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## THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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International Vice President B.S.C.P.

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Dear Brother Dellums,

At long last I am taking this opportunity to thank you for the copy of letters sent to Sister Tucker relative to the status of members in the Oakland Division.

Later I received a copy of Sister Tucker's reply. I judge that this matter was settled to the satisfaction of both the Oakland Auxiliary and Sister Tucker.

I also redeived the copy of your letter to Sister ~~Wilson~~ it was gratifying to note that you had visited the Spokane

Division and had gained a personal knowledge of conditions there.

While I do not desire to break a constructive cooperation between the Brotherhood and the Ladies Auxiliary, I believe that the complete domination of certain Brotherhood officials is preventing the growth of the Spokane Auxiliary. I hope that Sister Wilson has followed your advice by having Brother Randolph issue an ultimatum as to authority of the officers there. There by allowing them <sup>(in any)</sup> to use their own initiative in executing the program of the International Order.

Again I thank you for all you have done. My regards to Sister Dellums.

Fraternally,

*Letitia Murray*

Letitia Murray

Int'l Vice Pres. Ladies

Aux. B.S.C.P.

1403 Ward Street  
Berkeley, Calif.  
September 24, 1939

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker  
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Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.P.

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Dear Mrs. Tucker:

First of all, for our auxiliary, I wish to explain the prolonged delay in sending a report to you. We had the usual difficulty getting organized plus additional handicaps of finding personnel. Our presidency has already changed three times, and the secretary twice. Also both our last president and I have been away from meetings several times due to illness. At present I am still unable to be away from home because of the seriousness of two infected toes. We hope that never again will six months find us so far in arrears with reports.

One more apology--about supplies. This transferring of materials from president to vice president, ~~and~~ from vice president to secretary, thence to a new president or secretary, and then to a substitute has resulted in our supplies being hard to find. If you will again send us the directions for applying for a charter, I will try to get it returned to you with the necessary signatures immediately. For this same reason, we will need more blanks for sending financial reports. As you will see, I have sent a summary report from February to August (inclusive), on the forms used by the Brotherhood. This report was completed during September although it is not to date. Here may I ask--will it be permissible to send our financial reports at less frequent intervals than monthly, quarterly perhaps?

Our present list of officers is as follows: Ardella Nutall, president, 2026 Chestnut Street, Oakland, California; ~~Dorothy Williams~~ Elizabeth Young, vice-president, 326 Peralta Street, Oakland, California; Dorothy Williams, secretary-treasurer, 1403 Ward Street, Berkeley, California.

We have also had one death among our auxiliary members, that of Lela Harvey in August.

Thus far we have had twelve regular meetings, and additional discussions when a meeting was not called to order, since we did not have a quorum.

Considering all our short-comings, we still have one thing to be proud of--I really should say several. First we emphasize regularly and continually the purpose of the auxiliary, its relationship to the Brotherhood, and to the trade union movement as a whole. Most of our meetings are opened with "Hold the For&" and the prayer. And we have had educational meetings devoted solely to such <sup>discussions</sup> ~~discussions~~ as the Domestic Workers' Bill, Consumer Union reports, the question of "War, the Negro, and the Worker", and Pensions Plans. We also presented resolutions and a floral wreath at the funeral of our deceased Sister Harvey.

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Sept. 28, 1939.

The Oakland Ladies Auxiliary  
c/o Mrs. Dorothy Williams  
1829 Prince Street  
Berkley, Calif.

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Dear Sisters:

In writing this letter to you it is with a complete understanding of conditions as they now exist in your auxiliary. Naturally, I am because of this knowledge, in a better position to offer you the encouragement and the help that such a situation requires. I have thought a great deal about your auxiliary since my visit there last month, and I hope I may be able to do through correspondence that which I had no opportunity of doing while in your midst.

I should like as your leader and as one who is intensely interested in the development and the success of this great organization of which we are a very vital part to do everything within my power to rekindle the spark of enthusiasm that once caused the auxiliary members of Oakland to make such a fine contribution during the earlier struggles in the life of our parent organization.

While the uncertainties, and the hardships of those days have passed yet the need for unity, loyalty and cooperation will never pass. Because the Brotherhood must never relax in its fight for better working conditions, protection and security for for its members.

The success of its efforts in that direction depends not upon the support it receives from a third or even two thirds of its membership, but upon the combined cooperation and the loyalty received from everyone whether directly or indirectly benefited as a result of its activities.

Oakland Ladies Auxiliary

9/28/39.

Therefore, I am asking that you accept all the obstacles and other acts intended to discourage you as a challenge and treat them as hinderances that shall not stand in the way of your making every possible contribution toward building strength in your division, which strength, when added to that of the other divisions will constitute an impregnable, strongly fortified organization that nothing can disrupt.

In Union there is strength. Or better still, United we Stand or divided we Fall.

I trust with these thoughts in mind that you will find someone among you willing to take over the duties of president. I also trust that the members will stand four-square behind whoever accepts those responsibilities, and give her the support and encouragement needed during such trying times.

I shall greatly appreciate hearing from you. And I assure you nothing will afford me greater pleasure than being able to give you every assistance at my command.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President..

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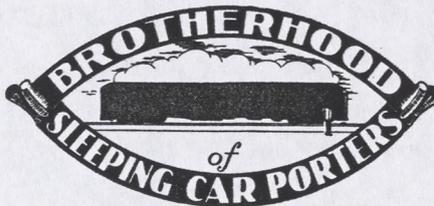
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Dear Friend and Sister:

In accordance with the constitution of the Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters adopted at its first national convention in Chicago, I am herewith, as the International Counselor to the Ladies' Auxiliary, appointing as local counselor for the Oakland Ladies' Auxiliary, Brother C. L. Dellums, 4th International Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The purpose of the local counselor is to sit from time to time with the members in the meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary and advise them upon questions of vital interest to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. The Ladies' Auxiliary may call in the local counselor whenever they deem it desirable, and request of him information which they may not possess concerning the advisability of taking certain action which may affect the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

The local counselor also has the right and the power to go into the meetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary, to observe their deliberations and to express a voice with respect to the soundness and practicability and wisdom of certain policies and methods that the Auxiliary may adopt or plan to adopt.

The aim behind the creation of the local counselor and his relationship to the Ladies' Auxiliary is to develop a spirit of cooperation between the Brotherhood Division and the local Auxiliaries in each district throughout the country, so that they may work in harmony and peace to the end of building a strong and powerful Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and Ladies' Auxiliary for the protection of the rights and interests of the Pullman porter who is the foundation of the home of the women relatives who are members of the Ladies' Auxiliaries.

May I herewith advise that a joint meeting of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters and the Ladies' Auxiliaries be held once every quarter. In these meetings officials and members of the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary should discuss questions of mutual interest and in the true spirit of the Brotherhood, so that our great movement may grow, develop and prosper.

May I also advise that all affairs of the Brotherhood be whole heartedly supported and assisted by the local Auxiliary at all times; and, in turn, all affairs of the Ladies' Auxiliary should be similarly supported and assisted by the Brotherhood; for the interest of the Auxiliary is the interest of the Brotherhood, and the interest of the Brotherhood is the interest of the Auxiliary. Our slogan should be "All for one and one for all".

Fraternally yours

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May 13, 1940.

Mrs. Dorothy G. Williams  
1601 Derby Street  
Berkeley, California

Dear Sister Williams:

I was very much impressed with the manner in which your Auxiliary is approaching the various topics that are being submitted for a general discussion during the auxiliary meetings. The outline is good, the subject matter is presented very concisely, and the topics themselves are interesting because they are current happenings that are not confined to any particular locality since they have a direct bearing upon the well-being of this Country as a whole.

I should like, however, to direct the attention of the Auxiliary Officials to Article 21, page 6, in the Constitution and General Rules regarding the Auxiliary participating in movements pertaining to religion or politics. As these two subjects are of a highly controversial nature it is thought best to discourage any tendency on the part of either Organization to become involved in such matters. This does not mean that the individual can not do as he wishes as an individual, but said member is in direct conflict with the policies of the Organization when he or she participates as a representative of the Organization or its' Ladies Auxiliary and, of course, it is understood that the Labors Non-Partisan League is a political party. Therefore, our Ladies Auxiliary should not send delegates to or take part in such a movement.

I trust your "Chocolate Sip" was a huge success.

Paternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

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International President

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C. C.: Mrs. Murray  
Mr. Dellums

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The Ladies Auxiliary  
To The  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
An International AF of L Union  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

November 27, 1940

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Dear Members:

I have found as a result of the visits that were made to a few of the auxiliaries that many of the members do not quite understand the purpose of a Labor Organization or the function of its' Ladies Auxiliary. Many appear to be of the opinion that since they are not actually employed that there is little or nothing for them to do in such a movement; or that there is little or nothing that such a movement has to contribute to their way of living. As a result of this observation, it is my intention to point out from time to time various reasons why the Labor Movement is of such vital importance to them, since wages whether large or small, regular or irregular determines the kind of house the worker may live in, the quantity and quality of food that the family of the worker may consume, the kind and quality of clothing that each may wear and the extent to which the children of the working class may become educated. Therefore, it is difficult to imagine anything more important than wages unless it is the job from which the wages emanate and this is true whether the wife and mother works for wages or whether someone else works for her.

In the beginning when America was first inhabited by the Pilgrim Fathers there were no stores, no factories, shops, man made machinery, etc. these early settlers simply decided upon a site for their homes and then set to work cutting down trees with which to build some sort of shelter, even before this task was completed, they each applied themselves to the all important task of resting a living out of the bosom of mother earth. Here as always man needed and received the cooperation, the encouragement and the confidence of the women members of his family. Man went along in this mode of living for many years: free and independent knowing no boss other than himself. Finally, there came a day when all this was changed, instead of producing, processing and manufacturing for himself a new order was brought into being as a result of man's desire for more leisure, more comfort and greater conveniences. Modern machinery, the offspring of scientific research, soon replaced hand labor causing the factory to make serious inroads into individual or home production.

Where once money had been of small consequences it now presented a problem of major importance, since without money man could not purchase the commodities and other merchandise being manufactured by the new industrialist. Man soon discovered that he had "jumped out of the frying pan into the Fire" as the saying goes, instead of being the master, he had become the servant. No longer could he go to work when he chose nor stop when he felt so inclined, instead of receiving adequate wages

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with which to purchase the articles he was manufacturing for someone else, instead of for himself, as before, he now found himself the victim of the worse form of exploitation. He was no longer free to do his own bidding, but was in virtual bondage to another man or set of men who were without mercy or a conscience, hence, the ultimate birth of the Labor Movement.

To Be Continued:

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

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TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE  
LADIES' AUXILIARY TO THE  
BSCP

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GENERAL ORDER

CONCERNING DUAL LADIES' AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

Dear Friends and Sisters:

It has come to my attention that in the last convention of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America which was held in Chicago, a national Ladies' Auxiliary was formed with a full and complete roster of officers.

I am advised upon reliable information that many of the members of this Ladies' Auxiliary are also members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. I have been informed also that some of the officials of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP are also officials of this Ladies' Auxiliary.

Now a national Ladies' Auxiliary to the FPBAofA is unnecessary, useless, and untimely. It constitutes a dual organization to the existing Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP and is as distinct a menace and source of confusion to the bona-fide Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP as would be another organization of Pullman Porters to do the same thing for the Porters that the Brotherhood is now doing.

Because of the fact that the purpose of the Ladies' Auxiliary to a group of workers is to increase their morale and develop strength and solidarity among them so that they may be able to protect their interests and advance their well-being with their employer, another Ladies' Auxiliary in the field of Sleeping Car Porters can only serve to weaken the bona-fide Ladies' Auxiliary and thereby lessen the force and strength of the Brotherhood to make and maintain favorable conditions for the Porters in the employ of the Pullman Company.

It is obvious that there is only one interest which can benefit and profit from the creation and maintenance of a Ladies' Auxiliary to the FPBAofA and there is only one interest that would wish to have such an Auxiliary organized. I need not mention the interest because it is clear and obvious to every intelligent wife, sister, daughter, or woman relative of any kind.

