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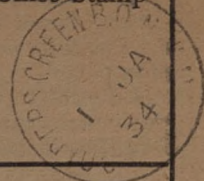
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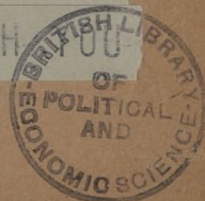
DEAR COMRADE THE CHILDREN OF SOUTH POPLAR AT THEIR

CARNIVAL TODAY WITH STEWARDS AND FRIENDS SEND TO YOU

THEIR GREETINGS WITH EVERY GOOD WISH FOR THE NEW YEAR

AND MAY HAPPINESS HEALTH AND PROSPERITY DWELL WITH YOU

ALWAYS GOD BLESS YOU = DAVE ADAMS \*



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Sir Robert Blair  
(1859-1935)

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N.W. 11.

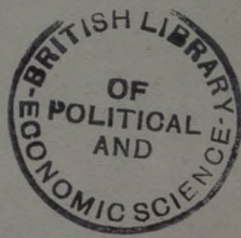
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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Heartiest congratulations  
on the splendid recovery  
you are making and a  
Happy New Year to you.

Yours very sincerely

R. Blair



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TELEPHONE  
SPEEDWELL 2149

Charles Roden Buxton  
(1875-1942)

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6, ERSKINE HILL,  
GOLDERS GREEN, N.W. 11.

1st January, 1934.

My dear Lansbury,

I am often tempted to call in, but do not want to worry either you or your kindly attendants, so I only write a line to say that if you ever want to communicate anything, especially any messages, after the House meets again, I should always be glad to drop in, on my way down to London.

No answer, Hours fraternally, (Only 20 min. walk)  
Of course —  
even if it was possible, which I suppose it isn't.  
Best New Year wishes.

Charles Roden Buxton.



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Henry Charles Charleton  
(1870-)

88, FALKLAND ROAD,

KENTISH TOWN,

N.W.5.

1-1-34

Dear George

I hope to be  
coming along on Wednesday  
afternoon to see you.

I trust you are making  
good progress.

With all good wishes

Yours

Henry Charleton



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THE UPPER EGYPT HOTELS CO.



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(4)  
Charles Alfred Cripps  
(1st Baron Parmoor; 1852-1941)  
Jan. 1934

CATARACT HOTEL

= ASSOUAN (Egypt) =

My dear Friend & Colleague.

May the new year bring  
back to you health &  
Strength, that you may again  
lead the advance towards  
a peaceful, & generous development,  
in international politics.

Lady Parmoor joins me

(5)

(2)

(6)

Wishing every good  
wish for the new year.

Believe me to be  
your old Colleague,  
who puts his faith  
in your recovery of health  
& strength.

Parmoor



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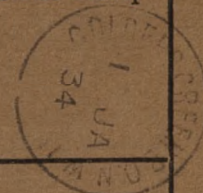
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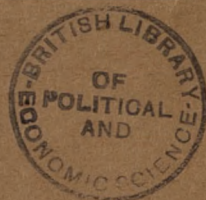
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GEORGE LANSBURY MANOR HOUSE HOSPITAL =

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU WE WISH YOU SPEEDY RECOVERY AND

YOUR CONTINUED SERVICE FOR YOUR FELLOWMEN =

MARION AND FELIX FRANKFURTER \* \*



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FOR YOUR TELEGRAMS

(8)

Sir Basil Hall  
1876-

[Say] Jan. 1934

To wish you, in spite of all, a very happy  
1934. Glad to hear you are progressing well

& Mrs

Captain Basil Hall

Royal Navy.

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Fr M Lander

Bath Club.

