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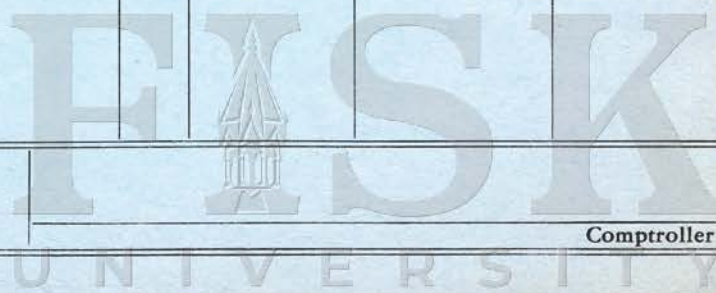
FELLOWSHIPS

Journal Voucher No. 3265

Date October 13, 1947

Explanation	Appropriation No.	Debit	Credit
White Southern Fellowships	44-13A	\$1,800.00	
Negro Fellowships	44-13		\$1,800.00
Grant to <u>John H. Becker, Jr.</u> awarded in April 1945 allowed to revert to free funds.			
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Negro Fellowships	44-13	\$825.00	
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To adjust charge on payments to Alma Forrest Polk.			

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Comptroller

FELLOWSHIPS

July 8, 1947

Dear Mr. Becker: I have been reading through your file of correspondence and have discovered that there has been no reply to Mr. Haygood's letter of a year ago inquiring about your plans for use of the fellowship awarded to you in April 1945. That letter was mailed to you at the Regional Committee for M.V.A. in Omaha, Nebraska.

As you may know, the Rosenwald Fund has been spending capital as well as income annually. Within the coming year, we shall have spent all of our resources and will close. For this reason, it is essential that we clear our books of all unused appropriations, and in the case of previous fellowship funds the Committee has set a deadline of October 1, 1947. All unused funds on hand on that date will be allowed to lapse. If you have plans which will enable you to use your fellowship within the next few months, please write me promptly.

Very truly yours,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:LCM

Mr. (John H.) Becker, Jr.
28 Arundel Place
Clayton, Missouri

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June 11, 1946

Dear Mr. Becker: I have recently returned from three years with the Army and have been trying to catch up on the fellowship appointments made during my absence. In reading your folder this morning, I notice that on June 7, 1945 you wrote to Mrs. Haygood asking that your fellowship payments be delayed for a few months. I am wondering how your plans have developed since then, and if you see your way clear to take up the fellowship in the near future. I am not attempting to dun you with this letter, but as you probably know, the Rosenwald Fund hasn't many years longer to live, and our Trustees would like to see all appropriated funds put to productive uses as speedily as possible.

May I hear from you soon?

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM C. HAYGOOD

WCH:RFL

Mr. ~~Jack~~ Becker
Regional Committee for MVA
278 Aquila Court Building
Omaha 2, Nebraska

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FELLOWSHIPS

June 7, 1945

Dear Mr. Becker: I am glad to know that you expect to take up your fellowship within a few months, and we will be glad to hold the funds for you until you have completed your important work with the Missouri Valley Authority. The job which you have taken is certainly an important one, and I wish you success.

I will be glad to hear from you from time to time concerning your activities.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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Regional Committee for MVA
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Telephone: Atlantic 8368
278 Aquila Court Bldg.
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May 28, 1945.

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Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director of Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in following my wire of May 16 with this letter.

I hope that you understand my present position. I am unable to accept the fellowship at this time because I am reluctant to leave the MVA drive when it needs all possible help - particularly the help of one of the small number of people working on it here in the valley over recent months.

This does not mean I'm giving up the fellowship. Providing that you and other members of the Rosenwald Fund fellowship committee say the arrangement is satisfactory, I would just like to delay starting on it for a few months.

Is this possible?

Regards,

Jack Becker
Jack Becker.

FELLOWSHIPS

May 8, 1945

Dear Mr. Becker: I have seen the recent correspondence which you have had with Mrs. Haygood in connection with the fellowship grant awarded to you a short time ago. It is customary for us to make payment in monthly installments spread over the period for which the award was made, but if you prefer another plan, feel quite free to suggest it.

When you are ready to begin work under your grant, please write me, giving the payment plan best suited to your needs, and the address to which your checks should be mailed. Any change of address during the tenure of your fellowship should be reported immediately so that you will receive your payments promptly. We should also be advised of any change in your draft status.

Fellowship funds, because they are a gift and not compensation for services, are not taxable under the Federal income tax law. You need not report the amount received on your tax return.

Yours very truly,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:ejj

Mr. Jack Becker
MVA
234 Paul Brown Building
Saint Louis 1, Missouri

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May 4, 1945.

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Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

Thanks for the good news on the fellowship.
I accept the grant and look forward to beginning on the project.