Now, of course, it may be that some of the women have been misguided, who are participating in this new Auxiliary. But one may be well meaning and still do herself harm and others who are connected with her harm. The chief harm that will be done in this instance will be to the Pullman Porter because the public and the Porters cannot understand the reason for two Ladies' Auxiliaries among Pullman Porters, and, of course, there is no good sound, sensible, and justifiable reason for a duplication of the work of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP.

However, it is a serious question with the Brotherhood and in order that there will be no misunderstanding with regard to the position of the Brotherhood, I am, herewith, as International President of the Brotherhood,

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Concerning Dual Ladies' Auxiliary Organizations  
December 1940

and International Councilor to the Ladies' Auxiliary, advising, instructing, and ordering all members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP who have joined the Ladies' Auxiliary to the PPBAofA to disassociate themselves with, come out of, and cancel their memberships in, the Ladies' Auxiliary to the PPBAofA within the next 30 days or they will forfeit their membership in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP.

This action is taken in order to eliminate the confusion that now exists around this matter. It is a fact of common knowledge that one cannot serve 2 masters at the same time. The women relatives of the Porters are either for or against the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Those women relatives who are members of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America are definitely against the best interests and well-being of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, they are against themselves, the porters and their families, even if they don't know it. Thus the women relatives of the Porters and Attendants will have to be either members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the BSCP or members of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the PPBAofA. They cannot be members of both. They must choose to throw their lot with one or the other because the Ladies' Auxiliary to the PPBAofA is the direct offspring of the very forces that have sought to prevent Porters from organizing a bona-fide union throughout the years, and that seek still to destroy the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

I sincerely hope the women relatives of the Porters will understand.

THERE IS NOT TWO LADIES' AUXILIARIES AMONG ANY OTHER GROUP OF RAILROAD WORKERS. Why should there be two among Pullman Porters. The very idea is destructive and ridiculous and makes Negro railroad workers look like a joke. Every woman relative of a Porter, Attendant, and Maid belongs in the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, because this Auxiliary is a part of the Brotherhood which controls and owns the Agreement with the Pullman Company and therefore regulates the jobs of Porters which is the foundation of the home and bread and butter of the women relatives and children of every Porter. Every woman relative can see the value of the Brotherhood to her and her husband every 1st and 15th each month, when she receives and benefits from a higher wage check made possible by the Brotherhood. This is plain enough for any woman to understand.

Hence, there is no earthly reason for the Ladies' Auxiliary to the PPBAofA. It ought to disband.

With the season's greetings, I am,

Fraternally yours,

*A. Philip Randolph*  
A. Philip Randolph  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

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To H. Wilson  
B. Dicks  
L. Murray

2718 Grove Street  
Oakland, California  
January 29, 1941

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Our year has begun with six new members to add to our membership list. This is very very far from what we had hoped for--but none the less in the right direction. And we have our Organization Committee at work, and we have rights to expect that every month from now on will bring additional ladies into our Auxiliary.

We are anxious to get the new application blanks for new members, and dues cards for 1941, as well as the new forms for reporting monthly dues. My reports for November, December, and January are enclosed. For although I have not received any new blanks for reporting dues, I know that my financial reports late from last year should have been in before now.

Unfortunately, we have lost another Sister--Finnie Wind who died at 4 am. on Thursday November 14.

We are now having one business meeting for Auxiliary members per month, and one joint educational-social meeting per month with the local division of the Brotherhood. This is making it possible for us to have larger educational-social meetings, and also to have regular occasions to discuss those issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Auxiliary and the Brotherhood together. We have had two to date--one in January and the first last ~~22~~ November (December was just too full of events here).

At the first joint meeting, we emphasized those discussions at Convention that seemed to us to require reemphasizing, with reports by Brother Dellume, Sister Nutall and me.

On January 24, we had our second, with Mr. Henry T. S. Johnson, our/<sup>N.Y.A.</sup> Area Youth Personnel Supervisor, speaking to us on the National Youth Administration and the Trade Union Movement". Following his remarks our social committee served turkey, cheese, and other sandwiches and drinks, while we informally discussed Mr. Johnson's speech, and the Brotherhood's program in general. I am mailing a report of our meeting to the Black Worker, for it seemed really a good meeting from all points of view.

Enclosed is a list of our 1940 elections--I was sure that I had sent one before. But had I known it was not received, one certainly would have been forwarded earlier.

Also please note that I have moved again. Now I hope I shall be settled for more than a year this time, and that this change will not make my record too messy.

Fraternally yours, Dorothy Williams

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National Office  
Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Shipin Car Porters  
1231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

March 21, 1941

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A brief sketch of the Labor movement - Continued from November, 1940.

In the first of these articles which was written during the month of November an attempt was made to point out the intolerable conditions which made labor unions a necessity also to establish the fact that nothing was more important in the life of the working man, the working woman or those dependent upon them than the job and the wage that is paid to each individual worker. It was pointed out that the job and the wages received as the result of one's physical labor determine the conditions under which the worker and his family will be permitted to live and this is true whether the worker is married or single.

The first article refers briefly to the changed conditions brought about by modern inventions which were the result of man's desire for greater comfort, more leisure and greater convenience. An accumulation of data shows that these inventions were largely responsible for the chaos, the exploitation and the human misery which replaced the free and unrestricted manner in which man once had been permitted to live. Man's inhumanity to man and the greed for excessive profit and unlimited power on the part of the few made organization and unionization essential if the home which is the foundation of modern civilization was to survive.

The part organized labor has played in establishing certain fundamental rights and privileges for the working classes is not to be scoffed at nor can it in any way be minimized. As early as 1791 and even earlier, various isolated labor bodies in the leading industrial cities of that period began to take form, however, these bodies differed from the labor movement of today in that such bodies only embraced certain small or isolated groups of workers. They also differed in that they were of the benevolent or secret-order type wherein workers were paid sick benefits and other considerations of a similar nature. Little or nothing was done by the workers at that time to regulate rates of pay or to improve working conditions.

Many attempts were made during the years that followed to develop an effective labor movement through an alliance or federation of the workers in the various occupations throughout the country. The first labor movement of national significance to arise out of these efforts was known as the Knights of Labor which had its origin in Philadelphia, Pa., however, the Knights of St. Crispin, a powerful movement preceded the Knights of Labor by several years. (These two subjects should furnish an interesting program for the chairman of the Worker's Education Committee. The public library will supply an abundance of reference matter.") The next outstanding movement to be attempted on a national scale was the convention of the Federation of Organized Trades which was held in Chicago, Illinois, May 1834. This movement was the fore-runner of the American Federation of Labor which was organized in Cleveland, Ohio in 1886. The A. F. of L. has been recognized and accepted since its inception as the bonified labor movement of America and as representing and expressing the will of the workers of the country. Eventhough there are large numbers of workers not affiliated with the A. F. of L. or with the C. I. O. which is of a more recent date.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

LADIES AUXILIARY TO THE  
I.S.C.P.

Dear Members:

Owing to a recent occurrence that took place in this city some few weeks ago it became necessary to ascertain the true temper of the members of our Ladies Auxiliary. To begin with it is deeply regretted that any one of the members of our Auxiliary could have been misled into taking part in a movement that was designed to divide, to cause confusion and to bring about dissension within an organization which Negro men have fought so valiantly over so long a period to establish in the hope and with the desire to bring greater protection and a higher degree of economic freedom and economic security to the members of our group.

It is not conceivable that any other group of women of any other race whether innocently or otherwise could be found who would be willing to betray their menfolk, their families and their own interests by aligning themselves with a force that has done everything within its power to defeat every attempt that was made by our men to obtain fair treatment and a just recognition for the service rendered. Knowing these things to be true one cannot help wondering if Negro women are that much different from women of other races. If not wouldn't they have more confidence in and wouldn't they stand more loyally by the men whom they themselves brought into the world.

Negro men like other men discounting those who appear incapable of doing their own thinking are crying to justify themselves before the eyes of the world, and yet it appears that these men must stand by and witness the tragic spectacle of their womenfolk cooperating with and coming under the influence of a common enemy. Such an unbelievable situation naturally causes one to wonder when, if ever, will the Negro wake up. It also causes one to ask what if anything, can be done to help the Negro; or how will it be possible to make him realize and accept his responsibility to himself and to his fellowman; when, if ever, will Negroes stop being misled by a few strips of red rags held in the hands of those who care not whether they live or die once they have gotten out of them all that they want. And one is tempted to ask, why should they care?

For years the Brotherhood has fought for and finally won a hard earned victory. The opposing forces having failed in their fight with the men are now evidently, attempting to regain a footing by using the women relatives of the very men once so badly misled by them. But this must not be permitted to happen. Our women surely will not forget that "LET THE DEAD STAND, OR DIVIDED WE FALL" Nor will they once they understand lend themselves or their assistance to any body especially, when that body is known to bode no good to our group.

The Auxiliary to the I.P.B. of A is not concerned with hours of work or with rates of pay. Its chief concern is and always will be for the management and this latest move can be looked upon as a betrayal of the trust put in them but from an entirely different angle. And we as a group do not intend to permit ourselves to be the dupes in this subtle scheme.

Fraternally yours,

*Malena Wilson*  
Malena Wilson.

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2718 Grove Street  
Oakland, California  
May 1, 1941

Mrs. Halena Wilson  
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Ladies Auxiliary, B.S.C.P.

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Deaf Sister Wilson:

Brother Dellums just returned from Chicago, and brought news that made our feathers fall--when he told of your over-worked condition and the resulting needed rest.

Of course, we are genuinely sorry, and anxious to do all that we can to soften your worries, and make you able to completely gain the strength so necessary. In Oakland we shall try to do this by bringing our Auxiliary to a higher and bigger program of activities, by bringing back regularly more members who have lost interest, and by recruiting more of those who have never joined--this we hope will be news that will do as much as rest and medicine in helping to soften the responsibilities of making our Auxiliary what it ought to be.

and

I am enclosing some application blanks, a dues report, and in closing trust that you will follow your physician's directions and rest in bed, as relaxed as possible, so that your time there will not have to be lengthened.

Fraternally always

Brothy G. Williams  
Secretary-treasurer  
Oakland division

January 23, 1943

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker  
International Secretary-Treasurer  
Ladies Auxiliary B. I. C. P.  
330 You Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Tucker:

I have secured the books from Sister Rowland and I will see that everything is in shape and have been assured by her husband, one of our good Brothers, that if any funds are short he will pay them. Therefore, will you kindly let me know just what the present situation is in connection with your division of the auxiliary? I think it advisable also to send me the standing of each of the members as your records show them, as well as any other information that might be pertinent.

Fraternally yours,

J. L. Bellus, Supervisor  
Pacific Coast Zone

cc:

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## THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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



January 27, 1943

ROSINA C. TUCKER  
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Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

The copy of your letter under date of January 23rd to Sister Tucker was received which I do not quite understand. I had no knowledge that there was any reason for requesting the financial books from Sister Rowland. If you will kindly send additional information it will be greatly appreciated. I should like to know whether you acted upon a request coming from Sister Tucker or upon that of the local auxiliary.

A bulletin was issued in December advising all secretary-treasurers that monthly financial statements would be required regardless to whether dues have been collected or not. This was done to keep a closer check of the auxiliaries and to discourage an indifferent attitude regarding the official requirements of that office.

I am sure your interest in this matter will help insure a greater compliance on the part of the local officials in your zone.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

February 13, 1943

Mrs. Helena Wilson, International President  
Ladies Auxiliary B. S. C. P.  
4231 South Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson

No doubt you will recall that you talked to me when I was in Chicago last June about no report or funds being sent in by the Oakland Auxiliary. When I returned home I took this matter up with the Local President who in turn took the matter up with Sister Rowland. It was later discovered that Sister Rowland had not made a report since she had been in office, however this action caused her to send some fifty (\$50) odd dollars to Sister Tucker.

