Comm. Rel.

January 26, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

Seminary Conference

I am sure that we can proceed with arrangements for the Seminary Conference at the UAW Convention within the framework of the financial arrangements noted in your memorandum of January 21.

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Inter-Office Communication

January 21, 1966

To Irving Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irving:

In response to your memo requesting that I work on the Seminary Conference at the UAW Convention, I have been in touch with Rev. Ken Watson. As you may know, Rev. Watson was the executive of the Religion and Labor Council when it was still in existence and we have worked together for a number of years in the past.

It is my present plan to meet with Rev. Watson the second week in February and we should have all of the arrangements completed by mid-February.

I am not sure of the budget requirements for this Convention. In the 1964 Convention, the International Union allocated $600.00 for the Conference. I am not sure that we will need that much money this year, but would like your approval to plan within this general financial framework.

Fraternally,

Mildred Jeffrey

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cc: Paul Schrade

Comm. Rel,

March 2, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

I suggest we proceed with the invitations to observers to the UAW Convention pursuant to your memorandum of February 14.

Will you please follow through.

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Inter-Office Communication

February 14, 1966

To Irving Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irving:

As you know in the past we have had a rather extensive program for inviting observers to the UAW Convention. This program has grown in the last few years and the response of those who come is heartwarming. Always people are tremendously impressed with the democracy of our Convention.

We work with department heads, both in getting names for the invitation list and in assigning each guest to a department head or staff member. In this way we try to make each guest's visit as productive as possible.

This year we will give special attention to inviting people from the West Coast, since some may not be able to make the cross-country trip from their national offices - many of which are located in Washington or New York.

I am attaching a letter for Walter's signature which follows rather closely letters sent out in prior years. I thought perhaps you would be able to approve this.

The UAW assists guests in making hotel reservations, but the UAW makes no financial contribution to hotels or transportation. In the past we have authorized each department head to take a guest to one meal, lunch or dinner, for which the staff person is reimbursed. In addition, we have one reception. Last Convention we did this in cooperation with Victor Reuther, and Vic has agreed to this same arrangement this year.

Fraternally,

Mildred Jeffrey

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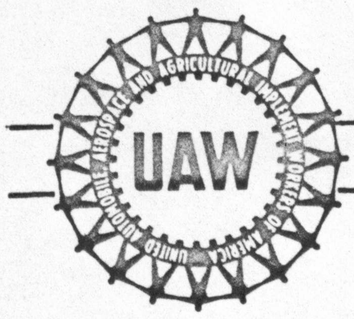

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It gives me great pleasure to invite you to be an observer at the 20th Constitutional Convention of the International Union, UAW, which will meet in Long Beach, California, May 16-21, 1966, in Convention Hall.

The Convention is the highest policy making body of the UAW and it is here that nearly 3,000 delegates, elected by the entire membership, will debate basic questions pertaining to the welfare of workers, internal union practices and the position of the union on significant national and international issues.

We hope that you or a representative of your organization will be able to accept this invitation so that you can see first-hand how a large union arrives at and makes its decisions in relationship to its responsibilities to its members, the community, the advancement of the national welfare and world peace.

The UAW Housing Bureau will be pleased to make hotel reservations for you, if you so desire. Please indicate your wishes on the enclosed form and return not later than March 20.

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As soon as we have had your response, we will send you further information regarding the Convention program and arrangements for guest observers. We regret that we cannot provide travel or hotel allowances.

Looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you at the UAW Convention.

Sincerely,

Walter P. Reuther, President
International Union, UAW

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Guest Reservation Form
UAW 20th Constitutional Convention
May 16-21, 1966 - Long Beach, California

Name _____

Title _____

Organization _____

Address _____
Street City Zip Code

I will _____ I will not _____ attend the UAW Convention

I will arrive: Date _____ I will depart: Date _____

Please do _____ do not _____ make reservations for me.

I prefer: Single _____ Twin _____

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Inter-Office Communication

March 10, 1966

To Walter P. Reuther

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject Text of Cable Sent to Dr. Blake in Geneva

"I am delighted to hear of your election as Secretary of the World Council of Churches. Congratulations and warm best wishes."

/s/ Walter P. Reuther

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March 31, 1966

Dear Milly:

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to send me an autographed copy of Ted Sorenson's book, KENNEDY.

I am pleased to have this to add to my collection of autographed books.

Kindest regards.

Fraternally,

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Mrs. Mildred Jeffrey
8000 East Jefferson Avenue
Detroit 14, Michigan

Dear Walter & Mary -

Ted is fine, practicing law in NYC,
refusing requests to run
for Congress.
He sends his best

MJ

from the desk of _____

MILDRED JEFFREY

Comm. Rel.

April 14, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

I don't know what caused this letter to be written and what the "unanswered question" is.

Could you please follow through and advise me. Thanks.

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Letter from The Rt. Rev. C. Kilmer Myers, The Diocese of Michigan, dated April 7.

Comm. Rel.

April 19, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

I assume you have had the opportunity to speak with Paul concerning the invocations for the Convention. As soon as these are nailed down, will you please give me all the necessary information.

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Inter-Office Communication

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April 29, 1966

To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irv:

The attached is self-explanatory.

Additional information is to come but I wanted you to have this much during the luncheon break.

There are two alternative plans for the proposed statements:

1. A joint statement (see attached). Keast, Winkelman and Locke have already agreed to it.

2. Separate statements -- Walter might prefer this.

   Ed Cushman will probably issue a separate statement as Chairman of the Detroit Commission on Community Relations.

Fraternally,

Mildred /jj

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Attachments

April 29, 1966

CONFIDENTIAL

Walter P. Reuther

Mildred Jeffrey

Northern High School

Dear Walter:

Since negotiations have not been successful in working out the dilemma of the school Principal, at approximately 1:30 P.M., Sam Brownell will issue a statement on the Northern High School situation.

The essence of the statement follows:

Background --

1) The Principal (Carty) has become a symbol on the one hand to those who are insisting on "law and order," and on the other hand to those who believe that if he remains it will be a repudiation of equal educational opportunity.

2) It is absolutely necessary to have orderly educational process for the 2,300 students at Northern and throughout the City.

3) It is crucial that the community not be torn apart by a dispute at one high school.

Brownell will therefore issue the following order as Superintendent of Schools:

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If this sounds urgent, it is. The counter reaction to Brownell's action, if not turned quickly, can mount into a very ugly situation.

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Enclosure
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DRAFT

April 29, 1966

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May 31, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

The attached document is self-explanatory. The vehemence with which Hosea Williams has been attacking labor has given us cause for concern.

Walter has noted that according to Horace Sheffield's memorandum Hosea Williams is on the payroll of the Presbyterian Church and would like very much if you could check into this and see what information you can obtain concerning it.

There is some urgency to this matter and I would appreciate your checking into it promptly.

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Inter-Office Communication

May 6, 1966

To Roy L. Reuther

From Horace L. Sheffield

Subject SCLC's Hosea Williams' recent purported antilabor attacks

Dear Roy:

You will recall our conversation last Monday regarding Mr. Hosea Williams, of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and the sudden rash of antilabor statements that have been attributed to him. You indicated that the matter had come to the attention of President Walter Reuther and he expressed grave concern.

The upshot of our discussion was that you asked me to contact Dr. Martin Luther King and apprise him of our union's anxieties in this matter. Pursuant to your request I talked to Dr. King at some length last Tuesday. He responded immediately to my inquiry by saying that he too had been "appalled" by Mr. Williams recent statements. He said he had no idea what motivated him but he felt that Mr. Williams was rather impulsive and at times said things that he had not thought through.