I'm not sure just when I'll be able to start,
but should know within a few weeks. In all probability I'll begin in mid-Summer.

I'm sorry not to have replied sooner. However,
I've been out in the state on MVA and didn't return to St. Louis until yesterday,

Cordially,

Jack Becker
Jack Becker.

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March 12, 1945

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Julius Rosenwald Fund
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago 15, Ill.

FELLOWSHIPS

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

I wanted you to know of developments in my situation over the past couple of months.

As the FEPC appointment was slow in coming through, I took a position with the St. Louis Committee for MVA at the time of its organization January 10. When our executive secretary went into the service, I took over his work. Just now, as you can imagine, we are up to our ears in activity. This includes stepping-up of the local drive and organization of a state-wide MVA committee.

Although the FEPC appointment finally cleared February 17, I felt that my obligations here were such that I could not accept the position at the moment. You will understand that this did not indicate a slackening of interest in working with FEPC, but, rather, an unwillingness to leave the MVA job half-done.

I have been assured by FEPC that my chances for a job with them are good, providing, of course, that Congress does not slash the 1946 budget request too badly.

I hope that my proposed Rosenwald project will be approved. (Incidentally, I have never heard from Dr. Robert Weaver on the American Council's opinion on such a project. I assume that you have been in touch with him on this.)

From the look of things, I should be through here sometime in May. Please let me know the latest developments.

With best regards,

John H. Becker Jr.
John H. Becker Jr.

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January 2, 1944

Mrs. William C. Haygood,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

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Dear Mrs. Haygood:

Here is the statement of my project, as revised following our conversation in Washington December 19.

I have sent copies of the statement to George Weaver and to Dr. Robert Weaver.

If the project is approved and the fellowship granted, is there a possibility that I could begin work in April or early May?

Yours very truly,

Jack Becker
Jack Becker

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Clayton, Mo.

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December 16, 1944

Mr. Jack Becker
New York City

Mrs. Haygood not going directly New York. Will be at Statler in Washington December 18-22. Will be glad have you get in touch with her there.

Ruth M. Rosegrant



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MRS RUTH M ROSEGRAAT,

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WILL MRS HAYGOOD ARRIVE NEW YORK DECEMBER 18? WOULD DELAY LEAVING
IF POSSIBLE. SEE HER DECEMBER 19 OR 20.

JACK BECKER

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December 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Becker: Mrs. Haygood is out of town at present, but I am writing to give you the information I have about her plans. She intends to leave Chicago on December 17, the day on which you will apparently arrive in the city. I know she will be sorry to miss you both in Chicago and in New York as appears to be the case.

If you are going back to New York after January 3, which is when Mrs. Haygood returns to Chicago, perhaps you can stop in at that time to talk to her. In such a case I am sure she would be willing to extend the deadline for receiving an application from you. I hope that it will yet be possible to arrange a meeting.

Sincerely yours,

RUTH M. ROSSGRANT

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Fellowship Secretary

Mr. Jack Becker
226 East 11th Street
New York, New York

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December 6, 1944

Dear Mrs. Haygood:

I expect to be in St. Louis during your visit to New York and so will be unable to have a discussion with you here about my plans for a project.

However, as this is a talk I am anxious to have, I would stop for a day in Chicago if you are going to be there at the time I am traveling West. I also want to look into possibilities of an opening with the American Council on Race Relations.

Will you, for instance, be in Chicago in the three-day period, December 17 through 19?

Looking forward to meeting you,

Yours,

Jack Becker.

Jack Becker
226 West 11th Street
New York City.

FELLOWSHIPS

November 29, 1944

Dear Mr. Becker: Since Doctor Alexander will be out of the city for some days, your letter has been referred to me for reply. I am enclosing a set of application forms. As you will note, they should be submitted to this office by January 1, 1945.

Candidates in the field of race relations can work either in a university for an academic degree or in an "internship" in actual community work, preferably with the cooperation of a recognized agency in the field of race relations - e.g. the Urban League or a civic committee against racial discrimination.

I am sure that at Chicago, Harvard, or Columbia you could use a field work study as the subject of your Master's thesis. There would, however, be requirements in regard to courses and comprehensive examinations in addition.

I will be in New York from December 21 to January 2 and perhaps we could have a talk about your plans at that time, though you will probably have your project fully outlined by then.

Will you drop me a note letting me know if you will be in the city during the holidays and how I can best get in touch with you?

Sincerely yours,

VANDI V. HAYGOOD

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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Mr. Jack Becker
226 West 11th Street
New York, New York

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November 19, 1944

Dear Dr. Alexander:

I am interested in applying for a Rosenwald Fellowship and would appreciate it if you would send me any application form or forms that I should submit.