Recently Sister Nuttall, Local President, came to me concerning this matter again. From correspondence between Sister Tucker and Nuttall, Sister Rowland had not made another report. Sister Nuttall also advised that she had stop coming to meetings and had promised to turn over the books and the funds several times and had failed to keep her promise. Sister Nuttall however requested that I see what I could about it. I made several attempts to get them from her but failed, so I finally called in her husband and talked the matter over with him. He finally brought the books but we still haven't been able to secure the bank book or any funds.

Shall keep you advised of future developments..

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Bellums, Supervisor  
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Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice President  
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1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

When I called to your attention the Oakland Auxiliary's delay in remitting I had no idea what the true state of conditions were. I knew something was wrong owing to a letter received some time ago from Sister Rowland but I considered it more or less a personal difference and made no reference to the matter. I am sure, however, with your assistance that the present difficulty will be adjusted.

Sister Murray has been advised of the contents of your letter and I shall appreciate being kept informed of future developments.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halena Wilson".

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

THE LADIES AUXILIARY

PROCEEDINGS OF SEVENTH OAK DIVISION

MARCH 20, 1943

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- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ June, "
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ August, "
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ March 18, 1943
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ March, "
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ March, "
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ March, "
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ January, "
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ March, "

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker  
 International Secretary-Treasurer  
 The Ladies Auxiliary  
 1812 9th Street N. W.  
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Tucker:

Enclosed you will find report sheets, covering twenty Sisters for a hundred eighty-two months dues. You will also find enclosed check for thirty-one dollars sixty-three cents (\$31.63), covering the enclosed report plus the seven dollars sixty-two cents (\$7.62) which you stated our auxiliary owed your office. This will get our auxiliary straighten out again and put them in a position to start bringing the other Sisters into line.

Sister M. Mitchell is the new secretary now. You will note from the report one or two names which you did not list but have been members for a long time. It is our opinion that your office overlooked them. It is also our opinion that the reports will come in regular from now on and that the membership will soon go up again. If there is anything that we can do to help out in this matter, feel free to call upon us.

Fraternally yours,

*C. L. Dellums*  
 C. L. Dellums  
 International Vice-President

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- cc. Mrs. Halena Wilson, International President
- Mrs. Letitia Murry, International Vice-President
- Mrs. W. Mitchell, Secretary Oakland Division

March 18, 1945

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March 23, 1943.

Mr C.L.Dellums  
International Vice President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 S<sup>th</sup>venth Street  
Oakland, Calif; .

Dear Brother Dellums:

Thank you for your letter of March 18th. We appreciate the time and effort spent in adjusting irregularities found in the financial records of the Oakland Division of the Ladies Auxiliary. We regret that this condition existed and sincerely hope that like cases will not occur again.

The Los Angeles Auxiliary will hold its regular business meeting on Monday evening ,April 12th. Hope it will be convenient for you to speak to us on that date.

Fraternally  
*Letitia Murray*  
Letitia Murray  
Int'l Vice Pres.  
Ladies Auxiliary to BSCB.

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August 11, 1943

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice-President  
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1716 Seventh Street  
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Dear Brother Dellums:

I hope you will make it convenient to talk with Sister Murray concerning conditions in Spokane Division so far as they pertain to present relations between the Brotherhood and the Ladies Auxiliary.

It appears that brothers Johnson and Strong, acting with either misinformation or as a result of a lack of information, have produced a rather adverse condition in Spokane insofar as the Auxiliary is concerned, such as stating who in their opinion may or may not become members in the Auxiliary; by presiding over Auxiliary meetings, or, in the case of brother Johnson, who we are told, called off the Auxiliary meeting because he was to be out of the city on the evening the meeting was to be held.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter being sent to the members and to Brothers Johnson and Strong in the hope that a better understanding may be brought about.

It is my understanding that the Auxiliary was reorganized as a result of Sister Murray's visit there, but that due to the above mentioned conditions, the President has already resigned. I have written to her asking that she reconsider so efforts can be made to bring about a peaceful and harmonious adjustment.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halena Wilson".

Halena Wilson  
INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

HW:ma

C O P Y

October 21, 1943

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker, Secretary-Treasurer  
The Ladies Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
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Washington, D. C.

Dear Sister Tucker:

Again I am called upon to assist our sisters in straightening out their financial records. This came about as a result of membership statement you sent as of August 1943. Some of the confusion came about as results of mistakes made by your office rather than our local office. I wish to hereby call your attention to them: On sister Mitchell's August report she listed Elizabeth Smith for seventeen months dues (\$3.40) but on your report you did not show sister Smith; Mollie Enghram was shown for five months dues, paid to October, but your report did not credit it; Bertha Shelton was shown as paying initiation fee plus three months dues, including November, your report did not credit her with initiation fee but credited her with four months dues, including December, making a total of one dollar (\$1) which is also wrong; Viola Davis was shown as paying fifty cents (\$.50) assessment, but your report showed her as paying four months dues; Goldie Sloan also paid fifty cents (\$.50) assessment, but your report did not show her payment at all.

On the July report Rosa Lee Shelton was listed for three months dues, including June, your report did not show her payment; Grace Matthews paid two months in July and three months in June, but your report only showed her paying two months. However, in connection with this sister, something will have to be done. She was quite ill for sometime and was sent to Texas for her health. After an absence of near two years, she returned, and as I understand it the sisters want to credit her for this long illness and start her dues as of June when she returned. This matter will have to be straightened out through you and our local office. Further, on the July report; Goldie Sloan was shown as paying seven months dues, including December, but your report did not credit this payment at all; Stella Hammons was shown as paying four months, including December, but your report did not show it. When I straightened out this Division before you gave me a list of sisters who were paid through August 1942 and included in that group was sister G. A. Thompson. Then in March of this year when I straightened out the records, we sent in nine months dues for her which would have brought her through May 1943. The report you sent this time only showed her paid through December 1941.

Mrs. Rosina C. Tucker

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October 21, 1943

Your membership statement did not show A. Rowland though our June report showed her paying twelve months dues; Your report did not show sister L. J. Roper though she is paid through November.

I believe a recheck of your records will verify these mistakes.

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Dellums, Counselor  
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TO

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November 6, 1943

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Dear Sir and Brother:

The copy of your letter of October 21 to Sister Tucker arrived shortly after my return from Washington otherwise it would have been possible for me to make a re-check with Sister Tucker while there. A letter is being sent Sister Tucker requesting a careful check on all divisions so if similar mistakes exist they may be corrected. The International Auxiliary is grateful for the time and the interest given by you in helping to adjust this matter.

Up to the present time no word has been received concerning the Malone Case in Spokane.

Sister Murray states that she has been waiting to hear from Brother Strong. We have not been able to hear from the Auxiliary either. Whatever additional help you can give in this matter will be appreciated. I can understand Brother Strong's point of view but the lack of response is not helping to get this situation straighten out.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halena Wilson".

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Dear Brother Dellums:

In your letter of October 21, 1943 you stated that you were trying to straighten out some mistakes made by this office regarding the financial records of the Oakland Ladies Auxiliary.

Of course mistakes are made sometimes not only by my assistants but by me, but having access to the reports as sent in by the local secretary-treasurers we are able to discover just where the errors occur. First allow me to state that my letter dated August 21, 1943 was in answer to a letter written me by Sister Nutall dated August 11, wherein she specified the names of the members of her auxiliary for me to give the standings of. There were the names that did not appear at all were the names that were omitted of the list sent me. Also, my statement August 21, was sent prior to the time I received the July and August report which reached me September 9, 1943. However, here are the records of the names you specified.

Sister Elizabeth Smith joined July 29, 1941 at which time she paid for August. She paid no more until on the August 31, 1943 report when she paid for 17 months. This carried her from September 1941 through January 1943. When these bills were sent to this office when the auxiliary was delinquent Sister Smith's name had been dropped from the records having been in arrears for a year which arrears must be paid.

Sister E. Shelton is now paid through November; V. Davis twelve months payment carries her from September 1942 through August 1943. I wrote nothing concerning Sisters Davis and G. Sloans assessment because the money was not sent to this office

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Mr. C. L. Dellums  
November 6, 1943

If you count the number of months paid for, you will find 29 which amounts to \$3.77. Add to this the fee sent you have \$4.12, the amount indicated on the report for August 31, 1943. Sister R. Shelton is now paid through September including the September 30, report; Sister Mollie Inghram is paid through October; Sister G. Mathews's last payment was on the January 29, 1941 report when she paid for January and February 1941. Her name had been dropped from the records. On June 15, 1943 she paid three months----- March, April and May 1941. On July 31st report the two months paid were for June and July 1941; on September 31st report the two months are for August and September 1941. Please write Sister Halena Wilson International President for instructions concerning her illness. Sisters G. Sloan and Hammonds are paid through December 1943. Sister G. A. Thompson is paid through May 1943. Sister A. Rowland's twelve months payment carried her from August 1942 through August 1943; and Sister Ropers card shows her paid through November 1943.

Brother Dellums I need not tell you that my records are made from those sent me. Many times dues are placed opposite one name when it was meant for another; and so often when a member fails to pay for a number of months when the payment is made it is not moved back to the proper month.

If there is further help that I can give you don't fail to write me.

With regards to all.

I am

Fraternally yours,

Rosina C. Tucker  
International Secretary-Treasurer

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December 15, 1943

Mrs. Malena Wilson  
International President  
The Ladies Auxiliary-BSCP  
3456 South State Street  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

On November 6, I had a long conference with Brothers Johnson and Strong and Sister Strong concerning the Malone matter. Sister Johnson was not in the city at the time so I did not get to see her. It seems that Mrs. Malone and Brother Strong have fallen out due to some differences on local matters. I think Brother Strong wants to be the "number one" Negro in Spokane and possibly Mrs. Malone has the same ambition. At any rate, Strong disagrees with her local activities which are entirely outside the auxiliary. As a result of this division he has turned Brother Johnson and both their wives against her.

They admitted that the majority of the ladies in the auxiliary were in favor of Mrs. Malone but Johnson and Strong and their wives will be able to keep the auxiliary from functioning. I suggest that you appeal to the Chief to call the sisters together and request that they meet and carry on the work and not allow personalities or outside activities to brake up the auxiliary.

With very best personal regards, I remain,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Dellums, Counselor  
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Mr. C. L. Dellums  
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Dear Brother Dellums:

Your letter under date of December 15 was received. Your suggestions and observations appreciated and Brother Randolph has been written to according to your request. A number of efforts have been made to adjust matters in Oakland since having the situation brought to the attention of the International Auxiliary. However, it would appear that if these efforts are still not acceptable to the group there that in the interest of organizational discipline that the Auxiliary should be declared officially inactive until a more responsive attitude is in evidence. This was my position when writing Brother Randolph also Sister Murray', however, nothing definite will be done until hearing from Brother Randolph.

I trust the year 1944 will contain much happiness and success for you and yours.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halena Wilson".

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

July 21, 1944

Spokane Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
% Mrs. Maidie Kenoly, President  
1008 E. Providence Street  
Spokane, Washington

Dear Members:

In view of the fact that every effort has been made by the International President and the International Zone Supervisor of the Ladies Auxiliary, including the International President and the International Zone Supervisor of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, to adjust the difficulties of the Spokane Auxiliary, but to no avail, the Spokane Ladies Auxiliary is hereby being officially disbanded to such time it becomes apparent to the International President that the Auxiliary is ready to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Ladies Auxiliary and; also with the written instructions coming from the office of the International President.

The Auxiliary is being instructed to forward its charter to this office and to give an account of all monies that were in the treasury at the time of the recent visit of Sister Murray, the International Zone Supervisor, including all monies received and disbursed since that time. The Auxiliary is being instructed to forward all funds received during this period and not disbursed for legitimate expenses to Sister Rosina C. Tucker, International Secretary-Treasurer, 1128 Seventh Street, N.E., Washington 2, D. C.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

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cc - Letitia Murray, Sadie Allen  
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December 16, 1944.

Mr C.L.Dellums  
International Vice President  
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1716 Seventh Street  
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Dear Brother Dellums:

May I thank you again for your inspiring talk and the valuable information given us on last Monday night. We always look forward to these meetings, and desire you to include the Ladies Auxiliary in your itinerary for your quarterly visit to Los Angeles.

