILL

TWO HUNDRED MESSENGERS RETURNED HERE IMPROPERLY ADDRESSED

DO YOU NEED THEM

ROY LANCASTER

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May 8, 1926

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR  
APRIL 1926

W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS  
AUDITORS-ACCOUNTANTS-SYSTEMATIZERS  
INCOME TAX A SPECIALTY  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

May 8, 1926.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
2311 Seventh Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

ATTENTION MR. ROY LANCASTER.

Dear Sir:

We audited the records of the Chicago Division of the Sleeping Car Porters for the month of April. We have also audited the bank statements for the month of April and herewith submit our report as follows:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements.

Statement of statistics showing the percentage of members enrolled; also comparative statement of the number of members who paid dues in February, March, and April.

We found the bank statement for April correct, as to deposits made per pass-book and checks issued per check stubs. You will note that there was a payment of the loan of \$5.00 which was made to Mr. J. E. Rivers.

You will note that the receipts from applications, installments, dues and contributions amounted to \$643.49 which was in excess of the receipts for the month of March. We attribute the cause of this increase to the payment of dues. You will note that the payment of \$341.00 in dues represents an excess of \$109.00 over March. This increase in payment of dues in our judgment represents an increase of confidence on the part of the membership. We found that the cause of the increase in contribution is due to Mr. Randolph's presence in Chicago at the Mass Meeting. The collection on that day alone was a little over \$79.00. You will also note that there was a slight decrease in the enrollment of new members during the month of April.

We found where there were two duplicates--One to C. Richardson (2) without any stamps, No. 5243 and one to Eddie Harris with 3 stamps no 5246. It appears that this duplication is due to the fact that these books were issued by the New York Office twice; Mr. Price will return them to you.

We consider the condition of affairs, as a whole, to be very good. The results of our observations bear out the fact that the local office of the Chicago Division are functioning to the very best of their ability.

Very truly yours,

WDA/MP

W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.

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APRIL 1926.

Cash Balance Mar. 28th, 1926 per Report \$71.75

RECEIPTS:

Applications	\$130.00		
1st Install.	16.50		
2nd Install.	60.00		
Dues	341.00		
Contributions	<u>96.49</u>	\$643.99	
Payment on Loan (J.E.Rivers)		5.00	
Cash Advanced (A.P.R.)		<u>225.00</u>	<u>873.99</u>

TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$985.74

DISBURSEMENTS:

OPERATING:

Berry (Distrib. Cir)	\$19.25		
Hall Rent	70.00		
Publicity	64.60		
Office Sup.	8.34		
Organization Work	52.62		
Transportation	1.35		
Salary	130.00		
Commission	<u>32.00</u>	\$378.16	

CAPITAL:

Advanced to (A.P.R.)	\$225.00		
Shipman Ward (On Acct)	5.00		
1 Oak Desk (F&F)	42.50		
Remittance to Home Office	<u>None</u>	<u>272.50</u>	

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR APRIL 650.66

BALANCE April 30, 1926. \$295.08

RECONCILIATION:

Balance in Bank per our Records	\$267.08		
Cash on Hand	28.00		
	<u>\$295.08</u>		

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
 STATISTICAL REPORT SHOWING PERCENTAGE OF INCOME  
 SINCE NOV. 1st. & COMPARATIVE DECREASES  
 MONTHLY SINCE DEC. 1925.

	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>Dec.</u>	<u>Nov.</u>	<u>New Members</u>
Applica. in Full	36	23	52	74	89	67	341
1st Install.	9	36	64	68	67	21	265
2nd. Instal. in Full	19	28	33	15	20	6	121
	<u>64</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>176</u>	<u>94</u>	<u>727</u>
Deduct-2nd. Inst.	19	28	33	15	20	6	121
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS SINCE 10/31/25	<u>45</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>156</u>	<u>88</u>	<u>606</u>
	10%	32%	32%	61%	77%		

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF  
 DUES PAID

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>NO. OF MEMBERS</u>
February 1926	104
March "	101
April "	132

Chicago, Ill.  
5/8/26:

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

Our mutual friend, Brother White was here last night, and I am returning by him a few duplications in cards. I think the mixup comes in the matter of partial payments. All those you took back with you the latter part of Jan., if you remember rightly, were sent out to me in a very short time, and as they are taken up here I give them out. Now I notice that on several occasions when a brother comes in and pays up whose card and book you have already sent to me you send another. In one case of duplication you had placed dues stamps in the book. You will find that in the batch I am returning by Brother White. I believe it was in the case of Brother Eddie Harris. I know that would mean three dollars out of you in the checking up of stamps, and I shall watch all such cases and return them to you as soon as possible. Here are one or two more who have received no cards. A.S. Polk. No 1926 card. Number 3100 Ellis Ave. L. Harden. No 1926 card. J.T. McElroy. No 1926 card.

You will notice that on May the 3rd. Brother W.H. Tinnon, Berrys' receipt number 2328, paid a balance of \$2.00. I have no record of a previous payment of \$3.00, but I am holding a personal receipt of A.L. Totten, signed and delivered to Brother Tinnon in Los Angeles, Calif. Please take this matter up with Brother Totten, and if everything is regular, please shoot his card along as soon as possible. He seems very anxious to get it.

With best wishes, and hoping I may hear from you very soon, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours, .

3118 Giles Ave.

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Oakland May the 15 1926  
Dear friend Sir It gives  
great pleasure to write  
you these few lines  
to tell you that the  
movement is gain all rite  
asst here the men is falling  
in rite all rite but tell  
the men of Chicago that  
they are not trying to  
help me the Porters of the  
Chicago East Do all they  
can for me but the C N  
and of the C W Do little  
to help me I get 4 men of  
the C N on of the C W have

Can I get a lawyer at  
that I want you to  
tell them that I am  
fitting for them cause  
an Army I want they  
try to help me What  
I am doing I am it  
to help them but they  
cant see it that way  
but I hope the Day  
Will come when I can  
tell them how they treated  
me I hope that you  
under stand what I mean

tell the men of the  
C in an the men of the  
C W how they treat  
old Dad more but  
I will stick to the  
movement as long as  
I live from  
your old  
Friend Dad more  
519 Wood St  
Oakland Cal

Chicago, Ill.  
5/15/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I am glad to acknowledge the receipt of quite a number of cards, and herewith present a few more names of those who have received no cards. W. J. Gross. No 1926 card. E. Hutchinson. No 1926 Card. H. Payne. No card. P. Hopson. No card. G. Hobson. No card. E. Alexander. No card. J. B. Macon. No card. C. E. Washington. No Card. J. P. Williams. No card. Horace Jones. No card. W. L. Anderson. No card.

We have had some very good meetings here this week, and Mr. Randolph seems to be very much pleased with the results we are getting. I know he has told you about the results of the hearing on the 11th., so I will not go into that at this time.

A man by the name of Clarence Riddick, number 2114 Fulton St, called on me a few days ago and told me he gave some one in Detroit \$1.00 on an application, and that he was worried because he had heard nothing from the New York office as he was lead to believe he would. He says the man to whom he gave his money gave him no receipt, and that he has forgotten the mans' name. I promised to take the matter up with you and let him know the result. Please look into this as soon as possible and let me know if you have him on your books.

With best wishes, and hoping I may hear from you very soon, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

WESTERN HEADQUARTERS  
3118 GILES AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.  
May 15th, 1926/

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer, B.S.C.P.,  
2311 Seventh Avenue,  
New York, New York.  
Dear Brother Randolph:

The tentative constitution and by-laws sent to this office on the seventh inst., has been submitted to the membership of the Chicago division and I herewith advise that the same has been unqualifiedly ratified as the fundamental law of the organization until the permanent organization of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters in grand Convention.

Yours Fraternally

Organizer, Chicagg Div.

MPW/E

May 16. '36

WESTERN HEADQUARTERS  
3118 GILES AVENUE  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

Mr. "Dad" Moore.  
Organizer, Oakland Calif.,  
Dear Old "Dad"

Received your very welcome letter last week and we are all glad to hear from you direct. Of course we are hearing of you constantly from the boys that run out there and every one is elated over the fine spirit of enthusiasm and cooperation that you have been able to develop among the Pullman porters in that section of the country. Brother Randolph is with us and will be until the middle of next week. We have had some very well attended meeting here this week. Several of the boys from your district attended and a very fine spirit exists here now. We are about ready for the big push and will very soon go to the bat with the Pullman company. This new law facilitates matters quite a bit and we will be able to precipitate a crisis at an early date. The Brotherhood has won all points in the battle so far and with the continued support of the men we will move on to complete victory.

The men are very proud of you and the stand that you have taken with the union as well as the beneficial and loyal work that you have done for the cause. They owe you a debt of gratitude that they will never be able to pay. It is true that the sea is rough but the spirit of such men as yourself and other older men in the service it will not be very long before we will be able to fly the flag of complete victory. The boys all over the country are very appreciative of the work that you are doing and rest assured that you have the backing and support of the entire Chicago division as well as the rank and file of all of the other porters in the country. Tell the boys on the coast that Chicago is way over the top in the Brotherhood and will be ready and willing to do all of the share with Oakland and all others in this fight for economic freedom. This movement is not only in the interest of the Pullman porters but also in the interest of the economic progress of the entire group. I am always glad to hear from you in person and "rice sends his kindest regards.

Fraternally.

Telephone: BRAdhurst 0454



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May 20, 1926

Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Price:

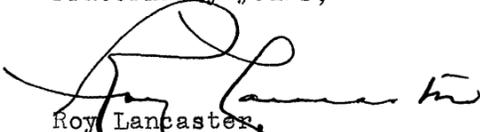
Yours of the 15th received, and I am enclosing here-  
with cards that you noted in your letter. Relative to Mr.  
Clarence Riddick, his application was handed in by one of our  
New York brothers with \$1.00 on the same, and we acknowledged  
same and gave the receipt to the brother to give to Brother  
Riddick. We did not have the address which you sent us, but I  
am today acknowledging to him at the Fullton Street address his  
application with part payment of \$1.00. I would keep in touch  
with him if I were you, and he may just as well pay through  
your office the balance due on his application.

You will please see to it that all the enclosed  
cards are delivered to their proper addresses.

We are all here very happy over the final outcome  
of the case and feel that it will mean a great boom to our  
Organization and its workers in Chicago. More power to you  
and our good workers there.

With kindest regards, I am

Fraternally yours,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Chicago, Ill.  
5/22/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I have just received your letter and in checking over the cards, I find you overlooked that of Brother H. Payne. I also wish to call your attention to the fact that I mentioned some time ago to you the loss of the card of Brother Joseph J. Danzy. I have not received same, and now I have another one to report: that of J. H. Stigall. E. M. Freeman reports that you sent him a card in the name of E. M. Anderson. Please look into this matter and send the cards to me. Brother R. E. McPheeters just came in and reports that he has as yet received no card and dues book.

Things are going along here fairly well, but not as good as we would like to see it. I am glad to learn that everything is prosperous in the Big City. The spirit of the men in the East is far different to that of Chicago, but they are slowly learning, and in time we are assured of a good solid local.

Please find enclosed check for the sum of \$69.58. Also money order for the sum of \$1.25 which is for subscription of J. F. Ward to "The Messenger."

With best wishes and hoping I may hear from you very soon, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

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May 26, 1926

Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

Mr. M. P. Webster,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Webster:

Your letter of recent date received, and I am glad to know that everything is moving along splendidly and that the men are responding in good spirit. Brother Lancaster is sending you the complete list of the Chicago men, so that you may be able to establish that personal contact which will mean both the getting of new members and the maintenance of a high spirit among the old.

Relative to the cards, may I say that I shall forthwith see that you get the requisite paraphernalia for properly and officially conducting your work, so that there will be no grounds for any misunderstanding among members or embarrassment to your office.

I have not received a letter of ratification of the Constitution and By-Laws. Doubtless, it is crossing this one en route here.

I am glad you raised the question about the Zone General Committee meeting next Tuesday. I should advise that you keep a watchful eye on this meeting and its results, so that we will know how to meet any propaganda which may be circulated relative to same in order to injure our movement.

May I say that it might be of valuable propaganda to you to use in the meetings the fact that I have been named by the Mayor of Philadelphia, the President of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, to be the Orator of the Day for the Negro Race of the World at the opening exercises, Monday, May 31. This is a distinction which will be of great value to the Brotherhood

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of Sleeping Car Porters, for it is unusual that any one except a ~~high~~-bound conservative of the Russell-Moton type or the Emmet Scott group to be selected for so high an honor.

Everything goes well, and I go to Washington next week to set in on the conferences which have to do with setting up the new machinery under the Watson-Parker Bill. I am keeping an eye on developments, so that we may be the first to present our case.

Kindly remember me to all the Brothers and friends.

Fraternally yours,

  
A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

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5/27/36  
Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

My dear Geo:

Just a line to say hello! We have been terribly busy here. Every thing moving along great. I wanted to mail these to you tonight hence I am just dropping a word in this note. I am enclosing under this cover cards mentioned in yours of 22nd.

I am arranging to send to you tomorrow cards so that they can be made out there. Hereafter will write you fully tomorrow.  
Yours Fraternally  
Roy

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Western Headquarters  
3118 Giles Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois.  
May 28th, 1926

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer, B.S.C.P.  
231<sup>st</sup> Seventh Avenue,  
New York, New York.  
Dear Brother Randolph,

Received your letter of the twenty sixth inst., and I am glad to report that the situation here is still satisfactory. We have just completed a series of meetings and have had a very good attendance and the men are in a high spirit of enthusiasm and are anxious for the word that the Brotherhood is in action.

I had already been informed of the invitation tendered you to speak in Philadelphia and have announced the same in several meetings of the men and also to the ladies. That is an honor of which we can all feel proud.

On May fifteenth I mailed a letter to New York ratifying the constitution and by-laws and it should have reached the office before you returned there. However if it did not get there advise and I will be glad to forward another.

The Zone committee held a meeting all day Tuesday and it extended partly into the night. Mills and Bonnie Smith were the only union men there but King stuck with them most of the time. The union was very much in evidence if fact it was the most prominent subject discussed. Bonnie made things very unpleasant for Mr. Johnson his superintendent by disclosing the methods that he used against the men in Omaha solely on account of their union connections. It was quite a spirited meeting and from all reports I believe that the union won out. I will get the details of the cases that were taken up from Mills and let you know how the cases of the Omaha men were decided. There was so much union injected into the meeting that the company moved that all reference to the union be expunged from the minutes. Six porters representatives voted with the management to do so. Mills states that it was very evident from the gist of the discourse to the various superintendents that there will be no more intimidation on the part of the company against union men. And that several of the superintendents expressed themselves as not

being opposed to the union. In fact the meeting resulted in a decisive victory for the union due solely to the influence of brothers Mills and Smith. Mills is very much enthused and is anxious for us to get out into the open.

Our series of meetings ended tonight (Saturday). They were well attended but the financial return was not as great as we expected. I am planning another strenuous campaign the details of which I will write you later. We have had men in the meetings from all parts of the country. I am enclosing the name of Brother Allen Johnson 1853 Lexington street, Norfolk Virginia. He informs me that there are about fifty men in that district that are members of the organization and that they have not had any literature or information about the organization since they received their cards. He states that the men are very enthusiastic and are anxious and willing to contribute to the financial support but do not know who to get in touch with. I gave him all of the literature that we had in the office and advised him that I would write you and that you would have some one get in touch with the district at once.

Received your wire this afternoon. In the light of the propoganda that we have been spreading here in regard to our membership and in view of the fact that we have insisted on all men paying dues from October 1925, I feel that it might display a sign of weakness to widely advertise the dispensation referred to. However I will carry out the order as suggested. The new members this week were very few and the dues were not up to the regular standard but we will keep on plugging in an effort to work up a larger measure of cooperation.

