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Exhibit B

NOTES ABOUT THE PRESENT FELLOWS

Southern White Fellows, 1937

Lewis W. Beck, for obvious reasons, has not submitted a report of his work in racial attitudes in Germany. He will return to the United States early in the summer and will teach during the latter half of the summer session at Emory University where it is probable that he will be offered a permanent position.

Gould M. Beech, the young journalist from Montgomery, Alabama, in addition to making an excellent record in his studies at North Carolina, has been writing for various publications on southern problems. The Southern Newspaper Syndicate is carrying his articles which deal keenly and courageously with problems in the southern area.

Benjamin A. Botkin has been working at the Library of Congress during most of the period of his tenure of fellowship. Mr. Botkin's studies have been concerned with the development of regionalism in the South in the 18th and 19th centuries, especially as revealed in the early newspapers and magazines; critical and historical writings, and study in the critical dynamics of literature. He has contributed articles to a number of journals on southern regional folklore.

Harrington C. Brearley, during the past year, has been studying under the direction of the faculty of the London School of Economics and Political Science. In his researches into the nature of race conflict and related fields he has participated in the seminars conducted by Malinowski, Ginsburg, Read, Laski and Mannheim. He is now engaged in

writing for publication a series of articles on race conflict. He will very likely accept the offer of an important post at the George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tennessee.

Ina Corinne Brown has been engaged in the study of the history of racial

attitudes and has fulfilled the requirements for the doctorate at the University of Chicago except the presentation of her thesis, which will be completed within the next few months. She is now in London where she is checking the data for her doctoral dissertation.

L. Paris Brown, the young member of the Mississippi Legislature, completed

two quarters of his fellowship grant and then returned to Mississippi for the winter session of the Legislature. He writes: "We just passed an anti-lynching bill during this session that I know will prove to be of greatest value to the State of Mississippi . . . In my counties my chance in politics is very good and what I have in mind is to prepare for 'bigger' politics and for more efficiency in the field of education." Mr. Brown will return to the University for additional work.

Harmon W. Caldwell, President of the University of Georgia, has had to

postpone entering upon the tenure of his fellowship because of administrative duties, but will avail himself of the grant in the near future.

John Tyler Caldwell at Princeton has been expanding his study of certain

phases of taxation and financial administration in Mississippi. This work has been judged to be of superior quality by his professors in the departments of politics, public finance, and comparative government. Publication and distribution throughout Mississippi of the results of this work have been assured by the Mississippi Tax Commission.

Wirt Armistead Cate's book, Two Soldiers, has been published by the

University of North Carolina Press. In addition to the completion of this book, Mr. Cate has discovered and has been working with some hitherto unknown original material on Sherman and his campaigns and proposes to devote himself to preparing a definitive biography. An objective re-evaluation of General Sherman by a southern author in the light of this new material promises to be a significant contribution.

Lewis Copeland (reported upon with Harry Walker under Negro Fellowships)

James Dombrowski has just started on his study of the influences of industrialization on a typical county of the Appalachian mountains. (In a number of cases, with the approval of the Fellowship Committee, individuals have started work on their fellowships several months after the awards.)

Thomas P. Govan, who is making an historical study of the banking and credit systems of the ante-bellum South, reports that, while he had hoped to find a few fragmentary records relating to the study, he has been able to unearth more than adequate materials for the successful completion of his work. He has been working with original sources at the University of North Carolina and is now in the Manuscript Division of the Library of Congress. Mr. Govan has been appointed to a teaching post at the University of Chattanooga for next year.

Margaret Jarman Hagood, who is working with Dr. Odum at the University of North Carolina, is bringing her special competence in statistics to bear upon social studies, thus helping to bridge the gap in sociological method between individual case studies and the broad sweep of such general surveys as Odum's Southern Regions. In spite of

pressure to help on special tasks, she is holding herself to continuous work on her general report on population increase and vitality of southern people and her intensive study of tenant mothers.