Recently I received a letter from Brother Randolph, appointing me, the Local Counselor of the Los Angeles Ladies Auxiliary, needless to that I was greatly surprised, for I had taken it for granted that the President of the Local Brotherhood would be the Counselor for the Auxiliary. I had presented him to the Auxiliary as such. Nevertheless I shall do my best in keeping the Auxiliary informed of the principles, progress, program and fellowship of the Brotherhood; however, I realize that I can not do what is required of me, without your support; I am dependent on you for authentic information, on such matters as you think the wives and women relatives of the porters, should have. I would like to sit in on at least one of your meetings with the Brotherhood, when you are in the City. With your support and guidance, I hope to do a creditable job.

With best wishes for your success and happiness for the Christmas <sup>Holidays</sup> and New Year, I am

Fraternally yours.

*Letitia Murray*  
Letitia Murray,  
Pacific Coast Zone Supervisor  
Ladies Auxiliary BSBP.

December 28, 1944

Mrs. Letitia Murray  
International Vice-President  
The Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
4715 Compton Avenue  
Los Angeles, California

Dear Sister Murray:

I am proud to have had the opportunity to address the Sisters while in Los Angeles early this month. Whenever it is possible for me to meet with you I plan to do so.

I hope you have not given out the information that you were appointed local counselor of the Los Angeles auxiliary because I am afraid there has been a mistake made some place. It is the policy of the Brotherhood to have a representative of the men's local as Counselor for the women. I feel certain that Brother Randolph has already appointed Brother L. B. Thompson as the counselor. I do not understand his actions in your case and no doubt we will hear from him again in the near future.

I am taking this opportunity to extend the season's greetings to the sisters and their families in general and to you and yours in particular.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Dellums  
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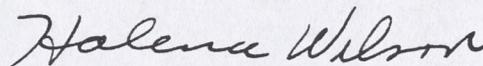
Dear Brother Dellums:

The Auxiliary is attempting to work out some kind of a plan for issuing charters to the auxiliaries of the various train porters' groups, but unfortunately, the setup is not clear insofar as I am concerned.

The Auxiliary would like to establish a zone headquarters and place the auxiliaries of each railroad group under one charter. This, of course, will have to be done in conformity with the Brotherhood setup, hence this request for information concerning these groups in your zone.

This will help bring the auxiliaries under whatever plan is finally agreed upon.

Fraternally yours,



Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:le

August 2, 1945

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

Dear Sister Wilson:

The train porter set up has not been perfected. Brother Randolph requested me to write up a plan for handling them on the basis of the way I have those set up in the west under my jurisdiction. We haven't met since so I have not prepared the material for him. It will have to be presented to our International Executive Board anyway. Therefore, I doubt that there is anything you can do until such time as we perfect our train and chair car porter set up.

However, for your information I am operating the chair car porters out here under a zone organization with myself as their National Representative and Local Representative as well as such other local officials as is necessary in each division. We had suggested that their women relatives join the existing auxiliary where they are in a Pullman division. It was my understanding that we would only have one Auxiliary in any one city. I imagine our next board meeting will straighten this matter out.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Dellums  
International Vice-President

CLD:aap

August 31, 1945

Mrs. Halena Wilson  
International President  
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3456 South State Street  
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Dear Sister Wilson:

I wish to give an observation on the Auxiliary plan you are considering. It might work out alright to have one charter for each railroad group though I doubt it. Certainly the group limited to one delegate for the entire system will not work. Every local division should be entitled to a delegate and then as a matter of fact our conventions are limited because of our membership and nothing should be done to keep the convention small. The more local divisions the more delegates and therefore the larger the convention, which I think is desirable. Let's take the Southern Pacific for example; the system extends from El Paso to Portland. The Sisters in Portland do not know the Sisters in San Francisco, Oakland, Sacramento, Los Angeles, Tucson or El Paso and therefore will not be in position to vote for a delegate to represent the entire system. The small places will never have a delegate and they will soon become dissatisfied. Therefore, where ever you have a local division it should have a charter and be operated just like the already established divisions.

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October 15, 1946

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Dear Brother Dellums:

It was brought to my attention during the convention that members in the Tucson local are supposed to be active with the Communistic Party. It was not clear whether these were Auxiliary members, or Brotherhood members, or both. I discussed this matter with Brother Randolph and he suggested that it be brought to your attention so an investigation might be made.

Some months ago the Seattle Auxiliary had become a part of an organization known as the Joint Committee of Organized Auxiliaries. When this was brought to the attention of my office the auxiliary was instructed to discontinue its affiliation until something is known of the background of this organization.

If you will look into this organization as well as the situation in Tucson it will be greatly appreciated.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
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Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

This is to remind you that the International Ladies Auxiliary will have reached the end of the first decade of its existence during the Convention in September.

The International Auxiliary has done its best to remain loyal to the principles and customs of the organized labor movement and to the policies and aims of its own parent organization. It has tried to be worthy of the trust that was reposed in it by complementing and supplementing the aggressive program of the Brotherhood and would like, as a result, to receive a word of greeting from you on this auspicious occasion.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:ef

September 1, 1948

Officers, delegates, and members  
International Ladies Auxiliary  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters

Greetings:

I take this opportunity to congratulate you on the fine job you have done during your first decade of existence. You have remained loyal to the principles and customs of the organized labor movement, as well as the policies and aims of the Brotherhood.

Whenever it was necessary, you have supplemented and complemented our program and I cannot help but feel proud of you as the International Ladies Auxiliary to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters.

Fraternally yours for continued success,

C. Laurence Dellums  
International Vice-President

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ELMA PATRICK

1070 - 63rd Street, Oakland 8, California

July 5, 1950

OL 5-2856

Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4<sup>th</sup> Int. Vice Pres.  
B. S. C. P.

Dear Mr. Dellums

On calling your office this afternoon I learned that you were in Los Angeles and not expected to return to your office until July 17, 1950 which date is after our meeting of July 11, 1950.

Regret very much to have to bother you at this time, but as our Counselor you are the only one who can give me the information I am seeking.

Mrs. Nuttall, our president phoned me to say we would not be able to have our installation of officers at our regular meeting on July 11, 1950 as she had received a letter from Mrs. Wilson telling her not to go any further as several members who were elected to office had not been continuously financial for a period of two years prior to the election. Mrs. Nuttall could not give me any details

such as how many or who the members were. She said we would probably have to hold the entire election over. According to my knowledge, the thing to do would be to elect officers to replace the ones who were unfinancial.

I would appreciate your letting me know just what is the correct procedure under the circumstances and whether or not there is any ruling that gives the president power to disqualify an election. Of course I know that unless such a letter as Mrs. Nuttall said she received from Mrs. Wilson is read in the meeting it should not have any official bearing on our action, but I would like to know just what should be done.

Sincerely hope you are finding things in the Los Angeles district moving along to your satisfaction so that your visit there is a pleasant one and you are able to close your terms work in success, peace and harmony.

Yours truly  
Elma Patrick - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Pres.  
Ladies Aux. B. S. C. P.

17 June 50

Mr. A. Philip Randolph  
International Pres. B.S.C.P.  
217 West 125th Street  
New York City, New York

Dear Chief:

Enclosed you will find copy of letter I wrote  
President Halena Wilson. If this letter reaches you by Tuesday  
morning, I think you ought to call Sister Wilson and find out  
if she has taken care of this matter, otherwise a telegraph ought  
to be sent to me to conduct their election for them.

I don't want to take over if I can get around it  
but the Ladies are up in arms and I don't blame them because the  
Auxiliary just can't be run like that.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS  
International Vice-President

CLD/pam

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17 June 1950

Mrs. Helena Wilson  
President, Ladies Auxiliary  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

The Oakland Division of the Auxiliary held a meeting last Tuesday, the 13th for the purpose of nominating officers for the election, with the announcement that the voting would be next Tuesday, the 20th. When they completed their business and got down to the nominations, I went in and gave them a short talk and then left them to carry on their nominations themselves. I was surprised when I learned last night and again this morning that the women were virtually up in arms because they were not allowed to make any nominations Tuesday. I understand that Sister Nutall told them that you had recommended that all of the officers be retained and that she had encouched your recommendation in her report and that since they had accepted that report then there could be no nominations and that they further would have to come back to the meeting next Tuesday, the 20th for the purpose of voting the same officers back in office because that's what you want.

I understand that most of the Sisters said they wouldn't be back as long as the Auxiliary was going to be run like that. I also heard that some of the Ladies had to take one Sister out of the meeting to keep down a fight. Since I just got this information last night and this morning I haven't been able to talk with Sister Nutall about it and thought it advisable to let you know immediately what's going on.

If you are in the office Monday morning and can get an air mail special in the mails by 1 o'clock Chicago time, Sister Nutall can get it before the meeting Tuesday. Otherwise I think you should call her by telephone and straighten her out. I am of the opinion now that they ought to

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Mrs. Helena Wilson

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start all over on the election and notify the membership in writing of another meeting being called for the purpose of making their nominations and also their meeting for the election. I felt pretty certain before now that the election would have resulted in the retention of the present officers but after what went on Tuesday it might be doubtful now, but whatever the results the election must be held as provided by the constitution. I am of the opinion that Sister Nutall has misinterpreted your letter, she did not read it in the meeting, because I know you didn't intend for the membership to be denied the right to hold their election.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS  
International Vice-President

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June 23  
1950

Mrs. Ardella Nutall  
4th Int'l Vice-President  
Ladies Auxiliary BSCP  
2028 Chestnut Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sister Nutall:

The letter of June 17 from Brother Dellums relative to the nomination and election of officers of the Oakland Ladies Auxiliary was forwarded to me in Minneapolis, Minnesota, hence the telegrams from that place. Your letter of June 21 was awaiting me upon my return to the office this morning.

I was very sorry indeed to be informed of the differences that have arisen in the Auxiliary and feel that the situation could have been prevented if there had been more tolerance and cooperativeness in the handling of this matter. First, it must be said that the Local Executive Board made a mistake in submitting the recommendation referred to. It is felt, however, that there was no ulterior motivation, only a lack of experience in handling such matters. Here is where tolerance and cooperation could have been used with very good effect.

All young organizations make mistakes; it is when there is a reluctance on their part to correct those mistakes that there is an indication of deliberate evasion. The Pacific Coast Zone has done an exceptionally good job over the past two years and I would regret more than words can tell to see the Zone retard at this time or any other time. But regardless of what motivated the Executive Board's recommendation, and even if that recommendation was accepted by the membership, a nomination and election of officers must be held. To do so places the Auxiliary within the law governing elections and prevents adverse criticism.

I sincerely trust for the good of the Auxiliary as a whole that this situation

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will be considered in the interest of the entire organization and adjusted with the same thought in mind.

The Auxiliary did not create itself, but since it is here, its only desire is to remain loyal to the organization that brought it into being. Since this is true, it is hoped that the strong will not suppress the weak but will give an helping hand.

Please keep me informed of future developments.

Fraternally yours,

Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:ef  
cc - Mr. A. Philip Randolph and Mr. C. L. Dellums.

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## THE LADIES AUXILIARY

TO

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Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th Int'l Vice-President  
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1716 Seventh Street  
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Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter regarding the nomination and the recommendations that were made by the local Executive Board arrived during my absence from the city, and as I returned with a cold, have been somewhat handicapped.

You no doubt have received the copy of the letter to Sister Nutall regarding these matters. Relative to the one sister about whose financial position there is so much discussion, there is no record to indicate that she has paid any dues in the Oakland Auxiliary for more than a year. This statement is based on the reports submitted by Sister Winn. There are three such reports, one to Sister Tucker, one to this office and one that is kept by Sister Winn. I do not know what Sister Winn's original records may indicate. The International Secretary-treasurer and International President only knows what Sister Winn's reports show.

On the basis of these monthly statements, Sister Florence Bryant is not eligible to hold an elective office or to be elected as a Convention Delegate. Would advise that the installation be deferred until there has been a complete adjustment of this affair, since the position of this particular Sister is very much in doubt.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*  
Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:ef

cc - Mrs. Ardella Nutall and Mr. A. Philip Randolph.

