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March 1st, 1944

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald,
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

The American Association for an
International Office for Education is an
organization of individual Americans,
many of them associated with important
national organizations and all of them
active in public life. The group has con-
stituted itself as a Committee to serve
a specific purpose:

To carry on an educational program
all over the country through media, organ-
izations and with individuals so that there
will be a public understanding for, and
sympathy with, the establishment of an
International Office for Education as a
potentially important instrument to promote
mutual understanding and peace among the
peoples of the world.

This Association is operating
primarily in the field of the general lay
public. There are a number of groups work-
ing towards the same end within the educa-
tional, pedagogical fields. Their purpose
is to enlist general support for the pro-
posal, but that purpose is supplementary to
enlisting the thinking and the collaboration
and participation of educators. Those groups
know of and, in the main, approve of this
Committee which has primarily a different
function, namely, to have the average
American support this enterprise. It is
generally felt that the usefulness of an
International Office for Education would
be immeasurably greater if its purposes and
procedures were known to the broad public.
So long as education is the prerogative
of professional educators only, its wider
meaning and value are reduced.

Specifically, the American Association

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is laboring towards a pledge on the part of our government to participate officially in such an International Office. Towards that end, support will be secured for such congressional resolutions as may be necessary to put the United States on record in favor of the establishment of an International Office for Education.

The Association has not ventured to develop any plan for the specific structure or activities of an International Office for Education. Such a structure and such activities will be determined by the accredited representations of the various governments delegated to establish an International Office for Education.

The purpose of the American Association is purely educational in order to bring about public support for our Government's participation in an International Office for Education.

Once the establishment of an International Office for Education is secured, the function of this Association may well be ended. At the present time, it is contemplated that the Association will disband. In any event, the question of its continuance will be dealt with in due time and will depend entirely upon the need for sustaining public interest in an International Office for Education.

The Association consists of its members and officers as listed. Individual Americans are invited to support this enterprise by joining as sponsors and by contributing to the cost of the educational campaign.

The work of the Association is to spread a knowledge of the objectives through all of the normal channels of public media and organizational institutions. A systematic effort is being made to advocate the establishment of an International Office for Education through press and radio and by enlisting the endorsements and pledges of support from leaders of American public opinion and from individual Americans through their civic, religious, commercial, labor and other normal forms of organization.

To help in its program, the Association is issuing an International Office for Education bulletin and will, as the occasion offers, produce and disseminate other literature on the subject.

An estimate of budgetary needs indicates that this effort can be carried on at a cost of, minimally, \$3,000. a month and up to \$4,000. a month. Since the budget is small and the activity is not expected to be permanent in character, it has been agreed that a general campaign for funds would be

inadvisable. The funds necessary must, therefore, be secured from a limited number of private citizens, conscious of the problems of the postwar world and of the immediate place in that world of a machinery for international collaboration in the educational field.

We are hoping that you will be sufficiently interested in the work we are doing to join our Association and to make a contribution. We need the assistance of people who, like you, are interested in education and who are public spirited.

With kind regards,

Cordially yours,

James Marshall

JM:MS

April 19, 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: Mr. Embree has asked me to write you in connection with the transfer of Sears stock to Dillard University. There is attached a copy of the resolution voted by our Trustees in March and one voted by the General Education Board on April 6.

The total due from the Fund is \$556,948.27 (of which \$56,948.27 is the balance of our old pledge for buildings or capital account). The total might be paid by the transfer of 6,000 shares of stock and approximately \$30,000 in cash. Mr. Embree feels that we should make the payment promptly, now that the conditions are finally met. On the other hand we might properly hold up transfer of stock until after the next ex-dividend date early in May. We gladly leave to your judgment the whole question of when and how to make this payment.

Yours very truly,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:ejj

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

cc: Nathan W. Levin

Dillard University (Adm)

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The following resolutions were approved by the Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund at a meeting held March 20, 1944.

