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★ **ANNIVERSARY** ★

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BI-ENNIAL CONVENTION

**SEPT.
15th-20
1940**

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WITHOUT REGARD TO
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BROTHERHOOD'S 15th Anniversary



A STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRMAN

For the first time since our struggle began in 1925, we are holding our Convention in New York City. Representatives and delegates from our fifty-nine divisions throughout the nation, Canada and Mexico have come to participate in our program of this our Second Biennial Convention and 15th Anniversary Celebration.

The Officers and Members of the Brotherhood wish to thank all Fraternal, Benevolent, Civic and Labor Organizations participating in our Program, including our "America First" Parade. We thank Rev. Cullen and the Salem Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. William Lloyd Imes, pastor of St. James Presbyterian Church and Chairman of our Citizens' Committee, and Rev. Paul E. West of the Lutheran Church of the Transfiguration most especially for their untiring efforts and devotion to our cause.

ASHLEY L. TOTTEN,

FOREWORD

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THE Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters was organized in 1925 in New York City. It has had fifteen years of hard and difficult struggle. During this period, many Porters have lost their jobs. Nevertheless, groups of Porters and Divisions throughout the country have remained loyal to the cause of the Brotherhood.

Because of this loyalty on the part of the Porters, Attendants and Maids, even though in small numbers in the various Divisions from coast to coast, the Brotherhood was able to sign an Agreement with the Pullman Company in Chicago in 1937.

That Agreement brought recognition to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters as the duly authorized bargaining agency for the negotiation of agreements concerning rates of pay and rules governing working conditions for Porters, Maids and Attendants.

During the early days of the struggle of the Brotherhood, opposition was bitter and determined, not only from the Pullman Company, but also from some Negro leaders in the press, church and politics. Despite this fact, the Porters never quit. They fought tenaciously on.

Today, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is an outstanding symbol of the capacity, will and spirit of the Negro people to stand on their own feet, for the Porters in the Brotherhood paid the price of their victory. They endured privation and suffered incident to the loss of jobs.

Thus, the officials and members of the Brotherhood consider that the most important contribution the struggle of the Porters has made to the life of the Negro people is the record of self-reliance.

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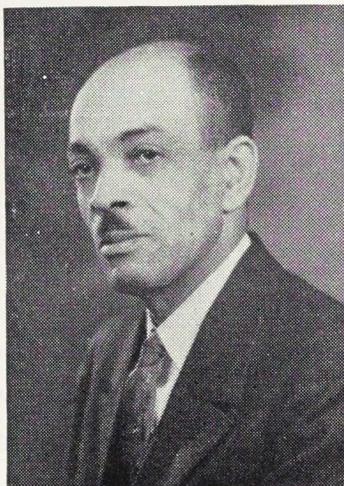
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PROGRAMME
SESSIONS OF THE CONVENTION
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, 1940

First Session

Registration of Delegates at Brotherhood Headquarters.

OFFICES, 217 West 125th Street, Room 301.....9 A. M.

CONVENTION CALLED TO ORDER.....10 A. M.
Report of International President
Report of Credentials Committee

ADDRESS—"What the Railway Retirement Act Means to the Railway
Employees"HON. MURRAY W. LATIMER
Chairman, Railroad Retirement Board

ADDRESSFRANK R. CROSSWAITH
International Organizer, International Ladies' Garment Workers Union

ADDRESSDR. WILLARD UPHAUS
Director, National Religion and Labor Foundation

ADDRESSHON. OTTO S. BEYER
Chairman National Mediation Board

Subject: "What the Railway Labor Act has done for better Relations
between Carriers and their Employees."

Recess—12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Second Session

2:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th, 1940

Third Session

9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.
Recess—12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Fourth Session

2:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.
Supper—5:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

Fifth Session

7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.

(Continued)

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Chairman.

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PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 1940

Sixth Session

9:30 A. M. to 12:30 P. M.
Recess—12:30 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Seventh Session

2:00 P. M. to 5:30 P. M.
Supper—5:30 P. M. to 7:30 P. M.

Eighth Session

7:30 P. M. to 9:30 P. M.

Adjournment

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th, at 7:30 P. M.

at MECCA TEMPLE

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2. "De Train Is Comin' "

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1. "For You Alone" (by Geehl)
2. "L'Amour Toujours l'Amour" (by Friml)

INTRODUCTION OF MRS. ROOSEVELT ..DR. MARY McLEOD BETHUNE
Director Negro Affairs, National Youth Administration

ADDRESS MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

SOLOS MISS NADINE WATERS
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Director, Workers Education Bureau of America, A. F. of L.

ADDRESS AUBREY WILLIAMS
Director, National Youth Administration

ADDRESS WALTER WHITE
Secretary, National Association For The Advancement of Colored People

SOLO—"Invictus" PROF. FURMAN FORDHAM

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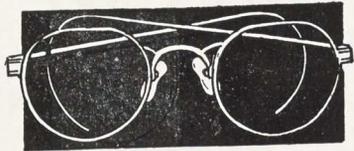
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th, 10 P. M. UNTIL?

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th, 1940

BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS WORLD'S FAIR DAY

PROGRAM

INVOCATION BROTHER R. R. MATTHEWS
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Secretary, U. S. Department of Labor

SOLO MISS MAYE HOOPER, *Mezzo Soprano*

ADDRESS A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
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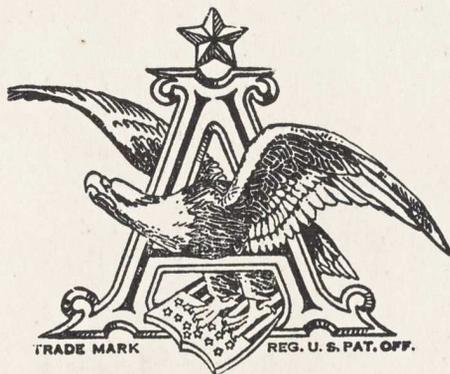
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