*Handwritten initials: H.C. 75*

28 June 50

Mrs. Halena Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary to BSCP  
3947 So. Drexel Blvd.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

I did not receive a copy of a letter to Sister Nutall regarding the nominations and election. I recall a letter from your office coming in here a few days ago but it was addressed to Sister Nutall and I forwarded it on to her. I am wondering if that could have been my copy that the girl misdirected.

The election was carried out properly because I insisted upon it being done so and supervised it. An extra meeting has to be called and written notices went out to the membership. There were some unfortunate things said in the meeting which I will not go into now but the election was by secret ballot and resulted in Sister Alma Patrick being elected President and Sister Florence Bryant, delegate. Now, in reference to Sister Bryant, I wish to advise that at the nominations Sister Nutall ruled that Sister Bryant was not eligible because she had missed paying some months dues in 1947. It created such a row that I was finally called upon to take charge of the matter which I did. Sister Nutall and Sister Winn, the Secretary-Treasurer, both admitted that this was the first time that this matter had been brought to Sister Bryant's attention. Sister Bryant knew nothing about it and claims that she had not missed paying any dues in 1947 and natureally couldn't understand how this matter could drag for three years before being brought up. Sister Winn stated that it was some mix-up before she, Sister Winn, became Secretary-Treasurer and that she had no definite information about it herself but that Sister Bryant had been paying her duss properly ever since she, Sister Winn, had been Secretary-Treasurer. So you see this

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seems to be entirely different from what you referred to since you stated in your letter that there is no record to indicate that Sister Bryant had paid any dues in the Auxiliary for more than a year. This just isn't true because Sister Bryant stated in the meeting that she had her cards with her covering the past two years or more showing that her dues had been paid properly. Sister Winn again stated that whatever was the difficulty or rather mix-up, that had happened back in 1947 and that she had a letter from Sister Tucker about it. I asked her to let me see the letter so that I could help get the matter straightened out but Sister Winn said she didn't have the letter with her but would bring it in. She hasn't done it yet but I understand that she is ill. No explanation could be given for the reason this matter had never been mentioned to Sister Bryant before now.

All of this happened in the presence of more than 30 sisters and you can understand how they felt about such a matter being brought up for the first time at the election. Therefore I think you will agree with me that Sister Bryant will have to be seated in the Convention. Apparently whatever is wrong is not her fault but the fault of the local Secretary-Treasurer and we will have to get it straightened out since it has been admitted that Sister Bryant has been paying properly and that apparently there has been some mix-up in the books. I would suggest then that you advise Sister Nutall immediately to proceed with the installation at their next meeting. If the installation is held up and it is admitted locally that this Sister has been paying properly it will do the Organization far more harm than whatever wrong is not her fault and when Sister Winn is well again we will help her in checking her books against Sister Bryant's cards and get the matter straightened out.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELIUMS  
International Vice-President

CLD/pam

cc: A. Philip Randolph  
Mrs. R. C. Tucker

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June 29, 1950

Mr. A. Philip Randolph, Int'l. Pres.  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th St.  
New York, New York

Dear Brother Randolph:

This has been a fine year for the Ladies Auxiliary on the Pacific Coast. My first experiences as Fourth International Vice-President, I've had fine cooperation. All Auxiliaries participated except Spokane and Tucson. Salt Lake City is very much alive. I feel proud at the whole. We gained and I know we did not lose. A small situation arose in my city in our local which was corrected immediately. I was glad to do so, being anxious to make a go. We ran into a small difficulty. It has been settled now. Things are moving on in a fine way. I am going to respect and I am going to be obedient to the constitution, and also to my brothers and sisters. They are the folk that make up the two groups, Brotherhood and Auxiliary.

Brother Randolph, we've all worked hard. Brother Nutall has retired on disability on account of losing sight in his eyes. My father lost his home many years ago and we starved. The Brotherhood is a part of me. I took Brother Nutall by the hand and we walked from door to door asking men and women to please come and join up with the Brotherhood and Auxiliary this year. I feel proud of the Pacific Coast Zone today. We were far on the list two years ago. Please inform Brother Dellums to visit our Auxiliary. We need him morally speaking and at the end of the two year period we will not have trouble like this. He has not been with us in two years. I know he is busy, but we need him and he should attend our meetings to help guide and help sail the ship aright. I've done my best and I hope you'll hear from the Pacific Coast Zone.

Brother Nutall sends his best wishes to you and yours. Brother Randolph, Brother Dellums would do a lot of good if he preached building up Auxiliaries, not destroying or disbanding them for a small mistake in our local Executive Board. Mistakes are stepping stones to success. We all are in one accord. As long as you march, we will follow.

Fraternally yours,

Ardella Nutall  
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Mr. C. L. Dellums  
4th International Vice-President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
1716 Seventh Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of June 28 arrived at a time when I was preparing to leave the city to attend a funeral, hence this delayed reply.

Relative to the letter which you forwarded to Sister Nutall, I do not recall which one it was as copies of all letters sent her pertaining to the election were sent to you. However, the last letter containing references to the Auxiliary's laws will explain the position of the International Auxiliary concerning this affair.

It appears that the issues that have been raised are not entirely clear. The year, 1947, is important in this instance only because that is the year Sister Bryant reinstated in the Auxiliary after an apparent lapse of about seven years. The immediate point at issue is that Sister Winn's reports indicate that the Sister has not remained continuously financial during the two year period since the 1948 election. The rule is any member falling more than three months in arrears in a two year period between elections is not eligible to hold an elective office or to be elected a Convention Delegate. This, no doubt, is what the objection is based upon.

As there is nothing on Sister Winn's financial report sheets to show that Sister Bryant has paid dues consecutively throughout the past two years, it is thought to be of the best interest of the Auxiliary to clear this entire matter up before proceeding further. It may be that the member in question was not aware of the above stipulation but there is no choice but to investigate as fully as possible when a candidate is challenged on these grounds.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*  
Halena Wilson  
International President

HW:ef

cc - Mr. A. Philip Randolph and  
Mrs. Ardella Nutall.

21 July  
1950

Mr. A. Philip Randolph  
International President  
Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters  
217 West 125th Street  
New York City, New York

Dear Chief:

The Oakland Auxiliary has reached a state where some definite action must be taken. The Sisters are pretty much up in arms and many of them will not participate further until they know whose decision will stand. In their last meeting, I understand that Sister Nutall took up practically all of the meeting talking about me. Many of the sisters present of course, went to their husbands with it and it's now being felt in the Brotherhood itself. I even heard about it in Los Angeles. Obviously, this cannot be tolerated. This whole controversy revolves around the fact that Sister Nutall, sensing she was going to be defeated for Local President, determined to prevent an election so that she could not be defeated and that Oakland could have no delegate in the convention. Now Sister Nutall was never noted for her veracity and her lying about me has just exposed her to the Sister who know better. I note in her letter to you where she said I had not met with the Auxiliary in two years. That is a wilful, deliberate, and brazen lie. During all these years I have tried to help train the ladies to run the Auxiliary themselves and to call on me only when they needed me to settle a controversy. Otherwise I would visit their meetings periodically and give them a short talk. I have done this with the Oakland Auxiliary several times during the past two years and we have held about four or five joint meetings during this period.

Sister Nutall has taken the position that her rank is equal to mine and that no one can change a decision rendered by her but Sister Wilson. Yet during all these years I have settled many controversies for them, sometimes in her favor and sometimes against her and my authority to do such had never been questioned before.

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I wrote Sister Wilson under date of June 17th, sending you a copy, explaining how Sister Nutall was trying to get around holding the election and that I would have to insist upon the election being held. Sister Wilson wrote Sister Nutall under date of June 23rd, sending you and I a copy, in which she explained to Sister Nutall that the election had to be held but I am still wondering what Sister Wilson meant by the last paragraph of her letter.

Sister Nutall held a meeting on July 11th, without notifying all of the Sisters, and told them that the election was hereby nullified and that she was going to hold the election all over but that she wasn't going to hold it until after the convention. She used as her authority to do so a letter received from Sister Wilson, copy of which you have, in which Sister Wilson quoted several sections of their constitution and interpreted them to prove the Auxiliaries independence of the Brotherhood, because I supervised the election. Sister Nutall says that I don't have the authority to supervise an Auxiliary election and therefore that one is nullified. As a matter of fact I don't ever remember the Oakland Auxiliary holding an election that I didn't supervise. I have always done so upon their request, which includes every election since Sister Nutall has been a member. The whole trouble this time revolves around what I said at first. Sister Nutall came to me and told me how she was going to handle it without holding the election and I told her then that it could not be done that way. She attempted to proceed with it anyway and the meeting got so rough that the ladies sent for me. I went in and tried to convince Sister Nutall that she must allow them to make their nominations from the floor and proceed with the election. She refused and challenged my authority to supervise and see that the election was held, so I took charge and proceeded with the election anyway. She remained throughout the meeting and came back at the next meeting for the actual voting and presided up to the time of the election when I took the chair again and proceeded to distribute the ballots and allow the sisters to vote. This is exactly what I have always done but only before with her complete wish and cooperation. Now she says the election is thrown out because I don't have such authority and claims that Sister Wilson's letter of June 29th backs her up.

She called my office, knowing I was in Los Angeles and told the girl in my office that she was leaving the city and would not be back until after I had returned to the city. This meant then that she would not be here for the meeting of July 11th. It is my opinion that this was done so that my girl would tell the sisters when they called to see about the meeting that there would be no meeting since Sister Nutall was out of town. Sisters always call to verify the meeting date. Nevertheless, Sister Nutall was here and proceeded with the meeting with just a few sisters who had evidently been notified by telephone. Two or three sisters kept checking with my office and found out at the last minute that they were holding a meeting and came on any way. There were only eleven altogether in the meeting. The sisters tell me that they had made up their minds not to argue with Sister Nutall but to leave the matter in my hands to adjust. This little meeting is the one where Sister Nutall declared the <sup>election</sup> meeting null and void and took up all the time telling the sisters that she was running the Auxiliary and that Brother Dellums knows nothing about it and has nothing to do with it, and a lot of other things that were

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entirely out of line. If I don't have the authority to supervise their election and see that it is done properly then I do not understand the meaning of Article 27, page 23 of the Constitution and General Rules of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. This matter has reached a point where it must be settled now or the provisions of the Brotherhood's constitution just referred to will certainly be invoked.

As I stated in my first letter to Sister Wilson, other than Sister Nutall trying to prevent the election from being held nothing was brought up against any Sister other than Sister Bryant. Sister Nutall claimed that there was something wrong with Sister Bryant's account in 1947 that had never been cleared up. Sister Winn, the Secretary-Treasurer, stated in that meeting that she, Sister Winn, was never clear about that discrepancy since it happened prior to her taking office but that Sister Bryant had certainly been paid up during the last two years to the best of her, Sister Winn's, knowledge and further that Sister Bryant had never been apprised of the 1947 discrepancy. Incidentally Sister Nutall raised this point on Sister Bryant only after I had over-ruled her original contention which was that she would have to represent the Oakland Division in the convention because the Auxiliary didn't have enough money to completely finance a delegate to the convention and that a delegate can not go any other way. There were four sisters present, all financial for the past two years according to Sister Winn, who stated they were going to the convention at their own expense and would like to be the delegate with no expense to the Auxiliary. Sister Nutall ruled that such would be illegal. I over-ruled her and suggested that these four sisters be nominated and be placed on the ballot and the Sisters then could elect the one they preferred for delegate and the Auxiliary could give the sister a contribution on her expense. This came up in the nominations meeting. Sister Nutall didn't raise this issue about Sister Bryant's eligibility until after the votes were counted and Sister Bryant was elected. I didn't feel that any further investigations of Sister Bryant was necessary after the local secretary stated openly that Sister Bryant had been financial ever since she, Sister Winn, had been secretary and that she understood there was something wrong with Sister Bryant's account back in 1947. Sister Bryant produced her card which I personally looked at, all marked up paid for the years 1949 and 1950 plus her convention tax. Surely we couldn't penalize a member because of any mishandling of their account on the part of our officials. As long as Sister Bryant holds cards properly stamped by the Secretary then that must be accepted. You will note from Sister Wilson's letter to Sister Nutall dated June 23rd that even Sister Wilson and Sister Tucker don't agree on Sister Bryant's standing. Sister Tucker said she was paid through May 1949 and Sister Wilson said December 1948 yet the sister holds a card paid through December 1950 and we most certainly have to recognize the Sisters card in preference to our books.