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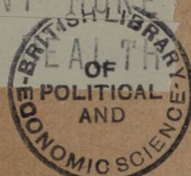
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GEORGE LANDSBURY M.P. MANOR HOUSE HOSPITAL GOLDERSGREEN ROAD NW =

ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND THIRTYFOUR AND MANY MORE GOOD WISHES AND HOPES FOR THE SPEEDY RETURN TO OF OUR BELOVED LEADER = GEORGE HICKS +



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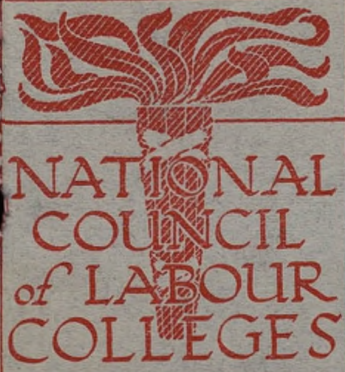
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J. P. M. MILLAR

Phone:—TERMINUS 6120

[E. Lake] **N. C. L. C.**

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The N.C.L.C. conducts educational schemes for over 32 Unions (including the undernoted) with a combined membership of 2,000,000. It also conducts educational schemes for Trades Councils, Co-operative Societies, Trade Union Branches, Labour Parties, etc.

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| Amalgamated Union of Upholsterers                   | National Union of Shop Assistants               | Nelson & District Weavers' Assoc.                               |
| Bury & District Textile Warehousemen                | National Union of Distributive & Allied Workers | Padiham Weavers' Union  |
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|   | National Union of Sheet Metal Workers           | Tailors' and Garment Workers' Trade Union                       |
|   |   | Transport and General Workers' Union                            |

SWINTON HOUSE, 324 GRAY'S INN ROAD,

LONDON, W.C.1.

OUR REF.

1/1/34

24 Frovven Terrace  
Ogmore Vale  
Glam

Dear Mr Sansbury M.P.

Has an Unemployed Miner of South Wales. I feel that I must send you my Best Wishes for a Happy New year. I can assure you I will increase my efforts on Democracy's behalf, as I read your words in Reynolds of Today; I Hope you will be out again soon, fighting for your class, as I know you have been a real Good fighter for us. Why I am writing this to you is, Hits in the Capitalist Press are saying you are going to give up the leadership of the Party. They would like to see you do so; Because they know, as well as I know, that you have the feeling of the Country behind you. Please Don't give up. Stick it old Pal. Untill after the next Election yours faithfully E. Lake

G.L.

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Manor House Hospital,  
N.W.1.

Dear Stafford,

Thanks for your letter. I hope everybody is getting on nicely at Goodfellows. I think I am getting on, but there is no doubt about it, it will be a long job. I get plenty of visitors which is really quite good for me. At the beginning I was doubtful, but now it is quite certain that the ~~xxx~~ less lonely I am the better.

Tell Peggy I will write her a note one of these days when I am a little better able to sit up.

About Leslie Carruthers. I have asked Daisy to return you his papers. He has been writing to me on and off since the General Election, and he used to write occasionally before that.

I remember all the events he writes to you about, because I actually took part in the agitations led by Mr. Gladstone, but my conclusion is that you cannot get the real co-operation until we have settled economic co-operation. Central Europe is just a hot-bed waiting to burst into flame - all due to economic causes - Hungary, Rumania and others. But I need not argue with you because we have talked it over many times.

What I feel is wanted is a campaign on our lines. I have felt ever since August that unless we stick both in spirit and in deed to those resolutions on peace and disarmament we should stand as betrayers of the Peace Movement.

Roosevelt puts the case in another way. But at any rate he does argue for definiteness, and to some extent seems to take my view, or the view of the people I stand in with - and that is that no nation can stand out against the public opinion of the rest of the world. And he appears to take the line that a refusal to treat would mean another war. And there again we come back to the Socialist position. It  
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G.L.

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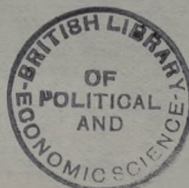
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is the economic situation which determines the politicians who govern; it makes statesmen into cheats and liars - and I put myself in with these because of the make-believe I had to agree with in our late Cabinet.

But the thing I want to say is that I shall be quite satisfied if the Party stands by its resolutions plus anything that can be got out of the latest Roosevelt move.