I was employed from April through November 9 of this year by the CIO Political Action Committee. From June until the termination of my employment because of a cut in the size of the PAC national staff, I handled the committee's relations with the Negro press.

I have several projects in mind. The one in which I am particularly interested is a study of community action toward better race relations. This would involve a certain amount of field work.

Perhaps you can advise me whether universities such as Columbia, Chicago and Harvard would award a master's degree for such a study, which - as I conceive of it - would be more a field job than a classroom and library project. (Classroom and library would enter into the picture mainly in the first part of the study, when I would seek general background and undertake research into the history of community action (or inaction) in race relations in the United States.) Are there universities other than Columbia, Chicago and Harvard that would be better for this kind of project?

Another study which I have in mind would be of the role of the press in improving race relations in the United States. Such a study would not be confined to the daily press, but would also include the Negro and labor presses.

Yours very truly,

Jack Becker

Jack Becker
226 West 11th Street
New York City.

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate **Mr. John Harrison Becker, Jr.**

Report Requested of **Mr. George L. P. Weaver**
 CIO
 718 Jackson Place, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

We shall appreciate your frank opinion of this applicant's qualifications and an appraisal of his plan of work and of his ability to make a noteworthy contribution in his field. Since it is impossible to consider the applicant's qualifications until all of the references are in, a prompt reply will be appreciated.

We request candid and critical comment. Your reply will be held in strict confidence.

William C. Haygood
Mrs. William C. Haygood
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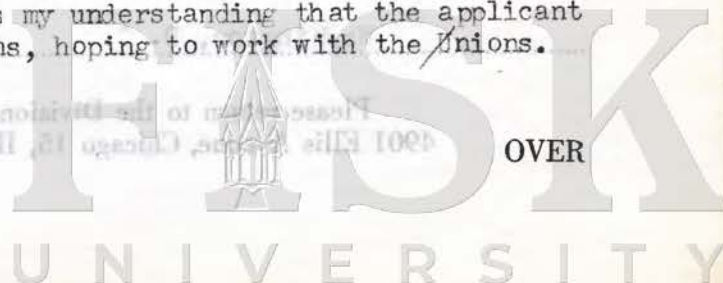
REPORT

The above-named candidate is, in my opinion, capable of doing an excellent job in the field outlined in his proposed work plan. His activities with the CIO consisted of working very closely with the Negro press and labor papers, in addition to writing and editing some excellent magazine articles and radio script. He impressed me as being very intelligent, industrious and reliable, with a good understanding of the employment problems of minority groups.

I believe that a project of the nature described in his work plan would be significant in the stimulation of educational activities in the field of race relations on a local level. The experience he will gain in this project, combined with his past experience in labor relations and public relations, will make him a far more valuable person in the future. It is my understanding that the applicant plans a career in the field of racial relations, hoping to work with the Unions.

I would recommend him very highly.

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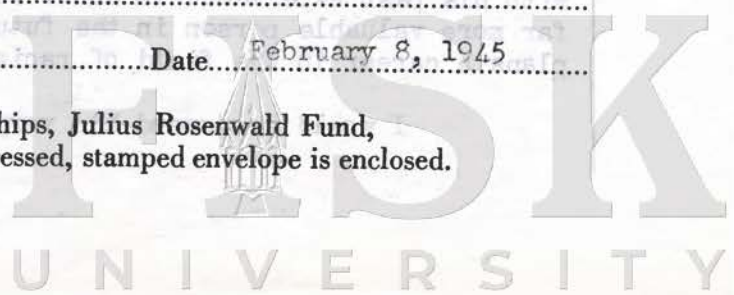
Signed..... *George L. P. Weaver*

Position or Title..... Director of National CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination

Address..... 718 Jackson Place, N. W.

Washington, D. C. Date..... February 8, 1945

Please return to the Division for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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Name of Candidate Mr. John Harrison Becker, Jr.

Report Requested of Mr. Henry Lee Moon
205 East 42nd Street
New York, New York

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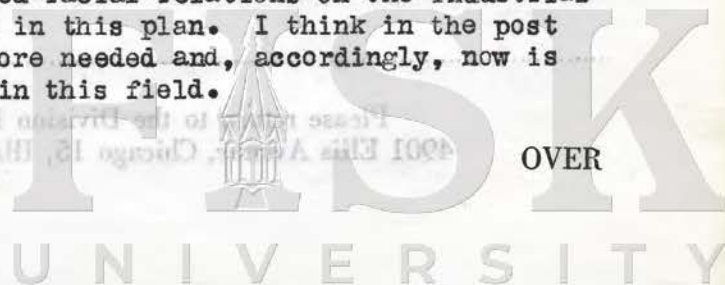
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Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

REPORT

During the period the applicant was associated with me on the staff of the CIO PAC, I had opportunity to observe his work and to become acquainted with his personality. I believe him to be a person of intelligence, sincerity, and integrity. He was a dependable and competent worker on the publicity staff of our organization. His responsibility was to gather material and prepare releases for 250 Negro newspapers. His experience in this field aroused intelligent interest in racial relations and led him to the conclusion that this was a field in which he would like to work and to which he could make a contribution.