Dr. King also said that when he had last talked with Hosea he made reference to some differences he had with Phil Weightman. However, Dr. King promptly suggested that this did not warrant Williams' castigation of the entire labor movement. Dr. King stated emphatically that Mr. Williams in no way reflected the feelings and attitudes of SCLC. He said further that he will see Hosea at the earliest possible moment and "straighten this entire matter out."

During our conversation Dr. King made considerable mention of the contributions that our union and other segments of the labor movement have made to the Negro peoples struggle in the South. He was especially warm in his praise of President Reuther and the leadership that Walter has given in the civil rights cause.

There is no question in my mind but that Dr. King is seriously perturbed over Mr. Williams recent hostility toward the labor movement. I share Dr. King's belief that Hosea is one of those individuals who is impulsive and many times says things without any regard for their

consequences. He is obviously a dedicated and courageous civil rights worker.

I was told by an official of the Presbyterian Church that Hosea Williams is on their payroll at $12,000 a year and, if this is true, it perhaps accounts for some of his apparent independence.

I attended the endorsement meeting of COAFO which was held Saturday, April 16th at the Thomas Jefferson Hotel in Birmingham, Alabama. At this meeting Mr. Williams suddenly, without any apparent cause, attacked the labor movement. He said the following:

> "Last night when I walked in the Gaston Motel, they say to me, last night we saw you on television and I don't like what you say about organized labor and I said to hell with organized labor. I didn't see no organized labor when I went across the Edmund Pettus Bridge (Selma) and I didn't see any organized labor on my way to Montgomery and I didn't see organized labor when I went down to Greene County and Lee beat me and I didn't see organized labor in Birmingham back in January when them white folks beat us down there sitting downtown.
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> "The only thing I'm saying to you, you see, is we got to win the respect of the white politician. We got to prove to him and...friends you don't know what a great day this is. God knows we could pick up the phone and get 20,000 cash dollars and we are refusing to take a single dime. To pick up the phone and say we'll act right for 20,000 and I swear they would have it here in 15 minutes and I could spread it over the table and give everybody some money."

I have enclosed the full text of his remarks which I taped. I think it very well bears out Dr. King's point that Mr. Williams often times says things without thinking of their consequence. (The quote is underscored in the text.)

I know Hosea and don't believe that he is basically antilabor but that his recent utterances have been triggered by some differences he may have had with one or two individuals in the trade union movement. It is for this reason that I believe Dr. King, with his demonstrated friendship and commitment to the labor movement, will be able to satisfactorily resolve this matter. He told me that he had just received Brother Emil Mazey's letter and was in the process of reading it when I called.

Fraternally,

Horace

Horace L. Sheffield

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cc: Walter P. Reuther
Emil Mazey

Now talking about endorsing these candidates, the rednecks in this state is about 75 or 70 percent rednecks. The rednecks is going to get angry. The rednecks is just like the blacknecks -- give him three nights and he has forgotten all the anger he had. So the earlier we endorse the candidates, the earlier they going to get a chance to vent that venom, that bigotry and hate for the candidate we endorse.

But now what we say we are spending a lot of money -- you say spend in the neighborhood of $4,000 -- and I actually got that money, Rev. Washington, Turner and I from all sorts of angles and you know we have been meeting every week. This is why I got so much faith in the thing and I don't care what Dr. King say, Negroes ain't gonna meet every week unless they mean what they doin. You have met every week for the last six weeks and never in the history of Alabama have Negroes drove all across the state for six weeks straight. For six weeks we have met but now we say this, Rev. Smith, we will interview the candidates and analyze the interviews. Ain't no way in the world for us to analyze them interviews this afternoon. Don't foot yourself, you ought to read this stuff, you ought to analyze this stuff. It will take up as much time to analyze these interviews and what we need to do is, I'm going to tell you Rev. Rogers, is meet in Selma next Saturday in a big meeting and finish endorsing candidates.

Now I do think, here's Hosea Williams' suggestions, I think and I'm gonna be frank with you, I wouldn't want the press to know this and I ought not say this, but we don't have much choice in the Governor's race. I don't think we have much choice. For political reasons, for strategic reasons,

for psychological reasons, I don't think, if we endorse the Governor, I don't think it makes much difference but I am going to say ... I think in this room is the cream of the crop. I think I got the power of the State of Alabama in this room.

Excluding the Governor, forget the Governor, I think we can elect every position in the State of Alabama. I think our real power is invested in our ability to elect every position in the State of Alabama with the exception of the Governor.

Now, I'm gonna be frank with you, I don't think anybody goin to beat Lurleen (Wallace). Now I think the cream of crop of Alabama here, I think I got the best of Alabama here. I'm scared to death Lurleen is going in on the first ballot. Now, I'm just telling you how I feel. Maybe she'll lose, maybe won't even be Governor, maybe she won't even run against Martin. I don't want to see her get no votes. I would like to see George (Wallace) vote against her.

When these white folks go inside these polls ain't no different than black folks but I do think the Lt. Governor -- I do think if we can stick together and we work hard enough -- I do think the Lt. Governor, I do think the State Secretary, I do think with the State Auditor, I do think with the State Treasurer -- I do think all the rest of the state positions we can name that person and if we name that person, the Governor is in a bind, he can't wiggle. If all these other state officials are on the side of truth and side of right, now for political reasons and for strategic reasons I think you ought to endorse the Governor today and I think you ought -- we ought -- to make

it public but I'm going to say this, I want it to be a secret ballot and I shouldn't say this, but I'm saying it, I don't think we got much choice -- that cracker got us in a bind.

Now, baby, he done done some campaigning. You can say what you want to but a certain one of those candidates has gotten to these black folks. Who that gentleman there, tell him to back up, we putting white folks out. Now the thing that I'm saying I think you ought to, I'm saying this for political reasons, I'm saying this for strategiv reasons, I'm saying this, ladies and gentlemen, for psychological reasons. I keep saying this -- that the first thing we must do is win the respect of the white candidates and you got to win the respect of these white candidates more than one way. You got to let these white folks know that Hosea Williams don't speak for you and you got to let them know that T. Y. Rogers don't speak for you and you got to let them know don't nobody know how we gonna speak until the vote is taken. You got to let them know that Gardner doesn't speak for you. That's why I'm asking you for a secret ballot because some of you know how I feel and you'll be a little afraid to vote like you want to vote if we ask for a standing vote. But if its secret, I won't know how you voted. I'm asking for a secret ballot, wait a minute, I'm asking for a secret ballot. I think everybody ought to use their own mind the way it is today. But I do think you know if we gonna abide by the philosophy, if we gonna abide by the integrity, if we gonna abide by the principal of COAFO, you all don't have a chance to evaluate all these candidates today.

Now you might as well tell the truth, you gonna jump up here but I don't want you voting on emotions. I guarantee you I can get up here, or T. Y., or any of the rest of them, or a lot of these other guys, and preach a serman and get you to vote right. I don't want you to vote on emotions, I want you to take this data and study this data and make up your own mind which one of these candidates you want to vote for and in each one of these positions and Hosea didn't think for you, King didn't think for you, Orzell didn't think for you and T. Y. didn't think for you -- you thought for yourself. Now this is what you call participating in government.

For instance the two guys running, who been before us, for the State Board of Education, you couldn't evaluate those two people this afternoon. You got to look at one and then you got to look at the other and I'm gonna tell you the truth, the Executive Committee and T. Y. hasn't done his job because he don't have, this afternoon, the history of each one of those candidates. We don't know a devilish thing about what they have done in the past and you got to have this and I don't want you to violate the cardinal rule of this confederation. The cardinal rule of this confederation is that the people will make the decision on a county level. They meet and from their committee the county committees meet and elect a representative to the state committee. The state committee makes the decision.