Anyhow, here's love and very best wishes to you all. I have asked Daisy to sign this for me so as to save a post or two.

The Hon. Sir Stafford Cripps MP.,  
Goodfellows,  
Lechlade,  
Glos.



M 4.49



Isaac Perloff

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DR. ALEX PERKOFF,

5, HOLMBURY VIEW,

SPRINGFIELD. E. 5.

TELE. CLISSOLD 6576.

Jan. 1. 1934.

Dear Mr. Lamsbury.

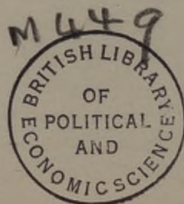
A very happy New year to you and all!  
I used to meet you at the house of the late  
Mr. Joseph Fels with my friends Mr.  
Zimbalist the Violinist and Mr. Coats,  
that was before the Great War.

Ever since I watched with great interest  
your public activity. Your accident  
pained me very much, I am praying  
for your speedy recovery to enable you  
to continue your noble work.

Only men like you will eventually clear  
the stifeling fogg of the Hitler medieval  
stink-bomb.

I remain only one of your millions of friends

Isaac Perloff.



(15) Rita Ricardo  
TELEPHONE, PRIMROSE 5764.

Your many thanks for  
kind letter. Return photo  
and my autograph  
ELY HOUSE,  
7, PRIMROSE HILL ROAD,  
REGENT'S PARK,  
N.W. 3.

[say Jan. 1934]

Dear Serge Lansbury.

First of all I am delighted  
to read that you are progressing so far  
for we cannot afford to lose you  
The message in John Bull was wonderful  
It says he says "The He stay we yet  
we I trust in him" I shall read it  
& reread it again & again, with you  
I believe infinitely sometime sometime the  
harvest will be reached. The sometime  
we is surely disengaged in his  
tremendous battle of life - I'd love

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to come & see you one day. You are a  
fine soul & Ray are indeed rare  
but the heights are lonely of some  
the love to struggle on single handed.  
You are indeed right - it is hard  
to preserve one faith in the rough & tumble  
of life - this sorry scheme of this entire  
world - there is a meaning of every  
even your illness - would you like to do  
something of me say in this little picture?  
I really & truly we love I can feel - a  
letter. I say a prayer sometime for

Yours Rita Ricardo  
a speedy recovery  
& Bless you!! and thank you for your  
inspiring message - it helped tremendously  
I will pray for you also.

(17)

James A. de Rothschild

[say 1 Jan. 1834

With compliments (17)  
- good wishes for  
Mr. James de Rothschild.  
good recovery.  
Waddesdon.

[Redacted]

[Smallwood]

77 Osley St 18

London S.E. 1

My Dear Comrade,

[Say 1 Jan. 1934]

Ever since "the incident" I have been following closely the progress you are making. I am real glad that it seems to be on the upward trend. It is a good many years since we met. It was when you ran for Walworth when I and Harry Zuehl and others were canvassing on behalf of the Cause you have ever been fighting to uphold. A lot of work was put in to get the 200 odd votes you received. The people were not then awake to their real interests. If it happened to day you would have gone in with a big bumping majority. Never mind. Our Cause is winning the future is ours. I hope to live to see you in the future England real Labour prime Minister. I expect you are very busy with visitors at the Hospital, or I should like to come and see you. Can you spare me a few minutes?

What is the best day and time to call if  
convenient ?

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I sat for many years on the Council  
of the old S.D.Y. and never thought to see  
a real Labour head of the government of the  
people by the people for the people but I  
believe I shall see that ideal carried out  
now before I pass on; there are not many of  
the old pioneers left now. It does not matter  
It is coming. May it be soon is the hearty  
wish of yourself and

Yours Fraternaly

Tom Smallwood

Rev. Father Andrew  
(1867-1946)

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Tues.

[Sat 2 Jan. 1934]

Dear old Friend

Just my love & thank you. I am  
so glad that you are resting I  
had to run out to another sick  
person, so don't think I had  
my journey for nothing & it was  
such a lovely drive out here. What  
a beautiful Hospital it is!

