

December 12, 1945

Mrs. Wilder Foote, Chairman
Voteless D. C. League of Women Voters
1216 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Foote:

Mrs. Dorah H. Sterne has sent us a check for \$2.00 and has asked us to enroll the D. C. League of Women Voters as a cooperating member of the Southern Regional Council. We are delighted to do this. Our literature will be addressed to you as Chairman of the D. C. League.

Thank you for your suggestion in your letter of December 2 to the effect that in distributing LNW pamphlet on minorities we might urge our members to undertake community surveys with regard to FEPC. You will be interested to know that our Council has endorsed "the creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practices Committee to promote the non-discriminatory use of manpower." Some of our members have been quite active in promoting the proposed Federal law. However, there is a wide range of opinion among our members with respect to the Federal bill. Some of them honestly feel that a Federal law would have no practical effectiveness in the South.

I believe that the LNW pamphlet will strike 99% of our members as being very fair and objective and it is probable that many of them will want to make a community survey as suggested in the pamphlet.

With all good wishes,

Cordially yours,

GUY B. JOHNSON,
Executive Director

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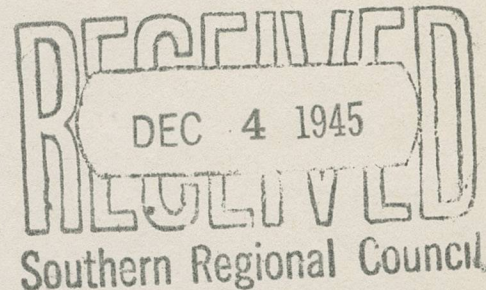
VOTELESS DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

1216 CONNECTICUT AVENUE

ENTRANCE ON JEFFERSON PLACE

December 2, 1945

Mr. Guy B. Johnson
63 Auburn Ave., N.E.
Atlanta 3, Georgia



Dear Mr. Johnson:

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Thank you very much for your letter of November 21. The Committee on Minority Groups of the D.C. League of Women Voters will be delighted to receive and study the material you send us.

We are also glad to note that you are keeping in touch with what the LWV is thinking and doing in regard to minority "problems". We are much interested to hear that your Southern Regional Council is thinking of purchasing and distributing copies of the National League's MEMO on "Government and Our Minorities" which would be cooperating in a very positive way with the League's educational program.

This committee feels that the urgency of the present situation is somewhat overlooked in the MEMO. The end of the war which brought a sudden precipitation of reconversion problems and unemployment puts a focus on the present inadequate financial and legal status of the FEPS. We cannot help but feel that the present crisis calls for Federal attention in the form of a Permanent Fair Employment Practices Commission.

We are wondering if in the distribution of this MEMO to your members you might not include an accompanying suggestion as to the urgent need for groups to develop their own conclusions on the matter by making a community survey (as the MEMO suggests) giving particular attention to analysis of #10 under "Make a Survey of Your Community" in order to determine afresh in the light of present tensions the need for immediate action on the pending FEPS Bill?

Looking forward to your communications from time to time, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Marcia S. Foote

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