RESOLVED That the Julius Rosenwald Fund hereby pledges to Dillard University Six thousand shares (6,000) of the capital stock of Sears, Roebuck and Co., or Five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in cash. In the event that the market value of 6,000 shares of such stock on the date of delivery should exceed \$500,000, this pledge may be satisfied by the delivery of such lesser number of shares as shall have a market value on the date of delivery of \$500,000, or cash and stock to an aggregate value of \$500,000. This pledge shall become binding only under the following conditions:

1. If from this and other sources good and acceptable pledges are received for a total of Two million five hundred thousand dollars, or if income which, capitalized at the rate of three and a half percent per annum, would represent a capital endowment of Two million five hundred thousand dollars; it being understood that this condition shall be regarded as fulfilled if the General Education Board recognizes such fulfillment as meeting the conditions of its pledge of Five hundred thousand dollars toward this endowment campaign.
2. Unless the conditions as set forth in paragraph one above are met by December 31, 1944, this offer shall lapse.

RESOLVED That, if the endowment campaign is successful as outlined in the preceding resolution, the Julius Rosenwald Fund agrees that the balance then remaining (now \$56,948.27) in its appropriation for capital account of Dillard University (#3031-4) be made available, on the basis of the existing fiscal conditions, for temporary endowment rather than for buildings if so requested by the Trustees of Dillard University.



At the meeting of the General Education Board held April 6, 1944, the officers submitted the action by the Board of Trustees of Dillard University at its meeting on March 16, 1944, which reads as follows:

WHEREAS the Julius Rosenwald Fund in a resolution on April 10, 1942, the American Missionary Association in a resolution on December 7, 1942 and the Board of Education of the Methodist Church in a resolution on May 22, 1942 have stated their purpose to pay to Dillard University the balance of sums originally pledged by them for permanent improvements, against which the General Education Board made pro rata payments under its appropriations voted November 21, 1929 and June 2, 1930, and have expressed their willingness to have such sums added to permanent endowment and considered a part of the \$3,000,000 endowment fund toward which the General Education Board on December 4, 1941, made a conditional pledge of \$500,000;

Therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Dillard University hereby instructs the officers of the University to add such sums in the amount of \$500,000, when paid, to the endowment of the University: and be it further

RESOLVED that the President of Dillard University be, and he hereby is, authorized to request the General Education Board to modify the terms of its conditional pledge of \$500,000 toward endowment by reducing the supplemental sum to be raised for endowment from \$2,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

The Trustees were informed that the addition to endowment of \$500,000 from sums originally pledged for permanent improvements would assure the University of income on the equivalent of \$3,000,000. The Board thereupon adopted an action modifying the terms of its conditional appropriation to Dillard University of \$500,000 toward \$3,000,000 for endowment by making the Board's appropriation \$500,000 toward \$2,500,000 for endowment.



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June 7, 1944

Mr. H. G. Quaritch Wales,
17 Hibriten Drive,
Asheville, N. C.

My dear Mr. Wales:

I was delighted to hear from you in your letter of June 3rd, which arrived during my absence from the city.

I am glad to comply with your request, and am herewith enclosing a letter of introduction to Mr. Edwin R. Embree.

Sincerely yours,

Hessing Rossmald

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CC - Mr. Edwin R. Embree (blind) ✓

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June 7, 1944

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

My dear Mr. Embree:

This letter will serve as an introduction
to Mr. H. G. Quaritch Wales.

I have known Mr. Wales for several years,
and have done business with him in connection with the pur-
chase of rare books.

Mr. Wales has spent many years in various
parts of India and the Far East as an orientalist, having
made a close study of various Asiatic peoples. He has written
a book, "Years of Blindness", which was published in 1943,
and several articles on the problems of these peoples.

In view of your recent address to the
National Conference of Social Work at Cleveland, Mr. Wales
is anxious to meet you. I am sure that you will enjoy, also,
meeting him.

With very kindest regards, I am, as ever,

Sincerely yours,



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CC - Mr. Edwin R. Embree (blind) ✓

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17 Hibriten Drive,
Asheville,
North Carolina.

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald,
Jenkintown, Pa.