God bless you.

Your affectionately

Andrew - S.D.C.  
*Chapman*

[Andrew - S.D.C.]



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E. ("Nellie") Best

[see E. Sylvia Parkhurst, Home 3 Woodham Grange Estate,  
Pont, 1932, pp. 291-2]

New Haw.

Weybridge,

Surrey.

January 2<sup>nd</sup> 1936

Dear Mr Lansbury,

I enclose you a copy of the Bishop of Guildford's Armistice sermon which I thought would interest you as it is the best speech I have read against war for a long time. Indeed, I think it is the best pronouncement against war since you & I & Eva Jane Booth (now gone to God) and others spoke out as frankly & publicly whilst the last war was going on. As you know, I got "SIX MONTHS" for my part.

I wrote & thanked the Bishop for that brave sermon & he personally has written me such a nice reply.

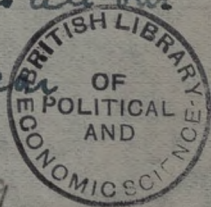
I do not want you to trouble to reply at all, as you are in hospital recovering from your accident & you know, we, your friends pray for you to soon get strong again.

But Lansbury, Dear, whilst you are resting & have more time for quiet thought, do you not think we, who are professing Christians ought to come out more openly for the Christian solution to all our social problems.

With every kind wish for the New Year

(Mrs) E. Best

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[with letter 2 Jan. 1934 from E ("Nellie") Best]

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COPY (From "Surrey Advertiser" 18. 11. 33)

The Bishop of Guildford preached at Farnham Parish Church on Sunday morning, the occasion of the official Armistice Service. Members of the Urban District Council & other public bodies attended.

In his address the Bishop referred to the sense of relief & freedom which came with the Armistice & the hope that the war had been one to end war.

"I wonder" he proceeded "how much of that hope is left among us now.

I hope I am not a pessimist, but it does seem to me as if as the years have gone by we have got farther & farther away from that great Hope. Only yesterday some one said to me "I hope you are not going to say anything in favour of the League of Nations"

I don't think anybody would have said that at the beginning of the Peace that reigned after the War. And yet we must be aware of the fact that War now means something which it has never meant before."

After a reference to the new horrors of another war, Dr Greig said "I think we are standing on a sort of plateau with great dangers all around us & it does seem to me that one of the most disappointing aspects is that the manifestation of the Sons of God has not taken place.

He thought perhaps the most remarkable discourse or statement about the human Race & the most profound & the most true was that of St Paul in the 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter of Romans. We have been waiting 1,900 years & we did not see any manifestation of the Sons of God which would deliver us from the bondage of corruption, from the pain and



and

massacre & brutality & cruelty which existed. What would St Paul say if he could have known, 1900 years after he wrote this, that weary years of war, like the late war, should have taken place & that another war, infinitely worse - I won't say <sup>very</sup> likely, but not impossible in a very short time?

It seems as if the whole Gospel of St Paul was like a pricked bladder a very beautiful dream, quite an extraordinarily beautiful dream, but a dream which, when one awakes, seems to be a futile and extraordinary misuse of the human mind.

What are we to say? I think first of all we have got to bear in mind that the prolongation of time is one of the most simple of all modern discoveries. When I was born & brought up we felt quite confident that the World had started in 4004 B.C. & would be ended before very long.

We now know that the world we live in has existed for millions of years, that human beings have been on this earth hundreds of thousands of years & we see how profound & real is the Jewish philosophy which teaches us that a thousand years in God's sight are but as one day.

I have learnt during the last twenty years to recast my ideas of Time. If we look at that as we ought to in the light of science and history, 1900 years is a very little space of time in which to accomplish any great change in the creation of God.

See page 3.

That comes to me always as the secret when problems of that kind press upon my mind & spirit & consciousness & I venture to recommend it to you. And then, further, God seeks not to coerce, but to draw men to him and he gives us, especially, this passage from the Epistle, which points to the power of hope & faith.