His proposed plan of work strikes me as a project worthy of assistance from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The complicated racial relations on the industrial front need the services which he proposes in this plan. I think in the post war period, these services will be even more needed and, accordingly, now is a good time to prepare personnel to work in this field.



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The project as proposed by the applicant seems to be ambitious and I am inclined to think may require more than a single year to obtain full results. Nevertheless, I believe that the applicant should be approved and, moreover, that other applicants in the same field should be encouraged through grants from the Rosenwald Fund.

I recommend approval of the applicant and his project.

Mr. John Harrison Becker, Jr. Name of Candidate

Mr. Henry Lee Moon Report Requested of
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Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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Yes

Signed Henry Lee Moon

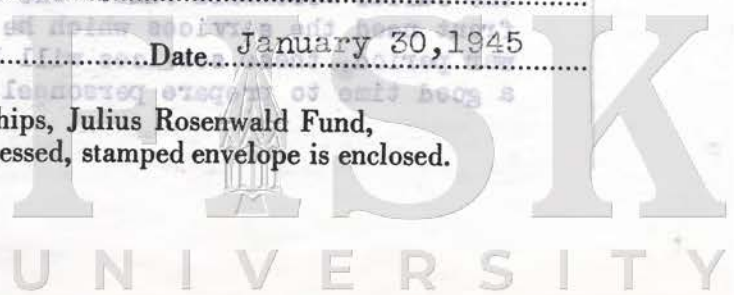
Position or Title Assistant to the Chairman, CIO Political Action Committee

Address 205 East 42nd Street, New York 17, N.Y.

Date January 30, 1945

Please return to the Division for Fellowships, Julius Rosenwald Fund, 4901 Ellis Avenue, Chicago 15, Illinois. Addressed, stamped envelope is enclosed.

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Name of Candidate Mr. John Harrison Becker, Jr.
Report Requested of Mr. Clark Foreman
 205 East 42nd Street
 New York, New York

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Wanda V. Haygood
Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

REPORT

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Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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Signed Clark Foreman

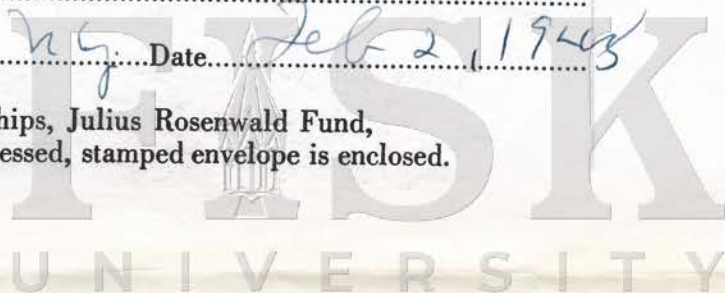
Position or Title Secretary, N.C.P.A.-C.

Address 205 E 42 St

New York N.Y. Date Feb 2, 1943

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Report Requested of *Frederick*
 Mr. Palmer Weber
 205 East 42nd Street
 New York, New York

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William C. Haygood
Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

REPORT I have known Jack Becker for the past year. He was a valued member of C.I.O. P.A.C.'s public relations staff and handled most competently our work with the Negro press. Jack is a man of real energy, utterly devoted to his work. He has personal integrity, an excellent mind, and is able to maintain smooth working relationships with all kinds of people. I would recommend him to you in the highest possible manner.

This plan of work is a logical outgrowth of his year's work here at P.A.C. We are of the opinion that the Fund would be doing a valuable service to the labor movement and the community in general if several persons, not just ^{OVER} Becker, could pursue such a plan of work, particularly since the Negro community is primarily labor and its future is in labor.

JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND
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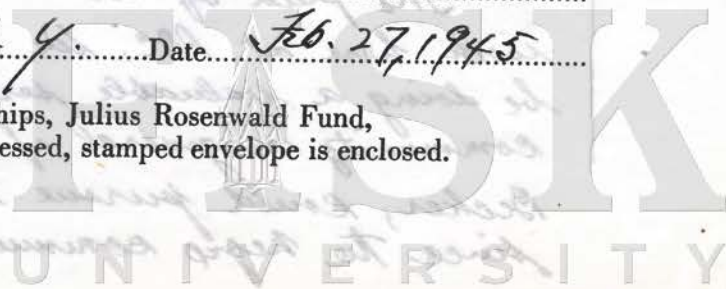
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Acting Director for Fellowships

Is the candidate free from personality handicaps which would make it difficult to obtain and hold a position giving him opportunity to utilize his abilities?