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

You will perhaps recall our meeting in connection with the short tour I undertook for my family firm in the fall of 1939. I write now to ask if you would very kindly give me a letter of introduction to Mr. Edwin R. Embree, the president of the Julius Rosenwald Fund. It appears to me that we definitely have aims in common that might be furthered by the contact.

For many years I travelled and lived in various parts of India and the Far East as an orientalist, making a close study of the cultures and problems of various Asiatic peoples. Since Pearl Harbor my knowledge and experience have been directed toward ascertaining the causes of the present war with Japan and studying the possibility of averting another war with Asia during the next generation. My book Years of Blindness, published by Crowell in 1943, traced the downward trend of the white man in Asia, as I had seen it, and the upward surge of the Asiatics, struggling for freedom. It stressed the need for a changed attitude on the part of the West toward Asia. I have followed up this book with a number of magazine articles bearing on the same theme, e.g. in the current (June) issue of Free World and in the June issue of Tomorrow Magazine.

I was particularly impressed by an account of Mr. Embree's recent address to the National Conference of Social Work at Cleveland, which I saw reported in the New York Times. I noted that, in presenting the need for the recognition of racial equality as an urgent world wide question, he came to conclusions very similar to those reached by me in Years of Blindness. I feel therefore that it may be advantageous to the cause for me to get into touch with him in case there is any way in which we may be able to cooperate in the post war world. Hence I should much appreciate a note of introduction.

Sincerely yours,

H. G. Quaritch Wales

H. G. Quaritch Wales

LESSING J. ROSENWALD
JENKINTOWN, PA.

June 9, 1944

Miss Dorothy Elvidge,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
4901 Ellis Avenue,
Chicago 15, Illinois.

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Dear Miss Elvidge:

Mr. Rosenwald would appreciate very much your advising him the cash position of the Julius Rosenwald Fund at the present time, so that he can determine how much cash, if any, is available for purchases of War Savings Bonds.

Many thanks in advance for your kindness in forwarding this information to Mr. Rosenwald.

Very truly yours,

E. Wellens

E. Wellens, Secretary to
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald

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June 12, 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I am attaching a statement showing estimates of expenditures at quarterly intervals for the balance of the calendar year. It looks to me as though we could spare for investment \$125,00 or \$150,000. The cash balance remaining should be sufficient to carry us to the fall meeting of the Trustees, and at that time our eighteen-month statement probably will show the need for an additional sale of stock.

Yours very truly,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

DAE:ejj

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania



JULIUS ROSENWALD FUND

Estimated Receipts and Disbursements

June 12, 1944

Cash Balance, June 12, 1944	\$369,943.25
Estimated Payments, June 12-30, 1944	<u>68,000.00</u>
Estimated Cash Balance, June 30, 1944	\$301,943.25
Interest payable, July 1	2,900.00
Dividend - September 10	<u>12,567.00</u>
	\$317,410.25
Estimated Payments, July, August, September, 1944	<u>110,000.00</u>
Estimated Cash Balance, September 30, 1944	\$207,410.25
Interest payable, December 1, 1944	625.00
Dividend - December 10 (@ 75¢ per share)	<u>12,567.00</u>
	\$220,602.25
Estimated Payments, October, November, and December, 1944	<u>125,000.00</u>
Estimated Cash Balance, December 31, 1944	<u>\$ 95,602.25</u>

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Edwin R. Embree

Southeast's Farmers

They Plan to Diversify, Use More Machinery In Post-War Production

Expansion Already Under Way In Plants to Process Crops Grown in That Area

Georgia Outlines Objectives

Special to THE WALL STREET JOURNAL

ATLANTA—A taste of high wartime crop prices has spurred the Southeast to seek a bigger bite of the agricultural dollar when peace returns.

Farmers, food processors, agricultural economists—all are making plans whereby the nine states in this region, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia, may expand their farming activities. Generally, their ideas fall into these classifications:

Greater production with less help. Increased machinepower, especially smaller tractors and other implements, is expected to substitute for manpower and mulepower. Farmers in Georgia, for instance, are producing far more than before the war, with 30% fewer workers. This would help offset wages which are almost triple the 1939 level.