There is so much that is glorious in man; there is so much that is beautiful & tender, so honorable & dignified, that it is impossible for anyone who has any kind of spiritual sense of beauty to believe that mankind is going to be wiped out, that its progress is merely a temporary delusion which will lead to nothing & which now even means nothing.

"Is there nothing we can do but to wait with patience? Perish the thought! What are men for, what are women for, if we cannot hasten the coming of the great day of the revelation in the minds of men who are also unquestionably sons of God. How is it that with such a revelation as this made to us we should be content to be merely human, merely male, with a tentative & destructive emphasis on sex, which is one of the most rotten & rotting things of the present day thought - this beastly, perpetual emphasis that the most important thing in human life is sex.

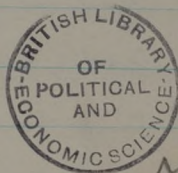
It is not; it is God. God in us. Our capacity to be Godlike, to share God's purpose, God's holiness, God's patience, God's love - and the world is waiting for the realisation of the manifestation of

of  
 the sons of God. Things are dreadful in practically every nation  
 throughout the world. We point the finger of scorn, perhaps, at the  
 Nazi culture going on in Germany, but we cannot be very proud  
 of what is going on in England, in France, America, Japan, China  
 or anywhere else.

If we return to wallow in the mire, the filth, the cruelty and  
 horrible brutality of another war, we shall produce in the mind  
 of the generation that comes after, a tremendous scepticism and  
 pessimism & a feeling of hopelessness as to the condition of the  
 human Race.

Surely, we have learnt enough about the futility of war to settle  
 problems of the usefulness of war for the protection of any kind of  
 financial prosperity, of any kind of better living, even in  
 material things & progress & advance

We cannot be such (if I may use the word in its liberal sense)  
 infernal fools, fools of the folly of Hell, as to think that  
 we shall never be men & women after God's heart unless we  
 revise our scale of values & turn simply to Jesus that we may  
lead mankind as He led us.



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SIR ARTHUR DU CROS, BT. (1871-

*Telegrams:*  
ACCUMEIDA, WESDO, LONDON.

*Telephones:*  
GERRARD 2621/2.

24  
53, Great Marlborough Street,

Regent Street,

London, W.1.

2nd Jan. 1934.

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D. Postgate Esq.,  
House of Commons.

Dear Mr. Postgate,

Thanks for your letter of the 21st inst. I should like very much to see Mr. Lansbury in a week or two, when I hope it may be possible to arrange dates to suit, should he desire to go to Bognor.

I am glad to see that he is progressing so favourably.

Yours sincerely,

Arthur du Cros



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Lansbury Road  
Borough of Rowley Regis.

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TC/MH  
CLIFFORD BUCKLEY,  
(SOLICITOR)  
TOWN CLERK,



Council House,  
Old Hill,  
Staffs.

2nd January, 1934.

Sir,

In commemoration of your presenting on the 28th September last, the Charter of Incorporation of the Urban District of Rowley Regis, the Council have named one of the new roads on their Gorsty Hill Housing Estate "Lansbury Road" and they have directed me to inform you accordingly.

Trusting that you are continuing to improve from your accident

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

Town Clerk.

G.Lansbury Esq., P.C., M.P.,  
Manor House Hospital,  
London, N.W.11



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I join with the Council with you  
speedy recovery of

G.L.  
 to Nat. Union of Agricultural Workers. See  
 Gobch's letter to G.L. of 27 Dec. 1933  
 above and 8 Jan. below

Manor House Hospital,  
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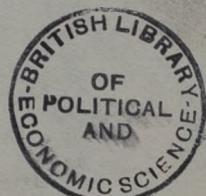
Dear Comrades and friends,

I join in thanksgiving for George Edwards' triumphant life. Let your meeting be one of good cheer, and your hymns, songs of victory. He is one of whom it can in truth be said: "They cannot die whose lives are part of that great life that is to be; whose hearts throb with the world's great heart and beat with its high destiny. Then mourn not those who dying gave a gift of greater life to mankind. Death stands abashed before the brave; they own a life death cannot ban."

