

Rosenwald,
Lessing

January 6, 1947

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I am sorry I didn't make any headway with Ellis Arnall last month. His reasons for turning Mr. Harrison down were adequate as far as he was concerned but would not satisfy you or me. Actually, I think the trouble was that he had been jumped pretty hard in the southern newspapers a few days before for going off to New Orleans to accept some kind of honor from the Southern Conference for Human Welfare. Before I was able to see him, I think he had passed word along to his secretary to turn down automatically any requests of the sort that came from Mr. Harrison. So although he did not admit it directly, I suspect he never even saw the letter.

I say I was not impressed with his reasons. When I met his first excuse with an irrefutable answer, he came up with another one less valid than the first. After half an hour I gave up. Of course I don't need to add that he was as cordial when I left as when I entered, because he really is a pretty good fellow.

I told you on the telephone I would send a few names that seemed to some of us in Atlanta to be useful southern contacts if the work of the committee goes forward. No one person, of course, can possibly speak for the South or carry equal weight from Virginia to Texas. Arnall, I suppose, is the most tooted liberal, but even he does not have strong support or following in some important places; for example, the Conference of Southern Governors. The man in that organization who probably is most respected is Governor Kerr of Oklahoma. He was president of the group last year. The current president is Governor Cherry of North Carolina, who, of course you probably know, would be a less satisfactory person to approach. The way to Governor Cherry would probably be through Frank Graham of North Carolina, and the approach to Governor Kerr, an outstanding northern Democrat.

In the newspaper world, Barry Bingham of Louisville would probably be the first choice, followed up by

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Mark Ethridge, and following that, Ralph McGill of the Atlanta Constitution. The first two I should think could be reached directly. The approach to McGill might be through Dean Ackerman of Columbia University or through Frank McCallister of the Georgia Workers Education Service in Atlanta.

There would be no one who could speak for the church as a whole. There is little federated activity, as you know. But the best name, if you want the upper-uppers represented, would be the Rt. Rev. Henry St. George Tucker of Richmond, Virginia. He has top representation, and our guess is he would be sympathetic to the problem. The approach there might well be through Mrs. Roosevelt. He is the retiring head of the Protestant Episcopal Church of the Americas. The second name would be Bishop Arthur J. Moore, 63 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia, of the Methodist Church. He is a good person. A less good name is that of the Rev. Louie D. Newton, 1085 Ponce de Leon Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia. He is the head of the Southern Baptist Conference, has considerable effectiveness with Baptists, but is not rated as an outstanding person.

I include no educators because I gather from Mr. Embree that they are persona non grata with your committee, if not with yourself.

When I was coming through Washington last, a friend told me of a young woman who had just returned from Germany, where she has been for a year, working on the problem of disinherited children. She is Martha Branscombe of the U. S. Committee for the Care of European Children, in New York City. I would think probably you already knew about her, but I thought I would pass that information along since she was represented to me as an able worker who knew firsthand what was going on.

If I can help further, please let me know.
Best New Year's wishes to you and the family.

Sincerely,

FGW:en

FRED G. WALE

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkingown, Pennsylvania

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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Eddie Embree

January 10, 1947

Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation
Jenkintown,
Pennsylvania

Will you please advise me as to why the JR Foundation should contribute in view of all that the JR Fund has done?

Dear Sirs:

The General Education Board has made an offer of \$500,000 to Fisk University for endowment if the friends of Fisk will contribute an equal amount. This offer expires June 30, 1948.

Thanks

Kindest regards.

Fisk is one of our leading Negro liberal arts universities. Its graduates are to be found in the ministry, teaching profession, medicine, dentistry, the social sciences, and the newspaper field. Fisk is in the van of the Negro schools that are preparing Negroes for leadership in their own race. There are 917 students enrolled in the University at the present time.

JR
1/16/47

Endowment funds are urgently needed to provide education for the Negro. Because of his marginal economic status, the Negro is unable to meet the full cost of an education. The tuition paid by the student at Fisk is equivalent to only one-quarter of the cost of the education furnished. Funds generously contributed by the friends of Fisk makes possible the continuance of the educational work done by this University.

We would like to have you consider this letter as an application to your Foundation for a grant which will help Fisk to obtain this generous gift of \$500,000 from the General Education Board. It is suggested that this grant might take the form of scholarships for deserving Negro students who are pursuing courses in the Pre-Medical, Nurse Training, and the Southern Rural Life curricula. The southern rural life program is specifically concerned with the redirection of education for Negroes in rural communities, the improvement of their standard of living, the development of better health and recreational services, the improvement of the rural church and the development of community leaders. Such proposed scholarships would encourage students to secure an education that otherwise might be denied them. A scholarship can be endowed with the sum of \$5,000 and may take such form and bear such appellation as the donor may wish. A representative of Fisk will gladly confer with you regarding any gift that you may wish to make.

A booklet which describes this Matching Endowment Campaign is enclosed for your information.

Sincerely yours,

Charles S. Johnson

Charles S. Johnson
President-Elect
Fisk University



Enclosure

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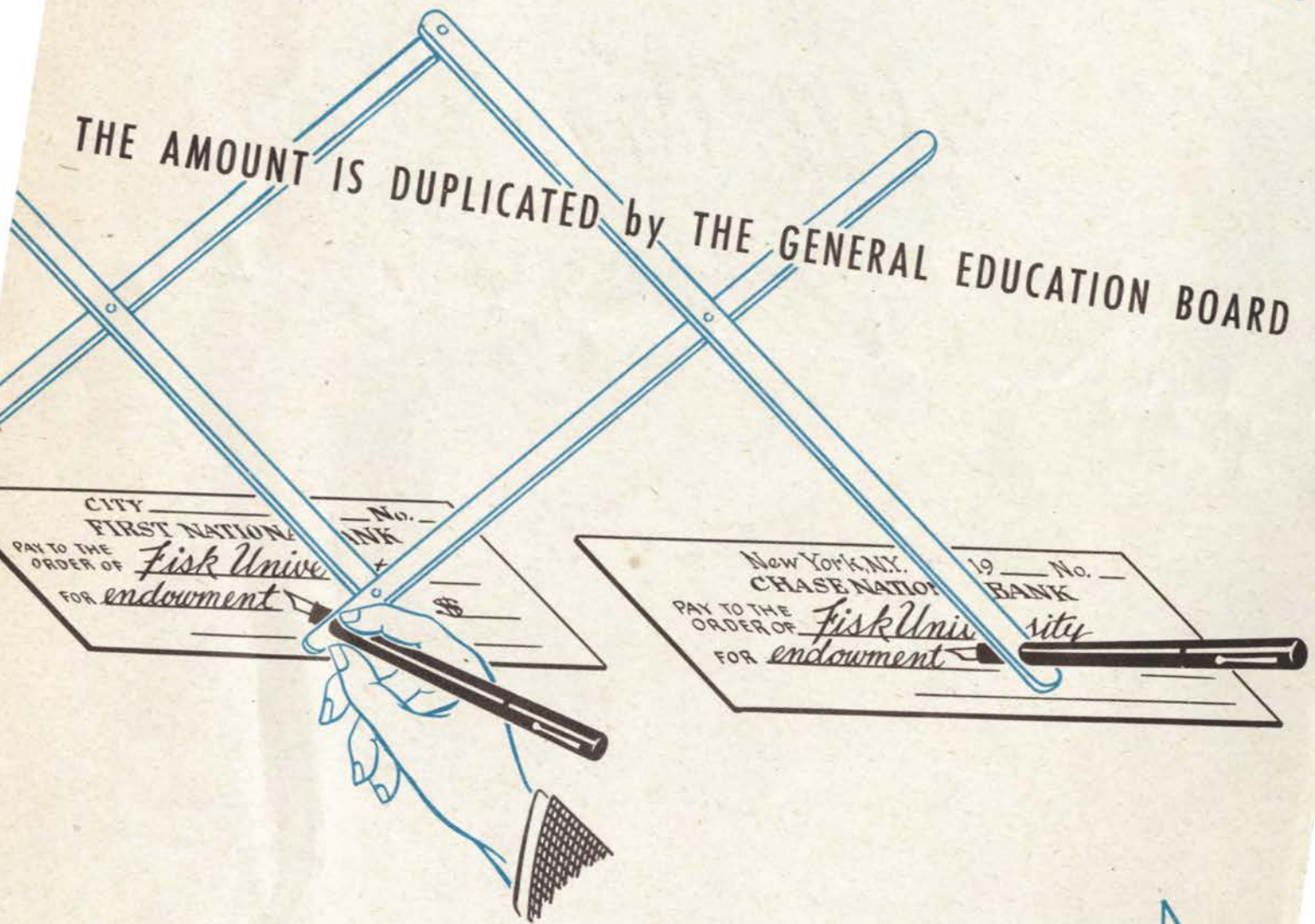