Now all the way back down in Butler County to the housewife we preach abide by this decision.

Now, I don't think you can endorse candidates. I don't think and I'm ascared of this, you may not -- I learned this a long time ago -- you may be a dishonest politician today, but you won't be one tomorrow because these white folks are going to find you out and not gonna mess with you no more. Any place I ever been in they may say, that nigger may not act like I want him to act, but I declare to God if he tell you something you can die by it.

Now, we say one thing to these candidates -- what you discussed with us. Your opposition will not get it in his hands in order to use it against you. The only way I know to do this is this Political Guidance Committee meet next Friday and all night long. The only way I know to do this is the Political Guidance Committee meet somewhere next Friday night in Alabama and stay together all night long and the next morning don't give them this stuff to take home. Maybe we can take this stuff right here and sell it for a lot of money. The thing about it ... Rev. Rogers' reputation and integrity is at stake. Albert Turner, Brown, Gardner, Davis', their reputation, because they told these people come talk with us cold blank and what you say to us is not gonna get out in public. And then some Negro, because he figures his candidate can get the other candidate, he gonna hand this stuff out. There's some Uncle Tom in this room right now. You may not believe this but there's some Uncle Toms right here now and there's some Negroes in this room right here now who'll sell for money. There's

some Negroes now won't cuss that $11,000. Now I'm not bragging I have told you they have $11,000 and I told them to get the hell out of the hotel. $11.000. Now some Negroes ain't going to cuss $11,000 out, you can make up your mind to that. They are going to find some way to side around, back up to that man and twist around and hold their hand out behind themselves and try to do some business, baby. And the thing I'm saying is this, I wouldn't even be willing to give to the Political Guidance Committee these interviews and let them take them home because we have told the people you have our word of honor, as men and women. They ought to say to us here, your opposition isn't going to get it in order to use it against you.

Now, I am going to be frank, I don't know but one way you can endorse candidates -- not the whole slate. Now you need the Political Guidance Committee to meet next Friday and fight all night, or six or seven hours, somewhere in Alabama and Saturday you ought to make up your mind. But I do think on the Governor, now I'm saying this for strategic reasons, I don't want to be caught in a bind and say we had to endorse the same candidates as other groups because I want to prove to the Democratic Party, I want to prove to the organized labor.

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But now when we got 250,000 Negroes registered and time came to vote I did see organized labor -- the hell with organized labor. I don't care nothing about organized labor! Listen to what I say, they in town today with the black satchels. I hope they kill me if they not in town with the black satchels. But I been in slavery too long to watch a black satchel.

I'm watching a white man, a Lingo, a white politician like George Wallace and like Flowers.

The only thing I'm saying to you, you see, is we got to win the respect of the white politician. We got to prove to him and ... friends you don't know what a great day this is. God's knows we could pick up the phone and get 20,000 cash dollars and we are refusing to take a single dime. To pick up the phone and say we'll act right for 20,000 and I swear they would have it here in 15 minutes and I could spread it over the table and give everybody some money.

At the same time we are saying we will not take a single dime. Now I don't want to be caught in a position of somebody else endorsing the Governor and we have to come behind them and somebody say we spent the money. I don't want to endorse the Governor today and tell them we don't have a dime. They tell Governor we endorse, whatever Governor we endorse, you tell them now, say we are going to get you now how much money you want us to get.

Now, T. Y. I want to raise some money for you. We endorse the Governor today and I want to raise some money. Because if he don't do right I guarantee you I'll fix him in Alabama. I'll fix him in Montgomery. That's right Mr. Black, we don't tell him how much money you short because we want to help you raise it because God's knows we gonna have some freedom in Alabama.

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June 14, 1966

Walter P. Reuther

Mildred Jeffrey

Statement of Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police

Dear Walter:

We try not to make requests for the use of your name unless it is of unusual significance. For example, your name, on the statement with others on the Northern High School boycott, without question, contributed substantially to a course of reason in a difficult and tense situation.

The request in this memo is related to a recent statement by the Executive Committee of the Michigan Association of Police Officers, dealing with police attitudes and responsibilities in the whole area of civil rights.

This is a remarkable statement, the first of its kind anywhere in the nation. The Executive Committee of the Michigan Association of Police Officials is hopeful that this statement will be adopted at their State Convention which will be held June 22nd-23rd.

At the meeting of the CCEO last Thursday night, a resolution commending the statement was adopted and each constituent group was asked to send similar statements of support, since this declaration could be uniquely affective in molding positive public opinion in the area of police community relations. The Committee has been working diligently to persuade police officers to bring their thinking and operations up-to-date and believe that this statement is the first major breakthrough.

Bishop Emrich, who has already sent a letter of commendation, thought it would be very helpful if you would also write.

Attached is a draft.

Fraternally,

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Attachment
cc: Irv Bluestone

DRAFT

Superintendent William Johnson
President
Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police
Police Department
Grand Rapids, Michigan

Dear Superintendent Johnson:

I have just read the statement of the Executive Committee of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police on "Extension of Freedom, Equality and Ordered Liberty Under the Law for All People."

On behalf of the International Union, I want to commend the Michigan Association of Police Officers for this forthright and courageous declaration of principles. The role of the police in equal law enforcement has never been more crucial than it is today. Your leadership in making explicit the responsibility of police officers will, I am sure, enhance public understanding and contribute to increased citizen awareness of the whole problem of police-community relations.

Your concerns that discrimination in employment, education and housing be eliminated, if we are to move forward in justice and humanity, is welcomed by all who share this same deep conviction.

With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

Walter P. Reuther

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May 19, 1966

Disturbed by a feeling of unrest and suspicion by the public on the attitude of police and their enforcement, the executive committee of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police today unanimously endorsed a strong equal civil rights declaration to allay any fears or clear up any doubts.

President William Johnson, superintendent of police of Grand Rapids, said any repression of equal rights can be costly, dangerous and unjust and adversely affects all elements of the community.

The committee, meeting at State Police headquarters, said that "The people of Michigan must oppose segregation in housing and education because it creates distress for all who are entitled to the responsible exercise of their freedom and creates tension which reduces the ability of the police to service all people."

The declaration added that there also must be "equal opportunities for employment for every race and persuasion... so that one of the causes of poverty and crime may be reduced."

The full text of the declaration follows:

"Under Executive Committee action meeting May 19, 1966 the following statement was unanimously adopted:

"The Executive Committee of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police is convinced that the police of Michigan must speak out for extension of freedom, equality, and ordered liberty under the law for all people, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin.

"We know that the distress and disorder which result from the repression of equal rights are costly, dangerous, and unjust.

"We believe that this distress has triggered the destructive orgies our nation has experienced; that the historic rift between minority groups and the police has created suspicion and distrust which can cause the derogation of the police, and will seriously affect the ability of the community to protect itself.

"We believe that the community in the democracy cannot survive without its police.