None.

Signed..... Frederick Palmer Weber
Position or Title..... Associate Director, Research Dept. CIO. P.A.C.
Address..... 205 E. 42nd St.
New York City, N. Y. Date..... Feb. 27, 1945

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Confidential Report on Candidate for Fellowship

Name of Candidate **Mr. John Harrison Becker, Jr.**

Report Requested of **Mr. C. B. Baldwin**
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 New York, New York

The above-named candidate has applied to this Fund for a fellowship and has given your name as a reference. The candidate's plan of work is attached. Please return it with your statement.

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William C. Haygood
Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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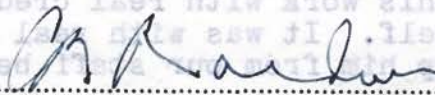
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Signed



Position or Title Assistant Chairman, CIO Political Action Committee

Address 205 East 42nd Street, New York, N.Y.

Date March 6, 1945

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John H. Becker Jr.
28 Arundel Place
Clayton, Missouri

*Read to
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SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT
to
JULIUS ROSENWALD FELLOWSHIP APPLICATION

I

Prior to coming with the CIO Political Action Committee in April, 1944, the applicant had no experience in the organized labor movement or in race relations.

He graduated with an A.B. degree from Amherst College in June, 1940. At Amherst, where he was a Lord Jeffery Amherst scholar (fulltuition scholarship) for four years, he took a liberal arts course, majoring in English. He was active on the Amherst Student, undergraduate newspaper, and on the Student Council.

He worked at Radio Station KWK, St. Louis, during the 1940 election campaign. There he wrote news broadcasts and edited United Press dispatches coming in over the wire.

He worked from December, 1940, to April, 1944, in the personnel department of the C. Hager & Sons Hinge Manufacturing Company in St. Louis. His position was that of assistant to the manager of personnel and labor relations.

The applicant became associated with PAC last Spring because he wanted to actively participate in what he then considered (and still considers) the most progressive movement in the United States since the organization of CIO.

In June, he was assigned to work under the direction of Mr. Ping Ferry and with the advice and guidance of Mr. Henry Lee Moon in the field of publicity directed primarily at Negro voters. In this capacity, he issued weekly news releases and a weekly mat service to the Negro press. He planned and set up a series of publicity photographs that were widely used in the Negro press. He wrote and edited occasional magazine articles and a radio script. He contributed ideas and copy to the production of two fliers and edited a "Reelect Roosevelt" statement by Dr. Channing H. Tobias for use on another flier.

The applicant is experienced at putting out newspapers and working in print shops. He knows public relations techniques. He knows how to organize public meetings and is himself a capable public speaker. He has a good basic understanding of race relations issues.

The important thing so far as he is concerned, the reason he applies for a Julius Rosenwald fellowship, is to prepare himself for future work in race relations. He knows there is no field more in need of additional workers, particularly workers who are young, hard-working and reasonably intelligent, and who want to get into this work and stay in it. He proposes a project that he believes will give him a maximum of practical experience

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Clayton, Missouri

II

Occasional epileptic attacks during the applicant's college years resulted in his rejection by Selective Service in April, 1942. His condition was classified as "epilepsy petit mal". The attacks were several months apart and generally of so mild a nature as not to be discernible to persons in whose company he was at the time of attack. To completely eliminate this condition, he changed doctors in the Winter of 1942-43. Under the care of Dr. Sidney I. Schwab, attacks became increasingly infrequent and, later, stopped altogether. There have been none in the past year.

Dr. Sidney I. Schwab, Beaumont Medical Bldg., St. Louis, Mo., will corroborate this statement.

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Name John Harrison Becker, Jr.
28 Arundel Place, Clayton, Missouri

Field: Race Relations

Plan of Work

Work with the American Council on Race Relations and the CIO National Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination to provide the applicant with a basic understanding of methods of handling race relations problems and to enable him to gain practical experience in the use of these methods.

Requests grant for one year.

Personal Data Born St. Louis, Missouri, April, 1918.
Single.

Age: 27
Draft Status: 4F

Undergraduate Work Amherst College, A.B., 1940.

Graduate Work

Experience Newscast writer, Radio Station KWK, Hotel Chase, St. Louis, September-November, 1940; assistant to personnel manager, C. Hager & Sons, Hinge Manufacturing Company, St. Louis, Missouri, 1940-44, \$2720; member, public relations staff, CIO Political Action Committee, 205 East 42nd Street, New York City, 1944.

Accomplishments Jeffery Amherst scholarship, Amherst College, 1936-40, full tuition (\$400), renewed each year.