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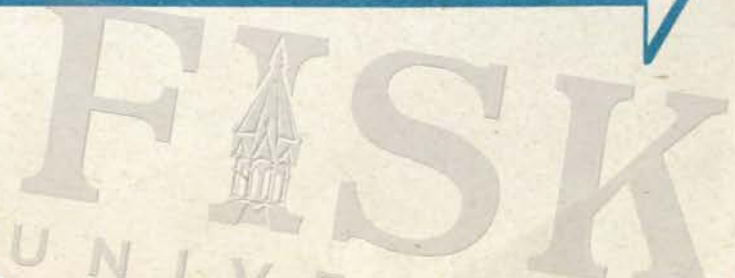
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..... through the offer described



*How Your Gift will win
an Equal Gift for*
Fisk University

In December, 1935, the General Education Board (founded by John D. Rockefeller) made an offer of \$1,500,000 to Fisk University for endowment, which would be paid as promptly as other friends of Fisk would be willing to give an equal amount for endowment.

Many friends of Fisk have responded generously to this stimulating offer. By November 1, 1946, over one million dollars had been given to Fisk's endowment on this basis, and the General Education Board had matched these gifts dollar for dollar. Thus, a total of \$2,000,000 has been added to Fisk's productive endowment in the past 11 years—an achievement for which all her friends are grateful.

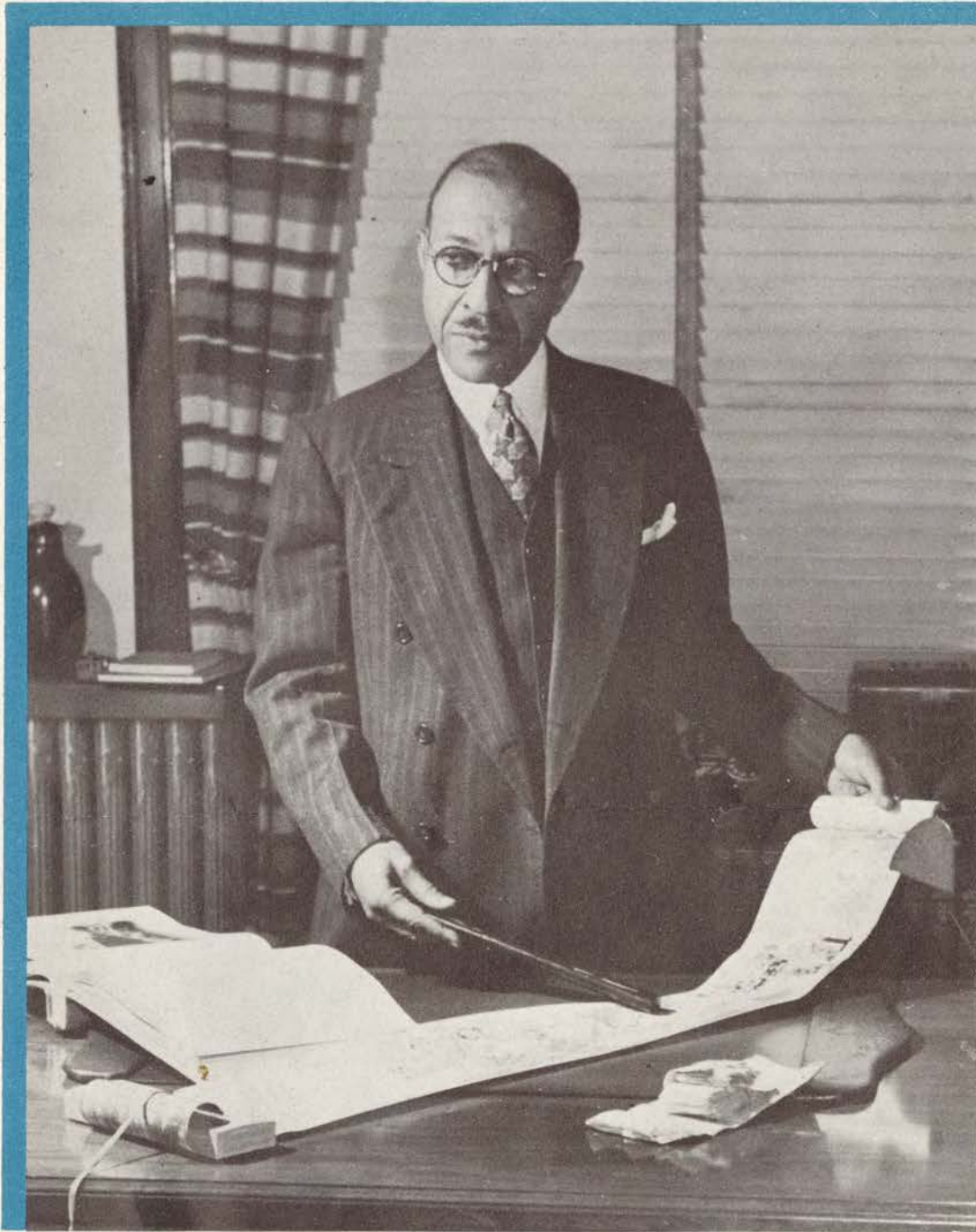
But a half million dollars of this original offer is still outstanding. The General Education Board has extended the time of its offer, because of the disturbance of the war years, but the offer will terminate on June 30, 1948. Any portion of the offer not won by that date will be cancelled.

It would be a pity—nay a tragedy—if this great Negro college, which is so dependent upon endowment income, should fail to get this large sum, so nobly offered, so urgently needed.

Will not you, devoted to those high ideals and practical methods which have distinguished Fisk over its eighty year history, help Fisk match this offer?

Each dollar you give will win another dollar for this Negro college. A subscription made now may be made payable on terms of your own convenience any time prior to June 30, 1948.

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CHARLES SPURGEON JOHNSON

SIXTH PRESIDENT OF FISK UNIVERSITY

Director of Social Science Institute and the Department of Social Research, Fisk University, 1928-1946. One of ten American delegates to first general conference (Paris, 1946) of United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization. Member of American Commission to Japan, 1946, to re-organize educational system of that country. American member of Commission appointed by League of Nations in 1930 to investigate forced labor in Liberia. Secretary of Committee on Negro Housing at President Hoover's Conference on Home building and Home Ownership in 1931. Director of Race Relations department of American Missionary Association. Trustee of Julius Rosenwald Fund. One of three founders of American Council on Race Relations. Founder and editor, 1923-1928, of magazine *Opportunity*. Recipient of Harmon Medal, Anisfield Award, and several honorary degrees. President, 1945, Southern Sociological Society. Past Vice-President American Sociological Society. Author of nearly a score of books on Negro education and race relations, fields in which he is internationally known as a scholar.

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A New President

for An Advancing Era at Fisk University

The Fisk Jubilee Singers, who went forth from Nashville October 6, 1871, made two important contributions to our world. First, they introduced Negro Spirituals in a form and with a quality which have captivated millions of people for three generations. Second, this little band of students, most of whom were ex-slaves, proved to those in doubt that Negroes were worthy of, and capable of, the highest type of education. Thus, they cast their alma mater in a role of widely recognized leadership in Negro education, and Fisk University has ever since been one of the strong forces working towards the proper cooperation of the two races in service to America and to humanity.