So comrades, fall in and follow in his train. His serene, childlike faith carried him through a hard, strenuous life in service of God and the people. If you would honour him and respect his memory, rise up men and women and do likewise. We shall all miss his bodily presence, but the fine spirit which sent him out with Joseph Arch lives forever. It is the spirit of love and brotherhood which alone will save the world from the horrors of class war and all other wars.

Good wishes, good luck, and God's blessing on you all for ~~always~~ the New Year and always.

George Lansbury.



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*Ellen C. Wilkinson*  
*(d. 1947)*

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IN REPLY PLEASE QUOTE

ECW/AMH/35.

4, ENDSLEIGH GARDENS,  
UPPER WOBURN PLACE,  
W.C.1.

2nd January, 1934.

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,  
Manor House Hospital,  
North End,  
N.W.

Dear G.L.,

I have waited before writing to thank you for your note until I had some definite news to give you, but the negotiations with regard to Dimitroff and his friends are taking a long and complicated course, but I did just want to say how deeply grateful we all are for your letter, written as it was from your sick bed.

I have kept the original myself, and it will go among my treasures, as Daisy has sent a typed copy of it to the Home Secretary. As soon as I hear anything definite, I will let you know.

We have had Dorothy Woodman in Leipzig over the holidays, to be with the old mother, who is just a simple peasant woman, and who is quite bewildered because when her son was declared innocent, he was not immediately released. Dorothy has told her about your letter, and she is very grateful.

I would like to come and see you some time, but I have not worried because I know that you must have so many more visitors than you really ought to have, but if at any time you would like to see me, if you will tell Daisy, I would love to come up.

Yours ever,

*Ellen*

*Ans.*



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Fellowship  
in Song



THE  
Bournemouth Labour  
Male Voice Choir

Conductor: MATT. J. DANDO,  
2 Castle Road.

Hon. Secretary: R. GOLTON,  
2 Cromwell Road.

(Founded 1919)

Dear Comrade Lansbury

3<sup>rd</sup> January 1934

At a recent meeting of the above Choir a resolution was passed instructing me to convey to you the Best Wishes of the Conductor + members.

We very much regret the fact that you are suffering from an accident + fully realise how difficult + distressing it must be for you to be inactive for a time.

However we are hoping that you will soon be about again + taking your place in the Workers Cause.

We fully appreciate the willing work you have put into the Movement often under great difficulty + self-sacrifice. + trust the Movement generally will prove worthy of your efforts.

It might interest you to know that the Choir is still "going strong". We are just completing our fourteenth year + there are no signs of breaking up, Our services are much appreciated by the public.

In Competitions we have won seven Challenge Cups + six Cup Trophies at Bournemouth. Five Challenge Cups at Portsmouth. + one Challenge Shield at Bristol.

We enter these Competitions for educational purposes only, the main purpose of our existence is to bring more Music + Fellowship into the lives of the People.

Now I won't burden you with a long letter as I feel certain that although you are laid aside for a while from physical work you have much on your mind + under your direction.

Wishing you "God Speed" in your recovery + assuring you of our Best Wishes in every direction

Yours fraternally

R. Golton Hon. Sec.



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2, St. John's Wood Road  
London N.W.8

Joseph L. Cohen (d. 1940)  
and Labour Zionist Organization

3rd of January 1934

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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

I have been asked by the Labour Zionist Organization in this country to express to you our earnest wish for your speedy recovery and return to your great work for our movement in the House of Commons. Most of us who know you personally were deeply distressed to learn of your accident and we have been watching the bulletins about your health with the deepest sympathy. I have been requested also by our comrades in Palestine, in America and in Poland to convey to you their sincere wishes for a New Year and their hope that you will soon be back fighting for all good causes and leading our movement towards its goal.

