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FILE NO.

Protest

OF

Women's Int'l. League for Peace and Freedom, et al

Against race discrimination by hotels.

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The City of Seattle--Legislative Department

MR. PRESIDENT:

Your Committee on Judiciary

to which was referred

File No. 173548, Protest of Women's Int'l. League for Peace and Freedom, et al, against race discrimination by hotels,

Date Reported and Adopted

recommends that the same be placed on file.

Chairman

Steve Washburn

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Committee

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At the hotel to which she may apply, we hope Dorothy
maynor will be received on equal terms with white guests.

1303 Terry Ave.
Seattle, Washington
May 16, 1942

City Council
Seattle, Washington

Dear Sirs:

We believe that race discrimination is contrary to Christianity and Democracy, and therefore believe that it should not exist in our hotels and restaurants. We hope you may find it within your power to pass an ordinance or otherwise use your influence to prohibit race discrimination in Seattle hotels and restaurants. We believe we should all be united and help each other to accomplish a more perfect democracy. To this end we believe an open meeting for public discussion of this matter would be helpful.

Respectfully yours,

Victor F. Carron
Mariano L. Baerisio
Frances Robertson
Madelyn Brown
Frances Gaudia
Fred Gaudia
J. M. Maala
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Patricio C. Alcantara
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Seattle wash.
Apr - 6, 1942

City Council

City.

I wish to register a
a protest at the inhospitable
and unamerican treatment accorded
Roland Hayes by some of our
hotels.

We want no Hitlerism
here in any shape or form and
I respectfully urge the body
to take proper action to
stop this practice.

Mrs. Frank L. Grande
1207-17th no.

March 30, 1942

~~Mrs. F. F. Powell~~
County-City Bldg.
Seattle

~~Dear Mrs. Powell:~~

I am addressing this letter to you, because I know of your sympathy and help in other matters of importance to the people of our city. The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom has long been disturbed because Seattle is one of the cities whose hotels discriminate against individuals of other races, particularly the negro. Last week, we read that Roland Hayes, here because thousands of people want to pay money to hear him sing, could not stay in a Seattle hotel unless he stayed in his room, used a freight entrance, had no visitors except in his room, etc.

The city licenses the hotels here, they are supposed to operate under city ordinances. Why is such a condition tolerated? Cannot the city council do something to prevent Seattle getting such bad publicity as comes from this forcing of Roland Hayes to stay in a private home if he is to be treated as a citizen of the United States should be treated? It is not only in this country that unfavorable publicity is aroused, but it provides marvelous ammunition to Germany, for instance, which recounts the tale of American lynchings, injustices and discriminations as justification for itself and evidence of hypocrisy in us in our condemnation of their treatment of the Jews.

Pearl Buck, in a letter to the New York Times, said recently that we shall have to decide whether we are--or want to be--a democracy. If our decision is in favor of democracy, then we must cease having a subject race--the negro, and give full freedom and respect to every individual, whatever the color of his skin. Here, certainly, is one place where the City Council, the Hotel Association and the people of Seattle can demonstrate that they really want a democratic country, with freedom and justice for all.

Will you see that this letter is presented to the Council?

Sincerely,

Helen M. Harris
Minorities Chairman,
Women's International League
for
Peace and Freedom

*652 East 73rd
Seattle*

City Council, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Sirs and Mrs. Powell:

Many Seattle citizens realize that it is very unfortunate for our city that hotels refused to entertain, on equal terms with white guests, Roland Hayes, a talented Negro of good character. No doubt due to Axis influence discredit has been brought to Seattle and to the cause of democracy by such unjust acts of race discrimination as would not have been tolerated years ago. This disgrace to our city will become nationally and internationally known.

Why cannot Seattle be as just a city as Minneapolis? A great responsibility rests with our City Council.

We, therefore, request the City Council to take such action as will prevent a recurrence of race discrimination by hotels, and thereby help to unite the Nation.

White Citizens

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