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MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Dec. 5, 1922.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Yours in regard to Mr. Irvin L. House to hand and I wish to advise as follows.

We had been trying for some time to secure the services of a young man reporter as we thought possibly a man could get around better with less expense than a lady, as we had last winter, and asked the Dorland Advertising Agency's New York representative to look out for us a newspaper reporter and in some way Irvin L. House applied for the place and had applied to us last year and after inquiring of several newspaper people, they reported that he was a reporter of fair ability, so we employed him, however, when he first arrived, I doubted that he would suit us and the second day he was here I advised Mr. Livingston to keep a sharp look out on him, as from his actions, I made up my mind that he would be trying to work everybody he could for either board or funds, and I advised him particularly not to go over to the beach until Mr. Livingston could go over and introduce him to the Chamber of Commerce people, Mr. Crom and yourself. However, it appears that he was very anxious to get over for some reason and finally butted into practically everyone on the beach and from a report that Mr. Chase made, he was making straight out propositions for remuneration for the publicity work for which we were paying him, and on Mr. Livingston's personal interview with Mr. Chase, he was assured of the attitude of House, and we immediately discharged him, and he is no longer in our employ.

Regarding House's New York and Washington connections, we do not know of any connections he had except he was claiming to represent the 45 newspapers that we do business with and we cancelled his Miami appointment the day that we excused him. This fellow may be alright in some sections of New York but he is not the kind of man that we want to represent the Chamber of Commerce.

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We have now engaged Miss Louise May whom we had last season and found very energetic and efficient.

Miss May will arrive here next Saturday and we would appreciate your advising your representatives to co-operate with her as we are very anxious to get out a great deal of good publicity matter this season.

We have been sending out quite a lot of matter through our Mr. Weed whom we have by the year, but propose to make a special effort as soon as Miss May arrived.

We have found that pictures of prominent people are very important and especially beach pictures and any co-operation that your people can give us will be appreciated.

Yours very truly,

President,
Miami Chamber of Commerce.



February 26, 1923.

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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
c/o Alton Beach Realty Company,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

You are invited to be a member
of the reception committee to greet the Hon.
James M. Cox at the bandstand in Royal Palm
Park on Thursday night, March 1st, at 8:20
o'clock.

A chair will be reserved for
you and we trust that you will be able to
accept this invitation and be at the rear of
the band shell to welcome Mr. Cox upon his
arrival.

Yours very truly,

E. G. Sewell ✓
E. G. Sewell.

MB.



The Waldorf-Astoria

New York

August 6, 1923.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
734 Fifth Ave.
New York.

Dear Mr. Fisher,

Last Spring before Mr. Gar Wood went North, he spoke to me about our trying to arouse special interest in some boat racing next winter and he advised that if we would do this that he could assure us of at least three new fast boats that would be built and possibly five or six, and in the meantime we become interested in bringing to Miami a big "Aviation Meet", which would be participated in by the U. S. Naval seaplanes or flying boats similar to the "Meet" which was held at Detroit in October 1922, as you will remember this "Meet" brought together the World's fastest flying boats and among the "Trophies" was the Curtiss Marine Flying Trophy, which is a very valuable one and which trophy would be contested for at the proposed "Flying meet".

While in Washington, I had a conference with the officers of the National Aeronautic Association, and I have also recently received a letter from Mr. Gar Wood and I wondered whether or not you would be interested in co-operating in bringing about these two national events during the coming winter season.

It is my opinion that we could work up local interest and make this event a "big affair."

Was talking to Mr. Curtiss yesterday and he suggested that if you were interested that he and I call upon you any day this week suitable to you and talk over this matter.

Yours very truly,

E. S. Hewell
of Waldorf-Astoria

Aug. 6th, 1923.

Mr. E. G. Sewell,
Hotel Waldorf-Astoria
New York City.

My dear Mr. Sewell:

I have yours of the 6th. I will be very glad indeed to see you and Mr. Curtiss, at any time you care to stop here at the office or at the house.

I am at the office most every morning by eleven o'clock, and this is only a short distance from the East Williston depot. If you should come out on the train, you take the Long Island train and get off at East Williston, and if you will stop in the depot and telephone, I will send a car right down for you.

The telephone number here at the office is Garden City 2465. The office is located about three blocks east of the East Williston station, and is the first house west of the Wheatley Hills Golf Club.

My house number at Sands Point, is Port Washington 180. I imagine that it would be more convenient for you to meet Mr. Curtiss here at the office.

Yours very truly,

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The Waldorf-Astoria

New York

August 24, 1923.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
80 Sand Point,
Port Washington, L. I., N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fisher:-

I have talked with Messrs. H. H. Mase and W. N. Urmy who are two of our Chamber of Commerce Directors, and they think the proposed Regatta and Aeroplane Meet would be a most valuable proposition for Miami and Miami Beach, if held during the first ten days in March.

I have looked up the March calendar and find that March 7th and 8th, Friday and Saturday, appear to be the best dates along about the time which you and Mr. Garwood have suggested for these races.

In talking over the matter of creating local interest, with Messrs. Mase and Urmy, they agree with me that the matter should be handled in a different way than as handled by Mr. Chapman the past few years. It is our opinion that the affair should be handled jointly by the Miami and Miami Beach Chambers of Commerce and that it would be best to have an Executive Committee of about five, composed of yourself, the officers of the two C of C, possibly Mr. Curtis if he would act, and one other prominent local man, this Committee to appoint other Committees to be composed of prominent local people of Miami and Miami Beach, on a fifty-fifty basis. We believe, in this way that the tourists would become enthused with the importance of these events and would come out in great numbers.