References

C. B. Baldwin, CIO PAC, New York City
Henry Lee Moon, " " " " "
Palmer Weber, " " " " "
Clark Foreman, " " " " "
George L-P Weaver, Washington, D. C.

Budget Summary

Total Amount Needed \$2,225
From Applicant -
From Fund \$2,225

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Clayton, Missouri.

STATEMENT OF PLAN OF WORK

To prepare himself for future work in race relations, the applicant proposes to work for one year under the joint direction of the American Council on Race Relations and the CIO National Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination.

During this year he would be assigned to work that would provide him with the basic background and practical experience essential for continued service in this field. He would be afforded an opportunity to learn and apply methods of adjusting race relations problems as well as to undertake educational projects with CIO groups and with community committees on race relations.

For the first few months of the project the applicant would work at the American Council on Race Relations. He would gain a fundamental understanding of the American Council's operations and of the activities of community committees. He would receive instruction in the field operations and public relations aspects of race relations work. When he had acquired a certain grasp of field work methods, he would accompany field workers, either from the American Council or from the Mayor's Committee on Race Relations, in operations in the Chicago district.

Meanwhile he would be introduced through the CIO National Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination to CIO race relations activity in Chicago. This introduction would take the form of working closely with the local committee, which would provide instruction in adjusting cases falling within its province and in carrying on educational activity among the CIO membership. He would observe the educational activity of internationals with headquarters in Chicago and of local unions in this area.

As soon as the CIO National Committee regarded him as qualified to actively participate in this work, the applicant's status -- as with the American Council -- would more or less shift from that of interne to that of field representative. He would for a time carry on field work in the Chicago area.

In time he would be assigned by the American Council to work with a community race relations committee (in another city) that either specifically requested or agreed to accept the aid of an American Council representative. The assignment would be of a nature that would enable the applicant to devote part of his time to working with CIO groups in the area.

Work with the community committee would depend on several factors, foremost of which would be whether the applicant was assigned definite work or given a certain amount of opportunity to work out his own ideas. It also would depend upon the kind of activity the

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committee was carrying on and where the applicant's abilities could best be utilized. It might take the form of helping in a community program of race relations education. It might consist in part of helping the committee adjust a case or smooth out a delicate situation.

The applicant would be particularly interested in aiding a community committee in enlisting the active participation of all groups in the community in race relations educational work.

Possibly many of these groups already would be active. However, it is likely that some would be less so and that the ones already active could be stimulated to greater activity. The applicant has in mind groups such as the press, trade unions, churches, schools and colleges, minority race and inter-racial groups, businessmen's organizations, fraternal societies, etc.

(The applicant has definite plans along these lines. He does not go into them here because, 1) in all likelihood, he would be assigned to a particular job by the community committee and would not have time to put these ideas into practice; and 2) further exposition of the plans -- indicating the educational activity each group might undertake and the part the applicant might play -- would take several pages.)

In his work with CIO groups in the community, the applicant would represent the National Committee and probably would have more independence of action than in his operations with the community committee. Also, while work with the latter might be part educational and part aiding in the adjustment of local race relation problems, his CIO activity would be primarily educational.

He would work with the local Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination, the Industrial Union Council and international offices on a program of community-wide union activity in race relations. Also, and this is probably more important, he would help local union officers and shop stewards educate their members to take a militant stand in the fight against prejudice and bigotry.

The applicant would help editors of local union papers interest their readers in national race relations issues (such as legislation for a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee) and popularize CIO policy on these issues and on discrimination generally. He would help the local labor press integrate, without regard to race or color, news of union members in its columns and encourage them to make frequent use of photographs of members of different races and colors in joint activity.

As the applicant is experienced at putting out newspapers of the size of most local union papers, he would help with the writing of articles, rewriting, make-up and the setting-up of publicity photographs fostering better race relations.

He would help with other publicity material, such as leaflets and handbills. If the local had radio time or would take radio time, he would prepare an anti-discrimination program. For such a program,

he would help in the preparation of a speech or speeches. The applicant is capable of writing and producing a program that will provide entertainment as well as education.

The placing of government and CIO anti-discrimination posters and placards in the union halls and, with the approval of management, in the factories would be another part of the project.

He would work with the local union officers in planning that the local include on its program for each meeting a speech or discussion on some race relations issue, whether it be CIO policy on discrimination, legislation establishing a permanent FEPC or abolishing the poll tax, or action on local issues. Resolutions should be passed, petitions signed.

In addition to the regular meetings, there should be special conferences and forums on these and related problems. Informal gatherings (perhaps at one brother's home) for discussion of national issues and of the factors underlying local race relations problems would be organized by the applicant.