Perhaps I should add the following paragraph of a letter which I have just received from America:

"George Lansbury's cable has made a deep impression here. The press has devoted much attention to it, and has reproduced it in prominent positions, as you will see from the enclosed cuttings. We are sending a special letter of thanks to the Labour Party, and if you were concerned in the despatch of the message, please accept your share of our comradely thanks also. Please tell our comrades of the British Labour Party that their message was received by the Convention with great enthusiasm and that the working masses in America know how to value their devoted help to the Histadruth."

Yours sincerely

Joseph L. Cohen

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury B.C.M.P.  
Manor House Hospital





JERUSALEM, DAMASCUS GATE.

ושלום, שער דמשק

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3 Jan. 1934

Greetings from the  
Holy City.

John  
Mr and Mrs Rhys/Davies.



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Postcard — גלויה



Right Honourable  
George Lansbury M.P.,  
~~House of Commons,~~  
London, S.W.1.

England.  
Edm. Close  
M.P.

[R. Roberts]

(31)

Caernarvon

Dear sir

Wednesday 3 Jan 34

we are glad that you are doing  
satisfactory recovery after your accident Mr Lansley's  
I should like to draw your attention to  
one or two chys when you go back to  
Parliament again I hope it wont be long  
before you are able to go, Father draws  
the old age Pension 10/- But this wife  
is only 62 year old shy cannot get work  
anywhere there is only 10/- dy to keep  
a Home going after Paying rent and coal  
there is nothing for food for the wife  
and no nurishy meal I think it  
very hard to live Mr. Lansley  
it would be for Better if shy would  
give the wife a part of Pension to  
Well Mr Lansley when you go to  
Parliament I am trusty you will take  
the Hole matter in your own Hand

3 Jan. 1934

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you see Mr Lansby people of 70 are  
to old at 70 for Pnsin as if  
to Have a Bit of confort in the  
olden days of there lives  
because our days are only short on  
this earth but they are so miserabl  
wllout mony for food or any thay  
if my wife was having Pnsin I could  
Have a Bit of nurishy food

well Mr Lansby I wish you a  
speadly recory also a Happy new  
year to you you will be very  
suesesfully in workin the Pnsion  
Thought you see it Hard to Live  
these day and be Honest to Mr Lansby

I am your

Truly

R. Roberts

Alexander Strahan Watt

(8. 1948)

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Hastings House,  
10, Norfolk Street, Strand,  
London, W.C. 2.

B.17.

January 3rd 1934.

The Right Hon. George Lansbury, P.C., M.P.,  
Manor House Hospital,  
North End Road,  
Golders Green, N.W.

Dear Sir,

I see in the press that you are engaged in writing a book of memories and reflections to be entitled "MY ENGLAND", and if you have not already made arrangements for the publication of your book, I shall be glad to hear that you are willing to allow me to act for you as your agent in the matter. There is no doubt that I could dispose of your book on terms which would be in every way satisfactory to you and in advance of any which you are likely to be able to get for it yourself or through any other channel.

In case you have not already seen it, I am sending you herewith a copy of a recent edition of "Letters Addressed to A. P. Watt and his Sons" which I think may be of interest to you in this connection.

Amongst many other volumes of reminiscences the arrangements for the publication of which have been made by my firm, I may perhaps mention the following:

"Chapters of Autobiography" by the late Earl of Balfour, K.G.  
"The Official Biography of the late Earl of Balfour" (not yet published)  
"The Life of Lord Curzon" by the Earl of Ronaldshay G.C.I.E.  
"An Ambassador of Peace" by Viscount D'Abernon, P.C., G.C.M.G.,  
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"The India we Served" by Sir Walter Lawrence, Bart.



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- "The Life of General Lord Rawlinson of Trent" edited by Major-General Sir F.B. Maurice, K.C.M.G.,
- "The Life of the Marquess of Lansdowne" by Lord Newton.
- "The Life of Lord Rosebery" by the Marquess of Crewe, K.G.,
- "Lord Bertie's Diaries" edited by Lady Algernon Gordon-Lennox, D.B.E.,
- "Lord Milner's Papers" edited by Cecil Headlam.
- "Fear and be Slain" by Major-General the Right Hon. J.E.B. Seely, P.C., C.B., C.M.G. (now Lord Mottistone)
- Lord Snowden's Memoirs (not yet published)
- Lord Esher's Diaries (not yet published).