Diversification of products. There's a growing emphasis on livestock and feed crops and away from cotton which long has been the income producer. Farmers in this area are raising more chickens, too. Thurman Sensing of Nashville, director of research for the Southern States Industrial Council, says the South needs a bigger output of oats, corn, wheat, barley, rye, Irish potatoes, wheat flour and cereals, apples, dried or evaporated fruits, onions, dried beans, peas, butter, cheese, eggs, fresh meat.

"Vertical" diversification. Dr. Paul W. Chapman, dean of the Georgia State College of Agriculture, says that southeastern farmers too long have been encouraged in horizontal diversification and what they need is vertical diversification—the processing as well as the growing of crops.

This "vertical" diversification already is under way.

Peanut Butter Producer

Almost a year ago, for instance, Ed. Stevens, president of the Dawson (Ga.) Cotton Oil Co., built a small plant in the small, lazy town of Dawson, for the manufacture of peanut butter. His business philosophy: Make as good a grade of peanut butter as possible and sell it for a very small margin of profit.

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Southeast's Farmers Plan to Expand And Use More Machinery After War

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The result is that since he began production in May, 1943, under the name of Cinderella Foods, Inc., he has expanded the plant three times. Mr. Stevens says that "from the best information I can obtain Cinderella Foods is today the second largest producer of peanut butter". Georgia, of course, is the country's largest producer of peanuts.

Georgia is about to get into another food processing industry, too, it is learned. Although the South consumes nearly all the hominy grits in this country it imports the packaged product from other states. Now, however, a grits-manufacturing plant is planned for Georgia.

Poultry Dressing Plants

The establishment in northern Georgia of several poultry dressing and packing plants is another development. Latest is the Wilson & Co. plant which opened at Cumming, Ga., last March. During the past two or three years added income from broiler-growing has enabled hundreds of Southern farm families to renovate their properties, bring electricity to their homes.

The first large scale development in the broiler industry began in Forsyth, Hall, White, Lumpkin and Dawson counties. In this area approximately 20 million broilers a year are being produced. Some poultrymen now turn out 100,000. Hatcheries in the Gainesville area have a capacity of 8,000,000 chicks. There are four dressing plants in Hall County which can dress up to 15,000 broilers daily.

The South is beginning to make its sweet potato pay bigger dividends, too. Two experimental plants for the dehydration of this food, for cattle, are under construction. Several years ago a plant for the manufacture of starch from sweet potatoes was established at Laurel, Miss. For years Japan had been making this product.

Pimiento Pepper Industry

The development of the pimiento pepper industry is another example. Just about 25 years ago, Georgia farmers began growing pimientos. Today this state is the leading source of pimiento peppers. Processing plants have sprung up to handle them.

So far, food dehydration plants that have a capacity of 20-tons-a-day or more have been established in more than a dozen southeastern cities. In addition, the War Production Board headquarters in Atlanta has on file applications from 21 other plants in this area.

What will become of these dehydration plants after the war is one of several problems being studied by a special committee on post-war marketing and distribution problems in the Southeast. W. F. Elliott, Atlanta, chief of the program analysis and appraisal division of the War Food Administration's Office of Distribution, is chairman. This group also will look into the question of developing markets in areas where military installations have encouraged a big increase in food pro-

duction. Other subjects for the committee are the guidance of frozen food plants, which got off to a late start in the South, and the development of more processing plants.

Georgia Agriculture Commissioner's Program

Independent of this program, Georgia's Commissioner of Agriculture, Tom Linder, has announced a series of objectives for this state. The chief ones, which are equally applicable to other parts of the Southeast, are:

Development of air transportation for getting perishable fruits and vegetables to northern and eastern markets in prime condition.

A foreign market for cotton.

Increased tobacco acreage.

Development of redrying plants and tobacco storage warehouses.

Establishment of a large distributing market in the District of Columbia, to give farmers direct connection with northern and eastern consumers.

