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*First Triennial Convention*

and

*Twenty-eighth Anniversary*



AN INTERNATIONAL UNION  
(AFFILIATED WITH THE A. F. of L.)

**BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS**

HOTEL COSMOPOLITAN  
360 South Westlake Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

October 4-9, 1953





## THE OFFICERS



A. Philip Randolph, New York.....International President  
Ashley L. Totten, New York.....International Secretary-Treasurer  
Milton P. Webster, Chicago.....International Vice-President  
Bennie Smith, Detroit.....International Vice-President  
C. Laurence Dellums, Oakland.....International Vice-President  
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## GREETINGS AND WELCOME



TO ALL OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND VISITORS OF THE FIRST TRIENNIAL CONVENTION AND TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BROTHERHOOD OF SLEEPING CAR PORTERS:

It is with mingled honor and pleasure that the members of our division extend greetings and welcome to the delegates and visitors representing our organization throughout the United States and Canada.

In this great and important convention, our movement will be faced with a multitude of problems brought about by the rapid changes in a swiftly moving world. Many of the problems to be faced are caused by the fact, that we live in a climate of suspicion and fear. We, as workers, face the problems of labor, but, we, as non-white workers, still face the problem of color. Though, we have not reached first class citizenship yet, we feel that we are a little nearer. Though, we still do not have fair employment opportunities, we have tried to make the nation conscious of our God-given right to make an honest and decent living for ourselves and our families. Until everyone in the United States and Canada is recognized as free and equal. Without any handicap because of race, creed, color or national origin, we must continue to be a progressive and militant force.

These are just a few thoughts on some of our problems, and as we greet and welcome the delegates to this convention, we know that they will again demonstrate the abilities they have shown in the past in determining our policies for the coming years.

During your off duty hours, we hope you will find adequate and pleasurable opportunities to relax and enjoy our great city. Wishing each and every one of you a constructive and happy stay in the City of Angeles, and an enjoyable and safe trip home, we are,

Fraternally yours,

Los Angeles Division

Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

James M. White, President

L. B. Thompson, Secretary-Treasurer

Sunday, October 4, 1953

## REGISTRATION OF DELEGATES

HOTEL COSMOPOLITAN

10: A.M. - 2: P.M. — 7: P.M. - 8: P.M.

3: P.M.

### Public Labor Education Mass Meeting

Second Baptist Church — 24th Griffith

Chairman — C. L. Dellums, International Vice-President, B.S.C.P.



### PROGRAM

1. Invocation.....Rev. J. Raymond Henderson, 2nd Baptist Church
2. National Anthem.....Choir, 2nd Baptist Church
3. Introductory Remarks.....Chairman, C. L. Dellums
4. Welcome to Delegates and Visitors:.....Dr. E. I. Robinson, President N.A.A.C.P.
5. Welcome to.....Thos. L. Pitts, President, California State Federation of Labor
7. Lift Every Voice and Sing.....Choir
6. Address.....Mrs. Halena Wilson, Int'l President Ladies' Auxiliary B.S.C.P.
8. Address.....Milton P. Webster, Int'l. Vice-President, B.S.C.P.
9. Principal Address.....George Meany, President, A. F. of L.
10. Hold the Fort.....Choir
11. Address.....A. Philip Randolph, Int'l. President B.S.C.P.
12. John Brown's Body
13. Benediction



Sunday Evening—7:30 P.M.

## LABOR CULTURAL HOUR

HOTEL COSMOPOLITAN

Chairman: Theodore E. Brown, Director, Research & Education, B.S.C.P.

1. Introduction of Brotherhood & Auxiliary Officials.....National and Local
2. Showing of Brotherhood Film and other films on Labor and Civil Rights.
3. Brotherhood Music
4. Soprano Solo by Miss Delores Piper.
5. Recitation by Mrs. Acyee Bilbrew.
6. Popular songs by Miss Darlene Powell.
7. Address....."The Brotherhood of Sleeping car Porters' Contribution to the Negro Worker". Ashley L. Totten, International Secretary-Treasurer.
8. Solo
9. John Brown's Body



## Monday, October 5, 1953—First Day

Joint Opening—Brotherhood and Ladies' Auxiliary

Call to Order.....James M. White, President Los Angeles Division  
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag  
Invocation.....Rev. Harold M. Kingsley, Church of Christian Fellowship  
Welcome and Greetings.....W. J. Bassett, Secretary Los Angeles Central Labor Council  
Welcome Address.....C. L. Dellums  
Keynote Address.....A. Philip Randolph  
Presentation of A. Philip Randolph for formal opening of Convention.  
Address.....Horace W. Harper, Labor Member, Railroad Retirement Board  
Report of Committee on Credentials  
Report of Committee on Rules  
Report of Int'l. Secretary-Treasurer Totten

**AFTERNOON: NO SESSION**

Hollywood Sightseeing Tour

Buses leave Hotel Cosmopolitan at 2:00 P.M.

**EVENING 7: P.M.**

Meeting of Committee on Resolution and Constitution—Hotel Cosmopolitan

**BROTHERHOOD SOIREE**

9: P.M. to 1: A.M.

FLORENTINE GARDENS — 5955 HOLLYWOOD BOULEVARD



**Tuesday, October 6, 1953—Second Day**

Morning Session — 9:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Invocation: Chaplain

Report of Credential Committee (continued)

Grievances and Claims Day

(Revised Pullman Agreement)

Chairman — C. L. Dellums, Int'l Vice-President

**12:30 P.M. — Recess for Lunch**

**AFTERNOON SESSION 2: P.M.**

Grievances and Claims Committee (continued)

**EVENING 7:30 P.M.**

Ladies' Auxiliary Workshop — Hotel Cosmopolitan



## Wednesday, October 7, 1953—3rd Day

Morning Session — 9:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Chaplain

Report of Int'l. Executive Board

Report of Auditing Committee

Report of Committees

### AFTERNOON SESSION 2: P.M.

Call to Order

Report of Committees

### EVENING 8: P.M.

Ladies Auxiliary Reception and Exhibit

GOLDEN STATE INSURANCE COMPANY BUILDING

Western Avenue and Adams Boulevard



## Thursday, October 8, 1953—4th Day

Morning Session — 9:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Chaplain

Report of Committees

### AFTERNOON SESSION 2: P.M.

Call to Order

Report of Committees

Election of Officers



Friday, October 9, 1953—5th Day

Morning Session — 9:30 A.M.

Call to Order

Invocation: Chaplain

Brotherhood Labor Education Day

Report:.....Theodore E. Brown, Director, Education & Resolution B.S.C.P.

Address:....."Meaning and Value of Workers' Education to the Trade Union Movement,"  
John D. Conners, Director, Workers' Education Bureau

Address:....."Labor's Stake in the Ballot & Government", James L. McDevitt,  
Director Labor League for Political Education

Summary:.....A. Philip Randolph, Int'l. President B.S.C.P.

## AFTERNOON SESSION 2: P.M.

Call to Order

Chairman: Delegate

Good and Welfare of the Brotherhood

General Discussion

Adjournment

## EVENING 9: P.M.

Convention Ball — Hotel Cosmopolitan

## CONVENTION COMMITTEE

C. L. DELLUMS, Chairman

L. B. THOMPSON, Vice-Chairman

L. H. James

W. C. Isaacs

E. J. Eley

C. Gordon

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