The conditions here generally are satisfactory. The Chicago membership is very much gratified to hear of your invitation to speak in Philadelphia. It means much to the movement and will make excellent propoganda. Give my kindest regards to all of the boys,

fraternally

Organizer, Chicago Division.

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MEMBERSHIP CARD AND CHICAGO LIST OF MEMBERS ARE SENT YOU

A PHILIP RANDOLPH

824A

Chicago, Ill.  
5/29/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I have just received your letter with cards enclosed. Thanks very much, and I am glad to learn that you are going to send out a few cards. It will serve to keep down a good deal of dissatisfaction among the men, and save your office the trouble of searching records to supply me with missing cards. In view of this fact I will not burden you with the few names I had intended to send in this letter. I shall fix them up as soon as the cards arrive.

I was overjoyed upon hearing the wonderful news about Philadelphia. This organization should be proud of the possession of the kind of leadership that can call forth such honors. Where are all the so called BIG NEGROES now? Were Mr. Randolph not worthy and capable he would not be so honored. It is proof positive that he is considered the dominant figure of the group; and time will prove that he is the BIGGEST MAN of this half century.

Business here is somewhat slow, but we are still on the job and expect to build up a local that will be second to none. Give my regards to all.

With best wishes, and hoping I may hear from you very soon, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

## *Pullman Porters—Attention!*

### **A Dispensation of 30 Days for New Members and Part-paids!**

#### On to the New Railroad Labor Board!

Pullman Porters and Brothers, Greetings:

As a result of our sweeping, onward, conquering march through seven eventful and dramatic months of supreme struggle to organize the Pullman Porters and Maids for a living wage, better hours and conditions of work, we have built up a mighty and gigantic organization in the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, in the face of the greatest opposition ever encountered by Negroes.

It is an unmistakable monument of race achievement, a tribute to the intelligence, courage, and loyalty of our members and a definite challenge to the reckless and unreasoning oppression of 12,000 Pullman Porters and Maids in particular and the race in general.

We are preparing to be the first to file our case with the new Board. Our chances for success are much brighter and greater. But naturally our success will depend directly upon our strength. With 51 per cent. we will get 51 per cent. consideration. But with 80 or 90 per cent. we can and will get a much higher consideration.

**In order to crown our struggle with victory the Brotherhood expects and hereby calls upon every red-blooded, he-man, race loving, self-respecting, upright standing, Pullman Porter to join the swelling ranks of the Brotherhood.**

#### THIRTY DAYS DISPENSATION TO NEW MEMBERS AND PART-PAIDS!

Now in order to swell the rising tide of your organization, the Brotherhood is inaugurating a **dispensation, June 1, 1926, for thirty days for new members and those who have paid a part of their joining fee.**

During this dispensation Porters and Maids who join and pay \$5 00 in full **will not be required to pay back dues, but their dues will begin with June, the month they join.**

All part-paid members who pay up in full during this dispensation will not be required to pay the back dues from last October, but their dues will begin with June.

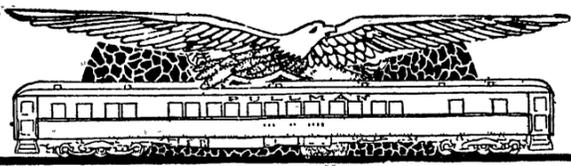
Act today! don't delay! Every man counts. Don't expect your brother to bear your burdens. Don't expect to eat the fruits of the sacrifices and toil of others. Your wives, your children, and your race expect you to do your duty. We cannot fail, we will not fail. Truth and justice that are mightier than legions of men are on your side.

Remember men and women of the Negro race that a **winner never quits and a quitter never wins!**  
Forward to victory!

Your faithful servant,

A. PHILIP RANDOLPH,  
General Organizer.

P. S.—Join with your local Secretary-Treasurer or Organizer, or send in your \$5.00 to the Headquarters, 2311 Seventh Avenue, New York City, and your membership identification card will be mailed you immediately. **After this dispensation the membership fee will be raised.**



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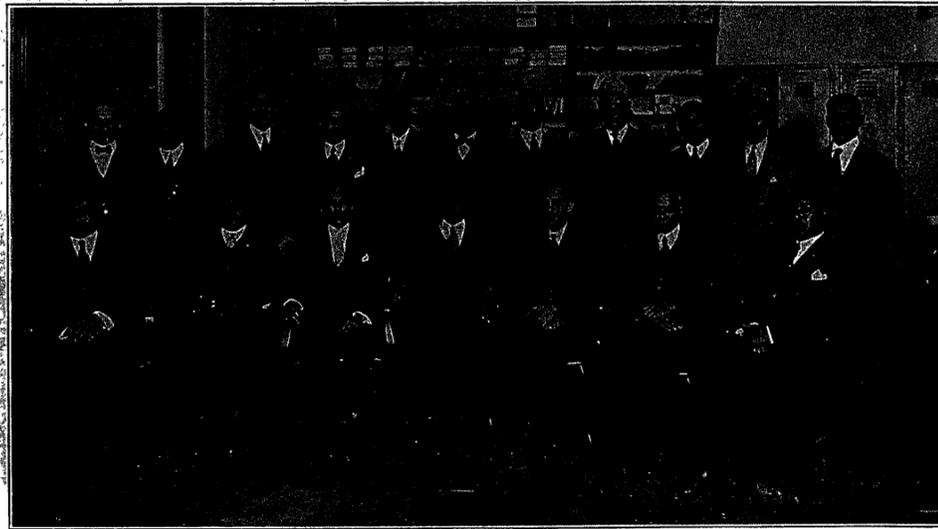
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LOYALTY!

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DELEGATES representing porters and maids in conference with Pullman Company officials, reading from left to right.

STANDING—1—T. A. Jones, Jacksonville; 2—J. R. Pierson, Columbus; 3—W. H. Boggs, Chicago Western; 4—William M. Jobs, Pittsburgh; 5—J. D. Bannister, Philadelphia; 6—J. H. Keene, Grand Rapids, Mich.; 7—D. G. Emery, Kansas City; 8—W. A. Hill, Cincinnati; 9—William H. Edwards, St. Louis; 10—Cal W. Murdock, Los Angeles, and 11—Bennie Smith, Omaha.

SEATED—1—W. A. Allen, Buffalo; 2—S. E. Hill, Portland, Ore.; 3—E. Anderson, Atlanta; 4—James Sexton, New Orleans; 5—T. F. Griffin, New York; 6—J. W. Underwood, Boston Northern; and 7—C. L. Davis, Chicago Eastern.

The above picture appears in the Pullman-Porter-Messenger to show that the Praise (so much claimed and coveted by the movement of one Philip Randolph) goes to the officials of the Pullman Company and the SIXTEEN elected representatives of the Porters and Maids as a result of a 10-days conference.

Omitting the names (followed by question marks) of the representatives of the (83.6% vote) of the Pullman Porters and Maids in the picture, there has never been a greater volume of Common Sense present in a conference and so demonstrated to the credit of our racial group. The Pullman-Porter position was born along with the invention of the Pullman Car, which in the true idea represents nothing more or less than a well regulated HOME adjusted to the "Rail", and those best qualified to fill this position are persons either by adaptation or experience possess the art and science of simple common sense home domestics, which in short, mean the ability to give Personal Attention. This is no different today than 57

years ago, when first, and above all else, the great cardinal principles of Loyalty, Soberness, Honesty, Morality, Courtesy and Industriousness were to serve as the basis of fitness for the Pullman porter position, which was and is now closely akin to the home.

83.6% of Pullman porters and maids are proud and satisfied with these representatives and their good work, so let the 16.4 per cent, disloyals, the followers and supporters of Randolph, desiring graduates from Oxford Univ., Univ. of Paris, Economist, etc. 90 per cent better prepared in the essentials necessary to the Pullman porter-position, get busy and start something that requires all this scholastic frimery. Let them get out of our simple homelike job, and leave us alone. The idea of Pullman Porterism, or giving personal attention, is as old as the idea of the home, and is about the only legacy handed down to us from our forefathers (industrially) of the 350 years service as professors of this particular science called (PERSONAL ATTENTION).

To be plain, if there had been in this country at the beginning of the Pullman operation any other racial group (in numbers) with the same well seasoned practical experience in personal home-domestics as our group the Pullman porter-position would have been filled therewith 16 of the 18 Representatives of the 83.6% porter-group cannot be too highly commended for their broad and clear vision at the Conference knowing as they must have that our racial group has lost most of its industrial experimental wealth and other valuables viz. other racial groups have exploited the old time "Blues" to nothingness; in like manner the so-called old time "Spirituals" and Plantation Melodies are being commercialized, imitated and fluted until if it were not for that singular mastery of our own one Roland Hayes due to his untiring efforts in vocal excellence along this line of music execution, these unparalleled historical pathetic tunes would be little more than noise; and so likewise, the different phases of "Personal Attention" (Continued on page 3.)

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### BAKER-HEATER GOSSIP

Some porters, who shouted in the Amen-corner at the Totten-Randolph meeting in Seattle, are shouting on the street corners. Suppose our Company had adopted the Hospital Plan like the railroads, and had not co-operated with us in forming the P. P. B. A. of A. so that we might not learn organic thrift and self-help. The Company still has said sovereign power at any time the radicals, dis-loyal, unionist are able to break up the P. P. B. A. of A. Bet everybody will pay then. . . . The West is still here.

#### NOTICE

The Pullman-Porter-Messenger was over-loaded with data for this issue, so news items omitted and space given to topics of the day from friends in and out of the porter-group. News items next issue.

#### DOOMSDAY

In answer to the very flattering publicity given to Mr. Emanuel Celler's resolution to the House of Pittsburgh Courier and the Union Labor Press, The P. P. Messenger would say that said resolution was put up to the Committee on Rules, and ofcourse this Committee on Rules is a very good Undertaker, so resolution is safely embalmed and buried.

#### THANKS

The Strong Pullman Company man thanks the Randolph-Messenger for speaking of him as respectful, and all the more so, because it was next to miraculous to be respectful under Mr. Randolph's oratorical sway, but to know the Truth is to be well, whole, and patient.

#### CHICAGO NORTHERN

Ex-Custodian, J. R. Fields of Portland and San Francisco reported well by porter A. M. Bennett, who is connected with Fields' on, Romeo Fields marrying in the family, Mrs. Bennett had recent visits from Mesdames H. Lyles, C. Starford of Philadelphia,

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and Rev. S. Horsey of N. Y. . . . Porter S. W. Lee, member of Hrem No 14, one of the oldest Masonic lodges known for its wonderful activity along the lines of charity, welfare work, fraternalism . . . Porter W. L. Dawkins reports that his wife and himself have been most beautifully entertained by their friends in the select social circle. Wife often winner of first prizes at card games, and he just escapes the "Booby" prizes . . . Porter L. Barnes, 3120 Indiana Ave., reports his son, Freeman Barnes, now at Tuskegee is truly well pleasing to his parents by the rapid success made in learning the trade of Plumbing and Steam Fitting. For his son enstalled for exhibiton a 4-piece bath-room set, and was highly complimented for the work. He will be home for vacation May 15 . . .

#### ST. PAUL

Wife of porter Edmonds will spend the summer with her mother in Topeka, Kansas, and will join the Eastern Star while there. Porter is a member of Mt. Maria Lodge No 5, Topeka. . . . Porter M. Brown reports that porter L. H. Wilkerson to leave on vacation soon, and will visit Chicago St. Louis, Mobile (Ala), and other points south to see relatives and friends. Dr. Wilkinson is Brother (Mobile) Mrs. Brown is member of the Kings Daughters' Club, and a great club worker.

#### PORTLAND

Usher M. C. Olver took his much needed vacation rest; he spent much of his time rustivating among the wild flowers and country shrubbery, and left the home at 559 Albina to take care of self. . . . Porter J. R. Wisher, better, Mrs. Charleston busy giving health-drives. Porter Charleston is much better. . . . Porter D. H. Parker, 474 Vancouver Avenue, Vice Chairman of the Bachelor Headquarters expects to take trip south soon to Calif to find a Susan Jane of his own. S. A. S. is now butter side down again, room in the "Bach" up for notify hostess M. Johnson, La Belle, R. C. Sims, P. S. DeLacy, L. Morgan, H. Freeman, C. Lamb. . . .

#### MOTHER

#### WADDY'S

#### WARNING



"Keep a silent tongue and listening Ear. See no evil, hear no evil and speak no evil. Play Safety-First and never exchange the old that you do know for the new that you do not know."

Remember Loyal porters:  
This world that we're a-livin' in  
Is mighty hard to beat,  
You get a thorn with every rose,  
But ain't the roses sweet!  
—F. L. Stanton

#### SALT LAKE

##### Loyal Service

(Special to "The P. P. M.")

While there are many classes of service, this article is designed to deal with the service of the Pullman Porter. Most every one is a servant in some capacity, and any position of a servant is just as honorable as we make it, for the writer is not ashamed of filling the position of a Pullman Porter. The Pullman Porter is the representative of the Pullman Company coming directly in contact with the Pullman Patrons, he is then in a position not only to raise or lower the standard of service in the estimation of those served, relative to himself, but also to reflect same to the whole Pullman System. For instance, the Pullman Car may be of the latest design by the shops, may be put in the most cleanly condition by the yard, may be assigned to the best line by Operative Department, and each and everything in the way of supplies is in place, but if the position or condition naturally coming into existence with the birth or invention of the Pullman Car, "The Home on the Rail", is not filled or satisfied by some one (so named a Pullman Porter at present), whose duty it is to demonstrate the true Pullman Idea of "What all this is about" by giving Personal Attention to the Pullman Patrons and Care to the Pullman Car, then the efforts of the other departments will fall short of reaching the desired efficiency promised by the Pullman System in service to the Rail-travel and the public, because of unsatisfactory and incomplete service. Most of the porters in Saut Lake District are very proud and conscientious not only of their service record as kept by the Pullman Company, but also those both temporal and spiritual kept by the Great Judge of all the Earth, and thus realizing their responsibility,  
(Continued on page four)

#### A. W. ALLEN

#### PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST

Cor. N. 16th and Lovejoy Sts.

(Continued from page one)  
 al Attention" such as found in hotels  
 barber shops, shoe-fixing up, butlery,  
 etc. have been monopolized right up  
 to the Pullman porter job, the last  
 Green TWIG of its kind on the racial-  
 bush.

We, the Loyal 83.6% thank the  
 honorable Sixteen, who signed up, and  
 say to Randolph and his 16.4 "There  
 is the World, go to it!" There may be  
 some undesirable jobs left somewhere  
 for you."