Because of Fisk's prominent position, every step which she takes is watched with the keenest interest, and the choice of a new president is a matter of especial importance.

On October 29, 1946, Dr. Charles Spurgeon Johnson was chosen by the Trustees to be the sixth president of Fisk University, and the first Negro to occupy this post since the University was founded 80 years ago by the American Missionary Association and the Western Freedmen's Bureau.

In choosing Dr. Johnson to carry the standard for Fisk University, the Trustees feel that they have done their utmost to serve the cause of education in the United States and in the world. Dr. Johnson's participation in national and international affairs cannot but add lustre to the already-bright record which Fisk has made in educational leadership.

This campaign offers you the opportunity to throw your influence behind a distinguished leader, who now heads one of the most important educational institutions in this country.

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Improved health and community welfare for thousands of men, women and children will flow from the programs based on scientific data compiled by Fisk students who gain practical experience in the use of modern tabulating machines.



"Teachers prepared for their responsibility, and alert to their opportunity are the Key to a government of the people, by the people and for the people" says Dr. George N. Redd, professor of education.

The matching gifts which the friends of Fisk are urged to make in this campaign to win the conditional offer of \$500,000 must, by virtue of the terms of the conditional offer, be used for the endowments of the college. Such gifts may be made to the general endowment of the college or may be made to specific endowments, such as tuition scholarships, teaching fellowships and endowed chairs.

Additional general endowment is urgently needed by Fisk University, because the limited financial resources of its students prevent the college from charging sufficient tuition to provide the required operating income. Seventy-five per cent of Fisk's current income is received as income from endowment or from current gifts, while only 25% of the college's current income is derived from tuition fees.

Additional specific endowments are also urgently needed, and matching gifts for specific



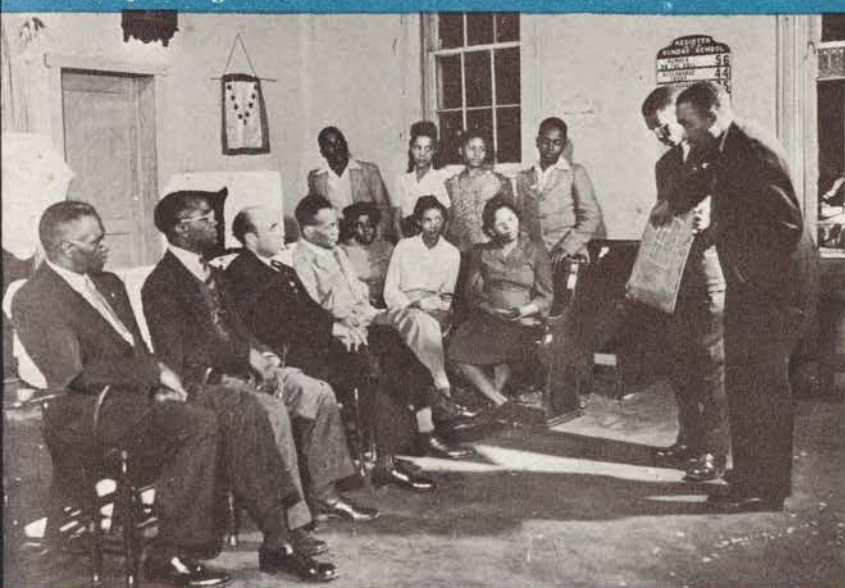
Years have whetted rather than dulled the desire for more education of many adults enrolled in the adult education classes led by Fisk students at the Fisk University Social Center.



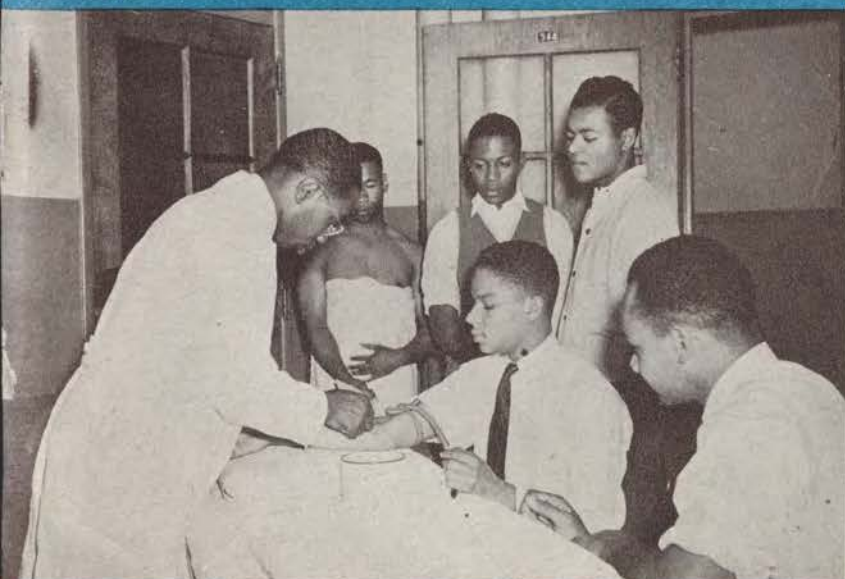
What can be done to help each student get the most out of his college life is a question seriously considered by representative students and faculty counselors during a two-day retreat before school begins.



A Monthly Summary of Events and Trends of Race Relations, published at Fisk University, is an important link in the chain of communications dealing with one of the most serious problems of our age. Some of the data used in the Summary are kept in the files to which a staff member is pointing.



A religious education program, designed to meet the needs of today and tomorrow, holds the attention of ministers and church school teachers in classes organized by professors and students from the Fisk Department of Religion.



A medical program of the first order is assured Fisk students through the cooperation of Meharry Medical College just across the street from the Fisk campus.

endowments may serve the double purpose of winning a portion of the conditional offer of and providing a permanent memorial to the donor or someone designated by the donor. Thus, a matching gift of \$5,000 would endow a tuition scholarship; a matching gift of \$12,500 would endow a teaching fellowship; and a matching gift of \$150,000 would endow a chair or professorship.

If a donor desires his or her gift to go to such a specific endowment, this wish should be indicated on the back of the subscription card.

Will you help, through your generosity, to win an addition to the Fisk endowment? Each dollar that you give to this purpose will win another dollar. Checks should be made to Fisk University and sent to Fisk University, Nashville 8, Tennessee.



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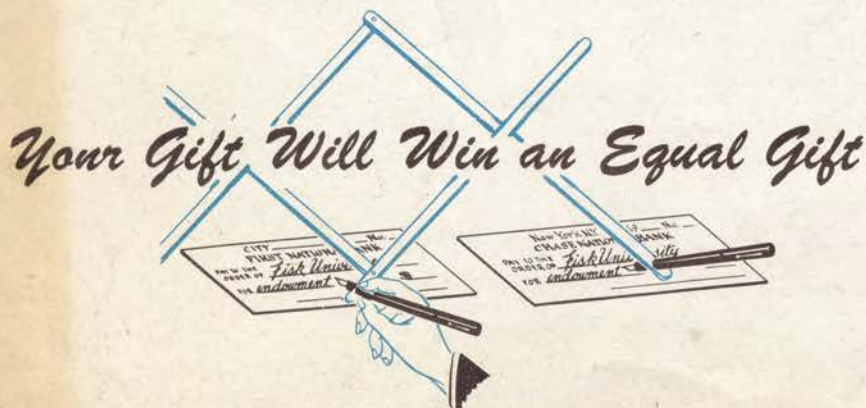
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ENDOWMENT MATCHING CAMPAIGN FISK UNIVERSITY

Date.....

