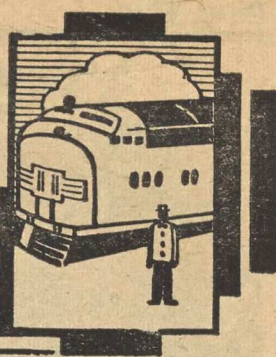


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## BSCP Southwestern Zone Holds Successful Conf.

### FIRED PORTER LOSES IN TWO SUITS

Federal Judge Ben C. Dawkins, Jr., recently ruled a suit filed in Shreveport, La., by a former Pullman Co. porter against the Pullman Co. and the Brotherhood was out of the court's jurisdiction and dismissed the case.

The sleeping car porter, Johnnie A. Brock, had filed an injunction suit against Pullman which had fired him on request of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Chair Car and Coach Porters and Attendants.

Brock also sued the Brotherhood for \$11,269.84 in back wages and \$25,398 in future wages if he was not reinstated in the Brotherhood and his Pullman job with reinstatement of his seniority.

Brock said he was dismissed from the Brotherhood despite the fact that he had attempted to pay his dues after he had been declared delinquent and ousted from the Brotherhood. He charged discrimination.

Judge Dawkins, in sustaining a dismissal plea by the Brotherhood, ruled there was no evidence of racial or individual discrimination presented no evidence of violation of contract, and he had destroyed any jurisdiction that might have existed in the injunction suit against Pullman when he failed to elect between suing for damages and asking for the reinstatement.

Judge Dawkins also maintained there was no diversity in citizenship involved since the Brotherhood was not incorporated and members of the local chapter were all citizens of Louisiana.

Brock, who worked for Pullman from Dec. 17, 1941, to Oct. 14, 1953, the date he was dismissed, became delinquent in his dues in September, 1953. He filed the suit Oct. 13, 1954.

### N. Y. TRADE UNIONISTS SPONSOR NIGERIAN ART EXHIBIT

McLaurin Addresses Reception As Local Unions Arrange "Nights" for Dance Recitals

Under the auspices of the Trade Union Committee for Racial Justice, leading New York trade unionists have joined in sponsoring a Nigerian Art and Cultural Exhibit at the Carnegie International Center, 345 East 46th Street in New York.

The Exhibit was held from April 20 to May 20th, and admission is free. It is open Tuesdays through Saturdays from 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. A series of lectures, movies, and Nigerian dances with traditional music and native costumes will take place during the period of the Exhibit.

A. Philip Randolph, BSCP president (Continued on Pg. 8, Col. 1)

### CANADIAN TRAIN SERVICE EMPLOYEES WIN

Being a part of the Associated Railway Organizations of the Canadian Non-Operating Employees and having insisted upon equality of consideration in the application of wage rates and working conditions, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is justifiably proud of the part it has played and is now playing in fighting for Fringe Benefits for the Non-Operating rail workers.

In keeping with the former policy of the Canadian railways of denying equal consideration, in terms of wage rates and working conditions, to Train Service Employees, specifically Dining Car Employees, Sleeping and Parlor Car Employees and Express Train Messengers; in the first Award on Fringe Benefits handed down by the Arbitrator, Mr. Justice Gordon McG. Sloan, the aforementioned classes of railway workers were excluded from enjoyment of the provision for 5 statutory holidays with pay.

Naturally, this unsound and unfair position was promptly and vigorously challenged by the Train Service Employees' unions, including the BSCP. With a view to securing proper and just adjudication of this question, the matter was referred back to the Arbitrator for study and decision.

On a basis of the arguments presented in favor of the inclusion of Train Service Employees in the Award providing for 5 statutory holidays, the Arbitrator formulated an Addendum to the Award of November 19, 1954, which provides for the inclusion of the Train Service Employees.

This action on the part of the Arbitrator is so significant, from the point of view of the future of Train Service Employees in their efforts to win their economic rights through joint collective bargaining efforts with the other non-operating railway employees, we are, herewith, carrying the Addendum to the Award for the information and edification of our membership.

Because of the splendid work done by Brother Blanchette, Field Organizer for the Dominion of Canada, in cooperation with members of the Negotiating Committee of the Associated Railway Organizations, in fighting for the Fringe Benefits and, subsequently, in securing the application of the 5 statutory holidays to the Train Service Employees, including Sleeping and Parlor Car Employees, we extend to him our congratulations.

### CANADIAN NEGOTIATIONS (Continued from Last Issue)

Negotiations with the railways: — the Canadian National Railways, Canadian Pacific Railway Company, certain of their ancillary and subsidiary operations, Ontario Northland Railway, and Toronto, Hamilton and Buffalo Railway Company, commenced on November 25th, 1953, and terminated on November 30th. The Railway Companies rejected the Unions' demands on the ground that their present economic circumstances did not permit them to accept any of the proposals.

They estimated that the cost involved in acceptance of these requests would be in excess of \$60,000,000. (The Union's estimate was \$34,000,000.) The present revenue of the railways, the companies stated, was already insufficient for certain needs and business prospects for the year were uncertain. With competition increasing in intensity and effectiveness, it would become more difficult to recover additional costs through the medium of increased freight rates. For these reasons and the obligation of safeguarding their financial stability, the companies stated they could not accept any further increases in costs. They made no counter proposals.

On failure to arrive at a settlement, the union Joint Negotiating Committee requested the conciliation services of the Department of Labour, and two senior officers, Messrs. H. R. Petigrove and R.

Trepanier of the Department of Labour, were appointed by the Minister of Labour to conciliate the dispute. Their efforts were unsuccessful and, on December 31st, 1953, the Minister of Labour established a Board of Conciliation under the provisions of the Industrial Relations and Disputes Investigation Act.

The Board was under the chairmanship of the Honourable Mr. Justice R. L. Kellock, who was appointed by the Minister in the absence of a joint recommendation from the other two members of the Board, Marshall M. Porter, QC, of Calgary, the companies' nominee, and A. J. Wickens, QC, Moose Jaw, nominee of the unions.

The Board met the parties to the dispute in February, 1954, in Montreal and, being unable to resolve the differences between them, the members of the Board submitted their reports and recommendations to the Minister of Labour on April 26th, 1954.

In summary, the recommendations contained in the reports were as follows:

(1) Holidays with Pay

Mr. Justice Kellock's Recommendations — Three days and continuation of present practice in regard to the other demands.

Mr. Wickens' Recommendations — Seven days;

Time and a half in addition for all employees for any time worked on those holidays, with a minimum of four hours for a call out; that minimum to be varied up or down according to local or special

conditions, by negotiations between the parties;

An employee whose regular tour of duty falls on a statutory holiday to be granted an alternative day, to be arranged with the company;

An employee whose annual holiday includes a statutory holiday to receive an extra day in the annual holiday.

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### AFL-CIO UNITY COMMITTEE AGREE ON PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Washington. — Agreement on a proposed constitution to govern the merged labor movement was reached by the Joint AFL-CIO Unity Committee. The AFL Executive Council is expected to approve the document within a few days.

The only major problem still facing the conferees is a name for the merged organization. AFL President George Meany said this matter was discussed briefly but sharp disagreement developed and another meeting will have to be held to settle the issue.

Final approval of the charter and the actual amalgamation of the AFL and CIO will be voted upon by delegates from affiliated unions at separate AFL and CIO national conventions to be held concurrently in New York City, Dec. 1 and 2. After these meetings, the delegates will meet jointly in the first constitutional convention of the merged organization beginning Dec. 5 in the 71st Regiment Armory, 33rd St. and Park Ave., New York City.

### 51 DIV. & AUX. DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

The St. Louis Southwest Regional Zone Conference got under way in Dallas, Texas, in the Bethel A.M.E. Church, Sunday afternoon, April 17, under the direction of Brother T. D. McNeal, BSCP Fourth International Vice-President and Zone Supervisor.

The occasion was a Public-Labor-Education meeting. It was a large meeting of nearly a thousand persons.

After singing by the church choir; invocation and introductory remarks by W. A. Middleton, President of the Dallas Division, Brother McNeal assumed charge



BRO. T. D. McNEAL

of the meeting as chairman, and with a few appropriate remarks, presented Sister Halena Wilson, International President of the BSCP Ladies Auxiliary, who, in her usual dignified manner, spoke effectively on "The Functions of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Brotherhood."

The talk of Sister Wilson was followed by a brief but telling address by Brother Ashley L. Totten, International Secretary-Treasurer, who was on his first trip in the Southwest.

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### L. & N. STRIKE ENDS; IMPARTIAL REFEREE TO ACT ON KEY ISSUES

Washington. — Agreement to submit all issues in dispute to an impartial referee ended the 8-week-long strike on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad and allied lines. Non-operating and operating employees of the lines agreed to go back on the job without discrimination or loss of seniority.

After all-night sessions with representatives of the unions and management in separate rooms, and Government mediators shuffling back and forth, the L. & N. finally agreed to union demands that key unsettled issues be settled by a neutral referee, with the decision to be binding.

Attempt will be made to agree on the referee, but if these fail, the National Mediation Board will make the selection.