#### A. PHILLIP RANDOLPH



#### THE FIDLER FOR THE 16.4%- PORTER-DISLOYALS

The above picture appears as a re-  
 minder of A. L. Totten's Lamp Post  
 orator as Leader or B. Stolberg's  
 leader, because of his compelling plat-  
 form figure, tall, handsome, aloof, and  
 of rare gift in oratory. Mr. Randolph  
 was often referred to as saying that  
 "He, who pays the fiddler, also calls  
 the tune." From this then, the logical  
 inference would be that the 16.4% of  
 the Pullman porters not voting for  
 the Plan and a few other sympathiz-  
 ers, who are paying Mr. Randolph,  
 the fiddler, called the tunes he played.  
 In truth, these porters as well as Ran-  
 dolph are equally responsible for all  
 that was done in holding up the Pull-  
 man Company and the non-union  
 porters to public ridicule and censure  
 in order to bring about a Brotherhood.  
 There would have been no Brother-  
 hood beyond the walls of DesVerny's  
 home had it not been for the disloyal  
 porters in the service Totten, Des-  
 Verny, and Lancaster may be blamed  
 for seeking personal revenge at the  
 expense of the porters, and Randolph  
 advised by these may be blamed for  
 attempting to float his economical  
 balloon on the buoyancy of Pullman-  
 porter money, judging from his state-  
 ment, viz: "if it only had been to un-  
 ionize the Pullman porters, I would  
 not have undertaken this gigantic

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scheme, but it was the race, and if the  
 Brotherhood did nothing more than  
 served to make an economical survey  
 of the race, it would do well". But the  
 radical, disgruntle, sham, unfaithful,  
 thoughtless, and ungrateful 16.4%  
 Pullman porters in active service are  
 in reality the greater offenders and  
 ought to bear much of the blame, and  
 pay the greater cost for the insult  
 and injury to the reputation and char-  
 acter of the Pullman Company and  
 other members of the porter-group

They used poor judgment and ig-  
 norance of leadership to begin with in  
 selecting an orator for a leader

Orators from Aron, (the mouth  
 piece of Moses), down through all the  
 ages to Bryan, (the mouth piece of  
 Wilson), have never been real leaders  
 The work of an orator is to excite,  
 and cause people to do under his spell  
 what they would not dare to do under  
 normal conditions, and then leave  
 them in the air to some leader to use  
 as best he may, but the orator is gone  
 Randolph is truly the Brotherhood's  
 orator, but it has no leader. His fol-  
 lowers are simply out in cold Poor  
 disloyal, yellowed, spotted out, un-  
 grateful, undesirable, beggars for a  
 job, not wanted, exiled, abandoned,  
 set, slipping around here and there  
 under cover Wormy Pullman fruit,  
 and must drop off the Pullman tree,  
 or out of the Pullman Family at the  
 first equivocation Serves them just  
 right Randolph, the New York Rep-  
 resentative, for Congress has a job  
 to offer them. They have buried their  
 talent in a napkin and their fiddler  
 is still FIDDLING Poor Totten laid  
 himself to Rest in the shadow of the  
 wild and woolly West

#### Dedicated to the FOLLOWERS of TOTTEN and RANDOLPH

There was once a faithful farmer,  
 Who owned a beautiful herd of swine,  
 He had a peculiar way of whistling,  
 That he used at feeding time  
 When the hogs heard this whistle,  
 What ever way you could look,  
 Big and little ones came rushing;  
 From every corner and every nook

Suddenly, some how it came about,  
 And the good farmer lost his voice;  
 So to knock on the barn and fence  
 With stuck was next his own choice  
 A little differen though it be,  
 But answered purpose all the same,  
 Soon with this sound got acquainted,  
 And rushed to feed as called by name

By chance came two strange acting  
 Birds,  
 Called the wood-peckers in neighbor-  
 hood;  
 On barn, on fence, on trees they  
 pecked,  
 In fact on everthing that was of wood

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Following their pecks the poor hogs  
 went,  
 Here and there from morn till night,  
 Thus soon they lost all their plump,  
 Like wafers thin and feathers light

A neighbor hap' to notice this,  
 And called to see owner Pat,  
 Say whatt's he trouble with your hogs,  
 See, they have lost all their fat  
 Ah! said Pat with a cheerful smile,  
 Scratching the top of his shny bean,  
 They ran after blame wood-peckers,  
 the BIG NOISES until got LEAN  
 —JWB

#### CAST OUR NETS ON THE RIGHT SIDE

Every Pullman Porter in reading  
 the subject ought to be reminded of  
 the words of Christ to his disciples,  
 who were in a quander about catch-  
 ing fish viz: "Cast Your Nets on the  
 Right Side" As men we are created  
 intelligent beings and not fools, thus  
 we should so act, speak, and look up-  
 on ourselves accordingly

Now let us as Pullman Porters  
 think a little as to which is the right  
 side on which to cast our lots, instead  
 of accusing the respectable men a-  
 mong us, men having succede and  
 out of their experience stand pleading  
 with us to be men acquitted according  
 to the signs of the time Truly, as  
 men, we can easily see that the great-  
 est aim of our Pullman Company and  
 its Officials is for us to see the right  
 side at the present time, and to do  
 our utmost to loyally stick by our  
 Company in every interest Now is  
 the time in which courtesy, willing-  
 ness, refinement, and commonsense  
 should have their highest expression  
 in looking after the welfare of our  
 Pullman Patrons

Instead of congregating and wast-  
 ing time in talking foolishness let us  
 get together and talk Service point-  
 ing out the items of Personal Atten-  
 tion such as would cause every one  
 so receiving speak a good word for us  
 to our Officials Don't you know that  
 (for example) it makes our Superin-  
 tendent smile to hear some one of our  
 patrons say that "Portland's porters  
 are the best porters, with whom I  
 have ever ridden, and they give beter  
 service than any I ever saw" Fellow  
 Porters it can be done, and easily so,  
 if we would only listen to the instruc-  
 tions from our Instructor, who is call-  
 ing to us the right way and right  
 side, and who, in spite of all said ad-  
 versely of him, stands on his man-  
 hood, holds himself in defense of our  
 welfare, stays on the job every mom-  
 ent, and let come or go what may he  
 is there at his post pointing out to ev-  
 ery one the right side, the safe side,  
 viz that of the Company

By Pullman Porter, Lee Morgan,  
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they have set their standard at 100%, and will be satisfied with nothing less believing in the statement of the Apostle to the Gentiles, "whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, do all to the glory of God (2nd Cor. 10:3).

Mr. A. Phillip Randolph in his discourse would and did lead many at first thought to look down upon the Pullman Porter because of rendering a special service, but the greatest World-Teacher placed a fixed dignity upon "Service" in answering some of his co-workers, who sought honored places in the "Kingdom of Heaven", by saying "Ye knew that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them, but it shall not be so among you, but whosoever will be greatest among you, let him be your minister, and whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant. Even the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life, a ransom for many" (Matt. 20: 25-28).

Then since, the Servant is honored, and "Good Service" is needed at all time on our part as Pullman Porters as well as others concerned in order to give and keep the Pullman System in its proper place as the one instrument for administering the last word in service to the public travel by rail, let us rather take the admonitions of a Wise Man. "Whatever your hands find to do, do it with all thy might." Things to be done to bring the porter-service to 100% will be discussed in next issue.

Pullman Porter, E. D. Washington,  
726 S. 3rd St., E. Salt Lake City, U.

#### STING OF THE LASH

While certain groups among us are antagonizing the great industries and corporations of this nation that have let down the bars and given us employment, another group of our people appears before the American Federation of Labor and implores it to remove its restrictions and allow us to join all unions. Here are instances of people fighting those who have shown them favors and currying the will of those who have sought to do them irreparable injury. It is an anomalous situation, both ludicrous and deplorable. It shows how too many cooks can spoil the broth and plainly disclose the lack of direction behind the black people of this nation. The men who employ us we curse and those who scorn and spurn us we pray to. The black people have no need to get down on their knees to the American Federation of Labor, a prejudiced outfit, and at the same time assail the Pullman Company, that is at least employing over ten thousand men. The black people of this nation must face these important questions like men and not permit a few irrationalists to make laughing stocks of us. A great question is before us now that should be deliberated upon in all fairness. Who is our best friend in America—capital or labor—The Whip, Chicago, April 10th, 1926.

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#### EMOTION LABOR LEADER'S OBJECTIVE

(Copied from the Manufactures News, May 1, 1926)

It has been pretty well demonstrated that strikes, as conducted by organized labor are an emotional and not a logical phenomenon. If cold reason prevailed, less than twenty per cent of the strikes called ever would materialize. But the labor leader's eloquence falls upon unsophisticated ears, much as the eloquence of the evangelist falls upon the ears of the weak and downtrodden, who are thereby moved to a superficial emotional "conversion" without any particular process of thought.

The vulnerable point in the labor "conversion," if the proper arrow can find its mark, is that the eloquent agitator who calls the strikes continues on the payroll of union headquarters while the agitators leave their jobs and go on strike allowance—if any—getting an additional emotional kick out of suffering for the cause. According to union philosophy, the labor leader who started the fuss, since he has shown his ability by actually creating and maintaining a strike, is entitled to continued remuneration as an executive. That is what is the matter with the system.

There is nothing new in the proposal that strike-calling labor leaders be placed also on limited strike allowance, or have their salary cut off altogether as long as the strike lasts. It has been proposed time and again without effect, but the idea is so logical and sound and good that it will bear repeating many times. There is little likelihood of any such scheme being adopted, for the reason that the present system is in harmony with the whole philosophy of organized labor, the individual union member is a pawn in a big game, and the players who move the pawns divide the stakes. It is no part of the plan to have the officers suffer with the privates. Nevertheless, persistent publicity on this reasonable point may, in time, show some progress. Union members are not entirely unthinking, though they seem to take a great deal for granted. Once they get the idea that their leaders are benefitting by their hardships, the strike call will fall on calloused and the rule of reason will gain new converts.

#### JUST RIGHT

(By Porter Geo. C. Shannon, St. Paul)

**Why I Dissented With the Organization of the Brotherhood**  
Owing to the fact that there is a deal of comment as to my standing in the organization movement, which has recently created so much discussion and where many of the men who are interested are desirous of knowing why I dissented with the organizers, I feel that I owe to the people of the city of St. Paul, and especially the employees of the Pullman company and railroad companies who have known me for a number of years as to why I took this stand. One of the reasons why I am bitterly opposed to any organization that is being fostered by an outsider, a man

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who has not had any experience in sleeping car work, or dealings with men employed as sleeping-car porters, never has been nor will be in a position to dictate any policy by which they should be governed. The second is that it is never necessary for men to resort to the extreme in the organization movement, where colored men are included exclusively. I realized long ago that the easiest policy by which we could adjust our difference is always the best, and as to whether this comes under the form of an industrial plan organization or any other, the rule will always hold.

Plan of employee representation is for purpose of dealing with the employer where wages and working conditions are involved. The only reason men organize is for this purpose, and if this purpose can be accomplished without an organization of the kind that is being offered to the men today, I am still offering you my advice and asking that you refrain from taking any part in such a movement.—From the St. Paul Echo

#### PORTERS, WATCH COLOR SCHEME

**Rouge et Noir**  
It would seem that the black man of this country is being regarded by the foreign "red" as, perhaps, the most promising in the field for those who would stir up strife among negro workmen in a foreign-fostered effort to convert them into bolsheviks. Lovett Fort-Whitman, a Negro, described as the "reddest red of his race," is assuming leadership in this movement. It is the plan of the propagandists to inculcate the negroes to the ranks of the bolsheviks, and they are bending many energies to make an impression. The movement apparently has its base at Chicago. So far, however, it has not gained the momentum hoped for by those posing as friends of the Negro. Fortunately, the Negro is fairly well acquainted with his friends who seem to seize upon occasion all too often to pry him loose from the best condition his race has ever known.—The Houston Chronicle

#### KEEP OUT OF THE UNION SPIDER-WEBS

**Effort to Organize Pullman Porters**  
Any effort to change a program of long standing where a large interest is concerned will create unusual comment. The Pullman porter service in America is manned almost entirely by Negroes and they have controlled this field for a long number of years, they are trusted and accepted by the American people as the best in this industry. The records disclose that more than ten thousand Negroes are engaged as Pullman porters. The men have behind them strong influences and some of the best educated of our group are employed by the Pullman company. They have not been careless with respect to their future protection, but have provided themselves with a benefit association and have in the treasury several thousands of dollars. The Pullman service men should be respected, protected and not moved by radical agencies. Whatever else may be said of them we are bound to admit that they represent the strongest and the most resourceful laboring element we have. To unduly disturb this group is to handicap them, create suspicion and induce an already uncontrollable prejudice.

Porters, watch your step! If, however, you hog-tie yourself and want to get into great cotton making, the doors of the Scott Syndicate stands open to you.—Cotton Farmer

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#### A STORY

**Hint to the Unwise and Thoughtless—  
Read, Carefully Till You Understand Reasons for Why and Why-Not**

**Why He Couldn't Pay His Bills**  
A certain buyer upon receiving a request to send a check to cover his bill, replied as follows:

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I have been solicited by the society of John the Baptist, the G. A. R., the Women's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, Black Cross, the Double Cross, Children's Home, Dorcas Society, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Boy Scouts, Jewish Relief and every hospital in town, then on top of all this came the Associated Charities and the Salvation Army and Volunteers of America.

The Government has so governed my business I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined, and re-examined, informed, required and commanded so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race. And because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly ruined, and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in it is coming next.

#### ACCEPTING "TIPS" OR "REMEMBRANCES"

**ACCEPTING TIPS DWARF REMEMBRANCES**  
Mr. Clarence Darrow's remarks about the acceptance of "tips" in the sense of wages as a sign of financial dependency, and that the members of our racial group should avoid such employment, seems to have left off the consideration of our General Economic Science, which authorizes several systems of remuneration or compensation for service, viz, the Percentage, the Commission, the Stipend (called "living wages" by unionists), and the Privilege or Partial Privilege.

The Privilege Systems seem to be best suited, and as such are most universally adopted wherever service in the form of Personal Attention is rendered or required.

Read the following, copied from the Public Ledger by the Morning Oregonian.

**The Etiquette of Tips**  
Several questions regarding tips come from readers in every walk of life. A few of the queries sent by those whom an old-fashioned convention classifies as "servant" are more intelligent and more sensible than some of the inquiries mailed by newly prosperous people who are afraid of giving too little—or too much.

For restaurants, trains and steamships the code is simple enough. No one gives less than 10 per cent of the hotel bill to a dining-room or dining car waiter. Quite a few men—especially when they are accompanied by women—give more generous tips. Ten per cent "for service" is added to the bill in European hotels. On a short journey the Pullman porter is tipped 25 cents for looking after a suit case.

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The porter who meets the train and carries the hand baggage is given an additional 25 cents. If there is more than one bag and he calls a taxi, 50 cents is a fair tip. The taxicab driver is tipped 10 per cent of his bill.

It should be noted that when a restaurant or taxi bill is less than a dollar, the 10 per cent rule is expanded to mean at least 10 cents. A 5-cent tip is scorned here, although in France and Italy a franc or a lira—each now worth less than a nickel—is a liberal tip for a small service.

On a long railroad journey the porter may be given \$1.00 every day. Many men give larger tips for extra comforts, but as most of the questions on this subject come from feminine readers, only conservative tips are specified—the tips which women prefer to give and which employes have learned to expect from them.

The stateroom steward on an ocean liner receives \$5 from each of his cabin passengers. So does the table steward. A dollar is enough for the deck steward, unless he has carried meals to a passenger's stateroom chair, in which case he should be tipped from \$2 to \$5, according to service rendered. The same is true of the stateroom steward. The bath steward is fed according to the number of baths ordered from him. The library steward is content with \$1 from each of his readers.

What about the tips of house guests? That is where feminine conservatism may be so narrow as to become mean-ness. One visitor, for instance, of whom a California correspondent writes, had remained three weeks, during which time she had exhausted the patience of her hostess and two faithful helpers by her constant demands for extra service. She was late for breakfast every morning. She required afternoon tea in her room and hot milk at night. Her laundry work added heavily to the burdens of the household. She is a woman of means, yet on the last day of her sojourn she offered a pair of mended stockings to the chambermaid-cook-laundress. Each of them declined the "gifts" with cool politeness, explaining that, as they could afford to buy new shoes and stockings whenever needed, and the troublesome guest departed feeling that she had been insulted.

A week-end house guest should tip not less than \$1 to each helper. A woman who makes a long visit—three weeks or a month—should offer not less than \$10. If there is a chauffeur and she has been taken on motor rides, she should tip him \$5.

The point in all these matters is to keep to the via media between ostentation and penuriousness. As with other time-tried social usage, the giving of tips should be governed by the laws of good sense and good taste.

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#### WHAT HAVE THEY TO OFFER?