"In the interest of the community, we therefore declare:

"That the people of Michigan must oppose segregation in housing and education, because it creates distress for all who are entitled to the responsible exercise of their freedom, and and creates tension which reduces the ability of the police to serve all people;

"That the people of Michigan must protect their liberty by providing equal opportunities for employment, limited only by fitness and ability, so that every race and persuasion may enjoy the fruits of our prosperity, and so that one of the causes of poverty and crime may be reduced;

(more)

"That the people of Michigan must insist on vigorous and equal enforcement of the law, and must recognize that every man is entitled to the protection of the law, regardless of race, color, creed, or national origin;

"That the preservation of ordered liberty under the law requires a responsible exercise of the rights of each person, and no status, privilege or accident of birth or nature, can give any man license to choose the law he will obey;

"That the people of Michigan must strengthen their communities by reducing all of the causes of crime and disorder, for the police, as agents of the communities, find it ever more difficult to ensure their safety;

"That acts of injustice and discrimination distort the attitudes of our children, and create such fear that our inhumanity to man is carried from generation to generation;

"That the people of Michigan must reinforce their liberty by getting and keeping those men who are best qualified to serve them as police officers;

"That all members of the community must urge their best young men to serve as police officers; they must recognize that the police serve them under extreme conditions and discouraging odds, and only the most dedicated men can succeed;

"That the constitutional rights of every citizen must be protected; and we believe that the courts of this nation are the only competent agencies to judge those rights;

"That the community must strengthen its sense of responsibility for the police role in serving it, and that it must be wary of attempts to make the police responsive to political expediency,

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which can only reduce the confidence of the community in existing law;

"That the police of Michigan must honor the Law Enforcement Code and Canons of Ethics, and must make every effort to enforce them fairly and impartially."

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Inter-Office Communication

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June 17, 1966

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To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irv:

The correct title of the special fund for the Mississippi March is "Meredith Mississippi March."

I spoke yesterday with the representative of the National Council of Churches who is working on raising funds through the Protestant church. He has been in Memphis and met the NCC persons setting up the fund and the accounting procedures. He is favorably impressed. He finds the NAACP Secretary and a banker, who are carrying the principal responsibility, reliable people. He is personally persuaded that 1) all the monies will go to the March needs; and 2) that there will be accurate accounting.

Apparently the money situation is very tight, as Thursday the Commission on Religion and Race received a call stating that the man who was renting the tents to the March was going to take them away unless he received $1,800 immediately. The Commission raised most of this amount.

Fraternally,

Mildred J.

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Comm. Rel.

July 7, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

With regard to the article concerning the Delano strike in the June issue of Extension Magazine, would it be possible to obtain 1,000 reprints directly from the Magazine at a nominal cost?

Could you please check into this and let me know.

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Inter-Office Communication

June 30, 1966

To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irv:

Attached is an article on Cesar Chavez and the grape strike which appeared in the June issue of Extension Magazine, a house organ of the Catholic Church and read by many.

In view of the "phony" election, it seems urgent to me that we do everything possible to quickly mount support for NFWA and the boycott of Digiorgio.

Therefore I suggest that we reprint 1,000 copies of this article. I am confident that I can get Father Sheehan to distribute at least 500 copies, together with other boycott material.

I have been working with the National Council of Churches on support for the boycott and, in the last few days, on the Teamster's election. In the course of all this, I have talked with Jack Conway and Henry Santiestivan who are concerned that the boycott, as well as other measures, get going.

Fraternally,

Mildred

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Attachment

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July 7, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

Upon consideration it seems to me that we should not involve ourselves in the project of the Social Service Department of the Michigan Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

I would imagine that there are literally hundreds of similar projects being undertaken throughout the country and it would not be fitting for us to contribute to such a local operation.

If any of the Regional Directors would be interested, it would be more appropriate.

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Inter-Office Communication

July 5, 1966

To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irving:

In the absence of Bill Oliver, I am raising the following request with you.

It comes from the Social Service Department of the Michigan Annual Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church.

With the sponsorship of Protestant Services of the Detroit Council of Churches, this church is sponsoring a voluntary social casework service for emotionally disturbed children.

Up to date, this has been wholly voluntary with professionals giving of their services on a regular schedule. A brief description is attached.

The response has been so great that the A.M.E. Church is now trying to raise money for one full-time professional worker. Great reliance will still be placed on the volunteers.

To raise the funds, the A.M.E. Church is sponsoring a dinner on Sunday, July 10th, at the Sheraton Cadillac Hotel. Tickets are $6.00 per person.

They are also accepting contributions, either direct or in the form of sponsorships at $10.00 per sponsor.

The reason I raise this request is that when one visits inner city schools and asks what are the greatest needs, a consistent response is for help with emotionally disturbed children and their families. Here is an example of a church which has taken the initiative in providing a much needed service. It also is an answer, in a way, to all those who say most unkindly, "Why don't the Negroes do something about their own problems?"

I am not certain what to recommend on this, but I did want to bring it to your attention. I am sending a copy air mail to Bill Oliver.

Fraternally,

Milly

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Enclosure
CC: Bill Oliver

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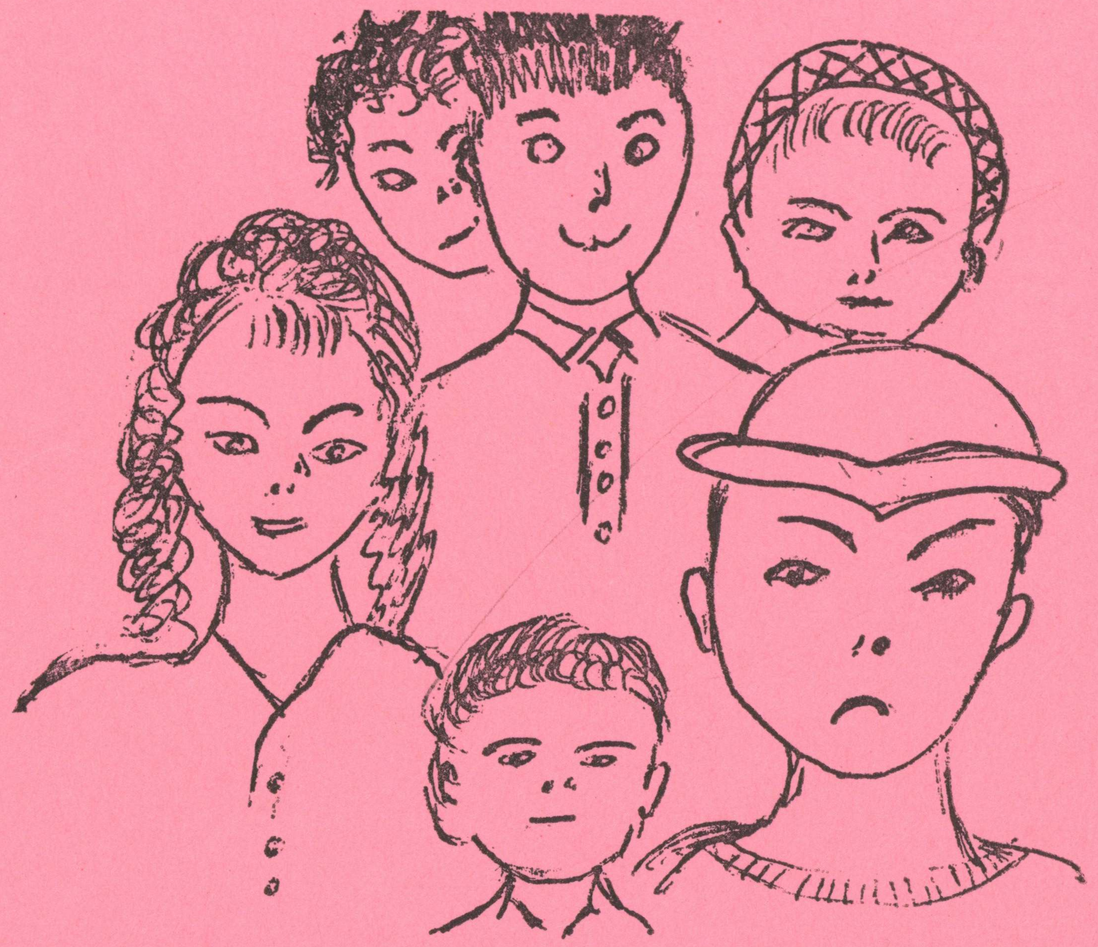

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BETTY, age 10, daydreams and does not keep her mind on work.