I am sorry but I must take exceptions to Sister Wilson's letter of June 29th. This was written after Sister Nutall was making an issue of the Brotherhood Officials authority and seems to be designed to back up Sister Nutall in her position that we do not have any authority over them. This communication was

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addressed to the Oakland Ladies Auxiliary and you will note that after citing the articles of their constitution which referred to the election she then cited article 7 which has nothing to do with elections and which has been interpreted by Sister Nutall and apparently by Sister Wilson that as an International Vice-President of the Brotherhood I could not supervise a local election of the Auxiliary, because Sister Wilson then said in effect that if Article 7 had been violated the election would be set aside. I maintain that my supervision of the election did not violate Article 7 and that the election therefore could not be set aside.

I hate to comment on Sister Nutall's letter to you of June 29th but there is hardly a word of truth in it. The difficulty has not been settled and cannot be settled if Sister Nutall is allowed to prevent the membership from electing another local president and a delegate to the convention and that's all that is involved. The ladies have elected another president and have elected a delegate to the convention. Now Sister Nutall infers that there were others besides the delegate who were elected to office but were ineligible but has called no names. She was supposed to be sitting there with a list of the eligible members in her hand which was prepared by Sister Winn, her Secretary-treasurer and when these sisters were nominated she made no protest of any of them at that time with one exception. One sister was nominated whose husband was retired and Sister Nutall challenged her right to hold office because her husband was not in active service until the sister called attention to the fact that Sister Nutall's husband is not in active service since he too is retired, then Sister Nutall backed up. Incidentally, this particular Sister declined.

It is generally recognized among the sisters that Sister Winn can't keep the books properly because in almost every meeting there is some difference in her report and what actually happened. I mean very nearly always she reads off mistakes such as listing a sister for either more or less than she paid, or not reading her name at all though she did make a payment. It is always difficult to find a qualified sister to handle the books and the money and they no doubt have been doing the best they could. We have succeeded in getting quite a number of younger sisters in the Auxiliary during the last year and will have better material when the next election comes around, that is if Sister Nutall doesn't run them away through her attempt to make the Auxiliary a one woman show. At one time Sister Nutall took the meetings away from our Headquarters and held them in private homes. Some of the Sisters told me that she was doing it then in order to get away from me so that the Sisters couldn't call me in so easily when controversies arose. Finally they forced the meetings back to the Brotherhood Headquarters because they felt it was the proper place for them to meet and would be more convenient for their counselor to be with them.

Their next meeting is scheduled for August 8th. I think that this matter must be settled definitely on or before that date. Under the circumstances I think that Sister Nutall only needs to be instructed where controversies arise they should present all of the facts to their counselor for a decision and that where that counselor happens to be an International Vice-President of the Brotherhood that it is their duty to accept his decision and carry on. Sister Nutall knows

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as well as you and Sister Wilson that I would rule on the facts without fear or favor and since she has raised no other questions concerning the election other than my right to supervise and Sister Bryant's right to serve as delegate that she should be instructed to accept my decision and proceed with the installation.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS  
International Vice-President

cc: Mrs. Helena Wilson

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July 24, 1950

Mrs. Helena Wilson, President  
Ladies Auxiliary-BSCP  
3947 Drexel Blvd., 2nd Fl.  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Friend and Sister:

Concerning the problem of the election in the Oakland Auxiliary, may I say that in the last letter I got from Sister Nutall I was of the opinion that everything was going along all right. I now understand from Brother Dellums that there is opposition to the election which was held and the installation of officers.

I understand that Brother Dellums supervised this election as he has supervised elections in the past. Since he is the Counselor of the Auxiliary and Supervisor of the Brotherhood on the Pacific Coast, I want to urge and advise that his judgement as to the regularity and propriety of the election be accepted and the officers be duly installed at the proper time.

I am sure that Brother Dellums would rule on questions arising without fear or favor. I am sure that the sisters and brothers can repose the utmost confidence and faith in his interest in a bigger and better Auxiliary as well as a bigger and better Brotherhood.

I understand that the next meeting is scheduled for August 8th. Permit me to urge that you advise Sister Nutall to proceed with the meeting and that the elected officers be installed and the delegates to the Ladies Auxiliary Convention be recognized.

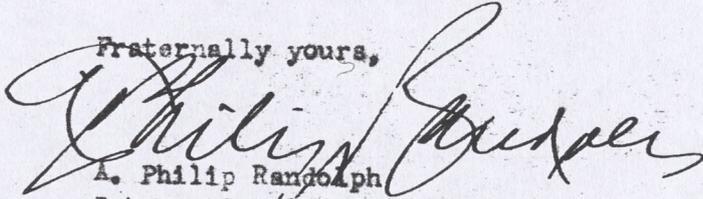
I have gone over the communications relating to this matter with some care and I think it would be in the best interest of the Auxiliary in Oakland and the Brotherhood as well as the International Auxiliary and the International Brotherhood to accept the judgement of Brother Dellums with respect to the election of the Auxiliary and that no further delay should obtain with respect to the installation of officers.

2-Halena Wilson, President

July 24, 1950

Of course Sister Nutall is President and I am sure that she and Brother Dellums can work together for the best interest of the Auxiliary and the Brotherhood. Because of the long experience of Brother Dellums in the development of the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary in Oakland and the Pacific Coast and it must be recognized that he has made important and fundamental contributions to the growth and development of the Auxiliary on the Pacific Coast, he should be the one to advise the officers and members of the Auxiliary on the Coast. If a question arises as to whose judgement and opinion is to be used on the Pacific Coast, I am sure you will agree with me Brother Dellums' judgement and opinion should prevail, both from the point of seniority in terms of work for the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary and in terms of understanding. This does not mean that Sister Nutall is any less devoted to the Auxiliary and Brotherhood but I am sure Sister Nutall herself will agree and certainly you will and the Auxiliary as a whole will, that an International Vice-President who serves as Counselor of an auxiliary should be called upon when any problem arises to help in its solution in the interest of the auxiliary. That is the reason for the Counselor. I hope you see the wisdom of my suggestion and so advise Sister Nutall forthwith to accept the judgement of Brother Dellums on the election so that the whole matter may be closed and the officers may begin to function at the proper time and the delegate can proceed to the Convention at the proper time.

Fraternally yours,

  
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July 25  
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Dear Sir and Brother:

The copy of Brother Dellums' letter of July 21 that was addressed to you was received and it appears that my efforts to adjust the Oakland Auxiliary's difficulties in accordance with the Auxiliary's rules and regulations have been misunderstood.

Therefore, I shall state my position in as straight forward a manner as possible.

When I first received word from Brother Dellums concerning the way in which the Auxiliary's election was being conducted, I sent Sister Nutall two telegrams from Minneapolis instructing her to hold the nominations and elections as stipulated by the Auxiliary's rules and regulations. Since that time, I have received a number of letters from Sister Nutall supposedly stating what had transpired. I answered Brother Dellums and Sister Nutall in the only way I knew how and that was by quoting the rules governing Auxiliary elections, since I thought these to be the means by which the situation would be settled.

With reference to my letter of June 23 to Brother Dellums, it meant that the International Secretary-Treasurer and I had dues paying records of each member as submitted by the Local Secretary-Treasurers and that the record of Sister Bryant indicated that there were several months when no dues were reported paid by her; although her dues card may now be marked paid through 1950, she still would not be eligible from a continuously dues paying point of view. Her name was listed on the April 15, 1950, report sheet but no dues were reported after her name, which caused me to make the statement "that there is no record of the amount of dues paid (if any)".

By quoting the election rules, it certainly was not my intention to give the impression that the Auxiliary was independent of the Brotherhood regardless of how my letter

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my have been interpreted and certainly not because Brother Dellums held the Auxiliary election. My thought was, and has been, to establish as nearly as possible the extent to which the International Auxiliary is suppose to adjust the differences that arise according to the Auxiliary rules and regulations, and it is unfortunate to make this effort appear as a delaration of independence.

The rule states that when an election protest is made to the International President, that a statement signed by a majority of the members attesting to the irregularity is essential. This applied to the manner in which the Auxiliary held its nomination and election of officers and any other irregularity on its part. It also applied to the election of the Convention Delegate and not necessarily to who conducted the election, although it is felt that the Auxiliary's rights, as such, in these matters are important and should be considered.

My position was based on the question of the eligibility of the Convention Delegate and the incidents surrounding her election.

Regarding Article VII, I stated that the Article (indicates) that the President shall have charge of the nomination and election, etc. I used "indicates" advisedly so as to be in a position to point out under what conditions the President would not be permitted to preside. My position regarding the election of a new president in Oakland is entirely neutral, and certainly I have no preference regarding a delegate but it is important that the Auxiliary rules be regarded by me, by Sister Nutall and by the Brotherhood. This will make for harmony, understanding and bring about a greater respect for the Auxiliary as a whole.

Truthfully, I felt inclined to give the Auxiliary official, with whom I have worked, the benefit of the doubt, but it was not my intention to condone any act on her part or to do anything myself that will jeopardize the Auxiliary or reflect upon the Brotherhood.

According to the information contained in Brother Dellums letter, my position regarding this whole affair was not correctly presented, since I have not given Sister Nutall any reason to believe that I would stand on anything but what I believe to be right.

Regarding the election of Sister Bryant, as Convention Delegate, I am in agreement with Sister Nutall but on the matter of Sister Nutall nullifying or deferring the outcome of the recent election, I am not. My reason for deferring the installation was to allow the Auxiliary time, according to the rules, to express itself regarding the issues raised by Sister Nutall. This was felt to be fair and just, since the facts would have been brought out in this manner also.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

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Dear Sir and Brother:

After receiving the copy of your letter to Brother Randolph, it is felt the International Ladies Auxiliary owes you an apology.

Since the Ladies Auxiliary likes to be respected as well as to have its own rights considered, it certainly can have no thought but to accord the same degree of respect and consideration to others. Personally I feel that a limited knowledge of organizational procedure is largely responsible for what has transpired, rather than any desire to do anything actually dishonest or irregular.

Relative to the Convention Delegate, there is still a question in my mind, since it hardly seems probable that the Local Secretary-Treasurer could have failed to send dues for one particular member for about a year. It would seem plausible to leave a Sister's name off the records for a month or two but hardly for a year, especially since there is nothing to indicate that the member may have paid her dues a number of months in advance. However, it is Brother Randolph's opinion that you, being a disinterested party, will settle this with the best interest to all.

Fraternally yours,

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August 4, 1950

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Dear Friend and Sister:

Permit me to thank you for your letter of July 25th informing me of further developments on the problem of the Oakland Auxiliary election and Brother Dellums effort to supervise same.

Since the intent and purpose of the Counselor of the Auxiliary was to help the Auxiliary develop a sound course of action on trade unionism and its relation to the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, I feel that, while the rules and regulations of the Constitution of the Auxiliary must be followed, it is, as I see it, sound organization policy and wisdom for the Auxiliary to defer to the judgement and opinion of an International Vice-President in a given zone when his judgement and opinion bears upon some specific and vital question arising in the life of the Auxiliary. Since the Brotherhood is the parent body, it may be properly and logically assumed that the spirit of the Constitution of the Auxiliary and Brotherhood must be interpreted in the interest of the continued growth and strength of both bodies and that the judgement and opinion of the International Vice-Presidents of the Brotherhood should prevail where some important problems perplexes the Auxiliary. The inter-relation of the Auxiliary and the Brotherhood is so close that there is no way to keep a sound organization balance between the two movements, except by the agency of the counselor and where an International Vice-President is a Counselor of a Local Auxiliary it seems to me eminently proper that said Counselor should be called in to help with any question affecting the Auxiliary and ultimately the Brotherhood.