The fact that cotton is still the South's biggest money-making crop is evidenced by wartime income figures; cash farm intake from cotton in 1943 is estimated at \$668 million in the nine southeastern states, compared with \$264 million in 1939.

The rapidly upswinging value of southern livestock, on the other hand, is ample proof that the farmers in the cotton-conscious South are turning to other crops. The farm value of cattle and calves had risen from the 1933-1942 average of \$203 million to \$533 million on January 1, 1944; in the same period the value of hogs and pigs increased from \$61 million to \$150 million and chickens were up from \$40 million to \$104 million.

War taught the Southeastern farmer that he could get along with less help and still produce more. Despite the drain of farm labor to war industries and, to some extent, to the armed forces, the Southeast last year turned out a close to record crop and livestock yield.

While the farm population of the Southeast has been whittled away since 1940, from 44% of that area's total population to 37% in 1943-44, it is still well above the national average. The farm population in the United States as a whole during 1943-44 was 25.2 million, 20% of the country's 127.3 million civilians. Farm residents in the Southeast in 1940 accounted for 10.4 million of its 23.8 million people; by 1943-44 this was down to 8.6 million farm people out of 22.9 million southeasterners.

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November 8, 1944

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Mr. (Lessing) Rosenwald
Jenkintown
Pennsylvania

No hard feelings but Illinois looks better than
Pennsylvania today.

Edwin R. Embree

ERE:SO



November 21, 1944

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: I have the honor to inform you that at the meeting of the Trustees of the Julius Rosenwald Fund held on November 20, 1944, you were elected to serve for the year 1944-45 as chairman of the Board of Trustees, and as treasurer of the Fund. You were also elected chairman of the Finance Committee, the other members of which are A. Richard Frank and Edgar B. Stern.

Very truly yours,

DAE:MM

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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November 22, 1944

Dear Lessing: Tell me the kind of thing that you would like to have for the analysis of the prospective life of the Fund, and I will try to work up a new statement. Then if you will help work it over, we should get an informing analysis for consideration at the spring meeting.

I do not see how we can give any very detailed financial estimates beyond the general statements that we gave in the last docket. We know our fixed appropriations and the balance that we have in clear assets beyond all present commitments. We also know that it will cost about \$200,000 a year to run the central functions of the office, including fellowships. The rate at which we make further commitments depends upon action by the Trustees from time to time, and the point we have been stressing is that this is a poor time to try to draw up a schedule of prospective grants in so rapidly shifting a scene as race relations. Furthermore, the assets of the Fund may vary widely depending on how much we may get from the outstanding Trusts, which involve slightly over 6,000 shares of Sears stock.

However, the present job is to get up as informing a statement as we can. I'm mighty glad you're willing to help us prepare it.

I am starting tomorrow on a little errand for the State Department in Haiti. I'll be back around Christmas. Meantime if you want any facts and figures, Dorothy Elvidge can give them to you with her well-known accuracy.

Very truly yours,

EDWIN R. EMBREE

ERE:MM

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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November 22, 1944

Dear Lessing: That was one of the best meetings the Fund has ever had. The discussions of the rural school program seemed to me especially stimulating. We all welcome your suggestion of a two-day meeting in the spring. We usually meet early in April. I guess the exact date and place may better be left for decision after the first of the year.

Leonard Rieser reported your generous suggestion about the salaries of Dorothy Elvidge and me. We were both entirely content with the proposed revision in the retiring allowances, and had not thought of any adjustment in salary. In fact, had we been allowed at the meeting, I think we would have spoken and voted against the salary changes. But what are we against so many!

Thanks for your attitude and for the Board's action.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MM

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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December 29, 1944

Dear Lessing: While it is still a long time before the spring meeting of the Rosenwald Board, I would like to get started on a statement concerning the prospective life of the Fund. I know you have ideas as to the kind of statement that should be made, and I remember that you did not think the statement in the November docket covered the case satisfactorily.