JOE, age 15, breaks windows and streetlights, but does not know why.

The Social Service Department of the A.M.E. Church understands that there are children who could get along better at home, at school and in the community if they did not behave like Leo or Mary. By seeking help for the child with emotional problems now, greater ones may be prevented in the future.

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This Social Service Department offers professional help on a non-profit and non-discriminatory basis. Children between the ages of 5 through 17 are eligible.

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Representatives of our Social Service Department will be located in four area offices in Metropolitan Detroit every third Saturday of the month between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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July 13, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

Request from President Swanson of Alma College

The attached is self-explanatory and it seems like a good idea.

Would you please undertake to send to Mr. Swanson the names of people in the labor movement in Michigan who might be invited to attend the conference.

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Inter-Office Communication

July 18, 1966

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To Walter Reuther

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Walter:

It is my recommendation that you join, as an Honorary Member, the Friends of Tougaloo. Tougaloo, as you know, is just outside of Jackson. The former President was Dr. Beitel who, as a white, in the early years gave great leadership to Tougaloo in joining the civil rights struggle in Mississippi. Unlike many of the Negro colleges in the south, Tougaloo took a courageous position.

Not only is Mr. Kaplan of National NAACP, he is a strong supporter of the College and so are Aaron Henry and Charles Evers.

Fraternally,

Mildred Jeffrey/jj

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Enclosure

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KIVIE KAPLAN
75 HAMMOND STREET
CHESTNUT HILL 67, MASSACHUSETTS

June 7, 1966

Mr Walter Reuther
5000 E Jefferson
Detroit Mich.

Dear Walter:

It was certainly nice to see you at the President's Conference, and of course everybody was really busy.

Rabbi Hirsch told me that he had spoken to you about becoming an Honorary Member of the Friends of Tougaloo which is a National Committee, and we have many of the top people from different walks of life in different parts of the country. He wanted me to write to you about these details and no doubt you would send along your confirmation in this very worthwhile project.

Tougaloo College is in Tougaloo, Mississippi and is doing a great service in the cause in which you and I are so vitally interested.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

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Kivie

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July 26, 1966

Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

Could you please contact Ray Berndt concerning the attached and follow through with the invitation to Reverend Gillum and his group.

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cc: Ray Berndt

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Inter-Office Communication

July 21, 1966

To Irving Bluestone, Adm. Ass't. to Walter P. Reuther

From Raymond H. Berndt, Director Region 3

Subject

Dear Irv:

I am enclosing communication from Reverend William E. Gillum which was sent to me at the request of one of our officers in Muncie, Indiana.

It would be helpful to us in the Muncie area if we could invite this group to make a tour of Solidarity House and if we could pick up the tab for the noon luncheon. I am positive that someone would be on hand who could address them and have a question and answer session over a period of 1-1/2 hours.

Since this is the first request of this kind that has come across my desk, I am directing it to you so that you can put it into a proper channel if there is one available.

Will you please advise me at your earliest opportunity what might be done so that I might, in turn, answer Reverend Gillum.

Fraternally,

Raymond H. Berndt

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Mr. Raymond H. Berndt, Director
Region #3 U.A.W.
1701 W. 18th St.
Indianapolis 7, Indiana

Dear Mr. Berndt:

In my phone conversation with Mr. Charles Ulmer today he suggested that I write to you and give you some particulars on our Methodist Youth Fellowship See-It-Tour that is planned for October 20, 21, 22, & 23, 1966.

There will be about 80 Methodist senior high school students in our group. The See-It-Tour is designed to show these youth the work of the church in various sections of the mid-west. In the past few years the tour has alternated between Chicago and Nashville. This year we hope to see and discuss with labor and management those things that are of a vital concern to all responsible citizens. We will visit innner-city church work in Detroit, sightsee, and visit historical as well as cultural sights in the Detroit area.

We would like to visit Solidarity House very much. I understand we may eat a noon meal there too. Perhaps I could suggest our coming to Solidarity House at 10:30 and meet with your representative for a tour and question & answer session to 12:00. Noon meal at 12:00 and we would be on our way. This would fit our sehedule well on Friday, October 21st. I would need to know as soon as possible what the cost of the meal would be so this can be included in the fee for the tour.

I hope this gives you enough information about our group and what we hope to do. Our prime objective is information and understanding.

Very sincerely yours,

William E. Gillum

William E. Gillum

WPR

August 4, 1966

Walter

Irv

Proposal by Brendan Sexton for a "Save American Cities" Conference

Brendan transmitted to me the attached memorandum suggesting the scheduling of a broad based conference - preceding the November election - to deal with the problem of the American city. The idea is to take some of the heat out of the "negative reflexes" reaction about which you have expressed concern.

I believe you will find this proposal of interest - although the time factor may be a serious problem.

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Irv Bluestone

Brendan Sexton

Next to Viet Nam, it seems likely that the most important issue in the forthcoming congressional elections will be the question of race relations - not so much civil rights, as the administration of justice, control of crime, policy with respect to housing patterns, etc.

It seems evident to me that the issue of local police and crime in the streets will be used even more - and far more effectively - than it was by Goldwater. For obvious reasons, this issue will be especially important in Chicago, Cleveland, Los Angeles, New York.

I do not believe it will be possible to mount an effective defensive campaign on these issues. The only way to meet them effectively is to attempt to draw off some of the inflamation before it takes deep root. I think one possible way of attempting to do this is to float, with as much public fanfare as possible, a program to "Save the American City From Destruction" (a much more felicitous and effective title can be written with a little thought) which would have the endorsement of a large number of prestigeful figures in the church, business community, government, labor, civil rights, publishing, etc.

I don't believe that such a program should be sponsored by any group now in existence; they are all too sectarian or too partisan - and I particularly think

that such a program should not be sponsored by civil rights organizations.

I think a good way to go about this would be to have Walter invite a small number of influential people (Blake, Cody, Higgins, Watson, Ford, men at that level) and lay before them a plan for a national conference to discuss and adopt a broad, general program to salvage the American City, and create the basis for establishing harmonious inter-group relations therein. This would be a conference of perhaps as few as 150 people and not more than 250. They would be at the level of International Union President or Secretary-Treasurer, Governor or Mayor, Bishop, Corporation President or Vice-President, University President or Dean, etc.

The ad-hoc committee calling the conference would also establish commissions that would meet prior to the conference to receive and discuss papers on four or five subjects, such as: Police-Community Relations, Urban Renewal Policy, Improved Educational Opportunities, Equal Employment, Youth in the City, Federal-State-Municipal Fiscal Relationships.

Competent, imaginative, concerned, academicians and writer would be chosen to prepare the papers that would be presented first to the commissions and then to the national conference. People such as John K. Galbraith, Charles Abrams, Charles Silberman, Jerrold Zecharias, Fred Hechinger, etc. would be invited to take on this assignment.

Each step in the process - the announcement of the committee's decision to call the conference, the appointment of each of the separate commissions, the meetings of the commissions, the drafts as accepted by the commissions and finally the conference itself would be publicized. If this last step could be

planned for the latter part of September or the early part of October, it might be expected that the media would give the conference and its report a good deal of attention. Though completely non-partisan, it seems to me reasonable to expect that such a conference would come down heavily on the right side and would take the sting out of reactionary efforts to use the city riots to stir up emotions that can be capitalized in the election campaign.

I know this would require great haste and effort, but all indications are that come October and early November we will be spending much time, effort and money anyway, trying to find ways to deal with these issues.

In addition, I believe we would be going the nation a great service and would perhaps be helping to create the basis on which some kind of real inter-group understanding can be built.