In consideration of the offer of a gift to the endowment funds of FISK UNIVERSITY of an amount up to \$500,000, if and to the extent matched by other gifts, payable on or before June 30, 1948, I hereby subscribe to
FISK UNIVERSITY, Nashville, Tennessee

the sum of Dollars
to be used for endowment, payable prior to June 30, 1948, in installments as follows:

Monthly

Quarterly

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Signature

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February 4, 1947

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: Attached are the minutes of a meeting of the Executive Committee held January 16, 1947.

Under separate cover, I am sending you today a copy of the January issue of the Survey Graphic, the special issue on segregation toward which the Fund appropriated \$12,000.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy A. Elvidge

DAE:LCM
Attach.

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

*Please let me know
more details re AVC
Thanks.*

*WRC
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Done
7/12/47*

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MEETING OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

January 16, 1947

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Julius Rosenwald Fund was held at the Tavern Club, 333 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, on Thursday, January 16, 1947, at 4:00 o'clock.

Present: Edwin R. Embree, chairman, Marshall Field, A. Richard Frank, Franklin C. McLean, Leonard M. Rieser, and Dorothy A. Elvidge, secretary.

During the sessions were present as guests: Will W. Alexander, Joseph D. Lohman, and Fred G. Wale.

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A request was presented for an appropriation to the Southern Regional Council for the study of the administration of the G. I. Bill of Rights, under the directorship of Dr. George S. Mitchell. The President pointed out that, when \$25,000 was appropriated in May, it was hoped that that amount would complete the project, but that Doctor Mitchell would like to continue the services of one field man and a secretary for a few months longer. The President also reported that a continuing appropriation to the general budget of the Southern Regional Council awaited pending changes in the Council's personnel.

SOUTHERN REGIONAL
COUNCIL - G. I.
BILL OF RIGHTS

Whereupon, it was on motion -

RESOLVED That the sum of Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500)
47-1 be and it is hereby appropriated to the Southern Regional Council for special work in connection with returning veterans and the administration of the G. I. Bill of Rights.

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In accordance with instructions from the Trustees, the officers reported on the current membership and financial status of the American Veterans Committee. There was discussion of the future prospects of the organization and it was decided that no additional grant was warranted at this time.

AMERICAN
VETERANS
COMMITTEE

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The officers reported that, in discussing what types of final reports should be made of the Fund's work, two suggestions were under consideration:

HISTORY OF
THE FUND'S
WORK

1. That the Social Science Research Council make a detached objective survey of the work and influence of the Fund.
2. That the Fund make a general report of its activities covering the thirty years of its existence, including the general changing scene in education and race relations in which the Fund had played a part.

There was discussion of the suggestions and general agreement that, even though an outside study was made, there should be a final report of the Fund's work made by the Fund itself before closing its activities.

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Doctor Alexander reported that Harvard University was interested in sponsoring a study of the history of the Farm Security Administration, that there was a possibility of getting James Maddox to do the job, and that another foundation might make the funds available. There was general agreement that such a history would be a useful document and that James Maddox was the best person to do it.

FARM SECURITY
ADMINISTRATION
REPORT

The following resolution was approved with the understanding that it would lapse if funds were forthcoming from another source:

MINUTES OF JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

RESOLVED That the officers be and they are hereby authorized to
47-2 appropriate not to exceed Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
for a study of the Farm Security Administration.

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Mr. Lohman reported that a staff for the study of segregation in the nation's capital had been chosen, and that efforts were being made to extend the national character of the committee and to widen the basis of financial support. There was agreement that a committee, national in membership, was even more important than a diversification of appropriations to the work.

SEGREGATION STUDY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Mr. Rieser raised the question of further support for the American Council on Race Relations. He reported that its budget for 1947 totalled \$168,000 against which only \$20,000 could be counted from sources other than the Field Foundation and the Fund.

AMERICAN COUNCIL
ON RACE RELATIONS

There was general agreement that Mr. Louis Wirth, in taking over the directorship of the Council, should not inherit any deficits incurred in 1946 (the Fund and the Field Foundation having each advanced \$15,000 of 1947 pledges to complete obligations for 1946).

The following resolution was on motion adopted:

RESOLVED That the sum of Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) be and it
47-3 is hereby appropriated to the American Council on Race Relations for its work during the calendar year 1947, it being understood that payment shall be made at the rate of one dollar from the Fund for each dollar received from other sources.

Adjourned.

Secretary

February 7, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Mr. Embree has passed on to me your note concerning a letter sent out from Fisk over my signature.

Being made a college president at the same Board meeting at which it was decided to complete an endowment campaign has brought several sizeable headaches. The impatient campaigners - a fund-raising concern - directed a number of letters, over my signature as President-elect of Fisk University. This was discontinued at my request, but not before a score or more had gone out. As a matter of fact, I do not take office until July 1; and if I had any designs at all on the Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation - which I might be excused under the circumstances and at this time for not having - I would most certainly have been more adroit and personal.

You can merely file or toss away the letter of January 10, and be on guard at some future date for developments that are irresistible in their own appeal.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Charles S. Johnson

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February 12, 1947

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: The American Veterans Committee reported that as of December 21, 1946 their total membership was 83,230. Attached you will find a copy of a summarized statement of cash receipts and disbursements for the Committee covering the period from February 1, 1943 to October 31, 1946.

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AMERICAN VETERANS COMMITTEE, INC.
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
February 1, 1943 to October 31, 1946

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	\$172,035.50	
Contributions	175,237.06	
All Other	<u>35,569.48</u>	
Total Receipts		\$382,842.04

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$122,150.33	
Office Expenses & Printing	125,534.07	
Field Organization & Promotion	105,450.30	
AVC Bulletin	<u>27,726.15</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$380,860.85

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PRESIDENT

Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

STRAIGHT WIRE

March 7, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

Yesterday Executive Committee appropriated \$115,000 within policies set by the Board. Previous stock sales exceeded appropriations by \$26,000. Therefore, sale of approximately 2,500 shares will cover all appropriations.

Dorothy A. Elvidge

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Edwin
Embree

March 17, 1947

Mr. Rockwell Kent,
Ausable Forks,
New York.

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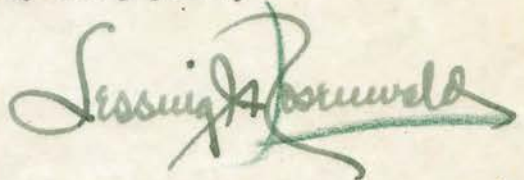
Dear Mr. Kent:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 15th, together with its enclosures regarding Solidarity House.

In so far as I personally am concerned, neither the Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation nor I can give financial aid to your project. Much as I regret being obliged to turn down worthy causes brought to my attention, I am not in a position to take on any additional commitments at the present time. The Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation, generally speaking, does not undertake work which has been considered by the Julius Rosenwald Fund of Chicago. We have adopted this policy in order not to interfere with or duplicate the work of the Fund. Furthermore, in most cases, we believe that each city should take care of its own social problems in so far as this is possible. Since Solidarity House is a Harlem project, New York should be able to raise the comparatively small amount needed to achieve your objectives.

I am sending your letter, with a copy of this, to Mr. Edwin R. Embree of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, and have asked him to reply to you in the event you had in mind approaching that organization.

Very truly yours,




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AUSABLE FORKS
NEW YORK

March 15, 1947

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
Jenkinstown, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I am writing this letter to call to your attention a project that I believe to be of great potential importance to the Negro people of Harlem in the hope that you will find it to be deserving of assistance through the funds of the Rosenwald Foundation. It is, Solidarity House (and here I quote from a paragraph of the enclosed statement), "a progressive community center at the service of the people of Harlem. It is an interracial and intercultural center whose program is especially directed toward creating better understanding between national and minority groups within and without the community." The statement was prepared by the attorney of Solidarity House at my request in order that in writing to you I might send you an authoritative report on the enterprise. I am sufficiently familiar with the details of the enterprise and its problems to know that the report is correct.

Although I am President of the International Workers Order of which Solidarity House, as the report states, is a part it is not in my official capacity or even with the knowledge of the Order that I am writing you. My appeal is that of an individual deeply concerned with the Negro problem in America and with advancing Negro well-being and education as a necessary premise to the problem.