When Mr. A. L. Totten, Field Organizer of the B. of S. C. P. aimed to "Man-Shackle the Truth so that falsehood might have sway, put the "Oregon Boot" on all common decency, so that disrespect, insult, and disreputable language and suggestions might go foot-loose, and started on his crusade of destruction to everything as it seemed to him dear and of any help to the Pullman Porters and their families, he undoubtedly had for his slogan that "Whales are safe I am after minnows", meaning that minnows must take to deep water. To his surprise the P. P. B. A. of A. (supposed minnow) did not budge from or change its course, and as such was subject to or fell in line of his harp-ooning. The writer is proud to say that Mr. Totten harpooned a whale of a minnow, when he spiked the P. P. B. A. of A. for it capsized his boat, and stands responsible for the said Totten, a Pullman porter-failure and failure to be relegated to the back grounds or to the dumping place of all such rubbish.

What have they to offer as an allowance to the widows and orphans of porters for comfort and future happiness?

What to offer for assisting the sons and daughters along the line of education to reach that standard of economic efficiency so much spoken of by Mr. Randolph, when the porter-fathers have passed on?

## NOT ALWAYS POOLED

The campaign carried on by the quartette, "outsider plus ex's," has shown conclusively the character and object of the men who have been broad jumping and running over the country along with the Messenger as its chief objective increased circulation did not awhile sweep the men off their feet, but you can't fool them always.

They are awake and thinking. The bunch is claiming everything and doing everything, increasing our wages, paying for doubles, etc., etc., and promising heaven and earth when as a matter of fact they have done nothing and can do nothing for us, but preach and breed race hatred and prejudice and ridicule for us.

Are we going to be fools always and believe this bunch of self-appointed saviors from Harlow have ever become all powerful? They would have you believe that they and their allies have a corner on brains, industry and commerce. They are fooling themselves, and they along with their followers are doomed to disappointment.

Think, men, what can the three X's do for you but take your money. Look at the kind of junk they are putting out on the old and respected porters in the service who are thrifty and constructive, just because these men are loyal and efficient.

Do they not think that these have friends and decency and respect have no place in our life? They damn everybody and everything if you do not agree with them. I am reminded of the quotation "Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad."

I believe a man should be free to choose his religion, his politics and his work. Why should men of our group strive to block progress, blacken character with lies and mud slinging instead of co-operating and helping each other? Nothing is gained by such tactics. We all lose.

Again, the class of matter put out in the Messenger consisting of falsehoods on the respected men in the service who we know are above reproach so far as the things they are accused of, the book reviews, the fostering the "N. A. for the Advancement of Certain People," suggestive stories, vain and vulgar epithets, and radicalism is a disgrace to the race, and no self-respecting man would want the paper or take it into his home.

It is a libel on the race and unfit to be circulated, and it is a wonder the government has not stopped the circulation months ago from the character of the matter it contains.

Have we no sense of decency left, or shall we wait for the law to step in and show us the point.

Long live "The Pullman Porter Messenger."

A LOYAL PORTER

## CONTRASTS

By W. H. Boggs, Pullman Porter, C. W. England is more thoroughly enmeshed in the strangling coils of unionism than any other country today. Union restrictive rules have so increased the cost of production that many English industries are unable to compete with the industries of other nations. This has relegated over 3,000,000 British workmen into enforced idleness and made necessary the payment by the government of "weekly un-employment doles" to these millions of unemployed, raised by taxing the remainder of the people. This is the unhealthy result in a country where unionism has reached its highest development.

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In the British coal mines the tonnage production per man has been less than one-half of what it is in this country, and this low production coupled with the seven-hour day and the excessive wages demanded by the coal miners' union, forced the coal mining companies into a position where they must either go into bankruptcy or obtain government subsidies to help meet their payrolls, and about six months ago the British Government began the payment of such subsidies as an experimental makeshift.

Government subsidies were withdrawn May 1st and the coal mining companies found that they were unable to continue operations unless the union miners would consent to work eight instead of seven hours per day and agree to a moderate reduction from the war-time wage rates. The miners refused and 1,000,000 of them went out on strike May 1.

We learn from the press reports that about 5,000,000 more British unionists have quit work and started a sympathetic strike to aid the unionists' coal miners in enforcing their demands, and it is said that this sympathetic strike will cripple and practically put a stop to all industries throughout England, Scotland and Wales. Transportation, both by rail and by water, has practically ceased, and all business activities are paralyzed. Great suffering and even starvation will be visited, especially upon the poor in the big cities who have no automobiles or other conveyances with which they might convey food from the country districts, unless the citizens themselves turn in and operate the mines, the railroads, and the water transports and organize fleets of trucks to bring food from the country districts in defiance of the strikers.

The Premier of England has declared that the labor leaders in ordering the strike are threatening the basis of orderly government and Great Britain is nearer to revolution and civil war than it has been in centuries.

Here we have a picture of what happens where the unionists obtain the dominating control over industries, food and fuel, and even life itself.

Now let us picture the conditions in our own free United States where every citizen has the inalienable right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness regardless of membership or non-membership in any organization.

We have 41,500,000 persons engaged in gainful occupations in the United States, and of these only 3,471,197 belong to labor organizations, and we venture the assertion that many of these do not really want to belong, but have been coerced into thinking that they must. One branch of the union organizations attained a membership of 700,000 during the great work war, but has since dwindled to 60,000, showing the decreasing influence of class interests when pitted against the mutual interests of employer and employee.

Unionism is decreasing in America as more progressive theories of co-operative organization are introduced and adopted. This development is proceeding rapidly and unionism can never be the terrible menace to industry and life in this country that it is in England today.

The union organization known as the Mine Workers of America is rapidly losing its strangle hold on the coal mining industry. The majority of our mines are now operated on the "open shop" basis, where both union and non-union miners are employed under various co-operative plans, so that no labor organization has a monopolistic control of the output. It is true that the cost of coal is still high in this country, but there is a gradual reduction due to the open shop methods prevailing in most of the mines, from which practically all of our citizens benefit, and still our miners are getting much better wages than prevail in England.

In this country we find not only plenty, but abundance on every hand, and our citizens are enjoying prosperity in practically every branch of industry. There is little un-employment, amongst those who desire to be employed, and no necessity for "un-employment doles," and there is above all that spirit of individual initiative and competitive zeal which brings its own reward and which will not permit unionism to throttle it by reducing us all to the dead level of mediocrity.

There is still another picture to which I desire to point for the information of our porters and maids. It may be called, "The Picture of a Comet," and as you all know comets are composed of gas—nothing but gas. Of course there are various kinds of bases. There is, for example, illuminating gas, and then again there is poison gas.

This comet that I am picturing to you is named, "A. P. Randolph." It arose out of socialist obscurity in New York and started out with a big flare, and hence might be called illuminating gas. Following in the trail, or attached to the tail of this larger comet was one composed of poison gas and this smaller comet has been named "L. Totten."

The passage of this comet created quite a little disturbance in the atmosphere temporarily, leaving a bad odor in points which it touched, due to the discharge of poison gas, and its final splutter and sputter seems to have ended in a burst of sparks in Los Angeles. The return trip was hardly noticed.

Now Mr. Randolph throughout the trip from New York to the Pacific Coast prescribed for our porters and maids the same dose of unionism that brought wholesale un-employment, industrial warfare, and almost civil war with their accompanying suffering and sorrow to the poor people of the British Isles, who have been misled by thinking that they can get something for nothing through joining the union, and if my fellow porters and maids will only consider what is happening right now in England they will not be similarly misled.

True, Randolph is a great orator, but we cannot eat oratory, neither will it take the place of clothing. We need something more substantial. You have all witnessed a great pyrotechnical display of fireworks on the Fourth of July and have noticed the seeming density of the darkness immediately after the Roman candle sputtered its last red ball. That was the effect of Randolph's oratorical display on the Pacific Coast. His oratorical display left nothing of value with them, and except those whose money he gathered in, they have forgotten all about the fireworks.

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tering words, the organization immediately began to call names and stigmatize them as "stool pigeons" and "Ince Toms."

Men of known honor and established integrity such as the Hon. Perry Howard, Perry Parker, J. D. Bannister, A. W. Jordan and others were harshly and unjustly criticized because they warned the porters against those who would prey on them and their earnings, and of cause this campaign of scurrilous abuse did not popularize the organization.

Returning from the western trip after meeting with little real success, Randolph and Totten upon arrival in Chicago found that they were facing the inevitable results of their misguided efforts. They could not continue extravagantly wasting the porters' money on an oratorical junket de luxe without finally reaching the point where the most unsophisticated porter would refuse to contribute further when no tangible results are in sight. Anyone can live luxuriously for a time at the expense of the future, but the future must be met and the day of reckoning inevitably comes. That day arrived when Randolph reached Chicago on his return trip, and consequently the main theme in the April "Messenger" is a plea for more money.

Randolph is now asking all "prospects" not only to pay an initiation fee of \$5.00, but to pay dues retroactively from October 1, 1925, and also to pay five additional months' dues in advance, so that anyone joining his organization now must pay a total of \$29.00 to start with, consisting of an initiation fee of \$5.00 and 12 months' dues at \$2.00 per month, starting from October 1, 1925, and the reasons he attempts to give in his April "Messenger" for these new exactions are not very plausible or satisfying.

However, the porters and maids are beginning to scent the trend of affairs and it is not believed that many of them will be foolish enough to invest \$29.00 in oratory.

Randolph is beginning to prepare his alibi and frame up excuses and explanations. He is telling those who have joined in effect, "I initiated this thing, now it is up to you to run it and bring it to a successful fruition. The burden is on your shoulders and not mine, and if it fails it will be your fault."

The most unprincipled thing in this whole matter is Randolph's effort to steal from the 18 delegates who were elected by an 83 per cent vote of 12,000 porters and maids, the credit and glory of a successful union. The improved conditions and the increased wages which those authorized delegates gained for the porters and maids in the conference with the representatives of the management of The Pullman Company, held in Chicago from January 27th to February 5th, 1926.

Randolph, after finding out that the 12,000 porters and maids had elected to represent him, tried secretly to get these representatives to meet him in headquarters which he had engaged at the Vincennes hotel in Chicago. He wrote letters to practically all of the 18 delegates trying to cajole them into meeting him at 8:00 p. m. on a certain evening, but in his public utterances at about the same time insulted the intelligence of the 18 delegates by intimating that they were not qualified to deliberate with the trained representatives of the management. Fortunately for the porters and maids he was not successful in reaching, or influencing 16 out of the 18 delegates, and only two refused to sign the agreement giving improved working conditions and higher wages to their fellow porters and maids, whom they had been elected by to serve and represent. Randolph had nothing whatever to do in obtaining these improved working conditions and increased wages.

This incident also proves that our porters and maids exercise wisdom and judgment in the election of 16 of the dele-

gates, who not only were qualified by intelligence to deliberate with the representatives of the management, but were possessed of moral strength so superior to that of A. P. Randolph that he was unable to seduce them into his conspiracy to break up the conference without reaching any agreement, thus depriving the porters and maids of any betterment of their conditions. The fact that 16 of the delegates were too honorable to engage in any such under-handed conspiracy, assured our porters and maids that their interests would be well looked after, and the results show proof.

In his April issue of the "Messenger" Mr. Randolph speaks about men having "guts." While he may be deficient in "guts" he evidently has an over developed gall bladder.

He also speaks about how impossible it would be for cats to get justice before a jury of cats. Apparently the time is soon at hand when a bunch of Harlem rats will be brought to trial to account for what they have done with the porters' money, and they will find that the Pullman porters on the jury will be the cats on that occasion.

Randolph, who actually prides himself on being the "radical mud slinger of the Union organization", and that is about the most truthful statement he has made so far. When Randolph selected this West Indian rather than an American to accompany him, it was an unfortunate blunder, indicating lack of real leadership, as Totten with his cockney English dialect and an eternal snarl and sneer issuing from the twisted corner of his mouth, has done more than anyone else to injure the Union in the minds of all decent porters and maids.

You who have heard him speak will bear witness that he has never given utterance to one inspiring or uplifting thought or ideal—no wholesome truths—he does not recognize truth—merely slander, slime and slurs, vile vituperations and indecent insinuations about conference delegates, loyal porters and even their wives. Never constructive—always destructive, ever seeking to pull down, blaspheme and defile. A scorpion tongued character, assassin whose displeasing personality makes whatever he may represent seem repulsive and abhorrent. Surely no sensible person will entrust his funds or welfare to such as he. Let us profit by forgetting him and by remaining true to that which he reviles—the co-operative plan of industrial relations.

**WE DO NOT BELIEVE**

Continued from last issue based on statement in "The Advocate" of March 27, 1926. We do not believe that Mr. C. E. Ivey, (appointed head of local union), who denounced the Marryweather Brotherhood a few years ago to one porter W. H. Morton, has flopped over to the Randolph Brotherhood, much less probable, because of his school and boyhood relations to Randolph, but something else—say a new five dollar bill on the street in front of the door to a Jew's store generally has a string to it.

We do not believe that Mr. C. E. Ivey can afford to prick and bleed a certain BOAST made in June, 1925, as a free-will offering for the Pullman porters' welfare, nor do the latter need so great a sacrifice. For it happened in said month that Mr. C. E. Ivey (in conversation with instructor Botts) boasted of his vocational superiority as depot usher over the Pullman porter, and even seemed to be offended, because Botts took exception to his remarks, saying in substance that positions of porter and usher are equally noble, respectable, and of the same vocational rank, for where one ends the other begins and vice versa. However, if it be true "that every rose has thorn," then it is equally true that every thorn has a ROSE somewhere.

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## MR PERRY PARKER



## A PROCLAMATION

To All Officers of the Grand Association and the Subordinate Lodges. Greetings.

Know ye, that I, Perry Parker, Grand Chairman of the P. P. B. A. of A., under and by authority vested in me by the Constitution and By-laws of the P. P. B. A. of A., do hereby proclaim and decree Sunday, May 16, 1926, as our Annual Memorial Day.

You will on this day meet in a body in some designated place of worship and there commemorate the lives and deeds of our departed brothers and former co-workers, whom God in His all-wise providence has seen fit to call to yonder realms.

It is fitting that we keep in mind their memory, and revere their deeds and accomplishments. Their faults are already written upon the sands of time. We cherish their deeds and place them upon tablets of love and memory.

To this end it is ordered and enjoined upon each and everyone of you to see that fitting, solemn and impressive exercises be conducted on this day.

Witness my hand and seal this 27th day of April, the year of our Lord, 1926.

P. P. B. A. of A., Year VI  
PERRY PARKER,  
Grand Chairman  
Attest: O. E. Robinson,  
Grand Secretary.

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Think-Brother-Think!

By R G Fowler

1st What is the attitude of the white Brother toward you that you work with each day?

2nd Is his attitude strengthened or weakened in an Organized group founded, owned and controlled by him?

3rd Of what class of men is the Union composed; of wealthy or poor class, and which class has been the most tolerant with and beneficial to you?

4th What direct help have the Unions given you in securing the raise of pay that you got?

5th Why would not the Pullman conductors receive us in their Union when they organized and even now?

6th Why are the American Federation of labor and many of the local Unions inviting us into them now? Is it to secure equitable pay and better working conditions or is it that they want to get us into their Unions that they may stop our activities in dealing with our employer direct?

7th Will they not prescribe our status and limitations different from other racial groups by written or implied laws, by an overwhelming vote that we will be powerless to beat?

8th Has the average American white man arrived to the place where he is willing to oppose his white brother by fighting picketing or otherwise that the Negro may be equitably benefitted? If so was it before the World War or since? In what way have you been able to observe it?