## AT THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION



Mr. Sidney Melton, Pullman Company agent, represents the "Retirement Kit" to Brother A. L. Bell, charter member of the B.S.C.P. who has railroaded for more than 45 years. He served 29 years and 4 months with the Pullman Company, and was the second president of the Brotherhood. Shown left to right are: J. D. Gordon, retired; F. Burroughs, Secretary-Treasurer; L. Burler; T. L. Bouleware, Vice President and Entertainment Committee Chairman; Brother Bell; Mr. Melton; P. A. Smith, President and Grievance Committee Chairman and E. D. Nelson.

## LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

We regret to report the serious illness of Brother Leroy Thompson and Sister Edna Burroughs. Sister Burroughs is the wife of Brother F. Burroughs, our Secretary-Treasurer. We pray for their speedy recovery. Our sympathy to Brother T. L. Bouleware upon the death of his uncle.

We are very happy to report the visit of the International Officers: Brothers A. Philip Randolph, T. D. McNeal and M. P. Webster. They arrived here on the afternoon of April 13th. We had dinner at the lovely home of Brother and Sister J. D. Arrington which was prepared by Brother T. L. Bouleware, Chairman of our Entertainment Committee. Brother Bouleware was a Mess Sergeant in the Army, so he knows what to do in the kitchen.

On April 14th, the International Officers spoke to a well attended meeting of the Local. Sisters Will Newton and V. L. Johnson prepared dinner for the guests on April 14th and 15th at the beautiful home of the Newtons. Sister Newton is the wife of the Secretary-Treasurer of the Missouri Pacific Train porters local and Sister Johnson is the wife of the General Chairman of the M. P. Train Porters Local.

At a big mass meeting on April 14th, the officers spoke at Mt. Zion Church which is Little Rock's largest church. Brother Webster spoke on "What the B.S.C.P. Has Meant to Negro America". Brother Randolph held the audience spellbound as he spoke on "The Negro's Role in Enforcing The Supreme Court decision Against Jim Crow Schools." Following the local meeting on April 15th, Brothers Bouleware and Arrington took the President on a tour of the City.

On April 15th, our International Officers were guests at a banquet which was a gala affair. We are proud of our Entertainment Committee for having made this a success. The officers and members were highly uplifted and benefited by these meetings.

Brother A. L. Bell retires after 45 years of railroading. He had

29 years and 4 months of faithful service with the Pullman Company. Brother Bell was the Second President of the Little Rock Division. He was one of our most faithful members, always present at meetings and doing all he could for the Brotherhood. We hate to see him go but we extend our best wishes to him for good health, prosperity and happiness in his well earned retirement.

P. A. SMITH, Reporter

## RICHMOND DIVISION

On April 17th, the Richmond Division of the BSCP held its regular monthly meeting at

Ideal Hall in Richmond, Virginia. The attendance was excellent and each member present showed much interest in the meeting. The meeting was then brought to order by the local chairman, Brother C. J. Smith and the business part of the meeting was conducted by Brother A. Britt.

This was the most impressive meeting held in recent months, with everyone contributing to its success.

Brother C. J. Smith gave his views of the situation in the local and of the recent conference that was held with the railroad officials by Brother T. T. Patterson, our Eastern Zone Supervisor and himself.

## MEMPHIS DIVISION

The Memphis Division was proud to be able to send three delegates to the Conference in Dallas, Texas on April 17th. Holding these meetings is a splendid educational training for our members as they help us to understand and meet our problems more intelligently.

We regret that a number of our members were furloughed due to the L. & N. strike. We hope they will soon be returning to work.

Brother Mundon and Brother H. Perry are still on our sick list. We wish these brothers a speedy recovery and urge all members to visit these good Brotherhood members to let them know we have not forgotten them. Brother Mundon has been ill for some time. Brother Perry who retired a number of years ago is suffering from a heart ailment. Other members who might be ill are also wished a speedy recovery.

A good number of our retired porters attended the Pullman Company's Service Meeting. We were glad to see them and to know that they are getting along so nicely.

We request all members to attend our next meeting which will be held on May 16th, to hear the reports of our delegates to the conference.

C. E. HATCHER, Reporter

CHICAGO DIVISION  
ATTENDS TESTIMONIAL

William A. Lee, President of the Chicago Federation of Labor, was honored at a testimonial dinner at the Sherman Hotel, Tuesday evening, April 26, 1955, sponsored by the Jewish Committee of Chicago. Approximately one thousand guests assembled to hear the tributes made by several speakers.

Jacob Siegal, Chairman of the Jewish Labor Committee, opened the festivities effectively and introduced the toastmaster, William L. McFetridge, President of the Building Service International Union, who introduced in turn the labor dignitaries seated at the speakers' table. Milton P. Webster, 1st International Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, was seated at the speakers' table.

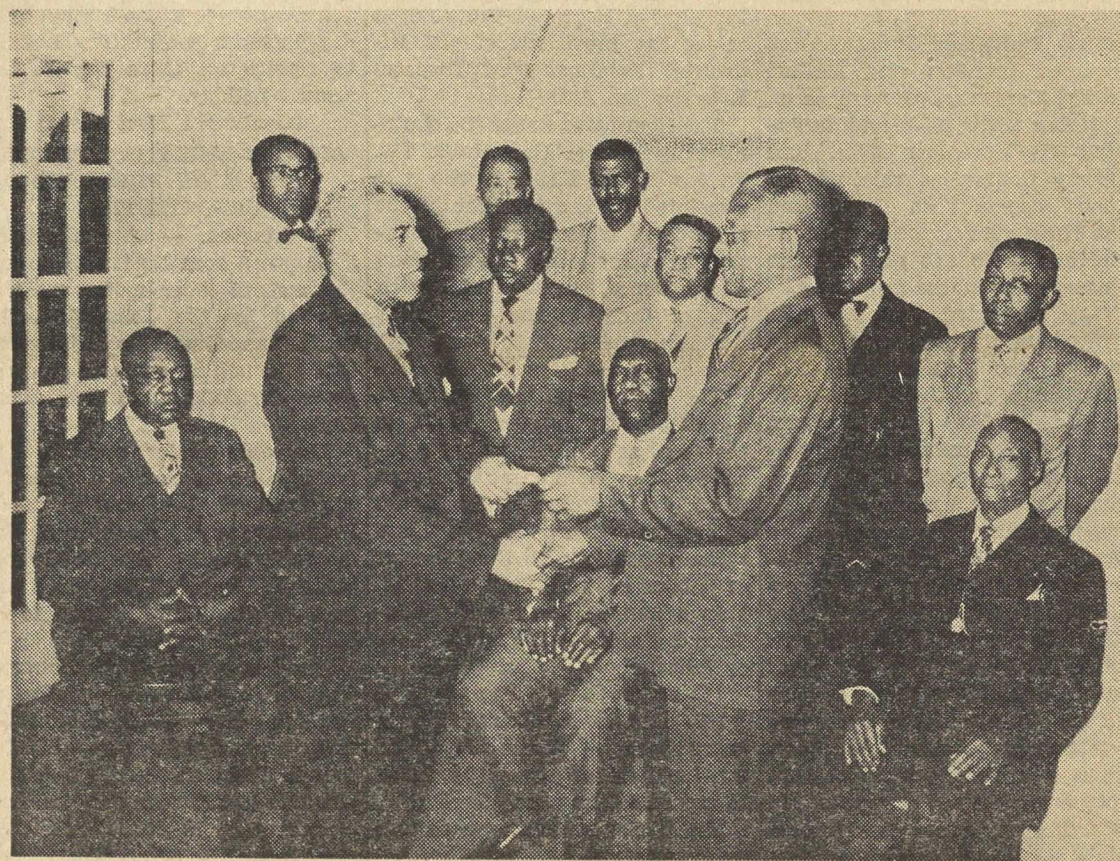
George Meany, President of the A. F. of L., was the principal speaker of the evening. He elaborated on the A. F. of L.'s position on brotherhood and human rights. Mayor Richard Daley spoke also eulogizing both President Lee and the Jewish Labor Committee. President Meany's and Mayor Daley's speeches were broadcast on Chicago's "Voice of Labor," Station WCFL.

President Lee was presented with a plaque in recognition of his contributions to human and civil rights as a labor leader. The presentation was made by Morris Bialias, Vice Chairman, Jewish Labor Committee. Lee thanked everyone for their many kind expressions and accepted the plaque on behalf of all members of the Chicago Federation of Labor.

The Chicago Division of the B.S.C.P. was seated at Table No. 57. In attendance were: Manuel Kyle, Secretary-Treasurer; U. C. Crowder, Acting International Field Agent; L. J. Shackelford, Jr., Assistant International Field Agent; C. Scott, Local Executive Board; L. L. McDonald, Chicago Central District; J. A. Hall, Chicago Commissary District; M. P. Webster, Jr. and Charles Wesley Burton.