We think there should be two days' races for the boats and also two days' races for the sea-planes, and these events should be held through the afternoon by both the boats and aeroplanes.

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The aeroplane events will cost \$5,000 or \$6,000. The aeroplane event to be handled officially by the officers of the National Aeronautic Association.

The Regatta to consist of such races as you, Mr. Garwood, and Mr. Chapman think best. Suppose there would be about three races each day, and we should work in as many extra entertaining features as possible.

The Regatta races to be handled officially by the officials of the American Power Boat Association. The prizes for the Regatta to depend upon the amount of money that can be raised for this event.

We would suggest raising \$10,000 or more if possible, which amount would allow having a First Prize of \$5,000 and the other prizes to be scaled down according to funds available.

This would make the two events cost \$15,000 or more.

Our Chamber of Commerce have agreed to raise \$5,000 for these events, and we to assist as much as possible to collect from the attendants an equal amount.

We believe that it would be possible for us to get the business houses in Miami to close one day and this should swell the attendance and also the cash receipts.

If Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and your interests could raise \$5,000 for these events we believe that the other \$5,000 could be raised from the attendance at the races.

Hope these suggestions meet with your approval and that we can pull off a big event ext season.

I am leaving Saturday night for Miami and hope to hear from you either here or in Miami.

Yours very truly,



President
MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

August 25th, 1923.

Mr. E. G. Sewell, President
Miami Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Sewell:

I have yours of the 24th. Your letter has crossed mine of Wednesday. Mr. Chapman has suggested the following dates for the races, for the reason that the principal people that we want in the races will be tied up with the Motor Boat Show here in New York, also some of the boats which we are to expect at Miami may be on exhibition at the New York show.

The New York show means so much more to the boat builders and the engine builders than anything else that happens during the year that we do not want to conflict with it. Then too, these builders spend a lot of their own money which they charge to general expense in coming to Miami; and in addition to that they see to it that the boat papers give us a lot of space after the races, which, of course, accumulates advertising for the following year.

I am thoroughly in accord with a combined program of both Miami and Miami Beach Chambers of Commerce handling the ticket sale and the cash; but, I think that we will arrive at the best result from a racing standpoint, if Mr. Chapman is appointed a committee of one, in complete control of the racing program.

He has had years of experience and is thoroughly interested in our work and races, and is the biggest boat man in America; and also recognized authority on racing and racing rules, and developing of boat races.

If we had some assistance from the railroad in bringing the boats down to the coast it would be comparatively easy to get a much larger entrance list; but the great distance and expense is going to make it difficult to secure a high grade entry list unless we offer considerable in cash prizes.

I am sending copy of your letter to Mr. Chapman, who is now out West, but will return to New York in the next few days.

The largest races in the history of boat racing will be pulled off at Detroit around the 1st of the month, when they will race for three gold cups and miscellaneous prizes to a total value of about twenty thousand in addition to a twenty-five thousand dollar cash prize.

I am now trying to get in touch with the engine builders and manufacturers here to see what they will do for a race at Miami, but none of these builders of either engines or yachts are very well fixed financially; and whenever they give a Big Ben clock or a fog horn for a prize they feel that they have done their full duty to the country and boat racing in general.

Page Two --- Mr. Sewell;

I think it will be much easier for us to get some of the fast boats down the latter part of March than it would be in February or the early part of March. The weather is much better the latter part of March for the long distance races; and the long distance races are advertised all over the world.

On receipt of this letter, kindly let me hear from you, and if you think that these dates which Chapman has suggested -- and which I don't see how it is possible for us to change, for the boat races at least -- will suit the flying maneuvers; then we can go ahead.

If these dates do not suit, we could have the flying maneuvers on the dates you speak of and the boat races on these dates.

At any rate, we will co-operate in every way we can.

Let me hear from you right away.

Yours very truly,

Dates suggested by Mr. Chapman:

March 20, 21, 22: Races on the Flamingo Course for the Fisher-Allison Trophy; chance race trophy; Handicap Cruiser Trophy; and free for all trophy.

March 25 - 29: Ocean Races for the Express Cruiser class to Palm Beach, Havana, and Key West.

Dictated but not
read by Mr. Fisher.

October 8th, 1923.

Mr. E. G. Sewell, President
Miami Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

Replying to yours of the 6th. I note what you have to say regarding the date of the Aeronautic and Aviation Meet.

The boat races, to be a success, will really depend on about three or four entrants; and it is very difficult for us to set a date that does not suit the convenience of these particular entrants.

The motor boat shows in the North also cut a lot of figure, but I am sending your letter on to Chapman and asking him to do what he can to co-operate with you; but I am afraid, however, that this race cannot be set for the 7th and 8th.

We are opening the Lincoln Hotel on November 1st this year, which is a full month earlier than usual. I am afraid it is too late to open the Flamingo now until January 1st, on account of all advance advertising naming January 1st as the opening.

Yours very truly,

F/mc

October 15, 1923

Mr. E. G. Sewell,
Miami,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

I have a letter from Mr. Chapman. He thinks he can change the days to the seventh and eighth and I have written him to try and do so, in fact I think we can now say that the seventh and eighth have been selected.

We will want \$10,000.00 to guarantee for ten fast boats in the way of expenses rather than a prize. Mr. Chapman advises that he thinks this will work out better than to put up a large sum for first prize.