## THE PLAIN TRUTH

The enthusiastic meeting that Mr W H Des Vernev and company of the A Phillip Randolph interests held two nights at the Engineers' building Cincinnati, Ohio reported in the union issue of the 8th inst. Cincinnati's greatest Negro paper, consisted mainly in the mental attitude of the promoters, for in the two meetings held there were not eleven persons, including the agents. The article would seemingly convey the impression that the Pullman Porters of the Cincinnati district were in favor of unionizing, which is far from the truth, in fact, the porters here are not interested in the union of which the aforesaid men are agents.

Mr Fowler is the Grand President of the Colored Railroad Employees Beneficial Association in America.

## PORTERS MEETING

(From the Chicago World)

Turn to the report of the Pullman porters meeting and read a few remarks made by President Carry of the Pullman Company. Mr Carry made a really important speech "Education and time," he gave as necessary towards better times for you, your children True, you will say.

His best effort was made on the subject of colored mechanics in the U S A "They will soon be trebled," he said That is good news Men who are allowed to work usually turn up with their rights.

Mr Carry speaks to the point in declaring that colored skilled workers would be trebled in a few years in the Pullman Company. He can talk for that Company.

Colored men who know their trades know the value of time, can get on under discipline, find work in the Pullman shops. That is the best argument to be made for sticking with the Pullman Company.

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To Every Member of the Pullman Family:

During the current month will you join with every other employe of The Pullman Company in making a determined effort to prevent accidents in cars, in yards, in repair shops and in offices? If all of us pledge ourselves to make this month a banner one of Safety, we can beat the Safety record that has put our Company in the lead of the Industrial Safety movement.

Watch yourself and watch your careless or thoughtless brother. Don't let a slacker spoil the record. Think Safety, talk Safety and act Safety. Don't try to get away with something because you are skilled; a less expert imitator may come to grief because you "took a chance" and set a bad example.

Let each one of us take this campaign against accident into our homes and get our families interested, too. And it won't do any harm to talk to the neighbors about it. A good Safety soldier is also a Safety missionary.

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E. F. Carry, President, The Pullman Company

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Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

Mr. M. P. Webster,  
Organizer, Chicago Division,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Webster:

In answer to your telegram relative to the Disposition, may I say that the policy is as a result of mature and careful deliberation based upon my experience received in the ~~various~~ districts I have visited, and also from the opinions expressed through communications from various centers; besides it is the policy which is employed in the labor movement so generally by organizations engaged in campaigns such as ours, that it is not at all an exception and has vindicated its soundness by the repetition of its use. The main reason behind it is economic. The matter of men paying back dues from October up to the time they join now is quite a burden, which we must fully appreciate. A large number of men are now ready to join, but not having the means they are unable to do so. This is shown by the fact that in every district a large number of Pullman Porters have only made part payments. The fact that a man pays a part of his joining fee is evidence of his interest, so that the only conclusion is that the reason he has not paid up the balance is because of his inability to do so. Now, of course, the men who have paid in full but who owe some back dues are not in the same category, and I think may be depended upon to meet their obligations.

Not only have organizations found it necessary to inaugurate dispensations for new members, but even fraternal societies do the same. Certainly, no one can reasonably contend that a man will join as quickly who is required to pay back dues from October to the present time, as when he is not required to pay such dues. The slump in securing new members is assignable to a large degree to this very fact. As far as the question of their being an admission of weakness by instituting such a policy is concerned, I can't see that that is a sound

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### **OUR GOAL:**

More wages; better hours; better working conditions; pay for overtime; pay for "preparation" time; abolition of "doubling out", conductor's pay for conductor's work when in charge and manhood rights.

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objection at all. We cannot refuse to increase our strength by adopting a certain method of action because of the belief that it may be considered as an evidence of weakness. The fact is, just so long as this policy brings new members into the Movement more rapidly than otherwise it is our best refutation of the alleged admission of weakness.

May I say that just before the Pullman Conductors went before the Railroad Labor Board, they abolished the joining fee entirely for a short while. Certainly that would be considered as a greater evidence of weakness on their part than our dispensation of thirty days; nevertheless, their policy was effective, and they got new members and got them rapidly. It is my wish that you push this dispensation with vigor as you have other plans in the past.

Kindly present this letter to the Organizing Committee whom I am quite sure, after careful thinking, will recognize its soundness.

You ought to have received the cards and list of members by now. Be assured that I am always happy to have you and any of the members to advance suggestions and make criticisms of the work, since the only way by which we can go forward is to have a mutual and friendly exchange of opinion from time to time; besides I find that your judgment is always illuminating and informative. Not only that, I appreciate the fact that you are always thinking about the Movement, plans and methods for its development, so that I want you to feel free in advancing your opinion at all times.

I am certainly glad to know that the Zone General Committee was practically dominated by Brother Mills and Bennie Smith. The Brotherhood has a reason to feel proud of those two valiant warriors. They are not only sincere and determined, but they are capable and loyal. I shall be glad to receive information about the cases handled. It is very encouraging to note the reaction of the superintendents to the attitude of Mills and Smith. It only shows that the Pullman Company recognizes now that the Brotherhood is here to stay, that it is no longer an experiment, but a fact, a reality and a power.

May I say that I had a great time at the Sesqui-Centennial celebration Monday. I was one of the three speakers of the occasion, the other two being Hoover and Kellog. Hoover and Kellog were quite excited over my talk. Also a large body of klansmen, through an officer, protested against my speaking, but I spoke any way and received a tremendous ovation of about

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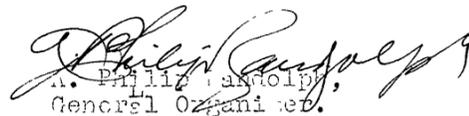
60,000 people.

I am glad to receive the name and address of one Mr. Allen Johnson who speaks of his not having received any literature or information about the progress of the Movement. I shall get in touch with him forthwith.

We are all eager now to reach the point where will come above the ground and be an open movement. Happily it is not very far off.

Kindly remember me to all the brothers and friends.

Fraternally yours,

  
A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

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Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Price:

Enclosed please find dues books and identification cards for the following Brothers: Homer Gillis and H. Payne.

We are moving along splendidly. In sending these Brothers their cards, kindly enclose a copy of the dispensation letter.

With Brotherhood greetings, I remain

Yours for victory,

Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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P. S. You will note that if the men pay their June dues (\$1.00) before the end of the month, they will be in good standing. Failure to do so will necessitate their paying all back dues.

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Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Price:

I sent you yesterday 100 membership cards, numbering from 6600 to 6699 for use in the Chicago Local. Will you please let me know if you have dues cards. If not, I will send them by the first man coming that way.

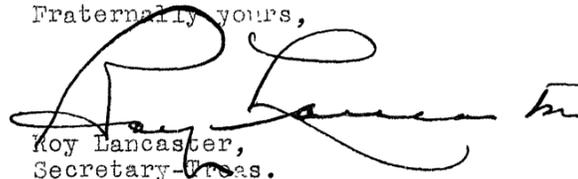
Now, as to writing your applications, full or part-pays, will you make cards to correspond with applications, and put the number of the card on the application blank. The said blank will be forwarded to us with your report, the cards for full-pays delivered, and the cards for part pays held until balance is paid. I am sure that you will find no difficulty in the handling of the cards there.

I believe that this dispensation is going to help you in the drive there. It has brought wonderful results in the two days of operation here. We are very very busy, and each day's results are most encouraging.

Congratulations, old top, on the way you are handling things there. You and Webster both deserve much commendation. Possibly I do not write you as often as you feel that I should, but aside from the fact that I am busy, I know that as long as things are quiet, all is well. I hope to be running out that way some time in the near future and shall be very glad to see you all.

My kindest regards to Webster and Berry and other enquiring friends, and very best wishes to yourself.

Fraternaly yours,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treas.

RL/LIM

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JUNE 3, 1926

### FIGHTS COURT CASE WHILE SICK IN BED

Jacksonville, Fla., June 3.—Decatur McGill, noted lawyer of this city, who has won many brilliant cases in his defense of the oppressed, last week directed a fight for freedom of action in the courts here from his sick bed Bennie Smith of New York City, who was arrested on charges of stirring up labor trouble, was halled into court when on the advice of McGill and many citizens of both races he refused to leave the city after being ordered out.

Backed by local white men, who have been interested in the case, McGill will do everything possible to prevent interference with Smith by the police department. If Smith again is ordered to leave town an injunction to restrain the police will be sought.

The arrest of Smith is looked upon by the citizens of this city and other Southern cities as a concerted effort on the part of the Southern whites to keep Race labor from connecting with any form of unionized labor. All attempts to establish unions in any vocation have proven futile on account of the keen watch kept by the white employers. All workers who showed a willingness to join unions have been discharged by the employers before they could affiliate themselves.

Telephone: BRAdhurst 0454



General Organizer  
A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
Editor "The Messenger" Magazine

BROTHERHOOD OF  
**Sleeping Car Porters**

Headquarters:  
2311 SEVENTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 4, 1926

Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER

Mr. George A. Price,  
Sec.-Treas., B. S. C. P.,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir & Brother:

Enclosed please find dues book and 1926 identification card for Brother E. C. Williams, 5617 Wavash Ave., which you will forward to him.

We are moving along splendidly. The future of our Brotherhood is indeed bright, and our victory is assured, providing every man does his duty.

Everybody in the office send a hearty handshake and Brotherhood greetings to everybody in your office. Accept a special one from me for the magnificent work you are doing in the interest of our noble cause. May I have the pleasure soon of greeting you face to face.

With undimmed faith in our great crusade, I remain

Yours for victory,

*Frank R. Crosswaith*  
Frank R. Crosswaith,  
Special Organizer.

Enc.

FRC/LIM

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June 5, 1926.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,  
Gen. Organizer  
2311 Seventh Ave.,  
New York City,

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. In regard to the matter of dispensation I might say that in my limited experience in this line of work I have found it very effective in increasing membership. In reference to this particular movement, in view of the fact that we had just completed a campaign of education among the local membership on the feasibility of paying dues from Oct. 1, 1925 and also had largely broadcasted our big membership I did feel that a sudden reversal of the policy, offering a special inducement for the men to join would make it appear as though the organization was not as strong as we had led the membership to believe it was. The objections on the part of members of the committee were due largely to the fact that they thought that making this special inducement to partial payments was a discrimination to members paid in full and was liable to cause some dissatisfaction among the paid up members. In fact several members of the committee vociferously voiced their objections for that reason, and that largely influenced me in sending you that telegram. Personally, I am a believer in dispensations, in fact in my previous work dispensations were always the order of the day. It was only in an effort to maintain the high morale of the local movement that any objection was offered. But however, since receiving your last letter I am satisfied to carry out this policy as I have all others.

The work here, as a whole, is progressing nicely. There is a slight decrease in the receipts for the past two weeks, but that is a natural condition that can be expected at any time. The increase in membership during the month of April was 35 members, and the additional increase up this time is 10 members. I understand that a copy of your circular on the dispensation was mailed to the membership here and I am glad to report that we are already getting results from that circular. About five partials have come in and paid up since receiving that circular. It is getting results and I will do my utmost to see that it gets wide publicity in the meetings.

We are starting a series of meetings commencing next Monday night and will continue meeting nightly until the local is organized and we come out into the open. I am enclosing the first circular which I will follow up by other publicity as the meetings go on.

I had conference with Mr. Stratford and he advises that the hearing on the other two counts in the indictment will be had on June 16

A. P. Randolph 2.

I will keep in close touch with him and advise if anything develops to the contrary, so if possible you might avoid making any unnecessary trip here. I am enclosing herewith the name of Mr. J. Maurice, attorney at law, 517 Wood St. Oakland, Calif. He spent several days in the city and spoke to the men in one of meetings. He came very well recommended by Bro. Clark and for that reason I gave him due consideration. From the gist of his conversation he is offering his services to the Brotherhood without any thought of compensation, as he states, because of his loyalty to the cause and to the Race. He also informs me that he has been quite an able assistant to Dad Moore both before you came to Oakland and since you have left. He also reports, as strictly confidential, that Bro. R. D. Jones, the local secretary out there is very unpopular with a large number of the men and that the movement is suffering on account of his unpopularity as well as on account of the lack of an efficient man to disseminate the propaganda of the organization in that territory. Bro. Clark acquiesces with Mr. Maurice in his opinions. I simply listened to the story without any comment and am not in a position to say as to whether it deserves any consideration or not. However, I simply pass the fact on to you and am satisfied that you will give it such consideration that you feel it deserves.

Information has also been brought into the office that the Pullman Company has conceded defeat and at the proper time will call the Brotherhood in. There is also another rumor circulating from the same source to the effect that the Pullman Company is planning to dissolve the P. C. B. A. However this information came to me second hand and I don't feel that we give it much consideration, at least, until I feel that we can get a little more definite information about it. Mr. Price informs me that Melvin Chism called on Chandler Owen and had an extended conference with him. I was over to see Owens this afternoon but he was not in. I will get in touch with him as soon as possible and advise as to what was the substance of the conference, if he has not already done so.

Everybody out in this territory is highly elated over the fact that you were one of the principle speakers at the opening exercises at the Sesqui-Centennial in Philadelphia and we all feel that is a distinction that means much both to you and the Brotherhood. Our local newspapers, with the exception of the Bee have not carried one line about it. Rest assured that we will give it all the necessary publicity as well as give publicity to the fact that The World's Greatest Weekly and the other so-called newspapers overlooked this interesting bit of news.

The Ladies' Auxiliary is progressing nicely under the leadership of Mrs. Jones. Their membership is increasing at a fairly rapid rate.

A. P. Randolph S.

If it is necessary for you to come back here on the 16th of June I plan to arrange a joint meeting of the men and women members of the organization at which we will expect you to make a short address. We will be in the midst of this campaign at that time and I think it will have a far-reaching effect upon the morale of the membership. Everybody is anxious to come out to the opening and we are all satisfied that the Brotherhood is a complete success and it is only necessary now to mobilize the forces in order that we might derive the maximum benefit that will necessarily accrue to a movement of this magnitude. During the next three weeks I intend working the machinery of the Brotherhood to its utmost capacity in order that we might be able to make as strong a showing as possible when we get into the real fight. The cards and names were received although the additional names added to our list required less than we expected. We will check them over very closely and advise you as to the exact membership here.

Give my kindest regards to all the boys.  
Fraternally yours

Organizer Chicago Division.

June 7, 1926

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR  
MAY 1926

W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS  
AUDITORS-ACCOUNTANTS-SYSTEMATIZERS  
INCOME TAX A SPECIALTY  
CHICAGO ILLINOIS

June 7, 1926.

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
2311 Seventh Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

ATTENTION MR. ROY LANCASTER

Dear Sir:

We audited the records of the Chicago Division of the Sleeping Car Porters for the month of May. We also audited the Bank Statement for the month of May, and herewith submit our report as follows:

EXHIBIT "A" Statement of Receipts & Disbursements.

EXHIBIT "B" Statistical report showing the percentage of members enrolled; also comparative statement of the number of members who paid dues for the 1st. 4 months of 1926.

EXHIBIT "C" Schedule of Deposits.

We found the bank statement for May correct, as to deposits made per pass book and the checks honored and outstanding.

We found that the applications for May were over 100% less than they were in April; the first installments showed an increase of about 200%; the 2nd installments were about the same, and the dues for May showed a slight decrease. According to the records, we find that 642 members have enrolled since November. Of course, this does not include the original enrollment during the time that Mr. Lancaster was in Chicago.

We are of the opinion that the idea of supplying the division with cards will prove satisfactory and convenient. It will avoid duplication because all of the members will be issued their cards by their respective division.

Very truly yours,

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W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.

WDA/mjp

SCHEDULE "A"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR  
MAY 1926.