Would you let me know the kind of statement that you think we should make? I shall welcome suggestions in as much detail as you care to make. I am anxious to present a document that will give the most useful information for action by the Trustees.

My greetings to you and yours, and all best wishes for the New Year. I am just back from a brief trip to Haiti. I think we were able to put in a few good licks for the interesting educational program in that country. And in the course of it, we certainly had a grand time.

Sincerely yours,

ERE:MM

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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January 15, 1945

My dear Edith: Thank you for sending the note about the use of Negro nurses in the armed forces. We have been plugging on this for several weeks. It seems ridiculous to talk over having to draft nurses when there are so many qualified and ready to serve if they were accepted. As you may have seen, the Army has recently announced that it is prepared to take nurses on an unsegregated basis, but so far they have accepted very few. Your note inspires us to still more vigorous efforts with the War Department, the Navy, and the White House.

Please thank Lessing for joining you in greetings and tell him while I am glad to have the greetings, I would still rather have some suggestions on the life of the Fund item for our next docket.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MM

EDWIN R. EMBREE

Mrs. Edith Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

p.s: Herewith an editorial that Marshall Field put in this morning's Chicago Sun to push the matter along.

E. R. E.

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N. J. Nelson

Philadelphia



Few Negro Nurses

Our country needs nurses very badly. I am sure every nurse who knows the agony and suffering of the sick, if she is in a position to go, is only too glad to go anywhere to help our boys.

Maybe it isn't their fault if they are not in there pitching. Out of 9,000 colored nurses only 300 have so far been accepted and assigned to colored soldiers in an all-Negro hospital. Why

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can't they also help our own boys? I am sure my son who is fighting somewhere in France or Germany, would not object to relief of suffering by a colored hand.

Fifteen colored doctors finishing their internship have received notice that the Army had all Negro doctors it needs. This doesn't make sense to me.

Equal Rights

Philadelphia

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Dear Edwin -

This letter sent
in to the "Bulletin"
seemed worth sending
on to you. I'm only sorry
it isn't signed.

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Pleasing yours me in
sending greetings
Sincerely

Edith Rosewald

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January 19, 1945

Dear Mr. Rosenwald: You will remember that, at the last Fund meeting, Mark Ethridge outlined proposals for a meeting of southern editors and publicists to discuss the poll tax and other obstacles to full participation in democratic government in the southern states. The meeting was called and financed by the Louisville Courier-Journal. The Fund agreed to pay the costs of preparing and distributing factual material produced by the participants in the conference. This distribution is now going forward through several southern agencies.

I think the Trustees will be interested and gratified at the enclosed copy of a front page story in the Atlanta Constitution of January 13. Stirred by the interest and momentum generated by the Atlanta conference, it looks as though Georgia might act to abolish the poll tax in the very near future.

Very truly yours,

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Enc.



Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Alverthorpe Gallery
Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

Excellent
Kindest regards.

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Front Page Story in Atlanta Constitution
January 13, 1945

GEORGIANS WILL BE POLL TAX-FREE BY 1946, ARNALL SPOKESMAN SAYS
By M. L. St. John

By the end of this year, Georgians will be voting without paying poll taxes, an administrative spokesman has flatly predicted.

He disclosed that another poll tax abolition measure will be introduced in the general assembly next week, giving legislators three avenues for killing the tax on voting.

The new bill would tack a referendum on a measure for outright repeal of the poll tax. The spokesman, who declined to permit use of his name, said he hardly believed any legislators would oppose "a measure to let the people vote on whether the poll tax shall be continued as a voting pre-requisite."

Already before the senate is a bill for outright repeal of the poll tax. Debate is expected on the senate floor next week. Senate Pres. Frank Gross and Sen. Roy McGinty probably will take the floor to uphold abolition of the tax.

Under consideration of a house committee headed by Rep. H. C. Arnall are two poll tax measures. One would permanently exempt war veterans from paying the poll tax. The other would abolish the poll tax for all persons. Both bills were introduced by Rep. Ben Fortson Jr.

