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July 22, 1939

Mr. C.F. Woods
552 North 4th Avenue
Pocatello, Idaho

Dear Brother Woods:

Permit me to thank you for your communication of July 15th. I am proud to know that you were secretary-treasurer of your organization and am hereby appointing you secretary-treasurer of the new local to be known as the Pocatello Division, Chair Car Porters Local, Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters. Your local will be a subsidiary to Salt Lake City and remittances will be made to Brother CL. Beridon, 1149 Pacific Avenue, Salt Lake City.

Now, in order to transfer your men to the Brotherhood, certain requirements are necessary. First, President Green of the A.F. of L. has instructed your locals to turn over whatever funds you have to us, but I do not want you to turn whatever funds you have over to the Brotherhood but merely to supply me with a statement as to how much you have so that we will know the financial status of the organization. You will retain the funds in your local treasury in the name of the new organization instead of the old. Please supply me with this information at your earliest convenience.

Next, in order to transfer a union ~~from one~~ union to another, his dues must be paid up to date in the old organization before he can be transferred to the new one. Otherwise he will have to pay the joining fee of \$15.00. So if your men are paid up to date, they can start paying August dues to the Brotherhood and when it is sent to Brother Beridon, he will send you cards and books back.

Mr. C.F. Woods

July 22, 1939

As soon as we complete the organizational work, we will prepare to go into the question of writing an Agreement. for the benefit of train and chair car porters.

Please keep me informed of developments.

Fraternally yours,

C.L. Dellums, Supervisor,
Pacific Coast Zone.

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December 5, 1939

Mr. George C. Murdock
405 24th Street
Winslow, Arizona

Dear Brother Murdock:

Permit me to thank you for your communication of December 1. Brother Randolph's visit was a huge success on the Pacific Coast. The Mass Meetings too were huge successes, and on the whole larger than we had ever had before. There were some fifteen hundred or more in attendance in Oakland and probably twelve hundred or more in attendance in Los Angeles. Our meetings for the porters and their families also were larger than before. The Chair Car men turned out fairly well themselves and quite a number of them made payments on their joining fees. We had a meeting in Oakland and Los Angeles for the Chair Car men especially, and I think that as a result of the same, they are now prepared to go out and make a drive on the others so that we soon will have a large majority of them in the organization. I am returning to Los Angeles about January 4, and will devote considerable time to organizing the Chair Car men at that time.

I am very pleased to know of your success in Winslow and certainly proud to inform the Los Angeles men of your success. I am sure that you will start receiving the Black Worker shortly. Keep in touch with me and I in turn will keep you informed of developments.

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Bellums, Supervisor
Pacific Coast Zone

PS. Did you send the names and addresses of the Winslow men to Brother Totten so that he could put them on the mailing list? If you didn't, please send them and request that he send them the Black Worker.

Fraternally yours,

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April 6, 1940

Dear Sir and Brother:

As you no doubt know, the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters has jurisdiction over Chair Car Porters and is now organizing them for purposes of writing Agreements for them with the various Railroad Companies. We are now writing an Agreement with the Northwestern Railroad Company, and, as soon as that one is finished, we go in conference with the Burlington. We are planning on writing a contract with the Santa Fe and Southern Pacific in the very future. Therefore, I want to request that you come into our Los Angeles office and have a talk with me concerning this matter. I will be in the Los Angeles office every day between Monday April 8, and Thursday April 18, between the hours of 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. I might advise you that the Union Pacific Chair Car Men of Los Angeles are one hundred percent in the Brotherhood now, and if we can get support from the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe fellows we will soon be in a position to start working on their Agreement.

Now, I only have a few addresses of Southern Pacific and Santa Fe men, and therefore, I want to urge you to make every effort to get the others to come in with you to see me so that we can talk this matter over. Those who do not receive the letter from me are those whose addresses I do not now have. So, I shall depend upon you to spread the message and bring them in. Looking forward to seeing you, I am

Fraternally yours,

C. L. Dellums, International
Vice President

CLD:eb

September 4, 1941

Western Pac. Chr. Car men

Dear Sir and Brother:

As you no doubt know, the Brotherhood is organizing Chair Car, Train and Parlor Car Porters. Several groups have already been organized and Contracts have already been negotiated and signed. We are now approaching the time when we will sit down with the Western Pacific to negotiate a Contract in your behalf. Therefore, I am enclosing an authorization card and asking you to sign it and return it to me immediately.

I might explain to you how these cards are used so that you will know the procedure; after I get the cards back, I will send them to Brother Randolph, our International President, in New York. He will present the cards to the National Mediation Board at Washington, requesting that our organization be certified to represent you. The Mediation Board will check the cards against the Western Pacific's pay roll, which they also have in their files, and when they see that we have a majority the Board will then certify the Brotherhood and will notify the Western Pacific that we represent all of you and that the Western Pacific must deal with us and no one else. After that is done, we will then write the Western Pacific and arrange a conference so that we can set a date and start negotiating the Contract.

The sooner you get the cards in, the sooner we can move to the next step, and, therefore, I hope to receive your card by return mail. Urge all the others to sign their cards and send them in, and, if you contact any brother who did not receive a card, it is because I do not have his name and address, and I would urge you to send it to me so that I can send him a card.

Yours for a real progressive organization of Train, Parlor and Chair Car Porters.

C. L. Bellums, Supervisor
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