Writing to you as an individual I may speak frankly of the International Workers Order, of which Solidarity House is admittedly a branch. I became a member of the Order many years ago in full knowledge that it is charged with being dominated by Communists or the Communist Party. To just what extent this is true I am in no position to know, for I am not and never have been a member of the Party. I am, however - as President and an active ex officio member of its General Council - in a position to state with authority that the Order is strictly non-political except as politics concerns the well-being of its membership in general (roughly, labor), the democratic rights of the minority groups of which the Order is a federation and in that problem that concerns us all so deeply - Peace. I am a member of the International

Workers Order because I believe wholeheartedly in its purposes and principles and have never found its activities to be in any degree inconsistent with my own ideals as an American liberal.

The Negro problem has become increasingly a major concern of the International Workers Order, and among the fruits of that concern is the Du Sable Community Center in the south end of Chicago - an enormously ambitious general community project that has already been successfully financed. And the smaller Solidarity House of Harlem. I have been personally active in both projects, and I have come to realize the greater difficulties that confront the Harlem Negroes. The International Workers Order has done as much as it constitutionally may to assist the Negro group of Harlem. They are from this point on dependent on their own resources - resources that are narrowed by the admittedly lagging community spirit in Harlem itself.

The egg that the community hen of Harlem ought to hatch appears to need an incubator. They need help. And it is for help that I, a friend of the Negro people, am appealing to you a far more powerful one. I can only beg you to give this your thoughtful consideration.

Faithfully yours,



Rockwell Kent

RK/s
uopwa #18

SOLIDARITY HOUSE

WHAT IT IS AND WHEN IT BEGAN

SOLIDARITY HOUSE is the name given to the two five story buildings located at 122-24 West 124 Street, New York City. These buildings were purchased by the members of Solidarity Lodge No. 691 of the International Workers Order, a fraternal mutual benefit society. The title to the property was taken in the name of Solidarity Center, Inc., a membership corporation organized under the laws of the State of New York the second (2nd) day of October, 1945.

The members of the Board of Directors represents a cross - section of leaders of the community; from churches, fraternal organizations, trade unions and other social service organizations.

SOLIDARITY HOUSE is located in the heart of this big community which reflects the living conditions forced upon the Negro people by a long-established pattern of economic and social segregation: poor and inadequate housing, and a lack of adequate educational, recreational and cultural facilities.

The lives of thousands of these citizens of the Harlem community will be enriched through the cultural and educational facilities offered by Solidarity House; through its little theatre, library, art projects, children's rooms, youth and adult clubs.

SOLIDARITY HOUSE is a progressive community center at the service of the people of Harlem. It is an interracial and intercultural center whose program is especially directed toward creating better understanding between national and minority groups within and without the community.

HOW IT WAS FINANCED

The funds for Solidarity House first came from the members of Solidarity Lodge 691, from the National group societies and from the General Lodges of the International Workers Order. Trade Union, progressive organizations, Business Men and individuals, through the purchase of bonds, through loans and donations contributed to the financing the project.

A substantial part of the funds has been raised through affairs; such as, concerts, forums, dramas, dances and lectures promoted by the lodge membership.



HOW THE FUNDS WERE SPENT

Forty Five Thousand (\$ 45,000) Dollars was spent for the alteration and equipment of the building.

Among the facilities provided is an auditorium which can be used as a theatre for concerts and other activities. There are a number of small rooms now in use for meetings, games rooms, clubrooms, etc.

ACTIVITIES NOW IN PROGRESS

The Center was officialy opened on Sunday, January 12, 1947 by prominent represenatives of the community, including U.S. Representative, the Rev. Adam C. Powell who dedicated the Center and New York City Councilman Benjamin J. Davis, Jr. Broadway stars, including Juanita Hall, Archie Savage, Claude Marchant Abbie Mitchell, and a host of others participated.

Our program is especially designed to help curb juvenile delinquency in our community. Our Junior and Youth groups are engaged in dramatics, arts and craft, sports, etc. Our gym now under construction will do much to channelize the energies of our young boys and girls in constructive and healthy activities.

Solidarity House is presenting a group of artists, folk and classical in a series of concert recitals on Sunday evenings. The Joint IWO-P.V. (The People's Voice) Forums to begin Sunday afternoon, March 9th, promises to be educational and entertaining. Important National and World topics will be discussed. Community singing on Sunday afternoons under the direction of Miss Juanita Hall has done much to cement unity between lodge members and friends of the community.

Among the groups that are using the facilities of the Center are: The Folksay Dance Group, The People's Cultural Union, The Knights of Pythians, No. 8, The Social Workers Council, The Harlem Tenants & Consumers Organization, AYD, UNAVA, The Council of the National Negro Congress and many other groups.

THE NEED FOR FUNDS

Funds are urgently needed to pay off the balance of the indebtedness incurred for the alteration and equipment of the building. Second, to complete the alteration and equipment of the Center. Many of the rooms set aside for various activities are yet without the necessary facilities. Funds are also needed for paying personnel to supervise and direct the activities.

We are appealing to all social and progressive minded citizens to help us make our Center play a vital role and to help us win the battle for peace and democracy for all.

Address and make all checks payable to Solidarity Center, Inc.

LESSING J. ROSENWALD
JENKINTOWN, PA.

April 1, 1947

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Edwin:

Enclosed is a letter I have just received from Ruth Frank, and a copy of my reply to her. Will you be kind enough to write her also?

I have known Miss Frank and her father in Detroit for many years. She is a capable and competent young lady, and a most attractive one.

Thanks in advance for giving her request your personal attention, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,

Lessing

enc.

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April 1, 1947

Miss Ruth Frank,
2909 Olive Street, NW,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ruth,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 31st.

I am sending it to Mr. Edwin Embree of the Julius Rosenwald Fund in Chicago, with the request that he give it his personal consideration. I have done this because Mr. Embree is much closer to interracial relations than I am, and he is in a much better position to advise you. I am sure that you will hear from him within the near future.

Our whole family is well. Bob, Babs, and Bobby Junior are well and happy in their new home. They are expecting an addition next month.

Mrs. Rosenwald joins me in sending kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in green ink that reads "Julius Rosenwald". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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March 31, 1947

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
"Alverthorpe"
Jenkintown, Penna.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

Recently I moved to Washington from Detroit to undertake a temporary position with the new inter-racial radio station, WQ QW, as a Public Relations Consultant. Now that my work is finished there I am in quest of a position here in the field of race relations.

Knowing that you are so actively engaged in sponsoring a variety of enterprises devoted to the furtherance of racial understanding, I thought to enquire if you could advise me about some current project in need of a publicist, public relations assistant or interviewer.

I am aware that many of the organizations engaged in anti-discrimination work are in the process of cutting their staffs, however, there is so much work that needs to be done and I would like to be part of it. There may be some forthcoming project with which you are familiar; that is in need of new staff members. If so, I would be so grateful if you would direct me to them.

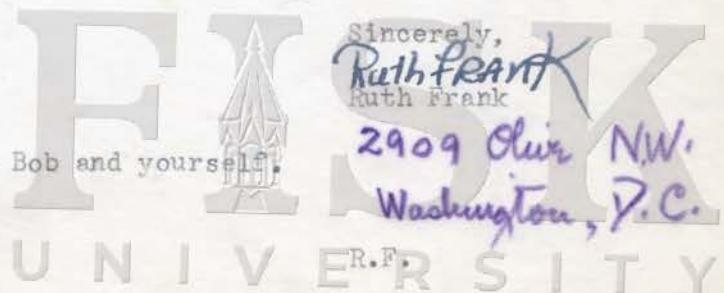
During the past three years I have worked in both paid and volunteer capacities, principally on publicity.

It seemed quite logical to consult you on this and your advice will be greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

P.S. Friendly greetings to your son Bob and yourself.

