

Maud Smith

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Dear Frank and Jean:

*You
Jean*

I hope that you are seriously considering joining Ken and me in New York on May 17 and 18 for the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Convocation. As I told Eugene over the telephone, registration is on Tuesday, May 17, at 11:00 a.m., followed by luncheon where the topic will be "The Tragic Gap - Rights Granted and Rights Exercised". The speakers for that session will be Dean Pollak of Yale Law School, Mayor John Lindsay, Constance Baker Motley, and Bayard Rustin. Other sessions deal with compliance with the law, equal health facilities, employment and school desegregation. Listed as participants are:

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| Ossie Davis | Thurgood Marshall |
| Willard Wirtz | and |
| Kenneth Clark | Robert F. Kennedy. |

Several of these people would be interesting to hear and also I thought we could plot a visit with Kennedy, the point being to bring him into our camp to promote our purposes and his own. Surely he could do something about land, employment, and so forth, for our friends and the thousands unknown to us who are in the same predicament.

I am making reservations for the sessions and rooms. Please call me and say that you can come. We will have a cozy little house party with us as hosts and you as guests, and there is no telling who else will get involved.

I hope the houses will be finished by then so that you will feel free to take a few days off. I have to go to Colorado tomorrow or the next day to take care of some business. Next on the schedule is a meeting in Tennessee the week-end of May 14.

Both Rita and I were considerably rejuvenated by our vacation which, however, is working *wearing* off rapidly.

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Speaking of meeting Kenny, he is at school in Maryland, just about fifteen miles from Washington, so we should be able to arrange a little get-together without too much trouble. In fact, Rita, Ken, and I will all be there the week-end of May 21st, in case you happen to be in the neighborhood.

If you would like a handmade halo from me, all you have to do to get it is to bring me a copy of Mr. Wallace Green's unforgettable description of how it was when he got caught at the still. Jean, I simply have to have that. It is the best poem I have seen in many a year.

Love,

Mrs. Kenneth F. Montgomery

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