Kindly write me a letter and have your Chamber of Commerce assume half the expenses and we will do the same from this side.

Yours very truly,

F.H.



November 15, 1923.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Sir:

We thought you might be able to use some of the enclosed circulars about the Dixie Highway. If the supply we are sending is not enough, we will be very glad to mail you some more at any time.

These circulars are being distributed very freely north of Daytona in Florida and in Georgia as far as Macon by special field secretary of the Association of the Chambers of Commerce of the East Coast of Florida.

Yours very truly,
MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach,
Florida.

Dear Sir:

We would be pleased to have you join the Mayor of Miami Beach and the President of the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce and ride with them in the New Year's Day Flower and Fruit Pageant, and be in company with the officials of the City of Miami and the Directors and officers of the Miami Chamber of Commerce.

We are staging this affair as part of our program to lengthen the season in this section.

The fact that this pageant will put us on the screen of every good theatre in the country the first ten days of January and also in the rotogravure sections of the big dailies should give us a wonderful amount of good publicity. We have been advertising this event for some time and hope that it brings down a number of people several weeks earlier than they would ordinarily come, and I believe that if Miami will stage such an affair each year it will bring wonderful results.

I hope to have you with us.

Yours very truly,
MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Per *E. G. Sewell*
President.

GRAND FLOWER AND FRUIT PAGEANT NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 1924

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December 31st, 1923.

Mr. E. G. Sowell, President,
Miami Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sowell:

Replying to yours of the 22nd. I cannot accept
your offer regarding Flower Parade.

If our Miami Beach Band can not wide in the band
because they are non-union; certainly, it is no
place for me.

Yours very truly,

CGF-mc



MIAMI CITY

The Land of Palms and Sunshine

Jan. 3, 1924.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of yours of Dec. 31st and was sorry that you should take the view of the Band situation that you have apparently taken.

We were most anxious to have a Miami Beach Band in the parade and in fact had assigned them the head of the Artificial Flower Division of the parade. However the subject of the Union came up in the meeting of the bands over here and it meant that if we allowed the Beach Band to lead any part of the parade then the three bands we had employed would drop out and then we would have no band except the Beach Band. We also had two volunteer organizations one being the American Legion and the other being the Boys Band.

Our season is just now coming on and we did not feel like we could afford to have trouble with the Pryor Band. Pryor's Band is a big drawing card for Miami and they have assisted us very greatly in drawing people here. However, I do not think that Pryor himself thinks any more of the Union than many others do but he tells me that all the best men belong to the Union.

I have received word from the National Aeronautic Association to the effect that two Committees should be appointed at once one of which would be the Executive Committee and would be composed of the leading GRAND FLOWER AND FRUIT PAGEANT NEW YEAR'S DAY, JANUARY 1, 1924

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business men of the community who would have charge of the Air Meet in a general way and the other is the Contest Committee.

When I was in Washington, the Chairman of the Contest Committee of the National Aeronautic Association suggested that you would be a good man to act as Chairman on one of these Committees and I would like to have you advise me whether or not you would act as such.

We are now through with the Pageant and it is necessary that we get busy with this affair at an early date as the National Aeronautic Association will have a representative here about the middle of the month when final plans for the Meet will be completed.

Yours very truly,

E. G. Sewell

President,
Miami Chamber of Commerce.

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January 4th, 1928.

Mr. E. G. Sewell, Pres.
Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

I have yours of the 3rd. I am sure I would not want to see the Pageant injured by not having sufficient bands; but, at the same time, in my place, there was nothing else for me to do but to stick to our band, which is non-union.

Regarding the Aeronautic committee; I think you had better appoint your committees from the principal business men of Miami, and possibly add Mayor Snedigar, of Miami Beach to this committee. It will not be possible for me to act as Chairman; I would suggest that you keep that title.

The Boat Races, which is a very ticklish matter to handle and can not possibly be handled by any committee other than boat people, we want Mr. Chapman to be the head of this committee...in fact, to have practically all of the authority to manage the boat races. He will, of course, have his committees of prominent yachtmen; but, as you know, these committees are about all the same, there must be one man on the committee who understands the job and will go ahead and do the work, and this man is Chapman. He has a fine list of boats entered and we are going to have some perfectly corking boat races. It is going to cost us a lot of money, but we are going to have the races just the same.

Yours very truly,

CGF-m

Jan. 10th, 1924.

E. G. Jewell, President
Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Jewell:

Mr. Robert Edgren, 545 Cypress Av., Los Angeles, Calif. one of the greatest sports writers, has been located in Los Angeles for some time. I am trying to get him to change his location and he has about decided he will do so.

Bob Edgren writing for Miami would give us enormous publicity among the class of people that we particularly want to reach.

I would like to have you, as President of the Chamber of Commerce, write him a letter and tell him that we want him to locate here and that we will give him hearty co-operation.

Yours very truly,

GGF-mc



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Jan. 18, 1924.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I have yours in regard to Mr. Robert Edgren of Los Angeles, Calif., and would be glad to invite him to come to Miami. However, our financial arrangements for this season have been closed and we would not be in a position to compensate him this season.

Ray McCarthy has been doing fairly well on the sports and will get better as he has something to write about. I also realize that we could improve on our society and general news matter if we had a real live man still our clippings have shown an enormous amount of free publicity so far this season and by the time the season is over I believe that we will have easily 100% more than any other season.

I was talking to a man up in New York, who was supposed to be a crackerjack, by the name of Kerr who used to be in Atlantic City but when he told me that he wanted \$15,000.00 for five months I then realized that the work that some of us had been doing for nothing should have a real value.

