

Clyde Reed to Maude Younger correspondence

Clyde Reed, secretary to Kansas Governor Henry Allen of Topeka, Kansas, writes to Maude Younger of the National Woman's Party in Washington D.C. advising her of a special session of the Kansas legislature for the purpose of ratifying the woman's right to vote. On June 5, 1919, Miss Younger, Chairman of the Lobby Committee, had appealed to Governor Allen in calling a special session for purposes of ratifying the suffrage amendment saying, "This struggle has already taken forty-one years of sacrifice."

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Miss Maude Younger,
Chairman Lobby Committee,
National Woman's Party,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Younger:--

Governor Allen directs me to acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 5 requesting that he call a special session of the Legislature for the purpose of ratifying the constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women. While your letter is dated June 5 it reached Topeka only today.

I am glad to advise you that a special session of the Legislature was called under proclamation dated June 9, to meet on June 16; and there is no question that the amendment will be ratified at once. There is, of course, no serious opposition to the ratification in Kansas.

Yours very truly,

Secretary to the Governor.



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June 5, 1919.

His Excellency
Governor Henry Allen,
State Capitol,
Topeka, Kansas.

Dear Sir:—

With the passage by Congress of the constitutional amendment granting suffrage to women, the struggle for woman's enfranchisement is transferred to the states.

This struggle has already taken forty-one years of sacrifice on the part of the women of the nation. Believing that you earnestly desire its speedy termination, and realizing the great power that is yours to bring this to pass, and inasmuch as the legislatures of thirty-seven states will not meet in regular session before 1921, we appeal to you to call a special session of the legislature at the earliest possible date for the purpose of ratification.

We ask this not only on behalf of our members in your state, but also that there may be conserved to the nation the outpouring of strength, effort, time and money which is the daily toll of the prolonged struggle for woman's enfranchisement.

Will you let me know if we can count on your active support?

Yours very truly,

Maude Younger

Chairman Lobby Committee.

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