Finally, I think it is likely that the forthcoming Powell-Carmichael conference is likely to aggravate this issue and something of this kind blowing in the wind might do much to counter-balance that meeting.

Ribicoff Calls Hearing on 'Crisis' in U.S. Cities

By ROBERT B. SEMPLE Jr.

Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1 — Senator Abraham A. Ribicoff announced today that he would hold hearings involving Cabinet members, Mayors, sociologists and other experts on slum problems in order to take a fresh look at what he called the "crisis in American cities."

In a statement on the Senate floor, the Connecticut Democrat said that "the violent events of recent weeks in American cities" demonstrated clearly that the Federal Government, despite massive aid to urban areas, had not yet found the answers to the problems of urban living.

"Despite $2.3-billion in Federal hospital construction since 1947," he said, "there is still no hospital in Watts. Today four million urban families live in substandard housing. Today sprinklers were added to fire hydrants in the steaming streets of one city only after riots and violence. And today 14,000 infants and adults suffer death, injury and infection each year due to rat bites."

Over the years, Mr. Ribicoff continued, "the Federal Government has slashed highways through cities, built massive public housing projects, condemned great areas of rundown structures, created bright new office buildings and apartments for the wealthy, all without thoughtfully relating our efforts to the needs of people. We have been concrete-conscious — not people-conscious."

Cabinet Aides, Sociologists and Other Experts Will Appear Before Panel

Hearings Begin Aug. 16

He said the hearings would begin Aug. 16 before the Senate subcommittee on executive reorganization, of which he is chairman. If Mr. Ribicoff's proposed witness list materializes, the hearings could turn into one of the most provocative public studies of urban problems in many years.

The lead-off witness is scheduled to be the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, Robert C. Weaver. Other officials invited to testify are Attorney General Nicholas de B. Katzenbach; Sargent, Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity; Labor Secretary W. Willard Wirtz; John W. Gardner, the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare, and Commerce Secretary John T. Connor.

Among the members of the subcommittee are the two Senators from New York, Robert F. Kennedy and Jacob K. Javits.

Mr. Ribicoff, in an interview, emphasized that he would not be satisfied with the same "tired answers which are 20 years old" about the need for more housing, schools, and playgrounds. He acknowledged that all these were necessary, but he stressed that one of the main problems was the failure of the Government — despite good intentions and enormous outlays —to produce concrete results.

"Is our response to the present college challenge adequate?" the Senator asked. "Are the techniques of our aid programs obsolete and limited—designed to meet the needs and conditions of national life a year ago? Are the proper management skills being used? Is the effectiveness of the programs that do exist impaired by division of authority among many agencies and levels of Government? And do the goals of major Federal programs conflict?

Mr. Ribicoff is expected to question Dr. Weaver, Mr. Shriver and other Cabinet members closely on the extent to which they have coordinated their city-related programs. This has long been one of the Senator's principal concerns, and his statement today indicated that he was not completely satisfied with the progress made so far.

Mr. Ribicoff also plans to hear testimony from the nation's Mayors, and he said that Mayor Lindsay of New York would be the first of these to testify.

He said he would also invite private citizens "whose views are important but seldom receive much coverage or public notice."

'Root Causes' Sought

"It is the sociology of the ghetto that we are after, the root causes, and these people will, I hope, be able to enlighten us," he asserted.

He mentioned, among others, Joseph Lyford, whose three-year study of New York's West Side for the Fund for the Republic will be published this fall.

"We have set a national policy of full employment," Mr. Ribicoff told the Senate. "We have set a national policy of a decent home for every American. We have undertaken the eradication of poverty, the development of rural areas, the development of adeqsate transportation. We have all these policies, but the basic fact is this: We have yet to enunciate and carry out a clear-cut national policy on urban development. We have not come to grips with the problems of our cities."

"The violent events of recent weeks in American cities," he said, "clearly show that we do not have the answers. No indiual has the answers. In many cases, we have not even asked the right questions. It is high time we examined the issues."

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crass violations of the "A Cleaner New York Is Up to You" concept, a spokesman for the department said yesterday, "I've heard some wild ones in my time but never a mad litterer!"

A man familiar with the litterer's work is Francis R. Monahan, general foreman of the Parks Department district that includes Bryant Park, as well as Madison Square Park, which has also been a target.

Going On for Two Years

"Its been going on for at least two years, "said Mr. Monahan. "He might not hit for a week or two and then hit for four or five days. There's no set pattern, but sometimes it's so heavy it looks like a couple of men did it."

He believes that the litterbug lays his carpets between midnight and six in the morning and says that while Bryant Park itself had been a favorit-

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Mildred Jeffrey

Irv Bluestone

PTA Meeting

The report on the PTA meeting is just excellent and follows the direction which we had earlier discussed within UAW.

I should think it would be easy enough to raise the necessary contributions noted in your memorandum. I will work something out with the Wayne County AFL-CIO when they contact me.

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August 17, 1966

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To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject PTA Meeting

Dear Irv:

The PTA meeting last night at WWJ Auditorium was a spirited affair with over 250 persons in attendance.

Mrs. Tate and her fellow vice presidents made excellent reports on the campaign waged by PTA to secure restoration of all cut backs of school services and to secure additional financial support from the State for Detroit schools.

The general strategy of PTA is:

1) to secure retirement funds for both 1965-1966 and 1966-1967;

2) to push for amendment of Section 17 in the regular session of the Legislature next year;

3) to insist on deficit financing if required;

4) to secure fiscal reform in the next session of the Legislature.

Sarah Foley handled the Romney ploy in yesterday's News very neatly. She said, "I guess you could say that this proposal (amendment of Section 17) originated in his office because we, the PTA, proposed it in his office." This comment was greeted with loud laughter.

The body voted almost unanimously to support the 5 mill millage proposal adopted by the Board. This was only after considerable discussion in which many questions were asked and many comments made. These included concerns that teachers' salaries be adequate; that PTA continue its vigilance for additional State support; that quality education for inner-city schools be vigorously pushed.

The specific request of labor is, at this monent, 1) financial support to help in defraying the cost of buses to Lansing on Monday and 2) providing some persons to go with PTA that day. I have asked Tom Turner to discuss the financial question with Al Barbour and the Steelworkers. He should call later today. It is my recommendation that labor should jointly contribute at least $100 toward the cost of the buses.

One final comment -- the tone of the meeting was more like a strike meeting than a PTA session.

Fraternally,

Michael Jeffery

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cc: Leonard Woodcock

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To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irv:

Tom Turner says that the Wayne County Council and the Steelworkers will each put in $50.00 for the PTA buses. He wonders whether the UAW will make a contribution in a similar amount.

He may be calling you today about this.

Fraternally,

Mildy

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October 27, 1966

Dick Kelly

Irv Bluestone

Attached Manuscript "The Shame of the Suburbs"

I read the enclosed with considerable interest. Aside from the purple language Mr. Lewiston uses, he gets in some telling blows in the manner of the old muckraker.

I would appreciate learning your reaction to the document. Please return it when you are finished.

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Walter P. Reuther

Mildred Jeffrey

Hildreth

Dear Walter:

Attached are some suggestions for assignments for Hildred.

It is my view that there are so many tasks to be done that it is simply a matter of sorting out what you consider the most important.

I shall be delighted to work with Hildred in any fashion you think best and if more of the proposals are feasible, I shall be happy to make other suggestions.

Fraternally,

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cc: Olga Madar

Consumer Representative

With the increased emphasis on consumer protection at the federal and state levels through legislation, and with the high priority that the President has given this concern, it is urgent, it seems to me, that the union give greater attention to the whole area of consumer problems and clearly and visibly establish UAW credentials as a leader in the consumer crusade.