Cash Balance April 30, 1926 \$295.08

RECEIPTS:

Applications	\$55.00	
1st Installment	47.00	
2nd Installment	59.00	
Dues	307.00	
Contributions	5.60	
Ladies Auxiliary	6.00	519.60

TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$814.68

DISBURSEMENTS:  
OPERATING:

Publicity	\$44.03	
Office Supply	7.74	
Organization Work	64.21	
Transportation	19.00	
Salaries	150.00	
Commissions	42.00	
Rent	42.00	\$368.98

CAPITAL:

Cash Advanced (A.P.R.)	50.00	
" " "	50.00	
" " "	5.00	
" (Shipman W.)	5.00	110.00
Remittance to Home Office		244.45

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR MAY \$723.43

CASH BALANCE MAY 31, 1926. \$ 91.25

RECONCILIATION:

Balance in Bank per our records	\$74.75
Cash on Hand	16.50
	<u>\$91.25</u>

SCHEDULE "B"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
 STATISTICAL REPORT SHOWING PERCENTAGE OF INCOME  
 SINCE JAN. 1st. & COMPARATIVE DECREASES  
 MONTHLY SINCE MARCH 1926.

	<u>May</u>	<u>Apr.</u>	<u>Mar.</u>	<u>Feb.</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>New Members</u>
Applications in Full	11	36	23	52	74	196
1st. Installment	25	9	36	64	68	202
2nd. "	18	19	28	33	15	113
	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>51</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>511</u>
Deduct-2nd. Instal.	18	19	28	33	15	113
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS SINCE 1/1/26	<u>36</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>398</u>

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE  
 OF DUES PAID.

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>NO. OF MEMBERS</u>
February 1926	104
March "	101
April "	132
May "	128

SCHEDULE "C"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
SCHEDULE OF DEPOSITS FOR  
MAY 1926.

DEPOSITS:

May 1	\$32.00
" 4	53.50
" 5	15.00
" 6	24.00
" 7	11.00
" 8	7.00
" 10	10.50
" 12	32.23
" 12	27.40
" 13	54.93
" 14	21.63
" 15	13.00
" 17	16.00
" 18	50.75
" 19	15.00
" 20	16.00
" 20	13.23
" 21	16.73
" 22	12.55
" 25	27.65
" 26	25.20
" 27	19.20
" 28	16.50
	<u>\$531.10</u>

List of Chicago's Part Pairs. Dues and membership cards  
sent G. A. Price, June 7, 1926

Jessie Alston	4831 Prarie Ave.	#5825
D. V. Brown	4557 Indiana Ave.	#5813
Edgar R. Brown	3757 Indiana Ave.	#6212 #6192
Elmer Boone	54 E 56th Street,	# 6188
J. A. Brawner,	4931 Indiana Ave.	# 5665
H. A. Bradley	4840 Champlain ve.	#5518
Wm. E. Burris	509 E 50th Street	#5590
H. Chandler	4526 Calumet Ave.	#5834
H. Crawford	4356 Indiana Ave.	#5574
Walter A. Cook	4736 Prairie Ave.	#5571
Ezra Lee Curry	3255 Cottage Grove Ave.	#5608
Colby Cooke	6118 Ada Street	#5371
Henderson Carter	4836 Calumet Avenue	#5814
C. C. Cartwright	5209 Dearborn Ave.	#5985
C. J. Clements	4356 Indiana Ave.	#6070
P. Coleman	6015 So. Wabash Ave.	#6138
B. Coleman	4207 Wabash Ave.	#6402
John H. Dameron	434 E 45th Street	#5660
R. M. Dean	4615 Evans Ave.	#5370
W. T. Davis	122 E 41st Street	#5568
E. J. Ease	3300 Vernon Ave.	#6139
Jack Ealy	4647 Vincennes Ave.	#6414
Charles Easley	3348 So. State St.	#5669
Douglas Flemister	206 E 42nd St.	#5835
H. B. Fellows	4725 ChamplainSt.	#6283
Clam Franklin	652 E 65th Street	#5602
I. A. Flynn	3138 Rhodes Ave.	#5368
L. Fiels,	3414 Indiana Ave.	#5372
Charles L. Freeman	3435 Prairie Ave.	None Fee
Frank Falkner	4127 Prarie Ave.	#5497
Ernest D. Gordon	434 E 42nd Street	#5672
R. L. Gay	4627 Longley Ave.	#5981
Grover Gatson	15 E 38th St.	#5812
Samuel R. Good	423 Bowen Ave.	#6246
W. J. Gross	4713 Calumet Ave.	#5657
Newell Harris	3529 So. State St.	#6372
G. Hobson	4158 Vincennes Ave.	#5827
John L. Harris	3732 Prairie Ave.	#6224
Earlie B. Hicks	4201 Prarie Ave.	#6403
H. Harper	4331 Calumet Ave.	#5569
James Henson	4747 Prairie Ave.	#5061
Lester Harper	3826 Rhodes Ave.	#5819
Augustus Heard	3143 Cottage Grove Ave.	#5877
Norman C. Head	4528 Calumet Ave.	#6457
C. B. Harris	4139 Michigan Ave.	#5110
H. Harvey	5006 Champlain St.	#6135
Frank Ingram	3843 Rhodes Ave.	#5787
R. Johnson	11 E 38th Street	#5500
G. P. Jones	4348 Vincennes Ave.	#6071
C. Jenkins	3824 Rhodes Ave.	#6247
Gabriel Johnson	1204 W 112th Place	# 6406
Herman H. Jones	4349 Forestville Ave.	#6129
Barnes Jolivette	3319 Indiana Ave.	#5499
Scott Jenkins	5032 Calumet Ave.	#6180
Ike Jones	4141 Grand Blvd.	#5513
E. King	4414 Michigan Ave.	#5591
George W. King	4647 Indiana Ave.	#5404
C. Kinnett	3835 Vincennes Ave.	#5515
E. Kimmons,	4149 Calumet Ave.	#5818
Charles Langhorn	3356 Indiana Ave.	#6285

Map and membership cards

Chicago (Part Paid)

G. Lowe	4730 St. Lawrence Ave.	#5822
C. S. Lewis	5237 Prairie Ave.	5833
Eddie Maddox	213 E 44th Street	6487
Clarence L. Moore	4556 So. Parkway	6488
E. T. Murihead	4601 Calumet Ave.	5986
Stefford R. Morgan	4535 Indiana Ave.	5816
C. D. Nauden	4828 Prairie Ave.	5603
Mack McCune	4801 Evans Ave.	5886
W. McDale	3842 Grand Blvd.	5580
S. Newsome	4858 Prairie Ave.	5879
G. E. Obby	4533 Indiana Ave.	5505
Wm. C. Owens	2008 Park Ave.	6407
Obia Pulliam	549 E 37th Street	6279
F. W. Pierre	3156 Ellis Ave.	5595
Alvin E. Parks	4737 Prairie Ave.	5829
S. Pegnes	4320 Langley Ave.	5880
F. Parks,	3414 Vernon Ave.	5883
J. H. Pierce	4324 Calumet Ave.	5884
Clarence Reddick	2114 Fulton Street	6238
Fleachar Reid	3018 La Salle Street	5695
L. E. Reliford	3514 Rhodes Ave.	5824
M. C. Randall	540 E 44th Street	5881
V. Reeves	4527 St. Lawrence Ave.	6136
L. R. Smith	3902 Calumet Ave.	5876
S. E. Simpson	552 E 45th Street	5508
N. L. Shelton	4510 Calumet Ave.	5507
A. B. Slaughter	3159 So. Parkway	6456
George Solomon	3744 Indiana Ave.	5670
J. Shack	3753 Grand Blvd.	5574
Glifton Smithermann	557 E 43rd Street	6401
G. Smith	5128 Prairie Ave.	5517
R. Taylor	3139 LaSalle Street	5998
Jerome H. Vessels	3019 Federal Street	5885
Benj. F. Washington	435 E 43rd Street,	6230
Samuel Williams,	3708 So. State Street	6459
J. P. Williams	4416 Evans Ave.	5667
Ouza Ward	2225 Maypole Ave.	6486
J. K. Walker	5759 Lafayette Ave.	6137
James Wiley	4451 Prarie Ave.	5581
F. S. Wesley	153 No. Hermitage Ave.	5512
Johnny Ward	4913 Calumet Ave.	6184

Chicago, Ill.  
6/5/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I received your very kind letter this morning, with instructions concerning cards and dues books. I shall strive to carry out same to the letter.

However, I want to remind you of this: The partial payments that have been written since the first of Feb. are in your possession, and I have no cards with which to supply them unless I use some of those I just received. In fact I have already had to use two of them. Do you want me to continue, or have you another method?

Here is another feature I think we should be in accord on. These men who have received their 1925 cards, but who have received no 1926 cards must be taken care of. Since all these cards are numbered I cannot give them their right number if I supply them with cards here. I suggest that you send me a few un-numbered cards to take care of this situation. For instance, this is what is going to happen. About two hours ago Brother J. T. McElroy came in, paid some dues, and asked me about his 1926 card, as he has been doing for quite some time. I gave him card number 0611. Now next week when I send in the applications there will be a break in the numbers. I am explaining this so you will understand the situation, and I think the only way out is like I suggested. If you can think of a better way to handle it, shoot.

Roy, I know you are very busy and I do not expect you to write to me under the circumstances. I am always glad to hear from yourself and the rest of the staff. Please give my kindest regards to all.

With best wishes and hoping I may hear from you very soon, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

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My dear George:

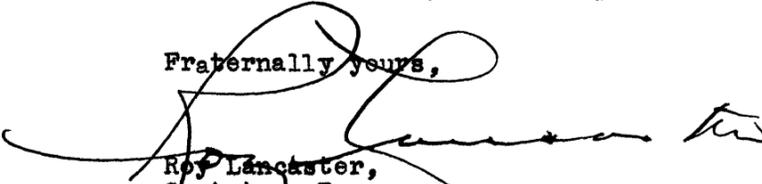
Yesterday, I sent you by hand a large number of part-pays, a list of which I am enclosing you herein. I also sent you twenty-five blank membership cards which you will use in supplying to men their 1926 cards. I should be very glad to have you give me the names of those whom you furnish with these cards for our records.

Now, relative to the cards that you have used in supplying 1926 cards to members, if you did not erase the numbers held and replace them with old numbers, will you please have the men whose cards you furnished come in and re-number their cards. The first number held by a man is to be carried each year; that is, the numbers are not to be changed. You will take the blank card and give it the corresponding number, so that you will have a sequence reading from 6600 to 6699. I mean by this, if Brother George Jones who held card #3721 wanted a 1926 card, and you gave him card #6611, you would have to erase the 6611 and make his card read 3721, then from these blank cards make cards 6611.

I also sent you the cards of those who had paid balance in full for distribution. If there are any cards now missing, we shall be glad to co-operate with you immediately in seeing that they are furnished you. I hope that the work is still progressing there.

Accept our hearty congratulations on your most splendid work there.

Fraternally yours,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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My dear George:

Just a word to advise you that because of our addressograph system and because of the lack of sufficient clerical help in the office, we find it more convenient to cover all "part-pays" with the circular letter dealing with the thirty days dispensation from this end. It would require a lot of picking out to do otherwise.

So far, we are meeting with gratifying results. What is the effect at your end?

Give my Brotherhood greetings to all the folks in the Windy City.

Yours for our great cause,

  
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Mr. M. P. Webster,  
Organizer, B. S. C. P.,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Webster:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that the work is moving along splendidly and that I have just gotten assurance from Frank P. Walsh that we will have also as an aid in our case, Donald Richberg, who drew up the Watson-Parker Bill. This will be a great addition to our force if we get him. No doubt the members of the new Board will be appointed in the next few days; meanwhile, our job is pushing organization as vigorously as possible.

I was very glad to get that information about the Zone General Committee. If you get any other material relative to same, kindly let me know about it.

I am supposed to be in Chicago on the 16th to answer the other counts in the indictment. If you learn of the probability of the case not being called, kindly let me know, for it is quite an inconvenience to return there at that time.

Regards to the brothers and friends.

Fraternally yours,

*A. Philip Randolph*  
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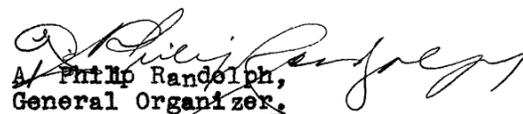
Your letter of June 5th received and contents therein carefully noted. I think the circular you have drafted is very strong and to the point, and ought to be quite effective. If I come to Chicago on the 16th, I shall be glad to speak at the joint meeting you suggest.

I am glad to know that results are coming from the Dispensation letter sent to the men. Everything is going splendidly. That is a good point you made in the circular relative to the Superintendent's attitude on the Organization. It will be very effective if adequately played up. I think your information about the changing attitude of the Pullman Company is quite correct, and I should not be surprised if it consider the P. P. B. A. no longer useful if it fails to prevent the men from getting together--the main purpose of its formation. However, I agree with you that it is not well to make this public property, since we can't vouch for its authenticity.

Remember me to the brothers and friends.

With high appreciation for the work you are doing and sincere and fraternal greetings, I am

Very truly yours,

  
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Headquarters:  
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June 10, 1926

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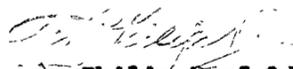
Mr. M. P. Webster,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Webster:

Just a word of remembrance and to say that I have just received a wire from Mr. Frank P. Walsh saying that he has been successful in getting Mr. Donald Richberg to associate with him in our case. This is a very significant stroke, inasmuch as Mr. Richberg is the man who wrote the Watson-Parker Bill under which the Railway Labor Act will be set up. He knows more about it than any other man in America, so that when he appears before the Board, representing us, we cannot go wrong. This is good news to spread among the men. As soon as the President appoints the Board, we will file our case.

Keep up the good work, for victory is sure to come.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

  
A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

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Chicago, June 10 1926.  
to *The Messenger*

IN ACCOUNT WITH  
of Victory 0018 3341 So. State St.



ONCE A CUSTOMER ALWAYS A CUSTOMER

3000 Pluggers \$6 75  
Paid in full  
C. J. Hume



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Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir & Brother, Greetings:

Under separate cover we are sending you fifty (50) copies of the Pittsburgh Courier and 2 copies of the New York Evening Journal, a white paper.

The Courier carries the complete address of our General Organizer, A. Philip Randolph, delivered at the opening of the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition in Philadelphia, May 31st. We are sorry that we could not send you more copies, as we know every Brotherhood man, every red-blooded Negro, would like to get a copy and preserve it for the days to come.

The Couriers you can sell at 10¢ per copy and return \$5.00 to us. The Journal you can keep to show your fellow-workers. We tried our best to get copies of the Journal, but failed to do so.

With undimmed faith in our great cause, we remain

Yours for victory,  
BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS,

*Frank R. Crosswaith*  
Frank R. Crosswaith,  
Special Organizer.

FRC/LIM

P. S. Note editorial in Courier about the Brotherhood.

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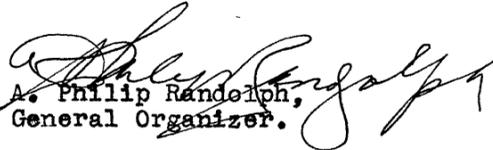
Mr. M. P. Webster,  
Organizer, B. S. C. P.,  
Chicago Division,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Webster:

I would suggest that you hold the meeting on Thursday night, since I want to give myself ample time for any other emergency which may intervene between my making the meeting in Washington on the 20th. May I request, too, that you don't plan a big meeting, but just between the members and the Ladies Auxiliary, since I am quite tired and don't feel able to speak to a big crowd.

Everything goes well. Will see you on the 15th.

Fraternally yours,

  
A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

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3118 GILES AVE CHICAGO ILL

CAN SPEAK THURSDAY NIGHT

A PHILLIP RANDOLPH

1251P

Chicago, Ill.  
6/12/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I received your letter yesterday, and wish to say I am in accord with what you did in regard to dispensation.

