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"DAILY PEOPLE'S WORLD"
JOHN PITTMAN
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There has been furnished to the Los Angeles Office by ONDI LA-3000 on May 13, 1946, an original letter directed to "Dear NEMMY" from "BILL" which is dated May 10th and on the stationery of WILLIAM SCHNEIDERMAN, 701 Garfield Building, 942 Market Street, San Francisco. The NEMMY referred to is identified as NED SPARKS, Chairman of the Los Angeles County Communist Party. This letter in substance states that SCHNEIDERMAN desires to clear up any misunderstanding in the minds of people at Los Angeles County Communist headquarters regarding the activities of one JOHN PITTMAN, who it was stated would be making requests for funds. SCHNEIDERMAN stated that the Secretariat had agreed to allow PITTMAN to approach a few people that he knew personally for personal loans. The letter further stated that PITTMAN's new assignment is a "very important one and while we are in no position to assist him financially for the necessary expenses of the trip, we nevertheless feel it necessary to assist him as much as possible."

It was also stated that an affair had been held to raise money to give PITTMAN a good send-off; that there was no agreement as to money raising affairs in the south (referring to southern California) but that there would be no objection to approaching people known to PITTMAN for personal loans provided "it is clearly understood that this should not be done at the expense of other obligations these people have." The letter concluded by stating that REVELS would see SPARKS about the matter on the following Saturday. REVELS is identified as REVELS CAYTON, National Chairman of the National Negro Congress.

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