The new Michigan laws whichaare just becoming operative give the union a splendid opportunity to work at making this new legislation effective. Michigan now has the best legislation of any State in the Union. As we gain experience in our State, the Michigan pattern can well become a guide for legislative efforts in other states.

The enactment of "Truth in Packaging" in the last session of the Congress is further evidence of the growing trend in our country of the need to establish safeguards and protections for the ordinary purchaser of goods and services. Undoubtedly, further consumer legislation, including "Truth in Lending", will be pushed in the forthcoming session of Congress.

The "Women for Lower Prices", or the women's boycott, as it was popularly called, which emerged in the last few months, is indicative of increasing consumer impatience and of a growing desire to organize on a spontaneous basis. (Esther Peterson was received so warmly by the Denver women not because she either knew them or had organized them, but simply that when she came into Denver they believed from what they had read about her that she was a true friend of the consumer. They believed, whether rightly or wrongly, that they were responding to her frequent appeals to consumers to organize.)

There is here, it seems to me, a need for a full-time person who can keep well informed on the many developments in this expanding field, who can represent the union in the community and who can relate to government and voluntary groups in the consumer area.

Further, the UAW needs a person clearly identified as a Consumer Representative who is not an economist or a legislative representative, but is herself a typical consumer who can talk in lay language about the everday problems of the housewife and the family breadwinner.

This becomes increasingly important as the notion grows that somehow unions are responsible for price increases. We need, in the community and the nation, an image of informed concern about prices.

The opportunities are unlimited!

Human Relations and Community Councils

There are some twenty-eight Human Relations and Community Councils in the Greater Detroit Metropolitan area. These organizations are committed to the development of good human relations in the several areas of housing, education and recreation.

They are, on the whole, well led by church, liberal and community minded persons. They carry on a good fight but need a great deal of help.

Our Department and Fair Practices are regularly called upon for assistance by these groups. We do what we can, but the assistance is neither on a continuing or creative basis.

In addition, there are programs such as Project Commitment, conducted by the Detroit Archdiocese, which is a remarkable attempt to reach into the parishes with depth discussion on the whole range of civil rights issues. Many UAW members participate in this program. (Thank goodness!)

It is my view that one approach that the union might well take in working on the question of open housing is to experiment in involving local union members in the neighborhoods in which they live through these community groups and church sponsored programs conducted by the several faiths.

Secondly, the UAW would benefit in our community relations if we demonstrated a more continuing relationship with these and other groups in white areas and, on the other hand, we need to make a deeper approach to our members living in these communities. This, among other things, means that we need to learn more about their feelings as home owners so that we can deal effectively with their real fears and concerns.

Basic in this approach would be an effort to develop new and imaginative approaches to the questions of changing attitudes, relieving fears and creating positive feelings toward open housing and other related problems.

Essentially what we are saying is that this proposal should be considered as experimental and if it were successful in the Greater Detroit area, it might prove to be a pattern that would be useful to the union in other metropolitan areas. Or secondly, after study of some of these programs, such as Project Commitment, the union might decide to develop companion programs at the local union level.

Organized Religion and Labor

There are a number of areas in which the UAW needs to deepen and extend its relationships with organized religion.

In recent years, a new generation of clergy has graduated from seminaries with little or no exposure to the "social gospel" and with little or no sympathy for organized labor. This is compounded by the fact that unlike twenty years ago, labor is, in the eyes of the Church, now strong and powerful, and is in a position to wage its own battles for economic justice. As a matter of fact, many clergy are more concerned about the individual rights of union members as union members than they are about social and economic objectives of the labor movement. These attitudes, of course, are reactions to the performances of Hoffa, discriminatory practices of the building trades, arrogant attitudes of some labor leaders, etc. Our limited programs, however, indicate that there is an unfailing readiness on the part of clergy and seminaries to respond positively when labor offers opportunities for dialogue.

Below are some of the specific areas in which we might well expand union relationships:

1. Women's Associations

While we have a relationship with church women in the three major faiths, much more could be done if there were staff to work with them on a continuing basis and on a broad range of issues and questions on which both the Church and labor have a mutual concern.

Such relationship at the national, state and local levels could be extended with the United Church Women, the League of Catholic Women and the National Council of Jewish Women, as well as many other denominational women's associations.

The women traditionally in the Protestant Church are a liberal influence and are much more action-oriented than a comparable men's groups. There are tremendous opportunities for developing joint seminars, workshops, study guides, speakers' lists, labor-oriented or authored articles in women's publications, etc. One of the simple things we need to do is identify UAW wives and women members who are already active in church affairs.

2. Labor Speakers and Representatives on Church Committees

While much has been done in this area through the Education Department at the local level, we still have not reached out to many of the denominations on a sustained and imaginative basis.

More and more we are asked for nominations of labor persons for church committees, and in each instance we are asked to locate a labor person who comes from the respective faith or denomination. Again, much more representation could be secured if there were more sustained staff time.

3. Church Publications

Another untapped potential is arranging for publications or articles by UAW officers and appropriate personnel in denominational journals and magazines.

4. Seminary Students

Since the demise of the Religion-Labor Council, very little is underway on developing sustained contacts with the seminaries across the country. Experience demonstrates that many seminaries welcome a labor relationship and, equally important, seminary students are eager for discussion and dialogue with labor leaders.

The above, while sketchy, suggests the great opportunities that are available to us for working with the church, both clergy and lay.

I believe that national church leadership would welcome an expanded program on the part of UAW in this field, since at the top denominational level there is discouragement in their inability to move large numbers of their membership on civil rights, economic and social pronouncements of the church. A companion effort would be greatly appreciated.

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Walter P. Reuther

Mildred Jeffrey

Dear Walter:

At the two last meetings of the Police-Community Relations Committee of CCEO, chaired by Horace Gilmore, George Edwards has, on a confidential basis, discussed his concerns about organized crime in Detroit. In his presentation, he reviewed his long associations, going back to the 30's, with the problem for the past thirty years.

Out of these discussions have come several thoughts. I want to report two now:

1. Bishop Emrich and Ed Cushman will be inviting you, together with a half dozen top religious and industry leaders, to meet for a similar off the record discussion of the serious nature of the organized crime problem in the near future.

2. There is, on the part of the Committee, a deep concern that since the Prosecutor is a key figure in combating organized crime, that the person appointed be someone of complete integrity, strength and ability to fill the vacancy created by Olsen's election to the Recorders Court.

   I raise this because, while at this moment no one is pushing any candidate, it is extremely important that labor not get committed to any one person at this time.

   It is anticipated that the decision by the judges will be be made in January after Sam Olsen resigns as Prosecutor and takes his place on the Recorders Bench on January 1.

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To Irving Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

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Dear Irving:

The Ambassador of Jamaica to the United States will be a guest of honor at the Caribbean Education Service Benefit Concert of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra on Sunday, November 27th, at Ford Auditorium.

The attached materials are, I hope, explanatory.

We have been asked to sponsor a reception for him after the Concert in the Social Hall on the lower level of Ford Auditorium.

The Steelworkers and the Wayne County Council would be joint hosts and share expenses.

The cost would be approximately $100.00.

Fraternally,

Mildred Jf

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Attachments (3)

What is

the

CARIBBEAN EDUCATION SERVICE

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A NON-PROFIT, volunteer organization designed to benefit students from the Caribbean Islands and British Guiana, by obtaining scholarships at colleges and universities all over the United States.

IT WAS FOUNDED in Detroit in 1965 by Colin Cromwell, himself a native of British Guiana.