J. E. LANE, Reporter

## BRO. LUCIEN AVERA WISHED WELL



Seated from left to right: B. C. Jones, J. L. Bryant, S. L. Johnson, somewhat obscured from view and J. E. Huntley, president of the division. Standing second row, R. H. McKoy, Reporter S. Sessoms, H. O. Smith, R. R. Almond. Back row, E. T. Brown and F. J. Fuller. After the group was photographed by a local newspaper, a delightful repast was served which was enjoyed by all.

## LUCIEN H. AVERA RETIRES

After 32 years of continuous service with the Pullman Company, Brother Lucien H. Avera retired recently. A member of the local executive board, Brother Avera was a staunch supporter of the movement during the days of its struggle to organize under the fearless leadership of A. Philip Randolph.

There are still a few old timers around who will speak of these days of struggle with great pride.

Brother Avera carried the gospel of the Brotherhood, and a message of good cheer, when the doubting Thomases were cringing in terror, and for a price intensifying the flame of intimidation among porters who would listen.

The members of the Norfolk Division are proud to be identified with a man of such courage and determination, and one who has so splendidly served this division. We doff our hats in humble appreciation and thanks to Brother Avera.

In addition to serving on the executive board for many years, Brother Avera is a great churchman and a mortician of note. We wish him many happy years of relaxation and contentment in retirement.

J. MOFFAT,  
Acting Reporter.



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## OUR RESPONSIBILITIES

## A. Sagittarius

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is the bargaining agent of porters, attendants and bus boys in the employ of the Pullman Company in the United States and Canada; train and mail porters and attendants employed by some railroads in North America and Canada. Questions involving their wages and working conditions are paramount duties of the Organization. In the handling of these questions, their grievance boards are governed by the provisions of the Railway Labor Act and rules in agreements jointly signed by the Employer and the Brotherhood.

In every agreement there are rules outlining the rights of the employer and the employees as well as procedures in the handling of grievances and claims. The difference between a grievance and a claim is that the former is personal in character, such as a complaint by a passenger against the service of an employee. The latter is based generally on a violation of a rule in the agreement and must be predicated on that premise, in the handling.

It is obviously the responsibility of every member of the Organization, for his own protection, to be acquainted with the rules in the agreement between his employer and himself. By so doing he is able to assist his representatives to patrol the agreement and protect himself from complaints.

The employees are responsible to their employers to perform their duties, in service, to the patrons of the roads or the Pullman Company. Pleasing and satisfying passengers attracts business. More business means more jobs for the employees and more members for the Union. To give poor service courts less business and consequently less jobs and weakens the union numerically and financially and limits its service.

Even if placed on the basis of enlightened selfishness, instead of the moral responsibility for compensation received; good service courteously rendered, will always bring benefits to all parties concerned.

There is another factor for the union member to think about. Good service rendered courteously, is the most potent argument in the hands of your union in bargaining for better wages and working conditions.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters is proud of the service rendered by its members, but let us strive to make it still better. There is always room for improvement.



## SOUTHWESTERN ZONE CONFERENCE

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Brother M. P. Webster was then introduced to speak on "The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Its Contribution to Negro America." With force and animation Brother Webster told of the struggle of the BSCP to disestablish the old Plan of Employee Representation, Pullman's company union; the opposition of the porters themselves to the fight for their own emancipation; and the major leaders of color who, either opposed the BSCP or were indifferent to it with very few exceptions. He stressed the importance and necessity of Negroes paying the price and fighting their own battles for their rights, and cited the birth and progress of the BSCP as a notable example of what Negroes can do.



BRO. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH



SISTER HELENA WILSON

The final speaker was International President A. Philip Randolph. He discussed the status of the United States Supreme Court decision of May 17, 1954, which struck down Jim Crow in public schools. He stressed the necessity of Negroes developing public relations in the interest of the Court and fixing a definite date for the desegregation of public schools in order to avoid the danger of gradualism which amounts to the nullification of the decision. He pointed out that the South was employing every known tactic and strategy to postpone and delay the enforcement and application of the decision in order to force or influence the Court toward gradualism. He called for the support of the program of the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People which is urging the Supreme Court to issue decrees for the implementation of the decision in terms of immediacy.

## Regional Conference

At 10 a.m., Monday, April 18, the gavel was turned over to Brother McNeal, International Vice-President, by Brother Middleton to direct the conference, after he made a few remarks of welcome to the delegates.

With a few appropriate comments, International Vice-President McNeal, introduced International President Randolph to make the keynote address.

The Chief gave the reasons for the conference, pointing out that:

1. The basic purpose of the Conference is to develop bigger and better local divisions that will, in turn, make for a bigger and better International Brotherhood for the protection and advancement of the interests and rights of the porters.

2. To serve as a leadership training school by providing the inspiration and stimulation to continued preparation of porters who will, in the future, assume the responsibility of directing the affairs and destiny of the Brotherhood.

3. To bring local officials and members of the various zones closer together for the discussion of their common problems, in order that through day by day personal contact and debate involving the exchange of ideas, the best men of talent, ability and character for leadership may be discerned and observed by their fellow workers and international leaders for service on higher levels of responsibility when needed.

4. To develop a sense of belonging on the part of local officials and members as a result of their recognition of the important and valuable role they play in making the wheels of the BSCP go round, and also to realize that upon a basis of ability, experience and character, that each and every porter is eligible to attain the highest rung of the Brotherhood's ladder of leadership responsibility.

It is the credo of the Brotherhood that the lowest is as high as the highest and the highest is as low as the lowest. All for one and one for all; united we stand; divided we fall.

A sense of belonging is of the utmost significance to the porter because it gives him a feeling of pride with his membership in the Brotherhood family and makes him

feel obligated and proud to stand up wherever he may be and defend the Brotherhood, his economic family whenever it is attacked from within or from without.

A porter who has the profound and sound concept of belonging cannot be seduced, misled or inveigled into the dangerous pitfalls of petitions and rump meetings, for it is a matter of common sense that no man in his right mind will petition his own family or hold a rump meeting against it.

5. It serves the useful purpose of bringing the local officials and members of the Brotherhood and Ladies Auxiliary closer together because the international and local officials and members of the Ladies Auxiliary hold their own Regional Zone Conference at the same place and time and always sit in the first session of the first day of the conference and also during the sessions on subsequent days when pensions for retired porters and unemployment insurance, sickness and workmen compensation benefits are discussed. This permits the women relatives of porters to know what their rights are when their husbands die.

There are but a few women and they are **only those who are members of the Ladies Auxiliary** who know what their rights are under the Railroad Retirement when the husbands pass away. Few understand that they as well as their husbands are entitled to a pension when they reach the required age.

Unless the wives of porters understand what rights they possess under the Railroad Retirement law, they, because of their ignorance, are not likely to get the benefits to which they are entitled. For just as ignorance is no excuse for violating the law, it is also no excuse for not claiming benefits under the law.

The unity of the local Brotherhood division and local ladies auxiliary for the common purpose of building a bigger and better local BSCP makes sense. It is just as proper and necessary as the unity of the porter's family in the interest of a secure and better home.

6. Because it is a recognized principle of science and life that nature abhors a vacuum, the regional zone conference educational activities that have to do with the job of the porter and the bread and butter for the home and his entire life and future are brought right into the local divisions where delegates are elected and selected for the conference and the collective mind of the division is kept busy discussing the problems and plans for the conference which tends to keep out of the division disruptive schisms and isms, and to enable porters to recognize their fallacies and follies whenever they arise.

Just as disease germs will attack and possibly kill a weak and enfeebled body, so will unsound and destructive isms and schisms attack and control the mind of an uninformed or misinformed individual or organization.

Knowledge and truth are the only effective defense and barrier against lies, misrepresentations, half-truths and wild and baseless rumors.



BRO. M. P. WEBSTER



BRO. A. L. TOTTON

It is thus, the purpose and aim of the regional zone conference to equip, train and prepare leaders to maintain and spread Brotherhood truths and information and to help make of each and every porter an effective and relentless carrier of the Brotherhood philosophy and program and the general philosophy and program of the trade union movement.

## Mock Hearings

Monday afternoon a hearing under the rules of the agreement between the BSCP and Pullman was held. It was the dramatization of the case of Porter J. O. Gamble of St. Louis under the charge of "Reporting for assignment under the influence of intoxicants and for reboarding train after being removed and riding to the first stop or Tower Grove station."

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## Southwestern Conference

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Lessons to be learned from the hearing were as follows:

1. Importance of starting a case right by first reporting incident to the porters' Local Grievance Committee.
  2. Value of porter having Grievance Committee to assist porter in writing statement for presentation to the Management.
  3. Let one member, usually, the chairman of the Grievance Committee do the talking in the hearing. Other members of the Committee may write suggestions and points they think may be helpful in winning the cases and give them to the chairman.
  4. Remember the old adage that "Too many cooks will spoil the broth."
  5. Get witnesses to support the case of porter. When witnesses are unavailable, get letters from them.
  6. Keep hearing on main track, namely, disproving charge against porter.
  7. Object to questions that may place porter's case in unfavorable light.
  8. Always remember that a case of a porter is generally won or lost in the original hearing in the local district.
  9. Avoid making long speeches and injecting into the record irrelevant and immaterial matter.
- In the hearing, the Pullman Company was represented by Brothers Jerry Davis of the New Orleans Division and H. E. Jones of the New York Division.
- Porter Gamble was represented by the Brotherhood through T. D. McNeal, International Vice-President, O. W. Page and Dewey Miller of St. Louis.
- The hearing was well done and was obviously impressive.