James G. Maddox has been engaged in a study of agricultural economics, especially land tenure, at the London School of Economics.

He has been assisted by the Minister of Agriculture in availing himself of a first-hand approach to the land tenure situation in England. During the next few months he will supplement this study by similar studies in Ireland and Denmark. His thesis, which he has prepared for the doctorate at the University of Wisconsin, deals with land tenure abroad and in the United States. In Denmark Mr. Maddox will be in close contact with Giles Hubert, one of our Negro fellows, who has been making a similar study there.

Ralph E. McGill, of the Atlanta Constitution, is now in Denmark and will later spend several months in England. He is sending home a daily column of experiences and impressions. The newspapers of Atlanta have thus been getting a continuous stream of fresh comment on social practices of a sort very different from those usual in the South. And two prominent southern journalists - Pope and McGill - have been given contacts and experiences that should furnish a broad base for interpreting social problems.

Robert D. Meade has completed a preliminary draft of his biography of Judah P. Benjamin which he is submitting to various scholars for criticism before publication. In the course of his investigation of the life of Benjamin he has been able to find much original and unused material which will be incorporated into his biography.

Mildred R. Mell has successfully completed the requirements for her doctorate at the University of North Carolina. Dr. Odum reports that her dissertation will be a significant contribution to sociological literature.

James Pope of the Atlanta Journal began his studies in England of the relationship of the press to political parties very shortly after his appointment last spring. He sent home reports throughout his stay abroad which were published in a daily column. Upon his return in November he was promoted to the post of Associate Managing Editor of the Journal.

Goodrich Cook White, Dean of the College of Arts of Emory University, has been in the Netherlands since the first of the year. He reports that he is securing adequate material and wholehearted cooperation from the University and Government officers in his study of higher education in that country.

Negro Fellows, 1937

Percy Hayes Baker has been working in the Zoology Department at the University of Michigan. As part of his work he has outlined a small teaching museum to be used in the training of rural school teachers in nature study. Crystal Thompson, Curator of the Museum of the Department of Visual Education at Ann Arbor points out that "the work which Mr. Baker plans to do with his museum and in the use of museum material in the work with rural schools is a field in which there are remarkable opportunities and in which little has been done." She expresses the belief that not only is Mr. Baker capable of pursuing this work successfully but that he "will eventually contribute much to education in general." Other members of the University of Michigan's faculty in zoology speak with enthusiasm of Mr. Baker's work.

Otis Holley Berry in addition to carrying on her vocal study at Fontainebleau, has been given the opportunity to do some solo work in France, which has received very favorable comment.

Ulysses S. Brooks has successfully passed three out of four of the required examinations for his doctorate in chemistry at the University of Chicago, but failed in one field. He is reported by Professor Young to have passed highest of any student in the special field of physical chemistry. Because of his superior record in his major field, by special action he is being allowed to take a re-examination in the remaining field instead of following the usual procedure of being compelled to repeat the entire series of examinations.

Dr. Henry R. Butler, Jr., has been given the status of "guest" of Dr. Donald Hunter of the London Hospital and Medical

College, and thereby has many opportunities and contacts not open to the ordinary graduate students. He has also been following the weekly clinics for diagnosis and treatment of heart diseases conducted by Dr. John Parkinson, specialist and author.

David W. Cannon, Jr., has successfully completed the requirements for his doctor's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University, with the exception of his dissertation. The draft of this dissertation has received the tentative approval of the Advanced School of Education.

Richard A. Carroll, who is doing graduate work in English at the University of Michigan has been making satisfactory progress in his studies.

Horace Cayton, who has been studying the Negro population in Chicago under the direction of Professor Lloyd Warner, has been active in an advisory capacity to various organizations interested in better housing and other problems of direct concern to the Negro community of Chicago.

Schieffelin Claytor, who is associated with Professor Wilder at the University of Michigan in original research in theoretical mathematics, is preparing a significant paper in the field of topology which will be given before the American Mathematical Association.