Very truly yours,

E. G. Sewell

President,
Miami Chamber of Commerce.

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January 22, 1924.

Mr. E. C. Sewell, Pres.
Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

Replying to your letter of the 18th, referring to Robert Edgren. I did not expect the Chamber of Commerce to stand any of his expense; I only wanted them to write him a friendly letter. Mr. Edgren is a money maker and a wealthy man.

Yours very truly,

CGF-m



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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

In confirmation of our verbal agreement, on the staging of a Flying Meet under the auspices of the National Aeronautic Association and a Boat Regatta under the auspices of the American Power Boat Association, of the expenses in financing of same, wish to advise as follows:

The Miami Chamber of Commerce will put up \$5,000.00 on the Aviation Meet with the understanding that your interests and the Miami Beach Chamber of Commerce will put up \$5,000.00 on the Boat Regatta with the understanding that we will collect from the audience to these events and will have your cooperation and the Miami Beach cooperation in turning over to the Committee all available land along the Bay shore and also Star Island for selling parking space to the visitors to this Meet.

It is our understanding that the cost of the Regatta will be held down to \$9,000.00 by your Committee and we agree to hold down the cost of the Aviation Meet to \$6,000.00 and it is understood that the money which is collected from the audience will go to make up this deficit and in case there is a deficit after adding the funds collected, then the Miami Chamber of Commerce is willing to put up \$2.00 to the Miami Beach interest putting up \$1.00 until this deficit is made up.

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It is my opinion that this whole deficit can be made up by the sale of parking space and tickets to the audience, that is, providing you can turn over to the Committee two-thirds of the Bay shore on the mainland and Star Island as per our conversation at Port Washington.

I would thank you to have a map made at the earliest possible date on which map will be marked all the parking area which we may use.

Thanking you for your cooperation, I am,

Yours very truly,

E. G. Sewell

President,
Miami Chamber of Commerce.

EGS/MAC

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January 22, 1924.

Mr. E. G. Sewell, Pres.
Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

Thanks for your letter of the 16th. We will do all that we can to comply with your suggestions.

I am doubtful if we can keep our expense down to nine thousand dollars; we are going to have the greatest race ever seen in the United States. The greatest boats are coming and some international people who are worth while. I enclose you herewith a copy of the entrants.

I think it would be good to select Mr. John Levi as Chairman on the parking space. He can help us out as far as Star Island is concerned, and also with some of the other property. We, of course, will let you have what property we have here that we control.

I am sure that Com. Stoltz will co-operate with us, as owner of fifteen hundred feet of Bay Front property, which will be the most desirable of all for parking space; and we should get ten dollars a space for cars.

Yours very truly,

CGF-mc



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Nov. 28, 1924.

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Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I am in receipt of copy of your letter which you sent Mr. Shutts and it is very apparent that somebody is to blame for leaving the Bay filled up with old piling and obstructions and I will take this matter up at the next meeting of our Directors and we will start a movement to find out who is responsible for this and also who is responsible in regard to seeing that they are removed and we hope to get action in some manner from this procedure.

I am very sorry that you should have had this accident with your boat and especially at a time when it could have been of such valuable service to the community.

Yours very truly,

E. G. Sewell
President,
Miami Chamber of Commerce.

EGS:MAC

Dec. 1st, 1924.

My dear Mr. Sewell:

Replying to yours of the 28th. Yesterday, my boat was wrecked for the second time in Miami; this time, ran into a sunken log. This is the third boat that has been wrecked this last week.

Certainly, we are going to have a tremendous lot of criticism from Northern yachtsmen if this thing keeps up. Personally, I am going to confine my yachting to the ocean and this side of the Bay until the condition is changed.

Contractors should not be allowed to dump pile heads over for they are just the same as dumping over cast iron.

Why don't you get some good man to attend to this job and see that it is attended to?

Yachtsmen pay big taxes for the up-keep of roads and, as you know, they are desirable visitors.

Yours very truly,

Mr. E. G. Sewell, Pres.
Miami Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.



MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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November 29th, 1924.

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Mr. Carl Fisher,
Carl G. Fisher Properties,
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Miami Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Sewell read them your letter protesting the condition of the channel on the Miami side.

The Board adopted a resolution and appointed a committee to make immediate investigation as to why such obstructions had not been removed, and to see that the proper authorities acted quickly in the matter. This committee consists of Messrs. Bowen, Palmer and Guyton, and they were also authorized to see that proper markers were placed in the channel.

Yours very truly,
MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Fred L. Weede
Fred L. Weede,
Managing Secretary.

FLW/R

December 4th, 1924.

Mr. R. G. Sewell, President,
Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

My dear Mr. Sewell:

I want to again call your attention to the condition of the wreckage, sunken houseboats, etc. in the Bay front. I started to Coccolob Club this morning ... which is the third time in ten days ... and ran across an old houseboat which is located about one hundred feet south-east of the Davis dredge. My wheels and rudder are again smashed up.

Newspaper comments and Chamber of Commerce meetings are not going to do any good unless you appoint some man capable to get on this job and drag the Bay front for these old wrecks and fillings and clean them out; also let the contractors who are on these various jobs know that they cannot continue to throw wire cable in the Bay and leave old scows there and cut off pilesheads and let them flow around in the Bay.