BRO. W. A. MIDDLETON



SISTER ANNIE MAE TAYLOR

Miss Ollie Palmer, Secretary to International Vice-President McNeal, acted as the stenographer.

### Mock Investigation

Following the hearing of a Pullman porter, a mock investigation of a train porter was staged.

The case involved the charge of "failure to comply with Train Order No. 22, train 15, Dresden, Mo., January 30, 1955."

The main lesson derived from this investigation on the Missouri Pacific Lines, in which train porter R. Gill was represented by T. D. McNeal, International Vice-President, is that, in the operation of the train, train porters, who operate on the head-end of the train, bear a heavy responsibility and must always be alert and exercise good and sound judgment in carrying out their duties.

In carrying on his duties, a porter should be governed by the same general rules and regulations for the building of the case of a Pullman porter when a charge is lodged against a train porter involving the handling of passengers or relations with the train crew and the Management.

### Soiree

Everybody had a good time with dancing, refreshments and entertainment. Delegates and their families and friends attended in large numbers. The Party was held at one of the better entertainment centers, The Empire Room.

### Pensions and Unemployment Insurance

First on the agenda Wednesday morning was an address by John F. Griner, Labor Relations Officer, Railroad Retirement Board of Chicago. His talk was comprehensive and detailed, giving a general picture of the Railroad Retirement Act, Unemployment Insurance Act and the Sickness benefit feature. A question and answer period

followed. It is notable that all of the questions were pertinent and gave occasion for the speaker to give thoughtful answers. Great interest was manifested in the address, questions and answers.

Two local officials of the Dallas branch of the Railroad Retirement Board, were present and participated in the discussion.



BRO. J. TAYLOR



SISTER ELIZABETH BERRY

In the afternoon, "Workmen's Compensation," "Federal Employees' Liability Act," and additional phases of the retirement and unemployment benefits were discussed under the leadership of Brother H. E. Jones, Vice-President of the New York Division.

### Rules of Pullman and Railroad Agreements

Further discussion of rules of the Pullman Agreement was conducted by Brother Webster.

Rules of Agreements with Missouri Pacific — Kansas City Southern — International Great Northern — Cotton Belt — Illinois Central — Fort Worth & Denver — Washash — Texas & New Orleans — Missouri-Kansas-Texas — Texas and Pacific were handled by Brother McNeal.

Computing Time was demonstrated by Brother Jones.

### Queen's Ball

The Dallas Division Queen's Ball was held Thursday evening at The Empire Room.

### Workers' Education

The final day Friday was devoted to Workers' Education, which included an address by the Southwestern Director sent by the National Director of Labor's League For Political Education.

The speaker stressed the importance of the workers rewarding their friends and punishing their enemies. He indicated that this could not be done unless each member of every international, national and federal union contributed voluntarily one dollar annually to Labor's League For Political Education. He pointed out how one big oil man of Texas had contributed over seven hundred dollars in the last campaign to the Republican party, and how the Taft-Hartley Act had tied the financial hands of labor to prevent it from contributing dollars out of its treasuries to support its friends and punish its enemies.

In 18 states now, he exclaimed, the enemies of trade unions had used the Taft-Hartley Act to put on their statute books the so-called "Right to Work" laws. These laws seek to prevent the workers from negotiating union shop contracts for union security, said the speaker.

The address was followed by Brother Randolph, who stated that he was ashamed of the poor showing Brotherhood local divisions had made in collecting the dollar from members. The International President urged and insisted vigorously that the International Vice-Presidents set up a committee in each local division on Labor's League For Political Education so that the committee could concentrate on the collection of the voluntary dollar. This suggestion came from Brother Dewey Miller, Delegate from the St. Louis Division.

Brother Randolph in commenting on Labor's League For Political Education pointed out that the workers were backward in recognizing and appreciating the value and force of the ballot and government. Business has long since seen that it was folly for it to stand aside with its arms folded and permit some other element in the national community to determine the policies of government in the city, state or nation.

He said that just as the employers on railroads and in general industry, use both their economic and political arms to protect and advance their interests, so trade unions have no alternative in order to survive, and move forward, but to employ both its economic and political arms.

He said in the building and employment of its political strength, the trade union movement would make mistakes but that this was natural for Labor has made mistakes in

its struggles to build labor unions and will continue to make them. He continued that labor is just as certain to come of age politically as it has come of age in the use of its economic strength.

Finally, Brother Randolph observed that it does not make sense for labor to fight an enemy on the economic front and support that same enemy on the political front.

Serving as chairman of this session, Brother Randolph called upon the delegates to get up and tell him how to get the members of the local divisions to pay the one dollar to Labor's League For Political Education voluntarily.

There was full and free discussion by the delegates. Brother Thomas of Fort Worth called for a vote of the delegates to pledge one hundred per cent support of Labor's League For Political Education. Brother Mason of Dennison, Texas — M.K.&T.; Brother Williams of Texas and Pacific of Fort Worth; Brother Fields of International Great Northern of San Antonio, Brother Duncan, Pullman of New Orleans, Brother Lester, Pullman of New Orleans, backed up the idea of a pledge of a hundred per cent support of the A. F. of L.'s League For Political Education.

The discussion was concluded when Brother Randolph called upon Brother Webster to make some comments.

Brother Webster in addition to calling for the backing of Labor's League For Political Education warned that in his opinion, labor would not get far politically as long as some of Labor's top brass was tied up with crooked political city and state machines. He cited an instance of his listening to a prominent member of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. introducing Governor John Dewey of New York for President in 1948 over the radio when the A. F. of L. had gone on record for Truman, Democratic candidate for President. He pointed out that this was evidence of the fact that the top leaders of labor are not together on its political program.

He expressed the belief that some difficulty was bound to be encountered by the local officials in collecting the dollar from the members who could not be made to pay it.

All in all greater enthusiasm and interest were shown for the program of Labor's League For Political Education in this conference than have ever been expressed before. There is no doubt that the job of collecting the dollar will not be easy but it is apparent that labor, including the porters, can be made conscious of their political interests and power through continuous education.

### Building Bigger and Better Local Divisions

In the afternoon, the session devoted to building bigger and better local divisions was presided over by Brother Webster, who introduced the subject with a survey of the structure of the Brotherhood. He indicated the great need on the part of every porter to know the Brotherhood, its structure, program and philosophy. He touched on the menace of porters knocking the Brotherhood, and the danger of rump meetings and petitions.

He then threw the meeting open for general discussion of good and welfare.



BRO. G. C. RAWLSTON



BRO. J. D. DAVIS

Considerable discussion followed by the delegates expressing general sympathy and agreement with the sentiments expressed by Brother Webster.

Following this period of discussion, the gavel was turned back to Brother McNeal, Zone Supervisor who planned and directed the conference. He expressed appreciation to the local officials of the division for the splendid cooperation they gave in building the conference.

The final word was given by the International President, Brother Randolph, who added his word of appreciation for the fine conference and hospitality which the Dallas Division had helped the Zone Supervisor to stage. He congratulated especially the local President W. A. Middleton and his co-workers, with special mention of Brother Lucky who was always ready with his automobile to serve and accommodate the officials and the conference.

### Ladies Auxiliary

A Regional Zone Leadership Training Conference similar to the porters, especially in general pattern to the porters' conference, was held by the St. Louis Southwestern Regional Zone Ladies' Auxiliary under the direction of Sister Halena Wilson, International President, assisted by Sister Caviness, Third International Vice-President. The International Vice-President over the Southwestern Zone is Sister Mae Dailey.

The delegates to the conference of the Ladies Auxiliary discussed ways and means of building bigger and better local auxiliaries.

The general sentiment expressed by the sisters who were delegates to the conference, and also members of the Dallas Auxiliary in attendance at the conference, was that it was most constructive.

Since it is a matter of general experience that no conference, whether scientific, labor, business, religious or educational is without its social features, and rightly so because social functions have their definite educational value, many delightful and enjoyable social parties and dinners were staged by the Dallas local division and auxiliary. Lovely and elaborate dinners at the homes of Brother and Sister W. A. Middleton, Brother and Sister John Taylor, and Brother and Sister Noah Lane were among the delightful affairs.

Brother John Taylor is the secretary-treasurer of the Dallas Division and Sister Annie Mae Taylor is President of the Dallas Ladies Auxiliary, and is one of the most active and progressive members. Brother Lane may be called appropriately the spiritual father of the Dallas Division. He is endearingly known among the brothers as "Pop" Lane. Brothers Randolph and Webster have usually stopped either at the home of Brother Lane or Middleton when visiting Dallas.

Following the dance, there was an "after-party" at the home of Brother and Sister Theodore Webster, one of the younger porters, but an old Brotherhood man.

