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TOBIAS SAYS GIFT WILL BE FAMILY'S LAST

Gift In Consideration Of
\$250,000 Allocation
For Race Members

ST. LOUIS, May 13—The national board of Young Men's Christian associations, in session at the Jefferson hotel, here, Wednesday, May 4, officially accepted a conditional offer of \$25,000 made to the fiftieth anniversary fund of the colored department of the national council by the Rosenwald Family association, which is composed of the members of the family of the late Julius Rosenwald.

The offer came in response to an appeal made by Channing H. Tobias, senior secretary of the colored work department of the national council.

The gift is made in consideration of a \$250,000 allocation for Race work included in the forward movement fund of the international committee of Young Men's Christian associations, and is conditioned on raising the balance of \$225,000.

Race associations throughout the country are celebrating this year the fiftieth anniversary of the beginning of organized association work among the Race. This celebration is featuring the raising of \$125,000, or half of the \$250,000 fund mentioned above, and a national conference to be held in Washington, D. C., next November.

Final Contribution

Mr. Tobias, in commenting on the Rosenwald gift, said that the outstanding factor in securing favorable consideration by the Rosenwald family was the cooperation of George R. Arthur, secretary of the Wabash avenue Y. M. C. A. in Chicago, who put back of the appeal the whole weight of his personal standing with the Rosenwald family.

The gift was made with the understanding that it was the final contribution of the Rosenwald family to Y. M. C. A. work. In the letter announcing the gift, William Rosenwald, president of the family association, said:

"In making this offer, the members of the family association have in mind the thought that was behind our father's gifts and continuing philanthropy to this cause during his lifetime. He sought to increase goodwill between races and to inaugurate efforts which through the years, using the Young Men's Christian Association as a channel, would enable the Negro to make a fitting contribution to American democracy.

Commends Work

"We have watched with pleasure and satisfaction the working out of this program through the past quarter of a century and heartily commend this organization as worthy of the support of all friends of the Negro race who want to aid in the character education of its youth.

"We sincerely trust that the full goal may be reached so that the organization may go forward in its services to this important one-tenth of our American population."

The national chairman of the fiftieth anniversary campaign is Dr. Leslie Pinckney Hill of Cheyney, Pa., who addressed the national council here Thursday on "The Negro in American Life."

Included among others who attended the national council meeting, and registered at the Jefferson hotel are: Emmett J. Scott, Washington, D. C.; William R. Valentine, Bordentown, N. J.; M. W. Dogan, Marshall, Texas; S. S. Booker, Youngstown, Ohio; J. M. Gandy, Petersburg, Va.; John A. Patton, Indianapolis, Ind.; William Nelson, Cincinnati, Ohio; W. Ellis Stewart, Chicago; R. B. DeFrantz, New York City; Mr. and Mrs. Homer S. Brown, Pittsburgh, and W. H. King of New York.

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