It was learned that the 37-year-old Arnall has abandoned plans announced six weeks ago to sponsor a year-long study by southern leaders of the merit or demerit of the poll tax. This decision caused his recommendation to the legislature earlier this week that such a study be made by the assembly itself.

A source close to the Governor said the speed of recent developments on the issue had resulted in his change of plans.



February 20, 1945

Dear Lessing: It is getting toward the time when we should decide on the spring meeting of the Fund Trustees. You will remember that we agreed to have a two-day meeting, and to hold it someplace in the East. I imagine weekends are most convenient for our busy group. Would the weekends of April 7-8 or April 14-15 be agreeable to you? I am sending a similar inquiry to Mrs. Roosevelt. If we can find a date agreeable to you two, I would feel like regarding it as a definite appointment, hoping that the others could arrange their time to suit. Some of the Chicago people have suggested Atlantic City as a place where we might be more quiet than either New York or Washington. Have you any fixed ideas or prejudices as between the possible eastern sites?

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Very truly yours,

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February 20, 1945

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if in the East.
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our house?
If in Chicago
I prefer 4/15+16/
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thorpe I have
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Mr. (Lessing J.) Rosenwald
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LESSING J. ROSENWALD

JENKINTOWN, PA.

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March 1, 1945

My dear Edwin:

Dr. Burton P. Fowler, Principal of Germantown Friends School, called me today and asked me if I would aid him in obtaining you as a speaker at the School on Saturday night, April 28th, at the close of the Centennial Celebration there.

My daughter Janet has been attending Germantown Friends School, and this is my particular reason for endorsing Dr. Fowler's request.

I understand you expect to be in the East at about that time, and if this is the case and if you are so inclined, I think it would be very nice for you to talk at this meeting. If you decide in the affirmative, we will be very glad to put you up while you are in Philadelphia.

As ever,

Yours,

Lessing

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

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Jenkintown, Pennsylvania

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March 2, 1945

Dear Edwin:

Would you be able to send me a few statistics on the subject of Negro nurses in the Army and Navy?

Mrs. Curtis Bok and I are considering helping the Mercy Hospital to raise a Scholarship Fund or it may even be money to be used for a Nurses' Home. I realize with the tremendous shortage of trained nurses all over the country, even the civilian hospitals will use these trained people, but we will surely be asked to what extent the Army and Navy is utilizing their services. The only word I have on it is that the Army has taken around 300 and the Navy none from that group.

Thanks for whatever information you can send me.

Sincerely,

Edith
Mrs. Lessing J. Rosenwald

Mr. Edwin Embree
4901 Ellis Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

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March 7, 1945

Dear Lessing: It was shrewd of Burton Fowler
to get the chairman of my Board
to second his invitation. The combined pressure
compels me, and I have agreed to speak at the
centennial celebration. I hope I may have some
things to say about education that will be worthy
of the occasion.

Very truly yours,

ERE:MM

EDWIN R. EMBREE

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March 7, 1945

Dear Edith: In response to your note
 of March 2, it seems to me
so important to have an official statement
from the Army on their nursing personnel
that I have asked friends in Washington to
try to get very definite information from
official sources. This is promised within
the next two or three days. I am sending
this note now so that you will know that
the matter is in process. I can answer
right now for the Navy, namely, that there
are no Negro nurses in their personnel.
I am afraid the record for the Army will
be not much above the figure that has been
given you.

Very truly yours,

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March 20, 1945

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To the Members of the Philadelphia County Medical Society:

The Board of Directors of the Philadelphia County Medical Society feels it desirable to report to you on a decision it has taken with regards to a matter of vital importance to the medical profession in metropolitan Philadelphia.

The medical profession realizes it must, for its own protection against radical measures, support voluntary non-profit prepaid insurance plans for the distribution of the costs of medical care. This is evidenced by the fact that in 1939 the Medical Service Association of Pennsylvania (MSAP) was sponsored by the State Medical Society.