International officers and delegates in attendance at the conference were as follows:

### International Officers

A. Philip Randolph, International President  
Ashley L. Totten, International Secretary-Treasurer  
M. P. Webster, 1st International Vice-President  
T. D. McNeal, 4th International Vice-President

### Delegates

**New Orleans, La.**  
Allen Green  
R. L. Flowers  
Lewis Williams  
W. L. Thomas

**St. Louis, Mo.**  
Joel N. Gray  
C. D. Miller  
J. A. Mean

**Little Rock, Ark.**  
P. A. Smith

**Houston, Texas**  
George Gibson  
G. J. Jesse

**Jonesboro, Ark.**  
Wm. Heintz  
Ennis, Texas  
W. E. Lucas

**Shreveport, La.**  
W. Stewart  
E. A. Bryant

**Memphis, Tenn.**  
H. F. Patton  
L. E. Mitchell

**Parsons, Kansas**  
W. H. Merrel

**San Antonio, Texas**  
Wm. Fields  
Clyde Lewis

**Waco, Texas**  
G. F. Wilkinson

**El Paso, Texas**  
M. Moppins

**Denison, Texas**  
L. L. Mason

**Dallas, Texas**  
W. A. Middleton  
G. C. Rawlston

**Romeo Grace**  
Henry Elloie  
Jerry Davis  
Holloway

**O. W. Page**  
H. D. Williams  
Ollie M. Palmer, Steno.

**V. L. Johnson**  
Robert Byrd  
J. J. Myers

**E. L. Moss**  
C. J. Jackson  
Clinton Jones

**George Harvey**  
G. N. Gray

**J. S. Henderson**  
R. E. Lee

**U. L. Farris**  
J. Taylor  
N. McDaniel

**LADIES AUXILIARY**  
Halena Wilson, International President  
Fannie Caviness, 3rd International Vice-President

### DELEGATES

**New Orleans, La.**  
Susanna Lester  
**Houston, Texas**  
Louise Myers  
**Fort Worth, Texas**  
R. A. Lyons

**El Paso, Texas**  
Maggie Moppins  
**St. Louis, Missouri**  
Eunice V. Hurt  
**Memphis, Tennessee**  
Mamie Taylor

**Dallas, Texas**  
Annie M. Taylor

### RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were presented to and adopted by the conference:

#### L. & N. STRIKE

WHEREAS, the non-operating railway employees on the L. & N. Railroad are entitled to the welfare benefits secured for various non-operating railway employees through negotiations between the 17 non-operating railway unions and the Railway Carriers of America; and

WHEREAS, the L. & N. Railroad has denied these welfare benefits to their non-operating railway employees which has left the said employees no other course except to strike to secure these benefits; Therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters assembled in the Southwest Regional Zone Leadership Training Conference go on record as giving moral and financial support to the non-operating railway employees on the L. & N. railway now engaged in a strike to win the welfare benefits that have already been granted to the non-operating railway employees on practically all of the other railroads of the country.

#### CIVIL RIGHTS & CIVIL LIBERTIES

WHEREAS, there are evil and sinister forces at work both in the form of communism and fascism that would seek to restrict, limit and destroy civil rights and civil liberties that involve the right of free speech, free press, and free association in this country which will militate against the health and progress of trade union movements and various minority groups, Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Southwest Regional Zone Leadership Training Conference go on record as opposed to any movement which under the pretext of patriotism would seek to destroy American democracy by limiting and restricting our basic civil rights and civil liberties contained in the Bill of Rights of the Federal Constitution.

#### REGIONAL CONFERENCE OF BROTHERHOOD

CONDEMN COMMUNIST AGENTS AND COMMUNISM

WHEREAS, communists seek to infiltrate all trade unions and minority groups to either control or disrupt them and, since they mislead innocent workers by their pretense of opposing racial discrimination and the oppression of workers; and

WHEREAS, communists and communism under the leadership of Soviet Russia are seeking to capture the minds and allegiance of workers and members of various races and minority groups in the United States and other countries of the world in their imperialistic conspiracy for world conquest; Therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Southwest Regional Zone Leadership Training Conference of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters go on record as being unqualifiedly, definitely and positively opposed to communists and communism in all of their variegated forms and herewith call upon the members and officers of the Brotherhood and all trade union organizations, other minority groups and liberal forces to condemn and oppose communists and their activities wherever they may be found inasmuch as they constitute a grave threat and danger not only to world peace and democracy but to a healthy growth and progress of the trade union movement and minority groups in the United States of America.

#### RESOLUTION ON SUPREME COURT DECISION

FOR THE DESEGREGATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BE IT RESOLVED that this Southwestern Regional Zone Leadership Training Conference of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, herewith, go on record as being unqualifiedly opposed to the adoption of gradualism in the application of the Supreme Court decision against jib-crow schools and herewith call upon Negroes and organized labor and the liberal forces of the nation to express their interests for the fixing of a definite date set not later than a year away for the application and enforcement of the Supreme Court Decision for the desegregation of public schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the delegates and the public and members of organized labor be herewith called upon to send letters and telegrams to Mr. Brownell, Secretary, Department of Justice, and to President Eisenhower, calling for a fixed date not later than a year hence for the application of the Supreme Court Decision.



# NEWS FROM THE BROTHERHOOD DIVISIONS

## RETIREES



BRO. ALEX WILLIAMS

### JACKSONVILLE DIVISION

This division mourns the passing of Brother Alex Williams who departed this life on April 2nd. Brother Williams was an ardent supporter of the Organization and his sudden passing was keenly felt by its members.

Brother Williams was always ready to answer the call of duty in all matters pertaining to the Brotherhood. He was a member of the BSCP from its early days and refused to listen to those who knocked the organization. The spirit of such loyal workers remains with us always.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, April 7th, at the Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church, and was attended by many members of the Organization and Friends. The eulogy was delivered by Rev. J. H. Roberts, who chose as his text, "As he labored until the end."

We hope the following verse will offer consolation to Brother Williams' family and friends:

"So let us be up and doing,

With a heart to meet any fate,  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

S. HARPER, President

### PITTSBURGH DIVISION

The banquet given by this division of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters on April 28, at the Green Hearth Tea Room, 7135 Bennett Street, was an affair that will long be remembered by the local. Brother W. C. Stallworth, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee is very much pleased, and wishes to thank all who helped to make the banquet a success.

We were fortunate in having two of our good friends from the C.I.O. bring us a message about the labor movement in general. Brother Milford Jackson spoke of what it meant to be a Brotherhood member. He praised the Brotherhood and told of what it has done for the porters. Brother Jackson spoke of the meeting that he and Brother Randolph attended in Europe in behalf of the labor movement some time ago.

In the last few months there has been a number of deaths in the local families, namely, Retired Brother C. Neely's wife; Brother J. M. Moore's sister; and Brother K. M. Dickerson, who had been sick for a long time.

Brother Sam East was pensioned on May 1st, and we wish him a long and happy retired life.

Brothers E. L. Wright, J. F. Wiley and retired Brother W. E. Downey are on the sick list. A speedy recovery is wished for all.

G. W. MOORE, Reporter

### KANSAS CITY, MO. DIVISION

The members of this local extend their heartfelt sympathy to the families of retired Brothers A. Adams and C. H. Britton, who recently passed away. Brother Britton who was a pioneer member of the Brotherhood, had been in ill health for sometime.

A speedy recovery is wished for our sick Brothers G. L. Davis and Norman. Brother Davis is in St. Marys Hospital while Brother Norman is expected to return to work soon.

The local was happy to see its First International Vice-President, Brother M. P. Webster, who was in the city on international business.

R. M. WILLIS, Reporting

### ATLANTA DIVISION

While enroute to Florida, Brother M. P. Webster, 1st International Vice-President, stopped off in Atlanta on March 14th and conducted a hearing for Brother Thomas W. Culpepper, local president of the division, who was not so well at that time. However, he was able to assist Brother Webster at the hearing along with Brother J. C. McFarlin.

The division is mourning the passing of Brothers E. J. Allen and B. Pinson. Brother Pinson departed this life on April 7th. He was retired in 1946 and had served as chairman of the local executive board from 1942 until his retirement. He was a loyal and faithful Brotherhood member.

Brother E. J. Allen who passed away in December 1954, was a local executive board member from 1940 until his death. He always supported the Brotherhood and its policies.

The following members are on the sick list and are wished a speedy recovery: Brother Oscar Smith who has been ill since August, 1954 and is till confined to Lawson General Hospital; E. B. Green, F. W. Wright, J. H. Bazell, H. Cheeves, Ike Jones, J. Smith and Thomas W. Culpepper.

J. H. TRAYLOR, Reporter

### HOUSTON DIVISION

B.S.C.P. International President A. Philip Randolph and 4th International Vice-President T. D. McNeal visited Houston for a two day meeting on April 4th and 5th.

The meeting on the 4th of the month was held jointly with brother and sister members in attendance.

The officers spoke on what a strong BSCP means to its members on the job and in the community.

After hearing Brother Randolph's experiences of labor and community life in the Far East we gained new courage to fight for a better and stronger BSCP to protect us and our families from similar circumstances which he described.