ITS FIRST EFFORT to launch a large-scale scholarship program found it sponsoring a concert by "The Voices," a first-rate vocal group from New York City in October of 1965.

IN THE INTERVENING YEAR (to November 1966) it has been able, through the sheer drive of Mr. Cromwell, to obtain ten $500 tuition scholarships for West Indian freshman students at Oakland University; and a full-year scholarship for a freshman student at Marygrove College (value $2000). IN ADDITION, Mr. Avern Cohn, well-known Detroit attorney has agreed to match one of the $500 Oakland University scholarships with another $500 -- providing one student from the Caribbean area with a $1000 scholarship. (Others interested in providing such "matching" funds may call the Caribbean Education Service at 895-3221.)

NOW . . . November, 1965 . . . The Caribbean Education Service finds itself sole sponsor of the November 27th performance of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra -- and badly in need of some help with ticket sales because a co-sponsor dropped out at the last minute.

About

CARIBBEAN (West Indian)

STUDENTS IN AMERICA

There are about 2000 West Indian students in the United States. They come to this country mainly on their own, with only enough funds to survive the first few months. They register at the college or university that accepted their application, then set out to prove themselves academically, and find a job -- for example, driving a cab for forty hours on a weekend.

Unhappily, most of these students try to take up their studies at eastern schools because transportations costs to these areas is less than going inland, and because that's where others who have gone before them have attended school. For instance, some 600 are enrolled at Howard University, and another 600 are at New York and Columbia Universities. In these schools the number of scholarships available for foreign students are necessarily limited, and these West Indians find themselves competing with each other . . . when many such scholarships would be opened for them if the need were made known in the midwest and west, and if these youngsters could then be made aware of these opportunities.

When these students have succeeded with their undergraduate work and want to go on to advanced studies in medicine, dentistry, or engineering, they find even fewer openings. After a long wait, many of them return home, disillusioned and frustrated with America and its educational opportunities.

It is the hope of The Caribbean Educational Service that this situation can be changed. Its objective is to watch for the able, qualified student from such tiny places as the islands of St. Kitts, Mont Serratt, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent -- and, or course, Jamaica and Trinidad. These people can be shown more about America if they can be brought to Michigan, to Utah, or to Washington, and a rich, cultural exchange that will benefit all of the Western Hemisphere will be the inevitable result.

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Who is

COLIN CROMWELL

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In general

. . . a young man who doesn't know what can't be done, so he goes about doing the impossible.

. . . a naturalized citizen (native of British Guiana, South America), whose naivety permits no room for fear.

. . . an educated man who wants to make America's educational opportunities abailable to others -- especially those from the West Indies.

Specifically

. . . a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta; holder of a Masters Degree in Public Administration from The American University, Washington, D.C.; and a former graduate assistant in the Department of Economics at Wayne State University.

. . . now enrolled in the doctoral program at Wayne, and

. . . founder of the Caribbean Education Service, a non-profit, volunteer organization designed to benefit students from the Caribbean Islands and British Guiana.

Personally

. . . a Detroit resident, married, and a veteran of two years service with the United States Army.

Professionally

. . . former Field Director for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

. . . NAACP Washington staff member, and

. . . now owner of the largest family hobby center in the Detroit area.

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To Irv Bluestone

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

Dear Irving:

I don't know what date you have set up for the briefing session with staff members from the Regions who will be in attendance at the Fiscal Reform Conference. I would very much like to be at that meeting. Unfortunately, however, I will be out of town Thursday and Friday of this week and next Tuesday.

Fraternally,

Mildred /jj

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December 13, 1966

Mr. & Mrs. Irving Bluestone
17560 Prairie
Detroit, Michigan 48221

Dear Irv and Zelda:

I know that you were as distressed as the rest of us about the tragic news of the death of Joe Ross. It was a very sudden heart attack and he passed away two hours after the attack.

CCEO is setting up, modest as it may be, a Joseph Ross Memorial Fund for the Detroit Youth Service Corps. The Youth Service Corps was Joe's idea and it was for 14 and 15 year old boys, many of whom have been in trouble. This is an opportunity for them to relate to police officers and the Police Department.

I thought you might like to know about this.

Sincerely,

Mildred

Mildred M. Jeffrey

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To Walter P. Reuther

From Mildred Jeffrey

Subject

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I thought you and Mae might like to know about this.

Do you think that the UAW should make a modest contribution to the Memorial Fund?

Fraternally,

Mildred J.

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
4864 Woodward Avenue
Detroit, Michigan 48201

Telephone: 832-2055

December 14, 1966

Dear Friend:

It is with sadness that we have learned of the death of our colleague of the Citizens Committee and friend, Mr. Joseph Ross, former President of Davidson Bros., Inc.

In an effort to perpetuate the memory of his broad community contributions and his particularly significant work with our Committee, a Memorial Fund has been proposed and activated. A description of the fund is enclosed.

We do hope that this meaningful gesture will adequately express our corporate appreciation of his services to youth and the cause of equal opportunity.

An initial, generous response from our membership would be most appropriate.

Cordially yours,

Robert L. Potts

Robert L. Potts
Executive Director

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CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

TO: Mass Media
RE: Joseph Ross Memorial Fund
FROM: Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity
4864 Woodward Avenue, Detroit 48202
Telephone: 832-2055
DATE: December 13, 1966

For further information, contact:

Robert L. Potts, Executive Director

or

Stella P. Fizazi, Administrative Assistant

The Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity announces the establishment of the Joseph Ross Memorial Fund for the Youth Service Corps Cadets.

During his stay in Detroit, Mr. Ross served on the Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity's sub-committee on Police-Community Relations. He was deeply and continuously concerned about the youth of our city and was instrumental in initiating several programs designed to improve their opportunity.

Mr. Ross' idea of a Junior Police Corps was first realized in the summer of 1965 with the establishment of the Youth Service Corps in cooperation with the Detroit Police Department and the Neighborhood Service Organization. One hundred and fifty youth, aged 12-14, worked in 4 police precincts during the entire summer.

Last summer, funds were granted by the War on Poverty program. The Youth Service Corps was expanded to 650 participants who served in 8 police precincts.

Monies received for the Joseph Ross Memorial Fund will be used to further the goals of the Youth Service Corps program and to provide additional, meaningful experiences for the youth of Detroit.

Donations should be made out to the Joseph Ross Memorial Fund and sent to the Citizens Committee for Equal Opportunity, 4864 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202.

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December 22, 1966

Mr. Irving Bluestone
17560 Prairie
Detroit, Michigan

Dear Irv:

In reading the press and talking with some of the people at the meeting on the "Model City" held with residents of the area on Monday I am again struck with the importance of having somewhere along the way a corp of community organizers.

The best experience that Detroit has had was in the Neighborhood Conservation are #1--Mack Concord. At that time Mal Ravitz was director of a small department in City Plan Commission entitled Community Organization.

Mal and his staff did a superb job in working with the people in the community, bringing City Plans programs to them, changing those plans as residents in block clubs and a community council reacted to them. It's a long story which I won't go into now but it was one of the few success stories in this difficult area of involving those who are effected in planning and decision making.

During Miriani's time the Community Organization unit was moved to the Housing Commission where it pretty much died.

It seems to me that if the "Model City" is not to run into insuperable opposition--since people these days are almost totally suspicious and unbelieving of promises made by establishments--that it is crucial to slot in community organization personnel during the planning and study stage.

This could be done through use of the Federal monies. If this is not possible, perhaps a non-profit corporation could be set up which could receive monies and employ staff.

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I am not going further at this writing as at this time I simply wanted to get this concern before you.

Fraternally,

Mildred Jeffrey/ac

Mildred Jeffrey, Director
UAW Community Relations Department

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