This does not mean that the role of the Auxiliary in developing its program or policies is altered or weakened but that both the Auxiliary and the Brotherhood function within the framework of mutual progress and growth and power.

The spirit of unity which must always prevail between the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary may not always be fully expressed in rules and regulations and even in

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August 4, 1950

constitutional statements, but it is there and it is the major force in giving strength and stability to our movement.

Officials of the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary must be wise, courageous and devoted enough to our struggles for the advancement of the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary to capture this spirit of basic unity which will always aid us in solving our problems.

The growth and development of the Brotherhood is not different from that of any other organization or our government where you have schools of thought bearing upon the literal interpretation of various rules set forth in our Federal Constitution and one which emphasizes the <sup>LIBERAL</sup> constitutional connotation of the rules. The progress of our country has been made possible by the wise interpretation of our Constitutional rules in terms of their liberal connotation. It is by this interpretation alone that the Negro status in this country is approaching that of full-fledged citizenship.

As the International President of the Brotherhood and International Counselor of the Auxiliary, with great concern for and devotion to the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary, it is my wish that we always be wise enough to solve any problem that may beset us without rancor, division and ill will. I can assure you Brother Dellums is as much devoted to the growth and development of the Auxiliary as the officials of the Auxiliary are. I am also sure that Sister Mutall is devoted and dedicated to the cause of the Auxiliary as well as the Brotherhood leaders. You know, of course, I have absolute confidence in your devotion to the Brotherhood and the Auxiliary and your work for the advancement of both. I, therefore, want to advise again that the judgement and opinion of Brother Dellums in the Oakland situation be accepted.

Fraternally yours,

*A. Philip Randolph*  
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International President

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cc: C. L. Dellums

8 August  
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Mrs. Halena Wilson  
International President  
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Dear Sister Wilson:

I have just come out of the Auxiliary meeting where I installed the officers recently elected with the exception of Sister Viola Davis. Sister Davis was elected to the Executive Board but had become delinquent and just recently reinstated.

I have never been so thoroughly disgusted with an individual, and I don't turn against people easily, as I am with Sister Nutall. First, she had sent out notices calling this meeting at one of the members' homes even though the Executive Board took action to stop that once before and the body was on record that their membership business meetings must be held at the Brotherhood headquarters. After receiving your letter addressed to the Auxiliary which was dated July 31st, now I am assuming that she had received it, she called me and tried to explain about this meeting being called at a Sister's home. I insisted upon those notices being cancelled and another one being sent out calling the meeting here, which was done, <sup>so</sup> I talked with her in her home yesterday and she denied receiving your letter of July 31st addressed to the Auxiliary. However, when she later found out that Sister Winn had a copy she then called me and said she just received hers and would bring it to the meeting today, yet she did not attend the meeting today. Sister Winn says that Sister Nutall told her last night that she wasn't coming to the meeting today and sent a telephone bill for \$15.49 which she said was a long distance call to you on August 5th. I would think that this call was a result of your letter

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of July 31st which she denied receiving up until yesterday afternoon. The ladies in the meeting today refused to pay this bill on the grounds that they had paid two or three long distance call bills made on this subject and on the further grounds that they felt Sister Nutall knew she was wrong and was making these calls in desperation. I had the ladies just refer the bill to their counselor and we will take care of it on the Brotherhood's regular telephone bill.

I don't like gossip and hear-say but when something like this happens people bring out everything they have ever heard about you and I was amazed at some of the things brought out by Sisters who had been identified with Sister Nutall in other organizations and churches. If I hadn't stopped them they would have adopted a resolution to the convention requesting that she not be re-elected as a Vice-President. This I thought you ought to know. I won't go into any of the gossip brought out but I can tell you that this Sister has done so much lying about this matter and about me that the Auxiliary will be a long time over-coming it and I don't mind telling you that I hope she is not re-elected as an International Vice-President.

I will write you in a few days concerning Sister Bryant's account and at that time will give you some suggestions which will help prevent such an occurrence in the future.

It was reported in the meeting today that Sister Nutall has said that she was not going to give Sister Bryant the credentials in an attempt to prevent her from being seated as the delegate, therefore I would suggest that credentials be sent directly to Sister Florence Bryant, 916 Adeline Street, Oakland, Calif., or to me to be delivered to her. I am also enclosing a list of the officers elected and installed.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS  
International Vice-President

cc: A. Philip Randolph

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Mrs. Halena Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.P.  
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Dear Sister Wilson:

Enclosed you will find results of my examination of the Secretary's books. First I want to say that shortly after the June meeting, that is the first meeting in June when Sister Bryant was nominated for delegate and Sister Nutall raised the question of her eligibility, Sister Nutall took possession of the Secretary's books. At the time of the second June meeting, when the voting was done, Sister Winn was ill and that was the reason given by Sister Nutall for taking the books. Sister Winn called me Monday shortly after I had left Sister Nutall's house, and told me that Sister Nutall wanted the books again before I saw them and wanted to send Brother Nutall to pick them up. Sister Winn had your letter to the Auxiliary in which you stated that the books were to be turned over to me upon request and therefore refused to give the books to Sister Nutall but brought them to the meeting Tuesday.

You will note from the enclosed examination that their ledger shows Sister Bryant paying for every month from April 1947 to December 1950. By tracing the Secretary's day book you will note that Sister Bryant has paid at least 37 months dues since April 1947. As I stated before, I have seen Sister Bryant's current card and it shows all of the months paid for 1949 and 1950. Sister Bryant says she completed 1950 in April but is not certain how many months she had to pay at that time to finish the year but that she has paid in advance ever since she has been in the Auxiliary and never had to pay back dues. I think you can see from the results of my examination of the books that we couldn't use such records as these against a members' word and dues card. I think this examination definitely establishes sufficient grounds to accept Sister Bryant as an eligible delegate. You and Sister Tucker can check the report sheets

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sent in by Sister Winn against my examination of Sister Winn's books and discover the money actually listed on her day book that has never been sent in, and call it to her attention so that she can make it good.

Now, I wish to give you my opinion on the Auxiliary which I think should be helpful. First, I think the constitutional provision providing for continuous membership and good standing for the past two years to be eligible to hold office should be changed. I think six months is sufficient and certainly not more than one year. That, no doubt, was put in your constitution because it was in ours. The real reason why we put it in the Brotherhood constitution doesn't still exist and I seriously doubt that it ever should have been in the Auxiliary constitution. The members coming in to both organizations from now on will be newer people in the service and younger people, many of whom will be better qualified than the old-timers, and should be eligible to hold office as soon as they have had sufficient time and participation to learn what it's all about, and it certainly doesn't take two years to learn that.

The examination of the Local Secretary's books shows that the Brotherhood hasn't given sufficient attention to the handling of the books by the Auxiliary Sisters. I can see now that this ought to be done in order to make certain that the Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer has the proper books in the first place and knows how to keep them in the second place. I believe that every time a local Secretary-Treasurer changes that they ought to receive bookkeeping instructions from the Brotherhood.

Now, this subject I think is a "must". The dues cards the ladies are using now ought to be discontinued just as quick as the printers can print you another card. It would be far better to have your card run for one year instead of two so that you can have space on it for the Secretary to date and initial the payments so that there would be evidence "when" a member made a payment as well as how much was paid. If an auditing committee called in all of your membership cards to audit them against the Secretary's books, they could arrive at the amount of money that had been collected in order to determine if it had been properly handled, but there is no way to tell when the money was collected. Certainly as long as there are requirements such as you now have for office holding eligibility, then the member is entitled to have sufficient evidence herself to prove she has never been unfinancial. As it is now, that is not possible so we have the member's word against the Secretary's books. It's a known fact that the best of Secretaries make mistakes and therefore the member ought to be able to prove her membership herself.

Under your present system a non-member can join for 50¢ and an ex-member has to pay \$2.00 to reinstate. I think this is a very bad regulation. The joining fee and the initiation fee should be the same amount.

I would also recommend that your report book be given some attention so that when new ones are printed they can be improved. For instance, your present report forms only show a place to put initiation fee, and

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the monthly dues. There is no space for reinstatement or taxes. We find tax payments listed all through the local Secretary-Treasurer's day book, but don't know how it's sent to the International since it isn't sent on the report forms. I think your "receipts and disbursements" column could be improved also. I think it ought to be brought more in line with our book.

I strongly urge and suggest that thought be given to the few suggestions offered here.

Fraternaly yours,

C. L. ELLIAMS  
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Dear Sister Wilson:

I took the Auxiliary Secretary-Treasurer's books and made a comparison of what is in the day book against what is in the report sheet book. I am enclosing two copies of what I found so that you can send one to Sister Tucker if you desire. First I want to say that there are no carbon copies in the report book after April 3, 1947. Apparently one piece of carbon was used for the 2 copies going to the International President and Secretary-Treasurers' offices and I thought they wrote in the report on the 3rd sheet which remained in the book but after remembering your letter of July 25th President Randolph in which you pointed out that Sister Florence Bryant's name was on that sheet but no money, I realized that there may be many differences in the report sheets sent you and what they wrote on the Secretary's copy. The report sheet you referred to was for the month of April 1950. I found quite a number of collections under that date but on the report sheet they only showed Walter Dellums paying 9 months dues and Maggie Johnson joining and paying 3 months dues. Sister Bryant's name isn't on the Secretary's copy at all. However, the day book for April 13, 1950 shows Florence Bryant start Jan. 6 months, \$1.80. Now this "start Jan." appears to have been written in after the original entry. Further, the original entry was 3 months and 90¢. It is easy to see that it was changed to 6 months and \$1.80. Then above this entry, on the same line was written in "to Nov. for 1949 and owes 6 months to be straight, \$1.80 and tax". So you see some money was paid by Sister Bryant in April even though the local Secretary didn't report it. On the other hand Sister Bryant had her card, and she said it was already paid up for the first 6 months of this year and that the money she paid in April finished her card for 1950. This is true because I saw her card and it is paid up for all of 1950.

Since the report sheet copies in the book are not carbon copies, then the only way we could be certain of a check of the local

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Secretary-Treasurer's books would be for your office or Sister Tucker's office to send us a statement on each month's report as submitted to the International.

Another thing I noted in going over the books is that there appears to have been at least 4 different hand writings in the day book since Sister Winn has been Secretary-Treasurer, including Sister Nutall's. Also this copying of the report on the Secretary-Treasurer's copy of the report form shows more than one hand-writing covering the same period. I would think that Sister Nutall made out or copied the months of June, September and October 1947 and September and August 1948. I would think that at least 2 other persons made out the other reports. I also think this definitely indicates that the Secretary-Treasurer needs more supervision and definite instructions in book-keeping.

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Dear Sir and Brother:

Your letter of August 11 containing the results of the examination of the Local Secretary-Treasurer's ledger, also the several observations, were received.

It is needless to say that your efforts in behalf of the Auxiliary are appreciated. The farther one goes into this matter, the more incredible it seems. It is said that some good comes out of everything and I am sure this will prove no exception.

Sister Tucker will be here next week and there will be ample time for us to work on the information that has been presented.

Relative to the constitutional provision requiring continuous membership, etc., it is felt some safe guard is essential, especially since most of the members have never seen each other before entering the Auxiliary. Then too, there is a common practice around election time of just starting to pick at random without thought of the office that is to be filled. Perhaps this membership requirement could be reduced some, but there should be a long enough period for eligibility observation.

The suggestion regarding Brotherhood instructions for the Local Secretary-Treasurer is good and should prove beneficial to the Auxiliary as a whole. Will discuss the suggested change in the dues cards with Sister Tucker also while she is here.

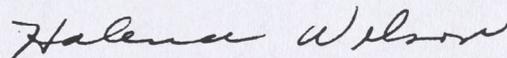
Regarding the joining and reinstatement fees, this probably seems inconsistent but we had the problem of members becoming unfinancial and rejoining every few months. Such members could be prevailed upon to pay a 50¢ reinstatement fee but most were reluctant to pay any arrearage. This practice of becoming unfinancial and joining every so often was found to be damaging to the morale of the Auxiliary. It is

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felt these members are really obligated to the Auxiliary, while new members are not, therefore, it was decided that members who withheld their support for a year or more should not be encouraged in their delinquency by be/permitted to reinstate /ing for 50¢, hence the \$2 reinstatement. Whether or not the Auxiliary is in a position to request a higher joining fee has been debated for quite sometime, and this is still a debatable point.