Sincerely,
Ruth Frank
Ruth Frank

*2909 Olive NW.
Washington, D.C.*



April 3, 1947

Dear Lessing: I have sent the enclosed
letter to Ruth Frank. I
shall do everything I can to help her find
the right niche. It is good to know of
competent people who are ready to work in
this field.

Sincerely,

EDWIN R. EMBREY

ERE:LCM
Enc.

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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April 3, 1947

Dear Miss Frank: Mr. Lessing Rosenwald has sent on to me your letter of March 31. I am always glad to learn of persons who are ready to work in race relations. I wonder if you could give me some further information about the work you have done and about your special interests.

The Julius Rosenwald Fund is supporting a study of segregation in the nation's capital. It is possible that something in connection with that effort might be available. At any rate, if you will give me a little more data, I shall be glad to make any suggestions I can.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:LGM

Applications

Miss Ruth Frank
2909 Olive Street, NW.
Washington, D. C.

cc: Mr. (Lessing) Rosenwald

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May 26, 1947

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree
 Julius Rosenwald Fund
 4901 Ellis Avenue
 Chicago 15, Illinois

Dear Mr. Embree:

Thank you for your letter of May 21st replying to my letter of May 13th addressed to Mr. Rosenwald.

Lesson
 I can understand the difficulties which are attendant upon a grant such as I suggested. On the other hand, I think you can understand how it is difficult to persuade any of the four agencies mentioned to undertake the program suggested in view of the fact that none of them to our knowledge have budgets sufficient to carry on the work which they have already programed.

Perhaps you would have some suggestion as to how the University Religious Conference Panel girls could best be utilized in the field for which they now have both adequate training and experience.

Very truly yours,
Morris Pfaelzer II
 Morris Pfaelzer II

MP:lh



LESSING J. ROSENWALD

JENKINTOWN, PA.

June 4, 1947

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Edwin:

I am enclosing a letter recently received from Edgar Stern regarding Dr. Alexander.

I will appreciate it very much if you will furnish me with answers to the questions raised in this letter.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lessing

enc.

EDGAR B. STERN
2110 AMERICAN BANK BUILDING
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May 20, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald,
Alverthorpe,
Meetinghouse Road,
Jenkintown, Penna.

Dear Lessing:

I have your letter of the 16th and thank you for the care with which you have answered my question. I am not sure that I agree with your viewpoint, but I'm not inclined to press the matter. The discussion about this situation did bring something to my mind that I would like to pass on to you for your consideration. It is my understanding that the terms of retirement of the Fund for the employees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund are unusually liberal and that anyone who has been connected with it for some length of time will be able to retire with a nice competence when the Fund goes out of business. I have a rough impression that this would not apply to Dr. Alexander, as I understand he has been with the fund for a relatively short time, and the thought has been passing through my mind that he may find it somewhat difficult and uncomfortable to plan for his future when the Fund goes out of business. While he is still very vigorous, he has come to an age where it may not be too easy for him to find a new occupation which would properly compensate him. I have known him for many years and have come to have the highest respect for his honesty and high purposes. He has been serving in numbers of capacities for some years at probably moderate salaries and, with a fairly large family, I suspect that he has not been able to lay anything much aside. I am wondering whether it would be proper for the trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to explore his situation and possibly try to do something for his financial security. He is a real idealist and I believe has done more to promote sound racial relations in the South and in the nation than any man I know. I think he deserves some financial reward if it can be arranged in an appropriate way.

Sincerely yours,



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June 6, 1947

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: Mr. Embree left for
 Canada yesterday to
be gone for ten days. I am holding your
letter, which came today, for Mr. Embree's
attention when he returns.

Very truly yours,

RIETTA C. CRANE

Secretary to Mr. Embree

RCC

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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June 17, 1947

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Dear Lessing: The amount that Dr. Alexander has in the retirement trust as of the end of this month is \$15,586. If he continues with the Fund to the proposed closing date, June 30, 1948, \$2,400 will be added to this amount, being 15% of his salary of \$12,000 paid by the Fund and 5% paid directly out of his salary. This would mean that he would have almost exactly \$20,000 on leaving the Fund June 30, 1948.

While this is a less amount than some of us who have been with the Fund longer (much less, for example, than myself which is almost embarrassingly large), it is a generous provision. While, of course, I have not shown him your letter or the one from Edgar, my belief is that he would be embarrassed if he felt anyone was considering more than the generous provision already made in the regular retirement trust. I think, like the rest of us, he is contemplating some further work, and I think it likely that attractive openings may present themselves.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:RC

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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TELEGRAM

June 18, 1947

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

Figure in first sentence of yesterday's letter should be
Seventeen thousand five hundred eighty six.

Edwin R. Embree

ERE:RC



LESSING J. ROSENWALD

JENKINTOWN, PA.

September 29, 1947

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

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Dear Edwin:

Attached is a personal letter from Miss Ruth Frank, who was a friend of Bobby Rosenwald in Detroit several years ago.

While much of the letter is of a personal nature, I am sending it to you because of a description of the work of a Negro sculptor that it contains. I have written Miss Frank that I have referred the matter to you, as per copy of my letter attached.

Will you be kind enough to return the Scrap Book to Mr. La Grone directly, and mail the enclosed letter to Robert Rosenwald, Box 196, Rushland, Pennsylvania, after they have served your purpose?

Would you also be kind enough to advise both Miss Frank and Mr. La Grone whether or not he is eligible for a fellowship from the Julius Rosenwald Fund?

As ever,

Yours,

Lessing

LJR:EW

Att.

CC - Robert L. Rosenwald

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September 29, 1947

Miss Ruth Frank,
c/o S. Postel,
5342 S. University St.,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Ruthie:

Bobby has referred your letter to me, together with the Scrap Book of Oliver La Grone.

We have talked about this matter, and I have told Bob that I believe aid of this kind from the Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation is distinctly outside the usual pattern that the Foundation has been following, and I doubt that it would be wise to start a procedure of this kind.

Inasmuch as the Julius Rosenwald Fund has been making a practice of awarding scholarships to Negroes who have what they consider proprietary talent, I have sent the Scrap Book to Mr. Edwin R. Embree, President of the Fund, and have asked him to consider such an application. I have also asked him to return the Scrap Book to Mr. La Grone after it has served his purpose.

Sincerely yours,

LJR:EW

CC - Mr. Edwin R. Embree (blind) ✓
Mr. Robert L. Rosenwald "

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October 7, 1947

Dear Lessing: Thank you for sending on the material about the Negro sculptor.

He would seem to be an eligible candidate for a fellowship. We are writing to the several persons mentioned in your letter and shall be glad to see that this man's application is presented as effectively as possible to the committee on awards.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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7 October 1947

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Lessing J. Rosenwald Foundation
Tenkintown, Pennsylvania

*Mr. Embree
Please handle. I have
not replied. I do not
know writer. Thanks*

*RE
10/11/47*

Dear Sirs:

I am involved in two research projects which I could carry on more effectively with some financial assistance.

One project is to analyze attitudes toward minority groups as revealed by 12,000 questionnaires filled in by high school students and adults in 25 Colorado towns. The codification, analysis and final report would be greatly facilitated if I could obtain some financial aid.

My other project is concerned with community analysis. I have field notes from a community study I did just before the war, which I hope to organize into a monograph during the next few months. To carry on my work in this field, I hope to initiate a long term study of another community of mixed ethnic composition--Indian, Spanish-American and white. Financial assistance for both the completion of the report for which I have notes and the new study would be greatly appreciated.

If these research projects are of the type your foundation can support, will you please send me application blanks and other instructions needed to apply.

Sincerely yours,

Omer C Stewart

Omer C. Stewart

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October 8, 1947

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: In answer to Mr. Lessing J.
Rosenwald's letter of
September 29, I am returning herewith Miss Frank's
letter. I have written to Mr. LaGrone inviting
him to apply for a fellowship and sent him proper
application blanks. A copy of this letter has been
sent to Miss Frank. The scrap book is being returned
to Mr. LaGrone by Registered Mail.