I have had over fifteen hundred dollars expense in ten days as a result of these obstructions. Unless they are promptly removed a great many fine yachts are going to be wrecked this winter, and both Miami and Miami Beach are going to get a series of "black eyes" in two thousand miles of water front harbors that I am disappointed with. I am sorry to say that Miami harbor is in worse condition than any other harbor that I know of.

If our Harbor Master has no power or authority; why not give him some authority? Instead of spending so much money in advertising, why not divert a small part of this money for his use and let him see that this job is properly done? A small danger flag on the wreck that I hit this morning would have saved me five hundred dollars; aside from the annoyance of pulling my boat out and putting on new wheels and the disappointment to my guests. Something must be done at once before the numerous yachts arrive; so why not do it?

Yours very truly,

GGP-mc



MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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Feb. 27, 1925.

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CARL G. FISHER,
MIAMI BEACH, FLA.

Dear Sir:

From time to time conditions arise which make it necessary for the President of an organization to explain important matters which come up, the real nature of which are probably entirely different from the outward appearance. This is one of those letters.

This city is developing like magic and we have some of the world's greatest promotional schemers in our midst. Conditions here are inviting to these big promoters and many of them have no regard for the welfare of the city of Miami so long as they can make easy money.

I consider it most important that all loyal Miamians watch this situation with an eagle eye and act to preserve this city's attractions and resources, otherwise, it will be too late to lock the door after the cake has disappeared.

The possibility of making many millions of dollars out of some of these schemes is so plain and easy to these big interests that they can afford to take in a number of well known citizens, buy or subsidize publications, hire professional propagandists (who come into work through society or otherwise) all to help carry out their well laid plans. Some of them are now getting so bold that they have even planned to take over Chamber of Commerce work. (However, this is all camouflaged so nicely that an unsuspecting citizen is liable to fall into their trap and help them). This movement is being led by a man who

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has only been in Miami about one year and who does not even live in the city of Miami.

It is no doubt the plan of these propogandists to work up to the real goal of their intentions by degrees.

I understand that they are even going further and circulating petitions to try and start a backfire on the Chamber of Commerce Directors' actions where certain resolutions passed are in the way of these special interests carrying out their schemes. It is very patent that the sheet called "Miami Life" has been subsidized by some of these selfish interests, as it has continuously attacked the Directors and officers of the Miami Chamber of Commerce in an underhanded manner ever since we opposed the Biscayne Bay fill adjacent to Virginia Key.

We are enclosing you a copy of a letter which covers the subject of filling in Virginia Key and Biscayne Bay nearly up to the Miami ship channel, which fill will close all that area in front of Norris Cut and thereby obstruct the free flow of the tide and shut off the only view that the city of Miami has of the Ocean itself. Please read this article fully and weigh the situation carefully as Miami's attractiveness and the sanitation of Biscayne Bay is jeopardised.

The statement is being made that the Chamber of Commerce agreed to the fill adjacent to Virginia key as now proposed, which statement is eroneous.

The great danger of our big cross Bay development combine is the fact that after they have ruined the appearance of Biscayne Bay and killed the attractiveness of the Bay from the Miami side, then we will become a second rate resort and the better class of visitors will not stop on this side. Then our Miami business will drop to a second rate grade and property values on this side will drop to the standard of the business.

A hearing on this subject has been called by the District Engineer, Col. Gilbert A. Youngberg, in the Federal Court Room at 10:00 A.M. on March 6, 1925, and you will please write your protest or arrange to be present and make a verbal protest to this obstruction. Please send us copies of any letter of protest you write.

It is the duty of all loyal Miamians to take part in this hearing.

In considering these selfish interests and these propogandists who have just arrived in town, it appears to me that it would be well for the members of the Miami Chamber of Commerce to think

the subject over carefully and ask yourself a few questions:

Whose work has made this city so exceptionally prosperous?
Has the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce been loyal?
Have they worked hard and given a business administration?
Have they been loyal to the interests of this city?
Were they elected by the membership for a one year term and
supposed to have in charge all civic matters which should
come before a Chamber of Commerce?

The Chamber of Commerce Directors meet practically every Monday night and any citizen may come before them with any constructive criticism or suggestions which he may have for the betterment of this city.

Now on the other hand:-

Are you willing to have your Chamber of Commerce broken up or slowed down to the pace of the ordinary ineffective organization which is bound to occur should you permit insults to the Chamber Directors to go unchallenged?

Will you trust your important constructive city plans to outsiders?

Where were these propagandists when we were raising the million dollars during the past ten years to put this city going at a pace that no other city ever traveled?

Apparently from the results obtained the Directors of the Miami Chamber of Commerce have been capable of handling matters up to this period.

Are not your Directors, who have been in touch with all city development and who sit around the table and debate all matters that come before them once a week, in a better position to visualize the city's future interests and to know what is best for a city than people who do not know all the angles?

It is true that the city is congested. We invited a hundred thousand people to come to Miami, but we did not think they would all accept the invitation this year and consequently everything is congested, but remember, business is wonderful and we are raising property values and increasing our population which will all help to finance the necessary facilities and improvements, but it will take a little time and patience.

Now personally, my tenth year on the Board and my eighth year as president of the Miami Chamber of Commerce will soon be up

and it is my purpose to retire. You will nominate your Directors and officers in March and elect them in April and it is my advice that you select the very best men that you have in this city to compose your Board of Directors and also elect a good business man with prestige for your President. In my opinion, a man to be President of the Miami Chamber of Commerce should be a good loyal Miamian above everything else and should know how to fight, otherwise, the promoters will run over him and incidentally will run away with your city. After you have elected your Board of Directors and officers, for the City's sake back them up to the limit.