A number of labor and racial accomplishments made by Brother Randolph was cited by the local president, T. H. McGowan.

The meetings were attended well and enjoyed extremely by all. A luncheon at the Elk's Club followed the joint meeting.

To Brother Randolph and all our BSCP official family may we say: God Bless you and forever keep you.

T. J. MCGOWAN, Pres.

A. B. KELLER, Reporter

## PASSES

BROTHER LEON H. JAMES  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION

Leon H. James, better known to his fellow workers as Big James, passed on April 1, 1955. Final rites were performed from Angelus Funeral Home on April 7th.

Brother James was former chairman of the Los Angeles Division's Executive Board. He was employed by the Pullman Company in 1936 and was in active service at the time of his death. On March 31st, he went out as usual on the famed Southern Pacific "Lark" and was awaiting his return trip to Los Angeles on April 1st when he was stricken with a heart attack.

The Brotherhood, and especially the Los Angeles Division, regrets his passing. Brother James was active, well known and liked from coast to coast.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his devoted wife, Ruth, his mother, Mrs. Martha Jones, and the other members of his family. Both Mrs. James and Mrs. Jones are very active with our Ladies' Auxiliary.

### DALLAS DIVISION

This division is still rejoicing over the recent Southwest Regional Zone Conference of the BSCP which convened in Dallas, on April 17 thru 22nd.

The Dallas local and Ladies Auxiliary were happy to be host and hostess to the fine delegation of members and International officers who attended the conference.

The conference opened with a mammoth mass meeting on April 17th, at the Bethel A.M.E. Church, corner of Leonard and Cochran Streets, where Rev. A. R. Nelson is pastor.

The International officers did their share in making this the greatest mass meeting ever held in our city.

Brother A. Philip Randolph, International President of the BSCP spoke on "The Crisis of the Negro Railroad Worker," which was a masterpiece. Sister Halena Wilson, International President of the Ladies Auxiliary discussed the Functions of the Ladies Auxiliary. Brother Milton P. Webster, our First International Vice-President also addressed the audience, choosing as his theme "The BSCP and its Contribution to Negro America." Brother Webster was at his best and his address was very constructive and encouraging to the listeners. Brother Ashley L. Totten, International Secretary-Treasurer, also gave an inspiring address.

Sister Fannie J. Caviness, 3rd International Vice-President and a Zone Supervisor, who is a great woman in the field of labor, was present.

Our Fourth International President, Brother T. D. McNeal, was in charge of the program. He always plays his roles well.

Our local officers who also took part in the meeting were: Brother W. A. Middleton, our president who made the welcome address; Brother John Taylor, our secretary-treasurer who made some

remarks and Sister Annie Mae Taylor, president of the Dallas Ladies Auxiliary was present.

We are grateful to the choir of The Bethel Church for their beautiful rendition and to Pastor Nelson for making us welcome.

We regret that all Brotherhood members could not have been present at this wonderful meeting.

Our International Secretary-Treasurer, Brother Ashley L. Totten, visited our city for the first time and expressed himself as having a most enjoyable time. We hope he will return at the earliest possible date. He made a wonderful financial report at this meeting.

After the mass meeting Brother and Sister B. C. Cash entertained the BSCP International officers, delegates, members and friends at a reception held in the Masonic Temple. Refreshments were served at this first social during the meeting. Brother Cash is a faithful Brotherhood man who serves as chaplain in this division while Sister Cash is a charter member of the Dallas Ladies Auxiliary who has served in many capacities and is now serving on the executive board very faithfully. We commend Brother and Sister Cash along with other members who entertained our official officers.

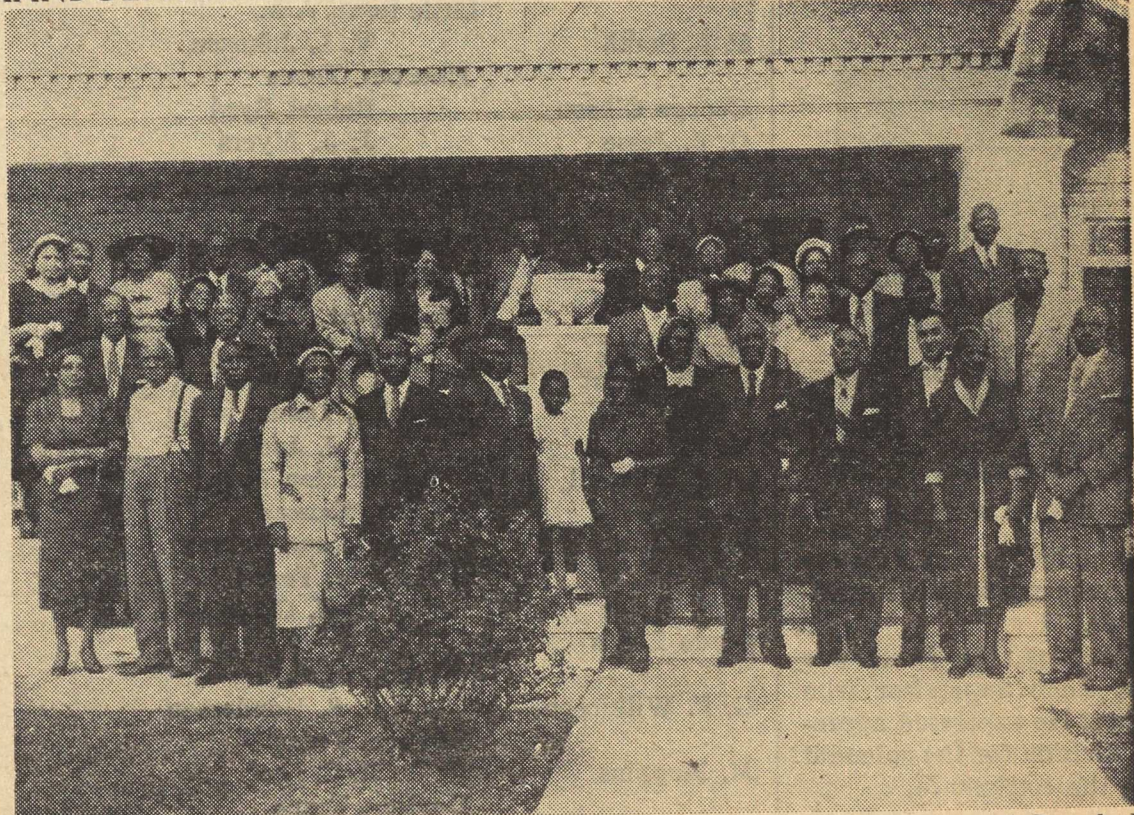
The regular meeting of this local was held on May 3rd at 1 o'clock at the YMCA, where the regional conference meetings were held because of the desirable location for the delegates and members. This meeting was called to order by Bro. Middleton. A large group was in attendance and everyone enjoyed the meeting.

We extend our sympathy to Brother and Sister A. C. Sally and Brother J. R. Curry on the passing of an uncle recently.

Our next regular meeting will be held on May 17th. All members are expected to be present and prompt.

W. A. MIDDLETON, Pres.  
J. TAYLOR, Reporter

## RANDOLPH AND McNEAL AT HOUSTON MEETINGS — APRIL 4 & 5



Reading in the usual order Mrs. B. Whitman, Bro. Surry Smith, Bro. J. Jesse, Mrs. and Bro. A. B. Keller, Bro. J. Walston, Little Glenda Walston, Mrs. J. Walston, Mrs. L. Myers, International President A. Philip Randolph, Local President T. H. McGowan, 4th International Vice President T. D. McNeal, Mrs. C. C. Porter, Bro. R. Johnson, Second Row: Bro. B. Whitman, Mrs. J. E. White, Bro. Bradford, Bro. J. Upton, Mrs. R. Marshall, Bro. and Mrs. J. K. Chargois, Bro. R. Byrd, Miss M. Armstead, Mrs. G. Gibson, Mrs. W. R. Zellers, Bro. C. C. Porter, Mrs. I. C. Burns, Bro. W. Moore, Bro. W. R. Zuller, Back Row: Mrs. O. Phelps, Bro. C. X. Barad, Mrs. T. H. McGowan, Bro. S. Darrett, Bro. C. Robinson, Bro. L. Davis, Bro. R. Easterling, Bro. J. Myers, Bro. and Mrs. O. Simmons, Bro. A. Kennedy, Mrs. J. Johnson and Bro. B. Harris.



# LADIES AUXILIARY

Edited by HELENA WILSON, Int'l. Pres., Ladies Auxiliary

## DALLAS AUXILIARY CONFERENCE NOTES

The Auxiliary Conference opened Monday, April 18, at 2:30 P.M., after attending a joint morning session with the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. This session of the Conference was welcomed by Sister Annie Mae Taylor, President of the Dallas Ladies' Auxiliary. The Keynote Address was delivered by Sister Helena Wilson, International President. The History and Purpose of the Ladies' Auxiliary was very ably given by Sister Fannie Caviness, International Zone Supervisor. The Structure and Program of the Auxiliary was gone into very thoroughly by Sister Wilson. Following a question and answer period the afternoon session was adjourned until 9:30 A.M. Tuesday.