He could institute a series of classes or lectures on discrimination. The classes would be conducted by an officer of the union or by the applicant and might feature guest lecturers -- local authorities on the subjects of discussion.

In connection with all publicity and all meetings, political action would be stressed. The applicant would help direct organization for handbill distribution and doorbell ringing. Workers must urge their Congressmen to support the permanent FEPC; they must call upon community officials to oppose Jim Crow residential regulations or to adopt legislation assuring negro school children of as good public education facilities as white children.

After he had been active in this community for some while, perhaps the American Council and the National Committee would assign the applicant to work in another community. In determining this, they would take into consideration such factors as how far advanced he was in his work in the community, where he could be more useful and where he could gain more experience for future work in race relations.

Wherever he worked, he would represent the American Council in activity with community committees and the National Committee in his work with CIO groups.

During his activity in the field, monthly reports would go to both supervisory organizations. Upon the completion of his fellowship year, he would submit to the Julius Rosenwald Fund and to the two organizations a complete and detailed report. The report would cover the race relations activity of community and CIO organizations and other groups in the communities in which the applicant worked, and the applicant's own operations in these communities.

The applicant believes a project of this nature would be significant both in its stimulation of educational activity on the local level and in giving him valuable experience in race relations field

work. To his past experience in labor relations, public relations and educational techniques, he would add the basic, practical experience that is necessary for future service with government fair employment practice agencies, CIO groups and community committees for better race relations.

This is the kind of career the applicant plans. After completion of the kind of project he has outlined, he would work with FEPC, with a state or local body fighting discrimination or with a CIO union. He would work (just as in the proposed project) wherever he could be most useful.

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AMHERST, MASSACHUSETTS

This is to certify that John Harrison Becker, Jr. *attended*
Amherst College from September 1936 to June 1940 *and has credit on our*
records as follows:

ENTRANCE CREDITS

<p>Biology</p> <p>Chemistry</p> <p>English 1,2</p> <p>French A,B</p> <p>German</p>	<p>Greek</p> <p>History D</p> <p>Latin 1,2</p> <p>Mathematics A1,C</p> <p>Physics</p>	<p>Spanish</p> <p>General Science 2 points</p> <p>Social Studies</p>
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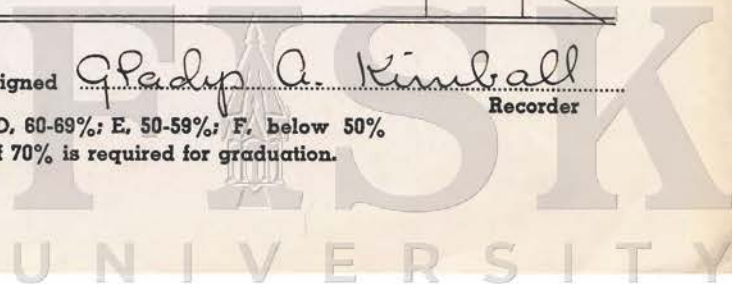
COLLEGE RECORD

COURSE	Grade	Sem. hrs. credit	COURSE	Grade	Sem. hrs. credit
<u>1936-1937</u>			<u>1938-1939</u>		
English A	A	6	English 3	A	6
French 3	B	6	English 13	B	6
German 1	B	6	French 7	B	6
History 1	B	6	Music 1	B	6
Man & His Environment	B	6	Philosophy 1	B	6
Physical Education	Pass	---			
Public Speaking 1	B	2	<u>1939-1940</u>		
<u>1937-1938</u>			English 8	C	6
Economics 1	C	6	English 9	B	6
English 2	B	6	Fine Arts 1	A	6
French 4	C	6	Music 5	B	6
Physical Education	Pass	---	Political Science 7	B	6
Political Science 1	C	6	Credit from Washington University Summer Session (1938) for one year-course in Psychology.		
Religion 1	Dropped		Mr. Becker was awarded the degree Bachelor of Arts, cum laude, June 16, 1940.		

Date December 7, 1944

Signed Gladys A. Kimball
Recorder

Note: A indicates 90-100%; B, 80-89%; C, 70-79%; D, 60-69%; E, 50-59%; F, below 50%.
 The passing mark is 60%. An average grade of 70% is required for graduation.



LETTERS OF REFERENCE

John Harrison Becker, Jr.

Mr. George L-P Weaver, Director of National CIO Committee to Abolish Racial Discrimination, Washington

The above-named candidate is, in my opinion, capable of doing an excellent job in the field outlined in his proposed work plan. His activities with the CIO consisted of working very closely with the Negro press and labor papers, in addition to writing and editing some excellent magazine articles and radio script. He impressed me as being very intelligent, industrious and reliable, with a good understanding of the employment problems of minority groups.