So far, we have not got the results we should. I hope to see the numbers swell in the next two weeks.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that Brother W. F. Walker paid a balance of \$4.00 on May 3rd. You will find same listed in my report of May 8th. Berry's receipt number 2331. I have given him card number 6626, and will get in touch with him and change his number as soon as I receive the right one from you. I have also issued one or two more that I will check up on and let you know just I've done. In getting these numbers straightened out I shall follow out your instructions as per your letter of June 8th.

Please say to Brother Crosswaith that I am in receipt of both his letters, and that I shall be very glad to get the papers; also that I shall dispose of them as per his suggestion and remit. Will write to him soon.

Kindly remember me to all.

With best wishes and hoping to hear from you very soon, I am as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.



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June 14, 1926.

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FRANK R. CROSSWAITH  
Field Representative  
S. E. GRAIN

Mr. George A. Price,  
Local Secretary, Treasurer,  
3118 Giles Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear George:

I received your letter and report this morning. I noticed that numbers 15, 16 and 17 are not shown, I suppose that they were used for cards for others that you mentioned.

When you get a chance let us know how you are handling these so as not to have any one holding two numbers. In the case of Brother W. F. Walker, whom you furnished card 6626, his cards should be in the part-pays sent you and his number is 5384. From your blank cards you will make another 6626 and furnish Brother W. F. Walker with No. 5384.

Mr. Randolph will be with you until Friday morning, but he must, by all means leave Chicago not later than Friday noon. I think it will be advisable to have him come to Washington on either the Capital Limited or the Washington Broadway Limited, there is no excess fare on either train.

My regards to Webster and Berry, my very best wishes for yourself and the splendid work you are doing there. I would keep a very close eye on everything as to the movements of Mr. Randolph while he is there. There are several rumours that I do not like very much floating around, but I am satisfied that you and Webster will guard his every move, as he is yours as well as ours.

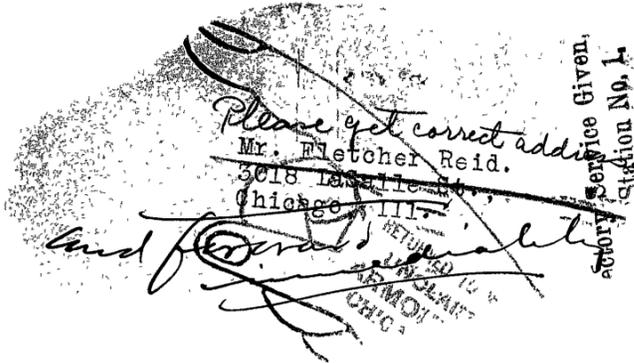
Yours fraternally,

*Roy Lancaster*  
Secretary-Treasurer

RL/W

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Headquarters:  
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June 18, 1926.

Secretary-Treasurer  
ROY LANCASTER  
Special Organizer  
FRANK R. CROSSWAITH  
Field Representative  
S. E. GRAIN

Mr. G. A. Price,  
3118 Giles Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear George:

In your part-pays on application #5410 you show a William Faulkes, 227 1/2 St. Anthony Avenue, St. Paul Minn., on the receipt stub you show the same name, the same address and Chicago, Ill.

Will you kindly let me know which is correct.

Yours fraternally,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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Chicago, Ill.  
6/19/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I would like to write you a good long letter, but seeing Mr. Randolph off has put me somewhat behind with my work, and, as I want you to receive the report on time, I shall make it snappy.

The cards I used from the pack of 100 were given out before you sent the part paid to me. As soon as I can get in touch with those men I will get the card I gave them and present them with the proper one. In the case of Brother W.F. Walker, there was no card for him in the lot you sent to me. Also Brother J.F. Goldsberry was short, and I gave him card number 6629.

Card number 6615 was given to L.E. Reliford. Card number 6616 was given to Cebrun Jenkins. Card number 6617 was given to Eugene Gill. I find a card and dues book for both brother Reliford and brother Jonkins, but none for brother Gill. Please give me the number in order that I may also get him straightened out.

I will write you again the first of the week and let you know what progress I am making.

With best wishes to yourself and co-workers, I beg to remain,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

Chgo. Ill. 6/12/26.  
Recd. of ~~GAT~~ Price the sum of three (~~\$3.50~~)  
dollars and fifty cents, for distribution  
of pluggers.

J. T. Berry





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June 24, 1926.

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ROY LANCASTER  
Special Organizer  
FRANK R. CROSSWAITH  
Field Representative  
S. E. GRAIN

Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Brother Price:

From all appearances Brother H. DeBerry,  
who formerly lived at 553 East 43d Street  
has moved.

Will you please ascertain his present ad-  
dress and let us have it as soon as pos-  
sible, and oblige

Yours fraternally,

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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June 25, 1926

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ROY LANCASTER  
Special Organizer  
FRANK R. CROSSWAITH  
Field Representative  
S. E. GRAIN

Mr. M. P. Webster,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Webster;

Just a word to say that we have recently made a masterstroke in enlisting on our side to handle our case before the Mediation Board which was set up under the Watson-Parker Bill, Mr. Donald R. Richberg. Mr. Richberg very largely wrote the Bill. He knows more about it than any other living man in America. Hence, our case is in the best possible hands in America. Besides, he is deeply interested in our cause. I had a conference of several hours with him on every phase of our situation, and he is now working out a general plan of procedure. It is his opinion that the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters should permit one of the powerful standard railroad unions to go before the Board first, so as to get the benefit of its fight, since precedents and interpretations will be established in the first case which will apply in future cases. Hence, in his opinion, it is to our advantage to be able to point to these precedents and interpretations when we present our case. Besides, says he, one of the old unions will be more able to force the Board to take a favorable position on principles favoring the organized railway employees than the Brotherhood could, or for that matter, the Pullman Conductors who have been organized for some years. I think his opinion is sound. We must begin right, and no man is better prepared to advise us how to begin right than Mr. Richberg who wrote the Bill.

Our task, says he, is to fight on for as big a per cent of the men as it is possible to get, since our strength before the Board will depend directly upon that fact. He, of course, has great faith in the success of our cause, if we will only work and not grow weary, fight and not lose the faith. Forward to victory.

Your faithful servant

  
A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

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Chicago, Ill.  
6/26/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

The first thing I want to call your attention to is the case of Brother F. Henderson. He made a first payment of two dollars to Brother Jones of Oakland, Calif. He is a nice chap and a man of his word once it is given, but a very hard man to get money from for anything. So I took advantage of our friendship and made him pay the balance on his application and one dollar dues, as you will notice by the report. Now what I want you to do is to notify Brother Jones and see that he gets the commission. I gave him card number 6642. If you have one made out for him let me know, and I will change to the proper number.

I have also issued cards to Brothers N. Smith and L.C. Olliver. That of N. Smith was an oversight. I find that I have one for him in the part paid. But L.C. Olivier has never had a card. He came in the last week in April. The numbers issued are 6639 and 6645 respectively.

Upon close examination I find one more; that of L.U. Grammer who came into the organization about the first of Feb. He was given card number 6639.

I have been very busy in the office and with Mr. Randolph this week, but as soon as I can find time I will get in touch with those men and straighten out their numbers.

The N.A.A.C.P. are having some wonderful meetings, and Brother Randolph is constantly on the go, with me by his side most of the time.

With best wishes for yourself, staff and friends, I beg to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

Chicago, Ill.  
7/3/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

Again I am pressed for time and am forced to cut this short. The most important thing is the subject of cards and numbers. With the exception of Brother Walker, you have failed to send to me the proper numbers of the men to whom I have issued cards in order that I might get them straightened out. Please do so at your earliest convenience.

To Brother A.V. Wright I have given card number 6660. To W.P. Watson, card number 6652. To Z.D. Gillon, card number 6654. To E. Goff, card number 6667.

Thanks very much for the supplies. Brother Gales brought some, and Brother Ford brought up the rear. I am not sure that I mentioned dues stamps in my wire, but that was one of the most important items. However, I guess you know that by this time, since I asked Brother Gales to so inform you.

You will please find enclosed the sum of \$5.00 as payment for the 50 Pgh. Couriers you sent me. Also the sum of \$ 1.25 as payment for subscription to The Messenger for one year. Blank enclosed. While I am on the subject of The Messenger I wish to say that Brother J.C. Mills reports that he has received no Messenger for July.

With best wishes I beg to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

Chicago, Ill.  
7/10/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

As you can see by the reports, this week has been very bad. I will be in the street more from now on, and I believe I am going to get better results in the future. They show a disposition to slow down after each pay day, and I am setting myself the task of showing them the absolute necessity of giving their organization the support it not only merits, but must have in order to survive.

Brother Ford brought the dues stamps for which I wish to thank you; and at the same time I wish to inform you that we are in need of both letter heads and envelopes. Brother Randolph has almost cleaned us out. Please send some as soon as possible.

We are preparing for a big meeting to-morrow. We have spent considerable time and money in working it up, and expect a good crowd. Will let you know how it comes out.

I know you are hearing from Brother Randolph right along, so it is useless for me to say anything about him, more than that he is very well, and that I am tickled pink to have him here.

With best wishes for yourself and co-workers, I beg to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

G.A.P.--2--7--10--26.

is correct.

Thanks for the distribution of the Courier, if you need any more of them with the address of Mr. Randolph at the Sesqui-Centennial, we will be glad to furnish you with them.

Accept our hearty congratulations on the splendid report.

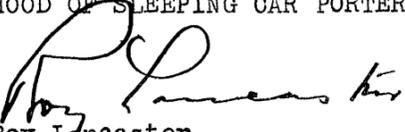
My kindest regards to Webster and Berry and all other enquiring friends.

I am sure, George, that Mr. Randolph has been very busy there, and I know that you are as well, but I would be very glad if you could write me, personally your observations on the continued postponement of the trial; possibly there is a view point that you could give me, that has not been given so far.

With best wishes, I beg to remain

Fraternally yours,

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer

RL/W

July 8, 1926 Local

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1926.

W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.  
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July 8, 1926

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,  
2311 Seventh Ave.,  
New York, N. Y.

ATTENTION MR. ROY LANCASTER

Dear Sir:

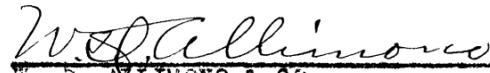
We audited the records of the Chicago Division of the Sleeping Car Porters for the month of June. We also audited the Bank Statement for the month of June, and herewith submit our report as follows:

- EXHIBIT "A" Statement of Receipts & Disbursements
- EXHIBIT "B" Statistical report showing the percentage of members enrolled; also comparative statement of the number of members who paid dues for the 1st 4 months of 1926
- EXHIBIT "C" Schedule of Deposits.

Judging from the increase of membership and the increase in payment of dues, we have reasons to believe that a new enthusiasm is seen and it appears as though their minds are becoming more convinced as to the real possibilities and advantages that can be derived out of their organization.

We are inclined to believe that the month of July will show somewhat of a little slump. However, we should not consider that as anything to be alarmed over. It appears as though everything is moving along very nicely in the office in Chicago. There seems to be a mutual spirit of co-operation.

Very truly yours,

  
W. D. ALLIMONO & CO.

WDA:MJP

SCHEDULE "A"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS & DISBURSEMENTS FOR  
MONTH OF JUNE 1926.

Cash Balance May 31st, 1926 \$ 91.25

RECEIPTS:

Applications	\$150.00	
1st Installment	37.80	
2nd "	122.00	
Dues	367.00	
Contributions	<u>13.58</u>	670.08

TOTAL CASH TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$761.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

OPERATING:

Publicity	\$43.61	
Office Supply	6.53	
Organization Work	52.03	
Taxi	15.25	
Salaries	130.00	
Commissions	45.00	
Rent	35.50	
Vault	<u>3.00</u>	\$380.92

CAPITAL:

Cash Adv. (T. Berry)	\$ 5.00	
" " (S. Ward)	<u>5.00</u>	8.00
Cash Adv. (A. P. R.)		50.00
Remittance to Home Office		<u>10.14</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS FOR JUNE 399.06

CASH BALANCE JUNE 30, 1926 \$362.27

RECONCILIATION:

Balance in Bank per our Records	\$201.77
Cash On Hand	60.50
	<u>\$262.27</u>

SCHEDULE "B"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
 STATISTICAL REPORT SHOWING PERCENTAGE OF INCOME  
 SINCE JAN. 1st & COMPARATIVE DECREASES  
 MONTHLY SINCE MARCH 1926.

	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>APR.</u>	<u>MAR.</u>	<u>FEB.</u>	<u>JAN.</u>	<u>New MEMBERS</u>
Application in Fall	26	11	36	23	52	74	222
1st Installment	22	25	9	36	64	38	224
2nd "	39	18	19	28	33	15	152
	<u>87</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>64</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>149</u>	<u>157</u>	<u>598</u>
Deduct-2nd Installm't	<u>39</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>152</u>
TOTAL NEW MEMBERS SINCE 1/1/26	<u>48</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>59</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>142</u>	<u>398</u>
	37%	34%	10%	32%	32%	61%	

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE  
 OF DUES PAID

<u>MONTHS</u>	<u>NO. OF MEMBERS</u>
February 1926	104
March "	101
April "	132
May "	128
June "	144

SCHEDULE "C"

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
SCHEDULE OF DEPOSITS FOR  
JUNE 1926.

DEPOSITS:

June 1	\$20.50
" 2nd	39.00
" 4	20.00
" 5	15.00
" 7	7.00
" 8	34.00
" 9	29.25
" 10	25.95
" 11	27.40
" 12	25.80
" 15	8.50
" 16	20.00
" 17	25.50
" 18	45.68
" 19	20.00
" 22	35.50
" 23	20.00
" 24	27.50
" 25	29.00
" 26	7.00
" 28	44.50
" 29	61.00
" 30	26.00
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	<u>\$626.08</u>
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General Organizer  
A. PHILIP RANDOLPH  
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BROTHERHOOD OF

## Sleeping Car Porters

Headquarters:  
2311 SEVENTH AVENUE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.



July 10, 1926.

Telephone: BRAdhurst 0454

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Field Representative  
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3118 Giles Avenue, C  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear George:

Your letter of July 3rd, you state that with the exception of Brother Walker, we have failed to send you the proper numbers of the men to whom you have issued cards. I am sorry this has not been done, but I am sure it was, because of the fact that we thought all of the part-paids were included in the numbers sent you. After a careful search and referring to your letter of June 19, we find that you had not been sent a card for Brother J.F.Goldsberry, whose number is 6535, we are enclosing that herein. Will you take from your blank cards and make a number to correspond with the number given him 6629. Collecting his card from him, and giving him the card we are sending you herein.

Relative to Brother Rutherford, and Brother Jenkins, whose numbers are 5824 and 6247 respectively; these numbers should be given them and the cards issued to them 6615 and 6616 should be destroyed and their numbers put on other cards for use of new members. As to Brother Eugene Gill, our records show that card 5379 was issued to him: if you have not this card and it has not been sent to him, you will please make him from your blank cards this number destroying card No.6617, and putting that number back in your numbers for distribution. I think that you understand this now, and for the benefit of our record here, as soon as these changes have been made, will you confirm it in a letter so that we will have the numbers held by members in Chicago, corresponding with their record card in the general office.