Your Board of Directors has given serious consideration to the problem as it effects metropolitan Philadelphia. It is satisfied that the local Blue Cross organization, with the public confidence it has built up through its 700,000 subscribers in this area, offers ready-made facilities and advantages which might be well utilized. Even if MSAP were to open up offices here immediately, it would not be reasonable to expect of it achievements comparable to those of an organization so well established.

A law to permit the inclusion of medical services in the Blue Cross plans is being introduced in the State Legislature. This act, if passed, will expressly give physicians on the Blue Cross Board exclusive control over all medical phases of the insurance contract. This legislation will not affect the operation of MSAP anywhere in the State.

After careful study and deliberation your Board of Directors is satisfied that the proposed legislation is to the best interest of both the physician and the public. It also has the support of the Blue Cross.

Your Board of Directors believes sincerely that this plan will bring credit to the medical profession and will provide a satisfactory solution of the problem in a manner which may well be followed in other sections of the country.

Sincerely yours,

Charles L. Brown
Charles L. Brown, M.D.
President

By authorization of the Board of Directors.

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March 30, 1945

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We shall welcome your suggestions.

Yours very truly,

DOROTHY A. ELVIDGE

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Dorothy A. Elvidge
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April 16, 1945

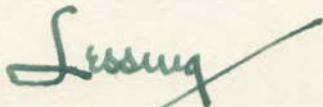
Dear Edwin:

I think it would be fitting to present resolutions regarding the President's death to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Would you be kind enough to prepare such resolutions to be read at the meeting next Saturday?

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Edwin R. Embree,
Julius Rosenwald Fund,
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May 10, 1945

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EDWIN R. EMBREE

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Mr. Embree:

Mr. Rosenwald would appreciate very much your having the attached handled. I think you will find it self-explanatory.

Thank you very much.

E. Wellens, Secty.

5/14/45

Rosenwald, Lessing

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May 14, 1945

Mr. Benjamin H. Dyshel,
408 West Olney Ave.,
Philadelphia 20, Pa.

My dear Mr. Dyshel:

Mr. Rosenwald wishes to thank you for your letter of May 11th, relative to your proposal for distribution of literature on Negro history among Negroes.

Although he appreciated very much your thought in writing to him about this matter, Mr. Rosenwald is sorry that it is not a project which he could undertake as an individual. He is forwarding your letter to the Julius Rosenwald Fund in Chicago for consideration of your proposal, and is sure that you will hear from them very soon.

Very truly yours,

E. Wellens, Secretary to
Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald

CC - Julius Rosenwald Fund (blind) ✓

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Phila 5/11/45

Mr. Lessing J. Rosenwald
Jenkintown, Pa.

W. Please write I am forwarding
to J.R. Funch as this is not a matter
in which I could undertake as an
individual. Then ask JR Funch to letter.
Thanks JR

Dear Mr. Rosenwald:

A mutual acquaintance has suggested
that I write you because of your interest in Negro
Education.

As a result of my volunteer work
among Negroes I have developed, what I am told,
is a novel means of stimulating the habit of
reading in the people. This can be done thru
the distribution of the high points of Negro
History in installments, over a period of one
year. Because Negro History is not freely available
to the people, it can contribute much towards
creation of a sense of pride, which in turn will
encourage the desire for self-education so freely
available in literature.

I have created considerable interest
in the project and its possibilities locally. It
was endorsed last Monday by the Phila. Conference
of Baptist Ministers and will be presented to
the Methodist and A.M.E. conferences. The church
acceptance is mentioned because it is the most
desirable means for broad distribution.

Because I would like to enlist
your interest, I am wondering whether you
might find time to see me at your con-
ferences.

Thank you.

Very sincerely
Benjamin H. Dyshel

May 17, 1945

Dear Mr. Dyshel: Mr. Lessing Rosenwald has forwarded your letter of May 11 on to me. The best suggestion I can make is that you continue to work directly with the church boards. As you doubtless know, the American Missionary Association of the Congregational Churches is very active in interracial affairs. That organization, or other church groups, would seem to me to be the best agencies and sponsors of the interesting work you have in mind.

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*I spoke to Dick Sloeum
Manager of the Bulletin
about this.*