Sincerely yours,

H R

For the Committee on Fellowships

Mr. Robert Rosenwald
Box 196
Rushland Pennsylvania

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The White Race Advisory Committee

FOR ASSISTANCE TO
THE NEGRO SERVICE COUNCIL

843 INGRAHAM BUILDING

MIAMI, FLORIDA

Oct. 10, 1947

Mr. Epperson:

Please handle.

I do not know where.

I have not replied

Thanks.

JR

10/13/47

- CLYDE A. EPPERSON
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Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

During the month of October the ~~White Race Advisory Committee~~, of which I am chairman, is conducting a campaign to raise \$50,000.00 to complete a Negro Youth Center in Dixie Park, here in Miami. The building will provide a 1000 seat auditorium and office space for the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts and the YMCA and YWCA, which organizations will supervise the center's program.

Because of the worthiness of this project, and because of your own interest in such work, we wish to ask for any help or advice you may be able to give us. We have mailed ten thousand letters to a selected mailing list, we have obtained favorable publicity from all of the newspapers, and several prominent citizens have consented to act as chairmen of various committees.

Can you make any additional suggestions which will help us obtain the necessary funds to complete the building? Do you know of any financially successful Negroes (or Negro Agencies) who make it a practice to contribute to such campaigns?

Of course it goes without saying that if you wish to make a contribution - either personally or in the name of the Rosenwald Fund - we shall be glad to receive it. However, our main object in writing the letter is to secure information which will be helpful on this important campaign to assist the colored people of this area.

Very truly yours,

Clyde A. Epperson

CAE:mm



Rosewald,
Lessing

October 21, 1947

Dear Lessing: I am enclosing copy of a letter to Adele Levy which reports the current status of participants in our meeting of foundation officers on November 8 and 9. The guests are exhibiting a great deal of interest. I am sure the meeting will be worth while.

We have been diligently at work on the docket for the meeting. We are basing it on the material we presented to the Trustees in May but we have tried to make it clearer and more cohesive. This docket will go to the participants several days in advance of the meeting so that they will be able to acquaint themselves with our work and prepare themselves for questions and discussion.

At the end of the docket we have listed a number of questions growing out of the experience of the Fund which have a bearing on the policies of foundations generally. I have thought that these questions would serve as the agenda of the meetings. I think we will not need much by way of introductory statements in view of the report in the docket and the eagerness that several of our guests are showing for discussions of programs and policies. We are counting on you calling the meeting to order and extending a welcome in behalf of the Fund. From that point on I am prepared to direct the discussion if you want me to. Or you might continue to preside, having me present suggestions and items from time to time, much as I do in regular Trustees meetings.

In addition to the conference sessions we will need a brief meeting of our own Trustees. We are preparing a separate docket for that executive session. So far as any of us here can see, this executive docket will be brief and formal since we have allocated practically all of our funds and since I know of no questions of policy that need reconsideration at this late date. By the way, we are counting on one final meeting of the Trustees to wind up the Fund and make any final decisions that may be

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Mr. Rosenwald

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October 21, 1947

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Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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Lessing

*Dear Edwin :- Everything seems
OK to me and "promising". I think, as a matter of protocol,
it would be well for me to preside (if only nominally) +
October 21, 1947*

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*Kudrat
regards*

*JRC
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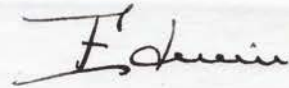
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Very truly yours,



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Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

LESSING J. ROSENWALD
JENKINTOWN, PA.

October 22, 1947

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Edwin:

Will you please handle the enclosed letter? I do not know Mr. Robinson and have not replied to him.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Lessing

enc.



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October 7, 1947

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
The Julius K. Rosenwald Fund
4901 S. Ellis
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

A group of producers have been meeting once a week for lunch at RKO and discussing the ways films might be used in alleviating social problems.

Out of our discussions have come the story outlines which we think would be most effective in resolving two of these problems — that of displaced persons; and that of racial and religious intolerance.

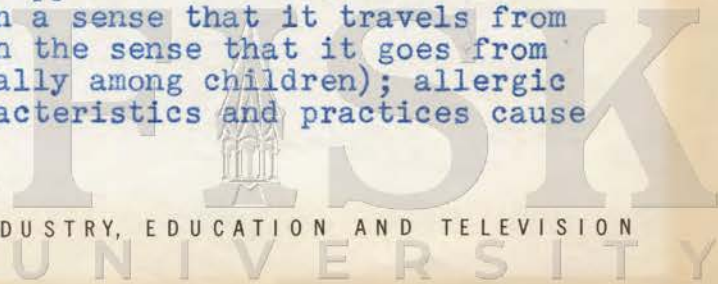
Budgets have been worked out, and by a number of us contributing freely our talents, we have arrived at a twenty thousand dollar for each film. The films would run approximately 20 minutes in length.

We have also been assured of theatrical distribution for these films.

It has been brought to our attention that the Rosenwald Fund might assume the sponsorship or co-sponsorship with another foundation of these films. For this reason we should like you to give it your attention.

Briefly, the Displaced Persons film would be slanted from the "self-interest" viewpoint, namely, that it would accrue to our benefit in the way of talents, new jobs, etc., to take in our share of these people: statistics would prove these points.

The tolerance film would approach "hate" as a kind of social disease — hereditary in a sense that it travels from parent to child; contagious in the sense that it goes from one person to another (especially among children); allergic in the sense that racial characteristics and practices cause



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reactions; a disease affecting the mind, i.e. people putting on sheets and running around with torches; and so on. The disease and its symptoms are examined in medical terms and its cure is then prescribed.

We sincerely hope this very urgent and important venture will have your support.

Sincerely,



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T. C. Robinson
In Charge of Production

Rosenwald,
Lessing

October 24, 1947

Dear Mr. Robinson: I have read with much interest your letter of October 22 to Mr. Lessing Rosenwald. I fear that it is not possible for this Fund to take any financial interest in the very interesting proposals to develop films concerning displaced persons and intolerance. We have been following the instructions of our founder to expend principal as well as income and have committed practically all of our remaining resources with a view to closing the work of the Fund within a few months.

You may be interested in the fact that we have discussed somewhat similar proposals with Eddie Albert. As a result of these conferences we have made a small contribution to the making of a film on Police Training in Race Relations, under the auspices of the Educational Film Research Institute of which Arthur G. Coons of Occidental College is chairman.

In any event, I should think it would be worthwhile to keep in touch with this group.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. T. C. Robinson
Nassour Studios
5746 Sunset Boulevard
Hollywood 28, California

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October 24, 1947

Dear Mr. Stewart: Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald has referred your letter of October 7 to this office. I am exceedingly sorry to have to write you that the Rosenwald Fund accepts applications only from Negroes and white Southerners working on some problem distinctive to the South. As an experiment, we offered for several years special awards in the field of race relations without qualifications. These, however, have been withdrawn.

I regret that you are ineligible under the terms of our present program, and I hope you will be successful in finding some other means of enabling yourself to carry on your important work.

Sincerely yours,



For the Committee on Fellowships

Mr. Omer C. Stewart
Department of Economics, Political Science,
Sociology and Anthropology
University of Colorado
Boulder, Colorado

cc Lessing J Rosenwald



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Send the following telegram, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

November 5, 1947

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

YES, DINNER CLOTHES DESIRABLE FOR FRIDAY NIGHT BUT NOT REQUIRED.

EDWIN



November 10, 1947

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I have the honor to inform you that, at a meeting of the Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund held on November 8, 1947, you were elected to serve for the year 1947-48 as chairman of the Board of Trustees, Treasurer of the Fund, and as chairman of the Finance Committee, the other members of which are A. Richard Frank and Edgar B. Stern.

Very truly yours,
DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:lm

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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November 14, 1947

Dear Lessing: It seemed to me that the doings in Nashville were worthwhile all around. The ceremonies in connection with Johnson's inauguration were impressive and put this Negro college on a new level of attention and respect in the South.