Please remember that your two biggest fights are to preserve the attractiveness of Biscayne Bay and to secure and to hold a deep water harbor on Miami's waterfront. Both of these important assets are now jeopardized.

Yours for a still Greater Miami,



President,
MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

P. S. Please act on this Norris Cut and Virginia Key fill matter immediately as March 6th is close at hand.



MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
MIAMI, FLORIDA

The Land of Palms and Sunshine

March 12th, 1925.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Please accept this tardy acknowledgment of your very fine letter of congratulations to the Chamber of Commerce upon the successful negotiations for obtaining the Federal approval of the Miami harbor project.

As you say, this much needed improvement will be a tremendous factor in the future growth of this entire section of Florida, and we are not permitting any time to elapse more than is necessary between the signing of this Bill by President Coolidge and the starting of dredging, as the Commissioners of the City of Miami are of a mind to get this work under way as quickly as possible.

Yours very truly,
MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE, NOT TO INDIVIDUALS

Dear Sir:

Some days past we mailed you a circular explaining the fact that the attractiveness of Biscayne Bay and the value of your Harbor were being jeopardized by a plan submitted to City Commissioners of Miami by City Engineer Cotton.

The plan calls for the building of an island across Biscayne Bay, 1,000 feet south of the Ship Channel. Upon this it is proposed to build warehouses, docks and sheds and to construct railway tracts for freight trains.

The Chamber of Commerce is opposing this plan for the following reasons:

First:

The location is not a practical location for Miami's docks and warehouse areas.

Second:

Increased distance to and from the docks means increased expense to shipper, consignee and therefore to consumer. It is estimated that this increase will approximate 33 percent.

Third:

It would kill the attractive Causeway Drive and destroy the Beauty of Biscayne Bay, as viewed from the new Two and a Half Million Dollar Bayfront Park.

Fourth:

It would also destroy the same view from more than Fifty Million Dollars worth of hotel property.

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LOCATION

Miami is located on beautiful Biscayne Bay, 366 miles south of Jacksonville and is reached by the Florida East Coast Railway and by the Dixie Highway, the latter practically an all paved route. It has four steamship lines with direct sailings from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore, with freight steamers from these three cities and also Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville, New Orleans, and also direct steamship connections with Nassau and Bimini in the British West Indies and during winter months with Havana, Cuba.

CLIMATE

Miami is in the subtropical zone in the same latitude as southern Egypt, south central India and Burmah. Annual mean temperature (U. S. Government Weather report), 75 degrees. Four winter months, 68.75; four summer months, 81. Highest temperature last twelve years, 92 degrees; lowest temperature in four years, 40 degrees. Miami's climate is tempered throughout the year by Trade Winds from the Gulf Stream. No more than three hours' fog during entire year. Over a period of 29 years on an average there has been less than five days in each year in which the sun did not shine.

INCREASE IN VALUATION

(City Assessor's Record)

1914	\$ 6,635,837
1915	13,029,343
1916	21,149,950
1917	23,999,000
1918	28,495,310
1919	39,258,925
1920	52,234,550
1921	58,571,310
1922	64,967,724
1923	69,911,300
1924	87,469,874

A ten year gain of 1,218%.

The assessment is made on the basis of sixty-five per cent. of the market value. Of the assessment, seventy-five per cent. is upon real estate and twenty-five per cent. upon improvements.

U. S. POST OFFICE RECEIPTS

(Federal fiscal year.)

1914	\$ 67,547.62
1915	71,033.75
1916	95,823.81
1917	126,189.25
1918	171,262.79
1919	185,162.79
1920	203,956.63
1921	229,753.48
1922	245,423.16
1923	301,657.88
1924	414,380.96

A ten year gain of 514%.

There are no large manufacturing plants or business enterprises which mail out catalogs, or conduct a mail order business.

POPULATION

Federal Census, 1910	5,471
Federal Census, 1920	29,649
State Census 1923	47,021
State Census, 1925	*71,419

*This represents the population in the present limits of the City of Miami. In the district that it is probable will soon be included in the corporate limits the total population is above 100,000. Miami is visited each year by more than 300,000 people.

BUILDING PERMITS

(Corporate City Limits)

1914	\$ 617,525
1915	769,040
1916	1,925,033
1917	1,250,925
1918	1,250,925
1919	3,155,565
1920	4,556,365
1921	5,415,800
1922	4,642,144
1923	7,201,266
1924	17,038,164

A ten year gain of 2,662%.

In Greater Miami the total building in 1924 was above \$30,000,000.

Building in Miami for first four months, 1925, totaled \$10,242,324.

BANK DEPOSITS

(First quarter each year)

1915	\$ 3,506,899
1916	6,128,628
1917	8,343,429
1918	8,514,350
1919	14,360,853
1920	17,299,099
1921	16,498,798
1922	22,701,963
1923	31,347,768
1924	46,233,256
1925	111,160,594

A ten year gain of 3,070%.

Miami leads all Florida cities in bank deposits.

BANK CLEARANCES

First quarter of 1924	\$ 51,117,977
First quarter of 1925	151,867,673

Gain, 197%.

The Miami Clearing House came into existence on January 1, 1924.

Miami has annual coast-wise tonnage of 450,000 tons. Real estate transfers 1924 totaled \$176,000,000.

Miami has 115 hotels; 450 apartment houses; more than 17,000 homes.