My memory is not too clear on the report sheets, but it seems they were changed from the one similar to those used by the Brotherhood back to the simplified form by Sister Tucker. Just why, I do not remember at the present time.

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Oakland, California

Dear Sir and Brother:

As I expect to be in El Paso, Texas, on December 2, I was wondering if it would be profitable for me to make the trip to Tucson. I dislike being so close and not make some attempt to re-organize the Tucson Ladies Auxiliary and yet I would not want to make the trip with no better prospects than now exists.

I would like to know if it would be possible for you to help arrange a joint meeting of the Brothers and their women relatives. I could arrange to be in Tucson around the 5th and 6th of December.

Your views concerning this proposal will be appreciated at your earliest convenience so I may proceed with my reservations and other plans.

Trust you and family are well.

Fraternally yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Halena Wilson".

Halena Wilson  
International President

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10 November 51

Mrs. Helene Wilson, President  
Ladies Auxiliary to the B.O.B.P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

There is no more Tucson Division of the Brotherhood. The Tucson Division was abolished by being consolidated with Los Angeles. This means that the Tucson Forters were put on the Los Angeles seniority roster which necessitated their moving to Los Angeles. They are no longer members of our Los Angeles Division and their wives are, or should be, members of the Los Angeles Auxiliary. Sorry that we never thought about calling this directly to Sister Helene's attention so that you could be notified.

With best personal regards to you and Ben.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DRENN  
International Vice-President

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12 March 52

Mrs. Halena Wilson, Internat'l Pres.  
Ladies Auxiliary to the B.S.C.P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Just a word to say that I am very proud to know that you are still improving and I hope that in the very near future you will be completely well. We were very sorry that our work prevented us from visiting you while our Board was meeting last December. However, we are scheduled to meet again in May and we hope to see you hail and hearty at that time.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. BELMUS  
International Vice-President

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## The Ladies Auxiliary

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1616 Seventh Street  
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Dear Sir and Brother:

I received a letter a short time ago from a Mrs. Ruth H. Van Camp from San Pedro, California.

She is the President of a group known as Women for Good Government. While this sounds alright, yet one never knows who or what is in back of such movements. Therefore, I thought I would write you for whatever information you have of this group before sending a reply.

The Auxiliaries on the Pacific Coast are holding their own. Salt Lake City is getting one or two members occasionally and Seattle is doing the same. The other Auxiliaries are beginning to make progress and it looks as if the general trend is turning upward.

Fraternally yours,

*Halena Wilson*

Halena Wilson  
International President

3 June 52

Mrs. Helana Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

I do not have anything in my files on the Women for Good Government. There are several Fascist organizations of women in Southern California and I wouldn't have anything to do with any group down there until I was certain about them. No doubt the best way to get information about Mrs. Van Capp and this group would be for our Los Angeles people to contact the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles and find out what they know about them. You may hold up any contact with them for a while and I will see what I can find out about them and let you know.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS  
International Vice-President

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6 January 53

Mrs. Helena Wilson, President  
Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

In reply to yours of December 6th requesting an ad in the Chicago Auxiliary's Souvenir Program on its February Fashion Show:

I most certainly hate to refuse your request and I hope you can understand our position in such matters. The question of one Division of the Brotherhood soliciting from another Division and even members from other Divisions has been informally discussed several times and I am convinced that it is the general opinion among us that it should not be done, although some of us are afraid to refuse for fear of a misunderstanding. But I think the sooner such matters are cleared up and settled the better for all of us.

Therefore, we must respectfully decline the request.

Very sincerely and fraternally yours,

C. L. DELMONS  
International Vice-President

c.c. Mr. Randolph  
Mr. Webster

19 January 53

Mrs. Malena Wilson, Internat'l President  
Ladies Auxiliary to the B.S.C.P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Sorry that there is a difference in your understanding of cooperation and mine. But there would be no point in entering into any argument about it. However, there is quite a difference between cooperation and "hustling".

What I am writing you about is the Convention. First, since there hasn't been a Convention in my Zone before I don't know what assistance and cooperation the Auxiliary will need from us. Then, since Sister Nutall is ill, I thought there may be some duties and responsibilities that you would like for me to supervise. If you will need our help in housing, or in any way, please feel free to let us know and I would like to know as soon as possible so that they can be included in our preliminary arrangements. Next, I want to suggest that the opening of the Convention on Monday morning at 10:00 A.M. be a joint session. I think it would be nice for the Auxiliary to open the Convention with us so that the ladies could hear the International President give his report and the Brothers could hear you give your report. Then the Auxiliary could open it's next session at 2:00 P.M. that afternoon in its own meeting hall. I offered this suggestion to Brother Randolph before I left Chicago and intended to also offer it to you in person, but was unable to do so. At that time Brother Randolph thought it was a good idea and I think then if you agree, that it will be done.

With very best personal regards to you and Ben.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELANEY

c/c Mr. Randolph  
Mr. Webster

7 January 54

Mrs. Helena Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary, B.S.C.P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Unfortunately there has developed some misunderstanding relative to the flowers purchased by the ladies during the convention. When Sister Emily Johnson was dispensing the flowers and who to purchase them from, I told her that the only flowers the Brotherhood would need would be flowers for the church for the Sunday mass meeting. Since we know the florist, we felt certain that he would decorate the church and take those flowers to the hotel for the joint opening on Monday. Since Sister Johnson had to order flowers for the ladies, I asked her to order these flowers for us. Some time after the convention they sent the entire flower bill to me. Now I understand that Sister Johnson says she thought that I said the Brotherhood would pay for all of the flowers for the week. Quite frankly Sister Wilson, Sister Johnson couldn't possibly have thought that because I was very emphatic in telling her that the flowers referred to above were the only flowers we were interested in and whatever flowers the ladies wanted was their business. I am enclosing this flower bill which totaled \$135.78. As you can see, \$18.20 of it was for the Sunday meeting. As I understand it, the Florist didn't charge us for any decoration flowers for the Sunday but only charged for the corsages supplied the ladies, all of which was listed as usherettes. I am also enclosing the order for the flowers supplied the Florist by Sister Johnson which the Florist was kind enough to let us have. However, I would appreciate your returning this order to us so that we may return it to the Florist for his files. I think you can see from the enclosure that the Auxiliary owes the Florist \$117.58. In order for the Florist not to be forced to wait any

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lenger for his bill, I wish to request that you have a check sent to us made out to Fernando's Flowers for the \$117.58. And, if there is anything to be straightened out or adjusted between us internally it can be done, but the Florist doesn't feel very well since these flowers were ordered by Sister Johnson in the name of the Auxiliary on the Auxiliary letterhead and after all this time he hasn't been paid. I told the Florist that I would see that this bill is paid in the very near future. Therefore, please have this check made out to the Florist and sent to me so that I can get it to him.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. BELLUMS

cc: Mrs. Rosina Tucker  
International Sec.-Treas.  
817 One Street, N. W.  
Washington 1, D. C.

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3 February 54

Mrs. Helena Wilson  
International President  
Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.F.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Your letter of January 15th was very interesting. I asked Sister Johnson why she expected us to pay the flower bill for the Auxiliary when I told her very definitely that the Brotherhood was only interested in flowers to decorate the church for the mass meeting and some flowers to be put on the platform for the opening joint meeting on Monday. Sister Johnson said that she guessed we would just have to say that there was just a misunderstanding. I told her that everyone who knows me, which certainly includes her, knows that I don't give anyone a blank check. I don't just order things and say send the bill. If we had agreed to pay for flowers, every order would have had to clear with me and I most certainly wouldn't have spent that much of the Organization's money for flowers.

But, I was really shocked to hear that now I am supposed to have ordered extra food for the Ladies reception. I had absolutely nothing to do with the reception. Was not present when the arrangements were made with the Caterer and had absolutely no knowledge of it until the Caterer called me, after the convention, to tell me that Sister Johnson increased the number to be served but now didn't want to give her any additional pay. I told the Caterer that I would speak to the Local President about it and see what I could find out. I went out to see Sister Lee and Sister Lee told me that they did increase the number and that she wanted to pay the Caterer a little more money but that Sister Johnson didn't. I left the matter up to Sister

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Lee but called the Caterer a few days later to see if anything had happened and the Caterer told me that they had paid her a little more money and that she was perfectly satisfied. I didn't even ask the Caterer how much the original bill was nor how much additional money was given her.

Now I cannot agree that the Brotherhood is disinclined to give a helping hand to the Auxiliary. In our Executive Board meeting held in New York we had a statement from you on the financial condition of the Auxiliary. We were prepared then to vote funds to the Auxiliary to help out on the Convention but noticed that you didn't ask for any help. Your statement showed that you had ample funds for your Convention though you wouldn't have much left. I feel certain that any time you actually need help it will be forthcoming.

Give my regards to Ben and take care of yourself.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS

cc: A. Philip Randolph

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30 March 54

Mrs. Ardella Nutall  
International Vice-President  
Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.P.  
2028 Chestnut Street  
Oakland, California

Dear Sister Nutall:

I was very proud to hear from you and to learn that you are still improving. I am very sorry that I was unable to bring Brother Randolph to see you and Brother Nutall. It was my understanding that Brother Randolph was leaving East on the City of San Francisco, the same train he arrived on. Since this train doesn't leave until late in the afternoon, nothing had been planned for Monday since his obligations to the H.A.A.C.P. ended Sunday night, so I was going to bring him by to see you Monday. I didn't learn until Sunday night that he was leaving on the Overland Limited yesterday morning since he was going to Kansas City.

Brother Randolph plans to visit Oakland in October and to spend a week or ten days. At that time we will be looking forward to seeing you and Brother Nutall. With very best personal regards,

Fraternally yours,

C. L. DELLUMS

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2 August 54

Mrs. Haleen Wilson  
International President,  
Ladies Auxiliary to B.S.C.F.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

Since Brother Randolph, Brother Webster and myself will be in Los Angeles attending the A. F. of L. Convention in September, Brother Randolph decided that it would be well for us to have a Zone Conference at that time. Since we are just one year away from our last Convention, which just about broke all of our Division, I don't think it would be well for us to ask the Auxiliary Divisions to send a delegate to this conference. All the delegate could do would be to observe. Personally, I seriously doubt the advisability of holding a Zone Conference in this Zone even for the men. We only have 6 or 7 cities in the Zone and outside of Oakland and Los Angeles the others are very small. This Zone is so large in area that it is rather expensive to hold a Zone Conference since our cities are far apart. Therefore, it is my opinion that if a Zone Conference for the ladies is held at any time, it should be when you are going to be present.

Fraternaly yours,

C. L. DELLUMS

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19 November 54

Mrs. Helena Wilson, International Pres.  
Ladies Auxiliary to the B. S. C. P.  
3947 Drexel Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Sister Wilson:

I talked with Sister Nutall on the telephone just a few days ago and she told me then, as she does every time I talk with her, that she was doing fine. We can't go by what she says or writes. It is only natural that people minimize their own ailments. I checked through some of the Sisters who visit her and her condition seems to be very little better. There are times when she is visited and seems to be improving rapidly, and is quite rational. She is even taken out riding occasionally. Only her improvement doesn't seem to continue, it seems to go so far and not only stop, but go back. So, I would say that the proper thing to say about Sister Nutall is that she may be improving very, very slowly.

I was surprised to know that Sister Jones has not sent a duplicate statement to your office since March. I just tried to reach Sister Bryant by telephone, after getting your letter, but have been unable to reach her yet. However, I will get her and find out just what it's all about. If it's necessary to take the matter up with Sister Jones, or even the local executive board, I will do it. I will however, give Sister Bryant a chance to get everything adjusted herself first, but if she doesn't, and in short order, I will.

Faternally yours,

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