I felt our sessions with the foundation officers were too short and crowded to be most effective. I don't see how we could have extended them, all the circumstances being as they were.

One of the finest of the personalities - a new acquaintance to me - was Mary Switzer. It raises one's confidence in Government to find so imaginative and resourceful a person in a high Federal post. I am enclosing a copy of a letter that she has just sent. I thought you might be especially interested in her comment on members of the Rosenwald family. "Idealism and practical wisdom" is my idea of high tribute.

Please pass the greetings of Kate and me to the beautiful and charming Edith.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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November 14, 1947

Dear Lessing: I think we should make plans for the final meeting of the Fund Trustees well enough in advance to get them on the schedule of our busy group. I would say a weekend in the middle or latter part of May. I think we can conclude our business in morning and afternoon sessions of a single day, but I should hope that members of the Board could stay for the full day, probably ending up with a dinner that night. What would you think of May 15 or 22 as the date for the spring meeting?

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
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Edwin Embury

Mr. Thomas Beck, Chairman of the Board of Crowell Publishing Co. is interested in obtaining aid for what he considers to be a high class, worthy negro newspaper. "The Circuit Smart Woman" is published in Chicago by Mrs. Aloué Jeanman. Her husband is a successful dentist. Present circulation is about 20,000. The Jeanmans have been able to finance up until now but are unable to continue alone. He estimates that from \$100,000 to \$150,000 is needed to put the publication on a sound basis and, until adequate advertising is secured. Both he and Mr. Eller (W-Calls) are endeavoring to secure advertising.

Mr. Beck would like to have an investigation made and, if it is found worthy, recommendations as to where financing might be secured.

Will you please advise him & send a copy to me. Thanks.

ERE:

For your information I am attaching a copy of the latest issue of Circuit's Smart Woman.

Mrs. Feaman (who is Mrs. Robert Taylor's sister) and her husband have been backing the magazine personally, without any outside financial help. It is felt that this kind of a magazine fills a definite need and should be given a chance to survive. An annual budget of \$30,000 to \$40,000 would enable the publishers to make a first rate magazine out of it.

HR

November 25, 1947

Dear Lessing: I have not been neglecting
your inquiry about the
Circuit Smart Woman. I have gathered some
information and I am now awaiting a talk
with Mrs. Alone Feaman, the present Editor.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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November 25, 1947

Dear Lessing: At the Nashville conference several people expressed interest in a detailed story of the schoolhouse building program. On consulting S. L. Smith, I find that building plans and very extensive pamphlet material about buildings, equipment, beautification of grounds, etc. is available and is currently issued from the Division of Schoolhouse Planning of Peabody College. This clearly gives the information that is needed by anyone in this country or abroad who is contemplating rural school building.

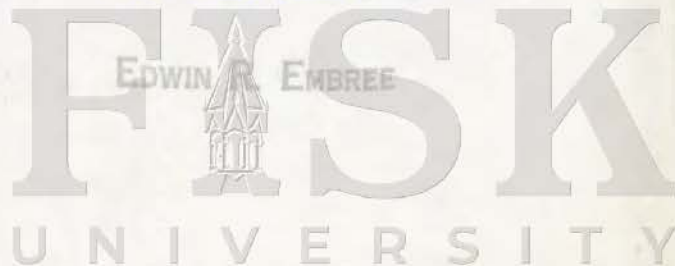
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I have two procedures to suggest: One, we will include in the complete history of the Fund which Miss Waxman is now preparing a number of human interest stories from the school building days. I am sure this is as much as we should try to do in behalf of the Fund. Two. Since Mr. Smith himself is the only one - if any - who could write up these early days, we might give him a commission to do so. Personally, I do not think anything worth printing will come out of it. However, it will do no harm to give it a try. Furthermore, he is now detached from Peabody and is existing on no salary from any source. A commission from us might be a life saver. What would you think of offering him a commission to write up the school building program with an agreement from the Fund to pay him \$2500 a year for a two year period?

Very truly yours,

ERE:NL

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania



Rosenwald,
Lessing

November 26, 1947

Dear Lessing: I have had a long talk with Mrs. Alone Feaman, Editor and Publisher of Smart Woman, 4729 South State Street, Chicago. I have been seeing copies of this publication since it first came out about three years ago. It is very well edited and published. And contrary to most Negro publications, is entirely dignified in tone and make-up. The publication has been essentially a one man effort of Mrs. Feaman. She has furnished the initiative, has managed the whole enterprise and has provided such financing as has been available. She tells me that she has put about \$40,000 of her own money into the publication.

Mrs. Feaman is at the end of her resources. She thinks an investment of \$40,000 would carry the magazine for another year (the printing and distributing costs are about \$4,000 per month). Mr. Thomas Beck, on the other hand, estimates that not less than \$30,000 will be needed to carry the magazine until it can hope to be self-supporting.

I do not have enough publishing knowledge to give any useful appraisal of the chance of ultimate success. I personally question the desirability of multiplying of magazines aimed especially at Negroes or any other group in the American population. However, Mrs. Feaman makes the point that Negroes have special problems in care of skin and hair and to some extent in clothes and house-keeping. My own opinion is bearish as to the probable success of such a venture, but I have been wrong in such estimates before. For example; I was sure that John Johnson would not succeed with Negro Digest and Ebony. Yet both these magazines have turned out to be brilliant successes, financially as well as in other ways.

Mrs. Feaman is certainly a responsible woman and I imagine a very able one. As you may know, she is the sister of the wife of Robert Taylor, a man who has for years managed the Rosenwald Apartment Building and is Chairman of the Chicago Housing Authority. However, Robert Taylor is in no way concerned with this magazine. Mrs. Feaman tells me she has not even talked about it

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Mr. Lessing Rosenwald

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with him, fearing his "commercialism." All in all, this is a highly personal venture depending almost entirely on the ideas and enthusiasm of one woman. That is an asset if the one is a genius. But it makes it impossible for me to give more than the sketchy account I have written above. I have talked with several people in the South Side community, but none of them can offer much more than I have written.

I have recently had a letter from Mr. Beck. I am writing him that support to such a publication falls clear outside the scope of the Foundation, but that at your request I was sending this note to you. Is there anything more you want me to do in the matter?

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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LESSING J. ROSENWALD
JENKINTOWN, PA.

December 1, 1947

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Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

Dear Edwin:

Thank you very much for your letter of November 26th, regarding Mrs. Alone Feaman and her magazine, Smart Woman, which I am forwarding to Mr. Beck.

I appreciate your obtaining this information, and all the trouble you have gone to in securing it.

Kindest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Lessing

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December
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Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

I have your letter of December 1st enclosing Mr. Embree's letter, which I read with keen interest.

I am sorry that we cannot go further with the matter because I have a hunch that with more capital Mrs. Feaman can make a real success of the magazine.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Tom Beck

Thomas H. Beck

Mr. ~~Lessing~~ Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pa.

LESSING J. ROSENWALD
JENKINTOWN, PA.

December 14, 1947

Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Edwin:

All of us were delighted by the Fund's contribution to the Committee for the Nation's Health. This, of course, includes the Laskers.

I hope that right after the first of the year the Fund will give really serious consideration to a similar grant for the Citizens Committee on Displaced Persons. This endeavor falls so completely in line with the Fund's Inter-Race Relations work that I feel you should decide on favorable action regarding a contribution to it. I know of no project wherein the three faiths - Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish - have worked together so wholeheartedly as they have on this. I know of nothing which would create better co-operation among the three faiths than the fulfillment of their objective in the passage of adequate immigration legislation through Congress.

Above all, I ask that the Executive Committee will not turn this request down definitely without giving me an opportunity of presenting the whole picture to the Trustees, and to answer any questions they may raise. I do this because of my intense interest in this project, and because I feel that the Fund is uniquely placed to render this service in contrast with all other Foundations.

Edith joins me in sending kindest regards and the Compliments of the Season to you and to Mrs. Embree.

Sincerely yours,

Lessing

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