President's Commission on Higher Education

1947

NEXT MEETING OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON AIDS AND OBJECTIVES WILL BE HELD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MARCH FIRST AND SECOND.

FRANCIS J BROWN PRESIDENTS COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION.
Send the following telegram subject to the fees on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to:

Mr. Francis J. Brown
President's Commission on Higher Education
Washington, D.C.

I sent letter of resignation from commission to the President.

Last fall when I found that work on United Nations prevented my attending meetings, have to be away March first and beyond.

Eleanor Roosevelt
I received a notice of meeting of the President's Commission on Higher Education and wonders if my second letter of resignation did not reach you. Because I have not been able to attend meetings

I feel someone should be appointed in my place who can do more work.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
February 4, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square
West Apartment 15-A
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As we wired you today, the Advisory Committee on the first report of the President's Commission, dealing with aims and objectives of higher education, will meet here in Washington on Saturday and Sunday -- March 1st and 2nd.

As you will recall, two meetings have been held of the Commission as a whole, and two of this special group advising Dr. Newton Edwards, Consultant for this first report. In the light of these previous discussions, Dr. Edwards has completed the major part of his study. The purpose of this 2-day meeting is to go over his study and make such changes as may be necessary to have the unanimous support of such committee. Dr. Edwards will stay here for two weeks at which time he will make further revisions, and it is hoped that the Commission as a whole will approve this first report.

As this will be the first study to be published by the Commission and will set the policies for further studies, it is highly important that all members of the Commission carefully appraise the statement. Copies of it will be sent to you prior to the March 1st meeting.

We fully appreciate the many demands upon your time, but we are extremely anxious that the Commission shall be able to profit from your rich background of experience; consequently, we hope that you will attend both this session and the meeting of the full Commission, -- March 20, 21 and 22.

Cordially,

Francis J. Brown
Executive Secretary
August 20, 1946

Dear Madam:

Pursuant to memorandum from Dr. John R. Steelman dated August 13, 1946, there is enclosed Transportation Request Book No. B Ewh 150 for your use in connection with travel performed as a member of the National Commission for Higher Education.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

FRANK K. SANDERSON
Administrative Officer

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
New York.

Enclosure
December 31, 1947

Dear Commission Member:

The activities of this Commission have been terminated as of December 31st. For use in travel on official business of the Commission, Transportation Request Book No. [redacted] was issued to you.

It will be greatly appreciated if you will return this book to Mr. Nelson, The White House, in the enclosed envelope.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Mary Leachley
Secretary
Thank you very much for sending me a copy of the first volume of the report of the Free奔on on Higher Edue. I shall read it with interest.

You are very kind in what you say about me.
Resigning from the Commission. I was sorry I found it impossible to attend the meetings.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

It is with considerable pleasure that I transmit to you (under separate cover) a copy of the first volume of the Report of the President's Commission on Higher Education.

I was tremendously disappointed when you withdrew from the Commission, and it lost the benefit of your very wise counsel. I am happy to say, however, that both the spirit and content of this Report are thoroughly consistent with many of your expressed ideas and attitudes.

Most sincerely,

John L. Thurston
Coordinator for the President's Commission on Higher Education