Authorities in his field state that "he is undoubtedly one of the ablest young mathematicians in America" and "his published work and the results he now announces on 'Locally Planar Continua' go far beyond what has been done here by distinguished mathematicians of the day."

Will Mercer Cook and Sheppard R. Edmonds have only recently started work in their respective fields of French and drama.

Carl M. Hill has successfully completed the requirements for his doctorate in the field of chemistry at Cornell University.

Giles Hubert, who is studying farm organization in Denmark, has acquired an excellent mastery of the Danish language through study in this country and through his previous visit to Denmark. In addition to study of present farm problems, he is compiling a history of the agricultural reform movement in Denmark. He bids fair to make himself a leading authority on Danish agriculture.

Clinton E. Knox has passed his general examinations for the doctorate in the Department of History at Harvard. The following comments have been made by his professors: "The Committee was unanimous in voting to report his examination a distinctly good one." "One of the three best doctoral examinations in the past two years." "Knox seems to be in every respect in the top five per cent of all graduate students I have known."

Hilda Lawson has been making an excellent record in English at Illinois, but failed in her qualifying examination in German last autumn. She was allowed to take a re-examination in this field during the past month and succeeded in passing with some distinction instead of merely "getting by."

James R. Lawson has been continuing his research in infra-red spectroscopy at the University of Michigan. Dr. H. M. Randall, Director of the Physical Laboratories, and the other men under whom Lawson has been working concur in the statement that he is among the best of the graduate students and one of their ablest men.

Booker T. McGraw is successfully completing his residence requirements in Economics at Harvard.

Mary Morton, who came to the University of Chicago to continue a research problem in the department of Education, has shifted her major field to Psychology and has been engaged in adjustments to this change. The quality of her work has been uniformly excellent.

Benjamin A. Quarles is working toward his doctorate in history at the University of Wisconsin. He has completed his examination in his minor field and by June he hopes to complete the remainder of the formal requirements. During the year he has also been accumulating materials for his life of Frederick Douglass.

Frances E. Thompson, who is studying art education in Czechoslovakia, reports satisfactory progress in her studies in museums and libraries. The Minister of Education is cooperating with her in her study by making it possible for her to work directly with teachers colleges and museums.

H. Council Trenholm has completed two additional quarters of work at the University of Chicago toward his doctorate in the field of education. Mr. Trenholm is alternating quarters between the Alabama State Teachers College, where he is president, and the University of Chicago during the tenure of his fellowship.

Preston and Bonita Valien are doing graduate work in Sociology at the University of Wisconsin. Mid-term reports show that Mrs. Valien received a straight A record in her four courses while Mr. Valien received three A's and two B's in his five courses.

Harry Walker and Lewis Copeland. This study in race relations which is being undertaken jointly by a white southerner and a Negro at Durham, North Carolina, is receiving the enthusiastic cooperation of the faculties of both Duke and the University of

North Carolina. Mr. Walker, the Negro fellow, is participating in the seminars both at Duke and at North Carolina, and Mr. Copeland has been invited to teach during the summer session at Duke.

Charles Weir, who is doing advanced work in the fields of nuclear chemistry and quantum mechanics under Robert A. Millikan at the

California Institute of Technology, is making an unusual record. Millikan, who had been skeptical about receiving this student who was unknown to him, writes: "He has just completed a course in atomic physics with me in which I gave him the highest grade. He is far and away the ablest student of his race whom I have ever seen. He is just the kind of man who ought to be given every possibility to develop himself. I want to add, too, that his personality as well as his scholarship is excellent." Similar comment has come from other professors at the California Institute.

Henry S. Wilson is doing significant research at the University of Indiana.

He has found that "by adding chemical agents to limes of poor plasticities the pliability can be raised more than 100 per cent." His research is proving to have very practical application. For example, he finds that lime may also be used as a thermal insulator, and that by the addition of other agents the product may be made waterproof and far less expensive than the present standard insulators. The product also has the advantage of being lighter in weight, comparable in insulating values, and more easily handled than most products of this nature on the market today.