The Tuesday morning session opened with Sister Fannie Caviness as General Chairman of a Model Executive Board meeting with the delegates having been selected to go through the motions of organizing itself and discussing an agenda for the purpose of making recommendations the next day to an imaginary Auxiliary meeting. This was a very interesting session, with the delegates learning the real value and importance of the Executive Board of the Ladies' Auxiliary. Instructions in making monthly financial reports, allocation of per capita tax, joining fees, reinstatements and quarterly financial reports were given in the afternoon session by Sister Wilson. After answering numerous questions this session of the Conference adjourned to reconvene Wednesday morning in a joint meeting with the Brotherhood.

This meeting dealt with pensions, annuities, retirements, sickness benefits, and widows and children's rights under the Railroad Retirement Act. This session was very ably presided over by Brother Jones of New York who went into the various provisions very thoroughly. Many questions were asked by the Auxiliary and Brotherhood delegates which were enlightening to all who were present. The Wednesday afternoon session reconvened with the Auxiliary members again invited to attend the Brotherhood Conference as there was still much information vital to the wife and widow that Brother Jones wanted to impart to the Auxiliary membership. After a thorough discussion, the Auxiliary members retired to resume the closing session of its Conference.

This session opened under the chairmanship of Sister Wilson with various delegates participating. The recommendations of the mock Executive Board meeting were received and discussed. Correspondence and committee reports, which included the Auditing Committee and secretary-treasurer's reports, were discussed in this meeting, also. A mock nomination and election of officers was held with detailed instructions on the procedure and methods of holding a local election. After many questions and comments the Conference was adjourned amid many expressions of the effectiveness of the Conference.

These Conferences are being held in the various Zones and are proving very instructive. We are laying the groundwork for future leadership within the Organization.

The International Ladies Auxiliary is deeply appreciative to the

International Organization for this opportunity to appear in these meetings. It is also appreciative of the fine cooperation, good fellowship and oneness of purpose that is portrayed by those who attend these sessions.

The International officials are grateful for the courtesies that were shown and for the gracious hospitality that was extended by the hosts and hostesses of the Dallas Division as well as for the warm kindnesses and generosity of the brothers and sisters from every division and district that was represented.

HELENA WILSON  
International President

## SEATTLE AUXILIARY

The regular meeting of the Seattle Ladies Auxiliary was held at the home of Brother and Sister S. M. Grant, on Tuesday, April 12th, at 8:00. Sister Addie Booth presided. Members attending the meeting were Sisters Jones, Grant, Booth, Burrell, Skinner, Rye, Roudtree, Haynes and the Auxiliary's advisor, Brother E. Henderson.

Members were saddened by the news that Brother S. M. Grant had been ill. He is recuperating however, and we all joined in wishing him a complete and speedy recovery.

We were further saddened by the news of the death of Sister E. Dearborn's father. It is difficult to express in words one's feelings when one who is so dearly loved is lost. The Auxiliary extends its sympathy to the Dearborn family in their time of trial.

Sister Amanda Riley celebrated her birthday on April 8th and received many well-wishes and cards. One of her most cherished gifts on this day was the gift made and given to her by her niece Patricia Johnson.

Sisters Addie Booth and C. W. Jones saw that their godchild and grandchildren, Esther, Sandra and Bernard, were well prepared to meet the Easter Bunny in fine fashion. They looked as though they had just stepped out of a bandbox.

We are pleased that our advisor, Mr. Henderson, and his wife, have moved into their new home and wish them happy housekeeping.

ADDIE BOOTH, President  
PATRICIA JOHNSON, Reporter

## PITTSBURGH AUXILIARY

The March meeting of the Pittsburgh Ladies Auxiliary was held at the home of Sister Estella H. Blanks, president. After repeating the Lord's Prayer, the members received an assortment of cards which they had ordered to aid the Sick Committee Treasury, and tickets for our annual luncheon, scheduled for May 12 at May-Stern's store on Frankstown Avenue in East Liberty. Sister Byrd is chairman of the luncheon and each member of the auxiliary is responsible for at least two tickets.

Sisters McCullen and Jennie Monroe presented a wonderful report on the Human Rights Dinner sponsored by the Pittsburgh NAACP, to which they were sent to represent this auxiliary.

All sick members are improving and getting along nicely.

ESTELLE BLANKS, President  
ETTA ATKINSON, Reporter

## N. Y. LADIES AUXILIARY

The New York Ladies' Auxiliary meeting was opened by the President, Sister Ada Dillon. The Sick Committee is having a tea on May 4th at the residence of Sister Bainwells, 231 West 134th Street, New York.

Sister Rembert is doing a wonderful job instructing the porters and Ladies' Auxiliary on pensions and information that the Auxiliary members should know about.

All were pleased to have so many attend the Saturday night dinner which was a success.

Many of the retired porters are getting better, and some are returning to work again.

The Executive Board held its regular meeting last month and had so much good news to bring to the Auxiliary at the next meeting. It is hoped that the Auxiliary will be greatly benefited by putting the Board's recommendations into action.

ADA DILLON, President  
JENNIE TOOGOOD, Reporter

## ASHEVILLE AUXILIARY

The Asheville Ladies Auxiliary held its regular meeting at the home of Sister Janie Haynes. Sister Leo Sheftall presented timely reports on the Zone Conference and the Testimonial Banquet.

Our members were happy to have Brothers B. F. McLaurin visit with us, and all were inspired by his remarks. As a result of his talks, four new members were added to the roster, which makes a total of five new members for the year. We hope that others will join also.

Brother McLaurin was entertained at the home of Brother and Sister Sheftall by the Auxiliary. The Brothers served as hosts.

On March 14th, the Auxiliary visited the home of Brother and Sister S. C. Foster, and presented a gift to Brother Foster in honor of his retirement. The Auxiliary wishes Brother Foster much happiness.

We hope sincerely that sister Nellie Porter, who is rapidly recovering from a recent illness, will be able to attend our meetings again very soon.

RUTH MORRISON, Reporter

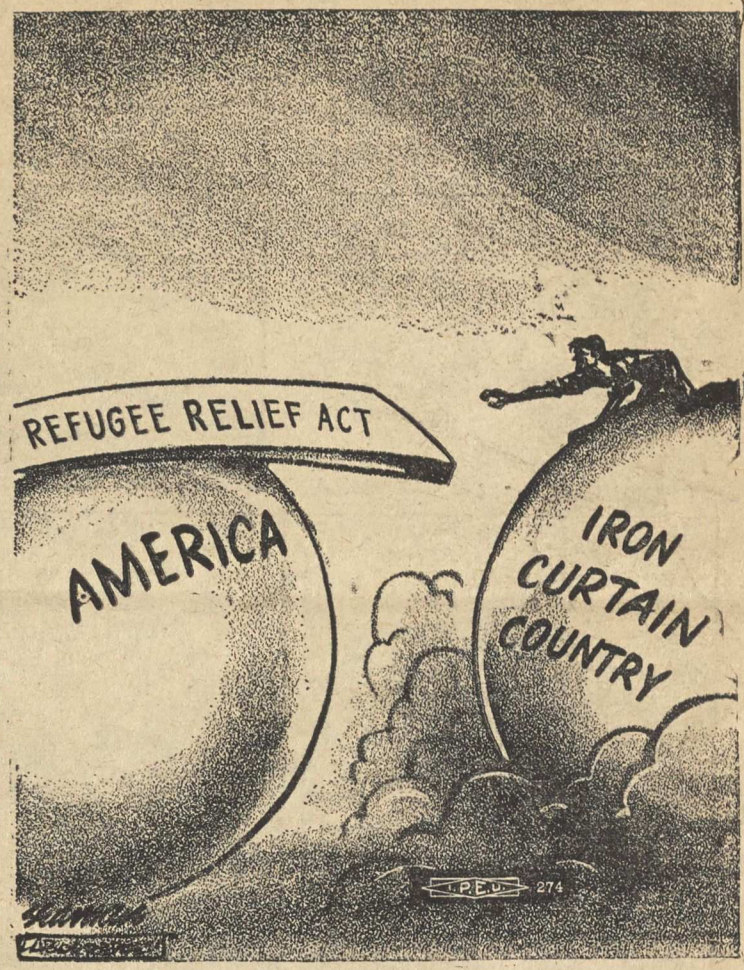
## DALLAS AUXILIARY

Sister Joe Ellis entertained the Ladies Auxiliary at her lovely home on Mitchell Street on Wednesday night, April 6th. Sister Annie May Taylor, president, presided. The meeting began with song and prayer, followed by the roll call.

Plans were completed for a reception honoring the international officers, delegates, visiting members and friends to the Southwest Zone Conference to be held on Wednesday 20, at 7:30, at the Y.W.C.A.