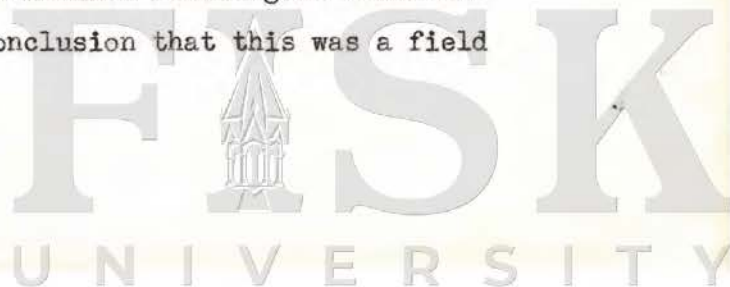
I believe that a project of the nature described in his work plan would be significant in the stimulation of educational activities in the field of race relations on a local level. The experience he will gain in this project, combined with his past experience in labor relations and public relations, will make him a far more valuable person in the future. It is my understanding that the applicant plans a career in the field of racial relations, hoping to work with the unions.

I would recommend him very highly.

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Mr. Henry Lee Moon, Assistant to the Chairman, CIO Political Action Committee

During the period the applicant was associated with me on the staff of the CIO PAC, I had opportunity to observe his work and to become acquainted with his personality. I believe him to be a person of intelligence, sincerity, and integrity. He was a dependable and competent worker on the publicity staff of our organization. His responsibility was to gather material and prepare releases for 250 Negro newspapers. His experience in this field aroused intelligent interest in racial relations and led him to the conclusion that this was a field in which he could make a contribution.



His proposed plan of work strikes me as a project worthy of assistance from the Julius Rosenwald Fund. The complicated racial relations on the industrial front need the services which he proposes in this plan. I think in the post war period these services will be even more needed and, accordingly, now is a good time to prepare personnel to work in this field.

The project as proposed by the applicant seems to be ambitious and I am inclined to think may require more than a single year to obtain full results. Nevertheless, I believe that the applicant should be approved and, moreover, that other applicants in the same field should be encouraged through grants from the Rosenwald Fund.

I recommend approval of the applicant and his project.

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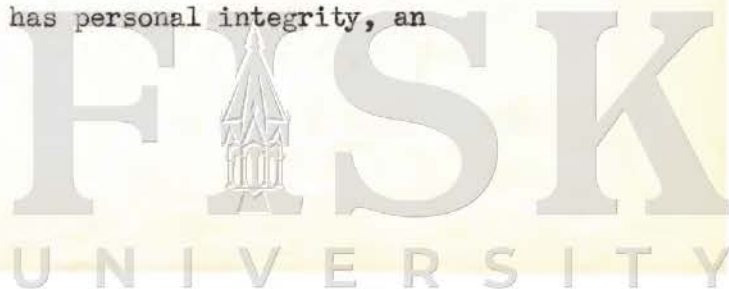
Mr. Clark Foreman, Secretary, National Committee PAC

My acquaintance with Mr. John Harrison Becker over the past few months at the CIO Political Action Committee has led me to be quite impressed with his ability, and I hope that he will receive a Rosenwald fellowship. The program which he has outlined seems to me to have real promise, and I believe that he has the ability to make it successful.

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Mr. Frederick Palmer Weber, Associate Director, Research Department CIO PAC

I have known Jack Becker for the past year. He was a valued member of CIO PAC's public relations staff and handled most competently our work with the Negro press. Jack is a man of real energy, utterly devoted to his work. He has personal integrity, an



excellent mind, and is able to maintain smooth working relationships with all kinds of people. I would recommend him to you in the highest possible manner.

His plan of work is a logical outgrowth of his year's work here at PAC. We are of the opinion that the Fund would be doing a valuable service to the labor movement and the community in general if several persons, not just Becker, could pursue such a plan of work, particularly since the Negro community is primarily labor and its future is in labor.

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May 17, 1945

To Mrs. William C. Haygood

From Jack Becker, St. Louis, Missouri

John
Unable to accept fellowship as I have just been named executive secretary of regional committee on MVA and leave tonight to open offices in Omaha. Expect to be there through rest of year. A letter to follow. Am proud of the award and appreciate your help.

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FELLOWSHIPS

April 25, 1945

Dear Mr. Becker: It is a pleasure to inform you that you have been selected by the Committee on Fellowships of the Julius Rosenwald Fund to receive a grant of One thousand eight hundred dollars (\$1,800) for a twelve-month period to enable you to do race relations field work.

Twelve months

Will you please let us know at once whether or not you can accept the fellowship? An announcement of the Committee's selections will soon be made, and it can include only those from whom acceptances have been received.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. William C. Haygood
Acting Director for Fellowships

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28 Arundel Place
Clayton, Missouri

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