Miami has ten golf courses and has the greatest variety of sports, amusements and recreational features of any resort in the world. Sea bathing 365 days each year.

Miami has \$1,600,000 sugar mill and plantation of 200,000 acres.

Miami has 45 industrial plants, most of them utilizing products grown here or supplying home or immediate markets.

Value of farm, grove and dairy products in Dade County in 1924, \$16,700,000.

Area of county, 1,450,720 acres; ready for cultivation, 250,000 acres; in cultivation, 40,000 acres.

Miami has 60 churches and religious organizations, with property and plants valued at \$8,000,000.

Miami has an accredited high school, two junior high schools and eleven grammar schools.

Miami has 75 miles of gas mains; generated in 1924, 26,000,000 kilowatt hours; has 750 miles of electric transmission lines; has 11,368 telephone stations; has 125 miles water mains, with system of 12,000,000 gallons capacity; has 105 miles paved streets; 92 miles sidewalks; 12 miles storm sewers; 110 miles sanitary sewer; high pressure fire service; trolley system, 35 miles.

Fifth: It would ruin Miami's famous Yacht Basin by including it in the Dock and Warehouse area.

Sixth: It will drive the wealthy tourist to the Beach and other resorts and leave Miami only the cheaper class.

Seventh: It will then make a back-alley, second rate tourist town out of Miami.

Eighth: If you allow this scheme to go through, you will be assisting the promoters of Virginia Key to fill up the Bay in front of Norris Cut. This will prevent a tidal out-let to the sea from this side of the Bay; at the same time shutting off the only view which Miami has of the ocean itself.

Ninth: It would damage property values in the City of Miami Fifty Million Dollars or more.

Tenth: The plan being advanced by the city will cost in the neighborhood of Twelve Million Dollars. This is a needless expense without a single redeeming feature.

Eleventh: The Taxpayers will assume a big burden without any chance of gain unless they are interested either in Mr. Rand's Virginia Key realty scheme or Mr. Fisher's Peninsular Terminal Company's proposition, as the plan proposed seems only to aid these proposed developments. It is estimated that there will be a profit of Fifteen Million Dollars or more for these two companies if they succeed in carrying into operation their scheme to have the tax-payers of Miami not only build transportation to their islands but also ruin the beauty of Miami's own water-front.

Oh! It's a wonderful scheme when you look into it!

Now---Miami's Harbor facilities may be increased Five Hundred percent without the least damage to this "Wonder City" by simply adopting the plan out lined by the Chamber of Commerce, which has also been approved by Government engineers. This calls for the construction of new piers at the bend of the Causeway in addition to three others to be built extending out from the shore-line, as proposed by the City and the F. E. C. Railway Company. This will give Miami Two and a half miles of additional dock space grouped into one area.

Now as to cost: We are assured by competent engineers that our plan will cost less than Two Million Dollars.

Under this plan the fill will be made from material taken from the Ship Basin in front of docks. This the City is obliged to dredge out anyway, and accordingly,

will cost nothing from the standpoint of material. Under this plan the distance for hauling to and from ships is kept to a minimum, by reason that docks and Warehouse development are within the City limits.

Under the Chamber of Commerce plan, Miami would have accommodations for from 40 to 50 ocean-going vessels of size ranging from 300 to 400 or more feet in length. This would be ample for our needs for all time. Galveston, which claims to be the second largest port to New York, has a capacity for only 60 ships, and it is seldom, it is said, that more than 30 ships are in port at one time.

Now, please remember that under our plan the material from the new Ship Channel would be dumped north of the Causeway and in this way the width of the Causeway would be doubled. It is very apparent that the scheme being advocated by Mr. Cotton is like many others; it follows closely the old rule of the Beach interests of "Heads, they win," - Tails, - the tax-payers lose."

Have you written to Mayor Parker A. Henderson and expressed your views on this matter for the benefit and guidance of Miami's City Commission?

You had better be "up and doing" if you wish to save your property values, the attractiveness of your City and your business opportunities, to say nothing of keeping your taxes reduced to a minimum.

If everyone waits, is dilatory, and expects "George" to fight for their rights, they'll probably lose in this case, because there is a terrific influence working to put through this unjust plan that will spell Ruin for the City of Miami.

If you are a loyal Miamian, write today!



President

MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

August 3, 1925.

Mr. C. W. Chase, Sr., Secretary,
Chamber of Commerce,
Miami Beach, Fla.

Bow

My dear Chase,

I have yours of July 25th.

I think that your scheme for the Hudson River boats will help. The quarters will probably be quite warm and restricted, but perhaps better than out-of-doors.

We could not consider having these boats near the Flamingo or Nautilus hotels. Our crew cannot take care of any more work than they have at present and a boat of any size couldn't get up to the docks. We might, however, be able to accommodate them with dockage across the bay, which would be better for them insofar as ventilation is concerned. It will be necessary, of course, to ferry back and forth, but this is no reason why you couldn't have someone else to run a small ferry, which should prove profitable. The distance is very short and the water is always smooth, which is an ideal condition for a light, quick ferry to operate under.

I think it would be a good idea to call on Pancoast and Levi and see if their companies cannot also put up, at least, a good apartment house for working people. These are necessities which we can, no longer, overlook or ignore.

Very truly yours,

CGF*JJG.