Under the guidance of program director Sister Blannie Wills, the reception was a gala affair. Equally responsible for the success of the occasion were Sister Susie Boyd who introduced the international and local officers; Sister Hattie Hervey, who was in charge of guest registration; and Sister Henrietta Stanley who presided at the punch bowl. Music for the occasion was furnished by Sister Ellis, chairman, and Sister Allie Brigham, co-chairman. Sister Mattie Griffin headed the receiving line assisted by sisters Juanita Webster, Letha Lucky, Ella Davis, Alberta Haswell, Twillie Williams,

## "NOT QUITE...."



W. A. Middleton, Chloe Baker, Elizabeth Berry, A. E. Green, Marian Hart, Annie M. Vickers, Rellie Miller and Emma Cash, Sr. All members are congratulated for their contribution to an enjoyable evening.

International President Sister Helena Wilson and Third Vice President Sister Fannie J. Caviness were presented with gifts by Sister Chloe Baker.

SISTER ANNIE MAE TAYLOR, President

HATTIE HERVEY, Reporter

## AFL ASKS THAT NO AMERICAN CHILD GO WITHOUT POLIO VACCINE

Washington. — No American child should go without the Salk polio vaccine "because his parents have low income or live in a place with few doctors," AFL President George Meany declared.

The AFL president called for rationing the vaccine according to priorities of medical need as long as the supply is limited. "Children in the poorest sections of this country should have the opportunity to benefit equally with those in more fortunate areas," he said.

To achieve this end, Meany noted, "a substantial part of the supply of the Salk vaccine must be purchased and distributed through the public health agencies."

He called on Congress to appropriate funds "to assure the people of the United States that this preventive against a dreaded disease shall be administered with fairness for all, with privilege for none."

Two House members meanwhile introduced bills to give the President allocation and priority-setting powers to prevent a black market in the life-saving vaccine.

## What Happens to Your Dollar?

We are often asked: "Well, just how is the dollar I give to Labor's League handled, and what happens to it?"

Simply this: First, you are given an LLPE membership card. The dollar and card stub are then sent by the League or union officer handling the book to the League's national headquarters in Washington, D. C.

There it is recorded and reported to your International Union and to your State League.

A report of your dollar is filed with Congress, as required by law.

Fifty cents of your dollar is sent back in cash automatically to your State League.

The other 50 cents is kept separate in a national reserve fund for use in the most critical Congressional campaigns. Some of the money will be used to help a pro-labor candidate pay for newspaper advertising; or for gasoline for his automobile he must use for travel around his state or district; or for the typist who types his news releases; or for telephone bills; or for radio or television costs.

You can see that there are a thousand and one things that your dollar could be, and is, used for.

Never forget this: TO GET GOOD LEGISLATION, YOU NEED GOOD CONGRESSMEN. TO GET GOOD CONGRESSMEN, YOU MUST HELP THEM PAY THEIR CAMPAIGN EXPENSES. THE BEST WAY TO HELP THEM PAY CAMPAIGN EXPENSES IS TO CONTRIBUTE VOLUNTARILY TO LABOR'S LEAGUE FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION.

It's as simple as that.

## ST. LOUIS PAPER DROPS RACE LABEL IN STORIES

St. Louis, Mo. — A prominent St. Louis newspaper has stopped using racial designations in news stories except in instances where this information is necessary to the content of the story or in apprehending a criminal.

The Globe-Democrat is the second newspaper in the St. Louis area to adopt such a policy. The first is the East St. Louis (Illinois) Journal.

In recent years, civil rights organizations have been deeply concerned about the effects of newspaper stories on group prejudices. They believe that the common practice of identifying the race, religion or nationality of criminals in newspaper stories creates the impression in the public mind that crimes are committed only by minority groups.



## Joe Worker

By NAT SCHACHNER



THE UNION IS GATHERING ITS FORCES TO SAVE THE YOUNG VICTIMS OF RACE HATE AND RELIGIOUS PREJUDICE...BUT TIME IS RUNNING OUT...

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FASTER, JOE. IF ANYTHING HAPPENS TO SAMMY AND THE OTHERS—

I'M DOING SIXTY NOW, DAVE.



WALT! PAT! SALLY JUST PHONED ME. WILLETT'S IN THE OLD WAREHOUSE, FOOT O' MAPLE ST.



DID YOU SAY, WILLETT, JIM? THEN MY MIKE...

AND MY TOMMY... GET INTO MY CAR, QUICK!



PRAY GOD, PAT, WE GET TO WILLETT BEFORE HE (GULP) HARMS OUR BOYS!

JIM, I'M PRAYING LIKE I NEVER PRAYED BEFORE!



CRIPES! DESE KIDS WEIGHS A TON, BUTCH.

DEY'LL WEIGH MORE WHEN WE FILLS DERE POKETS WI' ROCKS, MUGGS. HA! HA!



DIS'LL HOLD DESE BABIES DOWN SO DEY'LL NEVER COME UP!

CRIPES! SOMEONE'S COMIN'. DROP 'EM IN FAST!



SHOVE 'EM ALL IN. I'LL HOLD OFF DESE GUYS.

HEY!

WHICH OF THE SECRET FOUR IS IN THE RIVER?

### NIGERIAN EXHIBIT

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dent and Dr. Emory Ross, noted authority on African affairs, was chairmen of the Art Exhibit.

The Exhibit's opening on April 19th was addressed by Julius Hochman, Vice President of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union, New York City CIO secretary-treasurer Morris Iushevitz and New York's Deputy Mayor Henry Epstein. Brother B. F. McLaurin, BSCP international field representative acted as chairman.

Welcoming the guests, McLaurin said that many of the 700 Nigerian students in the United States had expressed interest in becoming organizers in a free trade union movement in their native country. It is hoped to arrange scholarships for them at the Accra Gold Coast Center of the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions from funds raised at the evening dance recitals and lectures. Admission to the latter events is \$2.00.

Among the unions which had arranged "Nights" for their members or purchased blocks of tickets were the American Federation of Musicians, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, Building Service Employees Union, Hat and Millinery Workers, International Ladies Garment Workers Union, including the New York Dress Joint Board, and Locals 22, 60-A, 62, 91 and 155, and the New York City CIO Council which is arranging the participation of many affiliated unions.

At the opening night, Iushevitz declared that "the CIO wholeheartedly endorses the Exhibit as an example of the friendly feeling Ralph Bunche.

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### CONGRATULATIONS MR. MANLEY

The victory of Mr. Norman W. Manley, Q.C., in the recent election in Jamaica, BWI as Chief Minister, marks an important and significant step forward in the worldwide movement of Negroes who are seeking a place in the sun of self-government.

Mr. Manley was elected on the People's National Party ticket, the program and philosophy of which are comparable to the British Labor Party.

As a successor to the colorful Bustamante, leader of the Jamaican Labor Party, the Honorable Mr. Manley, because of his sound economic, political and social principles, being anti-communist and anti-fascist, is certain to give this island a government of integrity, enlightenment and challenge.

We wish him great success.

American labor has for people fighting for its freedom." Pledging the full support of the local CIO body, Iushevitz stressed that "while we in America have much sympathy for the developing African independence and trade union movements, we have a long way to go to increase our knowledge about them."

Describing prejudice and misunderstanding as a "plague," Julius Hochman cited the Nigerian Exhibit as a means by which one people can communicate directly with another through the forms of art.

McLaurin stated that Nigeria was slated for self-rule in 1956, and called for the help of his fellow trade unionists in developing a free labor movement in that country as the bulwark of a free society.

Labor sponsors of the Nigerian Exhibit included George Meany, Jacob Potofsky, Matthew Woll and David Dubinsky. Other participants are Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, Sen. Herbert Lehman, Sen. Irving Ives, Mayor Robert Wagner and UN Assistant Secretary General

### MEANY, EISENHOWER COLLABORATE IN LAYING AFL CORNERSTONE

Washington.—With impressive ceremonies, witnessed by more than 2,000 persons, President Eisenhower and AFL President George Meany collaborated in laying the cornerstone for American labor's new home in Washington.

Other Government dignitaries, including Secretary of Labor James P. Mitchell, and AFL and CIO leaders attended with William F. Schnitzler, AFL secretary-treasurer, acting as master of ceremonies. The invocation was given by Dr. C. Leslie Glenn, pastor of St. John's Episcopal Church, located next to the new structure.

The \$3½ million eight-story structure, located on 16th street, at H, just across Lafayette Park from the White House, is expected to be completed in December in time to be occupied by the unified AFL and CIO. The steel framework has now been completed.

### TAMPA DIVISION

Brother John Jackson, retiring after 18 years of faithful service as Secretary-Treasurer of the Tampa Local, was honored recently with a testimonial Buffet Supper.

In conjunction with this affair, a series of meetings were held. Brother M. P. Webster, First International Vice President, and Brother B. F. McLaurin, Field Organizer, spoke at these gatherings on the policy of the labor movement. All were benefited by their enlightening remarks.



### AT THE BSCP TAMPA, FLA. DIVISION

Reading from left to right: Executive Board Chairman F. D. Hadley; Bro. J. P. Williams, new Secretary-Treasurer; Bro. John Jackson, Honoree; Bro. H. N. Reddick; Bro. M. Gregory, President; Bros. B. F. McLaurin, H. P. Stevens and George Powell.