December 18, 1945

Dear Mr. Heather:

I am very glad to enclose my check toward the fund which you are raising in order that the children of the General Motors Company's workers.

Very sincerely yours,
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THE FOLLOWING WIRE QUOTE 200,000 GM WORKERS THEIR WIVES AND THEIR CHILDREN ARE FACED WITH THE PROSPECT OF A BITTERLY COLD AND CHEERLESS CHRISTMAS AS A RESULT OF THE ARROGANT REFUSAL FOR THE GIANT GENERAL MOTORS CORPORATION TO NEGOTIATE CONCiliate OR ARBITRATE THE PROPOSAL OF THE UWA-CIO FOR MAINTENANCE OF WARTIME TAKE-HOME PAY THEY HAVE REJECTED OUR PROPOSAL OF PUBLIC NEGOTIATIONS CONDEMNED OUR UNWILLINGNESS TO ROB THE CONSUMER BY ACCEPTING WAGE ADJUSTMENTS TIED TO PRICE INCREASES AND ATTACKED OUR SUGGESTION THAT THE DISPUTE BE RESOLVED BY REFERENCE TO THE ARITHMETIC IN THE CORPORATION BOOKS RATHER THAN BY RESORT TO ECONOMIC POWER THE GM WORKERS HAVE STAKED THEIR SLENDER RESOURCES THEIR WILLINGNESS TO WALK THE FREEZING PICKET LINES THEIR VERY LIVELIHOODS IN THIS FIGHT AND THEY WILL NOT EAGER THIS THE FIGHT OF ALL AMERICANS FOR AN:

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ECONOMY OF ABUNDANCE. MRS ELEANOR ROOSEVELT BISHOP WILLIAM SCARLETT AND BISHOP DERWYN J SHEIL HAVE CONSENTED TO JOIN IN SPONSORING FORMATION OF A COMMITTEE OF 100 DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS TO RAISE FUNDS FOR A WHITE CHRISTMAS FOR EVERY CHILD OF A GM WORKER WE ARE REQUESTING YOU TO JOIN WITH THEM IN SERVING AS SPONSORS FOR THIS COMMITTEE MAY WE HAVE YOUR IMMEDIATE REPLY TO THIS URGENT REQUEST? END QUOTE. HAS BEEN SENT TO ARTHUR COMPTON, JAMES B CONANT, JOSEPHUS DANIELS, MARSHALL FIELD, HARRY EMERSON FOSDICK, HELEN HAYES, HENRY J MORGANTHAU, BISHOP G BRONLEY OXNAM, HAROLD UREY, WALTER WHITE AND RABBI STEPHEN S WISE. WE SHALL INFORM YOU IMMEDIATELY AS TO THE REPLIES RECEIVED FROM THESE PEOPLE MANY Thanks for YOUR COOPERATION.

WALTER P. REUTHER  VICE PRESIDENT UAW-CIO.
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FORMATION OF QUOTE CITIZENS' COMMITTEE TO AID FAMILIES OF GM STRIKERS UNQUOTE IS BEING ANNOUNCED FROM NEW YORK JANUARY 2.

SPONSORS LISTED THUS FAR ARE: MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT, BISHOP BERNARD J SHEIL, LEON HENDERSON, BISHOP G Bromley Oxnam, Henry Morganthau, Bishop William Scarlett, Walter White, Russell Davenport, LT COL Evans F Carlson and Dr Reinhold Neibuhr. Elizabeth Janeway is serving as secretary and Louis Ross as treasurer.

Committee is obtaining office space in New York City. Announcement was delayed because of expectation of possible early strike settlement due to intervention of President's fact-finding board. Corporation's refusal to participate in fact-finding hearings now threatens bitter winter for strikers' families making the need for this committee more imperative than ever. You will be kept advised of the work of the committee.

Inquiries may be directed to Elizabeth Janeway, 444 East 52nd Street, New York City. 200,000 GM workers and their families thank you for your aid in assuring them of a better and more secure new year.

WALTER P. REUTHER VICE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTOR OF GM DEPARTMENT UAW-CIO.