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1917	647,500.00
1918	832,745.00
1919	2,579,680.00
1920	5,933,700.00
1921	8,540,112.00
1922	6,233,539.00
1923	8,222,485.00
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MIAMI BEACH

Chamber of Commerce

Miami Beach, Florida

WE HAVE	
Ocean Frontage	29,000 ft.
Bay Frontage	102,400 ft.
Interior waterways	85,000 ft.
Miles in tree-lined roads.	35
Acres in Golf Course.	363
Acres in 7 Polo Fields.	62
Acres in City Parks.	38
Hotels; 95 Apartments.	

Twenty-eighth Day of the Seventh Month of JUNE
Called elsewhere JULY 1925

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,
Port Washington, L. I.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

I wish to extend to you the thanks of our interested citizens for having found a way to solve the housing of labor at Miami Beach. On account of the great shortage of hotels and apartment houses and the demand for many more for the next winter season this means much to our future.

During a conversation with Mr. John Levi this morning, a suggestion was made that it might materially help matters if arrangements could be made with some of the Hudson River Steamboats, or possibly with some of the Boats that ply between New York and Providence, to have some of their Steamers come down here from December to March or April, if dockage could be procured for them and to open a regular hotel on each Steamboat. Some of them would take care of from 300 to 400 people and would furnish positively first class accommodations and I believe would be largely patronized.

I am this day writing to the various Steamship Companies asking if they would consider making such an arrangement. Fort Myers, I am informed, is trying to make a similar bargain with these same Companies.

Would you care to consider contracting with them, giving to them dockage at The Flamingo and Nautilus Hotels and running them in connection with the hotel service? Or, would you furnish them dockage and allow them to run independently of your hotels? If such an arrangement would be agreeable to you, will you kindly, at your earliest opportunity, send some one to communicate with the Steamship Companies and see what can be done?

"Down 'Where the Tropics Begin"



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I believe that there is no question but that it will be necessary to turn many thousands of people away from Miami Beach next winter no matter how many hotels and apartment houses it will be possible to build before the season opens.

Yours very truly,

MIAMI BEACH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE,

Thos. W. Chase Sr.
 Secretary.

"Down Where the Tropics Begin"



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THE CARL FISHER PROPERTIES INC MIAMI BEACH FLO

MIAMI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EXPANSION CAMPAIGN IS MEETING STRONG
RESISTANCE STOP SERIOUS CONDITIONS CONFRONTING US REQUIRE
YOUR COUNSEL AND ADVICE IN SHORT MEETING WITH BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AT CENTRAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5TH AT 4 PM STOP
WE URGE THAT YOU LET NOTHING INTERFERE WITH YOUR PRESENCE AT
THIS SHORT MEETING

R B BURDINE FRANK SHUTTS MARCUS MILAM W N URMEY C D LEFFLER
S B TATUM JAMES M COX.

February 6, 1926.

Board of Directors,
Miami Chamber of Commerce,
Miami, Fla.

Gentlemen,

Attention: Messrs: Burdine, Shotts,
Milan, Urney, Leffler, Tatum
and Cox.

RE: Miami Chamber of Commerce Expans-
ion Campaign.

Your telegram of the fourth.

I could not attend your meeting on the expansion campaign as I was tied up with other troubles. However, I would be very glad to meet your committee any time after next Monday if there is anything that I can do to help you.

It does seem funny that after fifteen years effort Miami cannot have a harbor, doesn't it? I think some very drastic measures should be taken to clear out the opposition and get your bond issue thru, but I am not real sure that any appearance that I might make with your committees would not be construed unjustly. One of my secret service men operating in Miami has already reported to me several expressions overheard that I was responsible for the bottling of the Miami harbor. This is entirely confidential as I don't care to have it mentioned outside. Of course, we must always have in every community a lot of people who "hang back in the traces." However, if I can do you any good I will be glad to co-operate.

Very truly yours,

CGF:J.JG.

Sewell

January 13, 1932

Mr. E. G. Sewell,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

Thanks for the 12th, we are getting to a point where it seems to me we must make a proposition to the Government that will be considered by them, as the usual Committee handling of our Deep Water subject is dragging along.

I had a talk with Jack Orr just an hour ago, and Jack is trying to do as much as he can but it is the usual thing where a job of this kind goes before Committees, the Committee must try to do the best they can, and have a lot of approval.

I think we are now at a point where both the City of Miami, and Miami Beach should do something definite for deep water, and I believe the two cities should pledge a million dollars to help the Government for deep water. This would be a very small price to pay, and this could easily be arranged, so we would have a term of years to pay & a share.

We must move fast if we are going to get any assistance this year, and if we wait longer than this year, I am inclined to believe every day will mean additional hardships.

I wish you would get in touch with me, and if you approve, see if you can follow, with you following in Miami a program of this kind to offer the Government a million dollars to help.

Let me hear from you immediately.

Very truly yours,

C. G. FISHER

CGF-EM

Sewell

March 31st 1932.

Hon. E. C. Sewell,
Miami, Fla.

Dear Mr. Sewell:

I have yours of the 30th regarding the switchboard and telephone situation. I think you are right in chasing this outfit into a hole.

Don't you think it would be more than proper to ask the tax payers Association to write some letters on this subject?

I have received some very interesting figures regarding the comparative tax assessments, and also regarding the savings in Dade County on a new budget.

I am asking Dr. Phillips to take these matters up with you, and also furnish you with a copy of the information which has been difficult to assemble.

Hope to see you at the meeting this evening.

Yours,

C. C. FISHER

CCF-RM

P.S. The President of the Telephone Company in New York is a friend of mine, I am going to write him a personal letter asking him why we are unduly taxed which may throw some light on this subject.