Relative to Mr. Mills, his copy was evidently lost in the mail, but I have put that in the hands of Mr. Thurman, who will see that he is sent another copy and that his address

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copy to Mr & Mrs Mills



# New Hotel Bronx

250 ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF ROOMS  
SEYMOUR HOTEL CO INC  
OPERATORS

421-423-425 EAST SEVENTH STREET

Los Angeles, Calif. July 11/14 1935

Mr G. H. Gibson, 1st Dept  
Chicago, Ill

Sir - Wish to state in regards  
to my reporting by phone call  
as instructed on 2nd morning  
at 11 o'clock - at my home & call  
office the voice sounded like  
that of Mr. H. C. Conner  
said to me to take Car 54  
to delude I said Mr. H. C. Conner  
both of my feet have gone bad on  
me they are really sore I can  
hardly stand on them he said  
I did not say anything about  
them when I came in & told him  
he did not give me a chance to  
so he said all right the night



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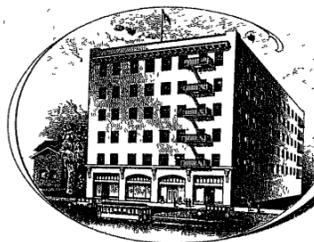
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before I was due out about  
5:15 in evening my wife says  
me on my arrival from that  
the office called and said to  
call Mr. Gibney for more  
than 30 minutes I tried not  
being successful got on  
knowing what to do by that office  
going out thought probably  
another statement was necessary  
which I ask him concerning  
on my arrival. He possibly did  
not hear me so he gave me no  
answer to question I ask him  
when I got down to office he  
on my asking him did he want  
to see the cards I did not call up  
I said Mr. McCormack I talked  
with you personally I said I did  
not go of car to get to detour



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he said i did not call & let  
i go at that, he told me to report  
to you. Very well then he  
said take line 370 to Jersey  
Although unable to speak the  
truth and he believed concerning  
my flight i went, Mr. Gibson  
never found any trouble with  
no one do my work. First class  
that i can truthfully say. A class  
car is my motto handle public  
with the best they are in that  
i can do. Courtesy believe  
my motto is asking that  
he placed back on line 301.

Resp

H. Colson -

C.H.



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Headquarters:  
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NEW YORK, N. Y.



July 16, 1926

Telephone: BRAdhurst 0454

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Field Representative  
S. E. GRAIN

**TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE, ORGANIZERS, SECRETARIES, TREASURERS  
OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS**

Dear Brothers and Fellow-Workers, Greetings:

We are in the final stages of our great, intense and noble struggle for economic freedom. Signs are apparent everywhere that the enemy has weakened and ready to surrender. We scored another victory in securing the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the Negro's most powerful organization, to endorse the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Many and various attempts were made to defeat us in this purpose, but they failed.

As a result of the wide-spread clamor and requests from Porters all over the country, for a continuance of the DISPENSATION for new members and "part-pays", it has been extended for thirty more days after which, the joining fee, in justice to those who have borne the burden in the heat of the day, will be raised to \$10.00. This rate will go into effect after midnight, August 5, 1926.

May I say that in accordance with the advice of our legal adviser, Donald R. Richberg, noted labor attorney, and joint author of the Watson-Parker Bill, we have prepared a questionnaire to be sent the members in a nation-wide referendum, to determine their attitude on certain demands relating to wages, rules and working conditions. This referendum is to be completed prior to and as a basis for our taking our case up with the Mediation Board.

Permit me to request that you urge the men to make out the questionnaire and mail it to the Headquarters or give them to you, as soon as possible, since we must be ready to make use of the precedents and interpretations the Mediation Board will make, so soon as one of the standard railroad unions presents a case to it.

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7/16/26

May I say that I cannot too strongly urge upon you the necessity of working to secure as nearly a hundred per cent organization of the Porters and Maids as possible. Remember that we are no stronger than the weakest link. The larger the membership--the stronger our case will be with the Beard.

Permit me to urge upon you also the necessity of going after the new men who are being hired by the Company. We must not permit them to remain outside of the Brotherhood. They belong with us, and they will come in when they understand our cause.

We are now in the high tide of our struggle. Let us rejoice and be glad, for the God of Justice and Freedom is our captain and salvation.

And again, may I say to you that it is the verdict of history that a QUITTER NEVER WINS -- and A WINNER NEVER QUITTS!

F O R W A R D   T O   V I C T O R Y !

Your faithful servant,



A. Philip Randolph,  
General Organizer.

APR/LIM

P. S. Please read this letter at a Meeting of your Committee, so as to inform them of its contents.

Chicago, Ill.  
7/17/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I have succeeded in getting in touch with two or three of the men whose cards are involved in this little mixup, and as soon as possible I will get in touch with the rest others and give you a report on same.

We had a wonderful meeting Sunday. The crowd was not so big, but the spirit was high, and Brother Randolph strutted his stuff, as only he can. You will see by the reports what the results were, both in the hall and down in the office.

Of course you know by now how the case came out. The indictment was so drawn as to preclude any possibility of ever proving that the defense conspired to libel the prosecution. In my opinion this was not an accident, but was done purposely to prevent the burden of proof from shifting from the prosecution to the defense; for they well knew that if they succeeded in proving that Mr. Randolph and Mr. Owen had conspired to libel the so called owners of the Whip, the burden of proof would have shifted to the defense, and that the defense were in a position to prove that the articles as printed in The Messenger were absolutely true. In that case it would have meant the death of the Whip, and the down fall of the effort to discredit our organization, as was plainly the intent at the outset.

I am satisfied that money passed in the office of the States Attorney, and that all they hoped to gain was to personally inconvenience Mr. Randolph and Mr. Owen, and force the organization to spend money.

The above is my personal opinion. Others may think different, but there has been so damn much juggling and pussyfooting that I cannot bring myself to believe otherwise.

Mr. Randolph is leaving this evening for St. Paul. I think he is to be gone about five days. Brother Caldwell has a very extensive program mapped out, and I am sure it will require at least that long for him to finish.

With best wishes for yourself and co-workers, I beg to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.

P.S. I wish to call your attention to Brother E.R. Hester. His wife came in to pay his balance. She says he paid three dollars in Oakland, Calif., but she had no receipt from Brother Jones. I could not turn her down, so I accepted the balance and one month's dues. I have written to Brother Jones for confirmation, but if you have a record of the first payment there let me know. Please see that he gets the commission.

G.A.P.

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3118 GILES AVE CHICAGO ILL

BIG MEETING SUNDAY PROGRAM ARRANGED THROUGH NEXT SUNDAY WILL  
LEAVE FOR CHICAGO SUNDAY NIGHT

A PHILLIP RANDOLPH

918A



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July 21, 1926

Mr. G. A. Brice,  
3118 Giles Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear George:

I am not attempting to answer yours of a few days ago, but this is only to inquire about the application of one Abner Henry Reid of 2906 Portland Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn., You did not number this and therefore, I am left to believe that you wish to make and send to Caldwell, at St. Paul for final collection. We will hold it up until we hear from you about it.

With best regards to all, I am

Yours fraternally,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Sec'y & Treas.

RL/A

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CHICAGO DIVISION:  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
CHICAGO

July 23, 1926.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 Seventh Avenue,  
New York City.

My dear Roy:

Replying to yours of the 21st inst. will say that I do desire you to send the application of Abner Henry Reid of 2906 Portland Avenue South, Minneapolis, Minn., to Caldwell. for the final collection.

My regards to all.

Yours fraternally,

G. A. Price

GAP:IME

Chicago, Ill.  
7/24/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

My Dear Roy:

First I want to ask you to send me a supply of dues stamps and dues books; send them by the first carrier coming this way.

Next I want to mention the Messenger. I know you are wondering why I have not sent in the report. The reason is that I have failed to get in touch with the bird who does the distributing, and all the collections have not been turned in. I shall see him in the next twenty four hours, and the report will be sent in as soon thereafter as possible.

We had a wire from Mr. Randolph Monday night, but aside from that we have heard nothing. I hope he is keeping in touch with you. I understand from other sources that the meetings have been very successful.

The weather here has been very hot, and has served to put the quietus on business for awhile.

Another item I forgot: Please send me a supply of blank cards and dues books.

With best wishes for yourself and co-workers, I beg to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles Ave.



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July 24, 1926

Mr. Geo. A. Price,  
3118 Giles Avenue  
Chicago, Ill

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find the following  
cards with stamps in tact:

7103 Emmett R. Hester  
601 E 50th Street  
Chicago, Ill.  
6997 F. Henderson  
308 E 41st Street  
Chicago, Ill.

These men joined here, and according to your  
rerort paid the balance of their fees with  
one month's dues. If you have issued other  
cards, please call same in and issue these.

Sometime ago, I wrote you in regard to several  
part paid application blanks which you send  
in without any numbers. Will you kindly let  
us hear from you relative to same.

Yours very truly,

Enc. (2)

*Roy Lancaster*  
Secretary-Treasurer.

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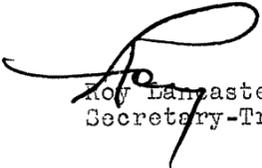
Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Brother Price:

Your report of July 24th just received, and I am today sending you by Mr. Ford 480 dues stamps and dues books, also some blank cards. I am in a hurry to get this off, and will write you more fully on a later mail.

Yours received relative to Reed of Minneapolis. Same has been forwarded to Mr. Caldwell for collection.

Fraternally yours,

  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

Enc.  
RL/LIM

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GEORGE A PRICE

3118 GILES AVE CHICAGO ILL

MR RANDOLPH LEAVES TONIGHT ELEVEN THIRTY STPAUL ROAD MEET HIM

PCALDWELL

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M P WEBSTER

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3118 GILES AVE CHICAGO ILL

LEAVING ELEVEN THIRTY TUESDAY NIGHT

A PHILIP RANDOLPH.

1926 JUL 27 PM 11 30



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S. E. GRAIN

Mr. Geo. A. Price,  
3118 Giles Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill

Dear Sir:

We have just received Two dollars (\$2.00)  
which is balance due on initiation fee from  
Wilburn Humphries, Jr., #4209.

In looking through our old files, we found  
his membership card and dues book. If you have his  
cards, please destroy same.

Will you please write him relative to his  
dues?

Very truly yours,

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS,

*Roy Lancaster*  
Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer

RL/W

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3451 MICHIGAN AVE.

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W. D. ALLIMONO & COMPANY  
INDUSTRIAL ENGINEERS  
AUDITORS - ACCOUNTANTS - SYSTEMATIZERS  
INCOME TAX A SPECIALTY  
CHICAGO

July 28, 1926.

Chicago Division of the  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,

ATTENTION MR. P. PRICE:

Dear Sir:

We have made a complete audit of your bank records covering the period beginning January 20, 1926 and ending June 30, 1926, in an effort to discover why the balance as shown by your check stubs June 30, 1926 didnot agree with the balance as shown by the bank statement after considering the outstanding checks against the amount in bank as of the above mentioned date. We found that the balance as shown per your check stubs was \$214.77 which was due to the fact that two deposits which should have appeared on the check stubs in the month of June didnot make their appearance until after the first of July. Those deposits represented a total amount of \$87.00; one of \$61.00 and the other of \$26.00, but they appeared in the pass book on their respective date, which was June 29, and June 30th. You will find that when ~~the~~ the balance of \$214.77 as shown on your check stup as of July 1st is added to the \$87.00 it will give you a total of \$301.77 which agrees with our report for the month of June.

This experience brings out one of the fundamental laws of accountancy, that all transactions must be recorded as of the date upon which it took place, and always within the first or last day of the month in which it occurred because at the close of business on the last day of each month, we are supposed to have a definite basis for the preparation of our statements which should include all transactions which transpires during that period.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

*W. D. Allimono*  
W. D. ALLIMONO & COMPANY.

WDA/MJP

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS  
 STATEMENT OF BANK ACCOUNT  
 BEGINNING 1/19/26 ENDED JUNE 30/26

DEPOSITS:

	<u>CHECK STUBS</u>	<u>PASS BOOK</u>	<u>CHECKS ISSUED</u>
January	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$356.11
February	751.69	751.69	806.03
March	585.44	483.73	586.53
April	841.49	855.99	650.66
May	567.60	531.10	723.43
June	<u>539.08</u>	<u>626.08</u>	<u>399.06</u>
	\$3,860.30		
DEDUCT	<u>123.71</u>		
	\$3,736.59		
PLUS:			
6/29	\$61.00		
6/30	<u>26.00</u> 87.00		
	\$3,823.59	<u>\$3,823.59</u>	<u>\$3,521.82</u>
LESS:			
Checks Issued	<u>3,521.82</u>		
	<u>\$ 301.77</u>		



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Mr. George A. Price,  
3118 Giles Avenue,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Price:

Among your application blanks  
you sent in one R. D. Davis of  
407 North Weaver Street, Madison,  
Illinois, with no number.

Will you kindly let us know if  
you gave him a number and failed  
to put same on card, or do you  
wish us to give him a number?

Kindly let us know what to do  
about A. Rhea, 6518 Champlain  
Ave.; E. R. Knight, 5029 Michigan  
Ave.; and J. C. Whittaker, all  
of which are part-pays, with  
no numbers.

Yours very truly,  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters,

*Roy Lancaster*  
Secretary-Treasurer.

RL/HD

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S. E. GRAIN

Mr. Geo. A. Price.  
3118 Giles Ave.,  
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:

We received today \$6.00 from Brother  
Mack Marcellus, 1407 Loomis Ave.  
Chicago, Ill. and have sent him six  
dues stamps in exchange.

Will you please make note of same and  
oblige

Yours truly,

*Roy Lancaster*

Roy Lancaster,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

RL:D

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GEORGE A RICE 5

3118 GILES AVE CHI AGO ILL

IS MR RANDOLPH THERE ADVISE WHEN HE IS LEAVING

ROY LANCASTER

730A

*W.B. Anderson*  
*July 29 1926*

CHICAGO DIVISION:  
3118 Giles Ave.  
CHICAGO

July 30, 1926.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 Seventh Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lancaster:

Answering your inquiries concerning cards they  
are as follows:

A. Rhea, 6518 Champlain Ave. Card 6673;  
E. R. Knight, 5029 Michigan Ave., Card 6671;  
J. C. Whittaker, 907 N. Carolina St., Bal-  
timore, Md., 6672.

I do not have the card number for R. D. Davis,  
but will get it soon. Leave it open as I will  
send it as soon as I can get in touch with him.

Yours very truly,

Secretary-Treasurer.

GAP:IMB

July 31, 1926.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph,  
2311 Seventh Avenue,  
New York City.

Dear Bro. Randolph:

In regard to the matter about which I wired you yesterday, I herewith advise that I have not been able to get any authentic additional information on it yet. Several of our men went to the district offices in an effort to verify the report that we had gotten; but so far have not been able to do so. I thought it advisable to suggest that we have our officials in the various territories on the look-out, so that in the event that the Company did attempt to put anything over we would be in a position to counteract it.

In regard to the increased membership fee after August 5, I would like to be advised as to whether or not we should collect dues commencing with the date that the member joins or shall we collect dues from June 1. I would also like to be advised in regard to the commission to be paid to the field agents. That is, whether we are to allow them 20% on the fee collected, or as we have done in the past One Dollar on each full application.

Our membership according to accurate account on our records here is 950. New members have been coming in very lively this week. I would also like to be advised as authentically as possible, as to what is the membership of the entire organization, so that in making a public announcement, I can be able to do so with some degree of accuracy.

I also wish you would inform me as soon as possible as to when we are to hold the big Mass Meeting at Wandall Phillips High School as we ought to have at least three weeks publicity. It won't be long before Labor Day will come rolling around. I will keep in touch with you and advise when there is any new important development.

Yours fraternally,

Chicago, Ill.  
7/31/26.

Mr. Roy Lancaster,  
2311 7th. Ave.,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Roy:

I have just about fifteen minutes to make the post office, and therefore must make this short.

Mr. Randolph will explain the paying of the partial payments on the basis of twenty per cent so that you will understand the report in regard to the commission.

I am going out after the Messenger distributor that was in a very short time, and I will let you hear from me in a day or so in regard to same.

I will write to you again in a very few days and explain everything. I have been very busy and unable to get in touch with most of those wrong numbers. As soon as I do I will let you know.

With best wishes for yourself and co-workers, I beg to remain as ever,

Sincerely yours,

3118 Giles, Ave.