May I hear from you in this matter, at your convenience ?

Yours sincerely,

*Asquith*  
—

booklet enclosed.



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Rev. Francis George Belton

(35)

Mr. Geo. Lansbury,  
157 Shenley Fields Rd.  
Selly Oak,  
B'ham.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

4-1-34.

I was very sorry to hear of your unfortunate accident, which necessitated your going to hospital. I sincerely hope you are steadily improving.

My wife & I were very interested in your recent article in 'John Bull'. (I bought the No. specially to read it). We heartily agree with the sentiments you express, that Christianity, - with its motto 'Peace on Earth, goodwill to men'; is the remedy for the World's distress.

There were one or two slight errors in the article, which might come under the heading of 'Clerical errors'. The '500 left' should be '5000' - perhaps <sup>just</sup> a misprint.



Rev. Francis George Belton

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Then you speak of Jesus as the "son of Mary and Joseph". Of course the scriptures explain specifically that Jesus was NOT the son of Joseph. It says in one place 'Being' as was SUPPOSED the son of Joseph'. I hope you will not think me fault-finding in pointing out these little slips.

I hope you received the book safely that I sent you some time ago - about the time of your wife's death - "This Mighty Hour" by Dr. S. Maxwell. I should be glad to hear how you liked it. You may have thought it strange that I did not mention your bereavement when sending the book, but I did not know of it until after the book & letter were posted. Nevertheless we did feel

3.  
very sympathetic with you  
knowing the loss of near & dear  
ones ourselves.

Once again wishing you  
a speedy cure, and a  
New Year full of Heaven's blessings

Sincerely yours

J. G. Belton



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Glasgow University Socialist Club,  
Union,

University Avenue,  
Glasgow, W.2.

[say 4 Jan. 1934 (see on fol.  
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George Lansbury, Esq.

Sir,



I have been asked by the Committee<sup>M449</sup> of the Glasgow University Socialist Club to invite you to become our Candidate in the Rectorial Election which takes place next November. We would be very greatly honoured if you would permit us to put forward your name. May I point out to you that it would involve no time on your part. It is a custom that no candidate may take any part in a Rectorial campaign. The work is entirely done by students with the help of union speakers. The only obligation is that the elected candidate is asked to deliver a Rectorial address at some time, chosen by himself, during his term of office.

We feel that at the present time in Glasgow, Socialism  
is becoming more and more powerful and if you  
would become our candidate we would have  
a very favourable chance of securing your election.

Yours faithfully,

John Montgomery,

Hon. Secy.

G. V. S. C.

The property  
in question  
was bought &  
sold by Solicitors  
myself finding  
all moneys & only  
my name  
mentioned as  
purchaser in the  
deeds action  
both Solicitors  
Satisfied

Ravenhill v. Ravenhill

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Wye Valley

4<sup>th</sup>  
Jan

Trinton R<sup>d</sup>

Kirby Cross

Clacton-on-Sea

1934

Essex

Our Dear M<sup>rs</sup> Lansbury

The writer of this letter is a humble  
working man (a gardener aged 71).

First let me say how pleased  
both myself & friends are to know you  
are making such good progress towards  
recovery & may God bless you & preserve  
you to enable you to carry on your good  
work. Oh, it is a pleasure to know  
how you & your good work is beloved  
particularly by us humble folks.

Now Dear Sir I beg to make an  
appeal to you can you kindly assist me  
I and my dear wife who is 73 are  
suffering a sense of grave injustice  
metted out in Chancery M<sup>rs</sup> Justice Romer<sup>s</sup>  
Court (action Ravenhill v Ravenhill).  
First I will mention that all went well  
for me in the action until the Judge

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ordered both plaintiff & myself to shew up  
our financial positions the plaintiff declared  
to his Lordship he never had a Bank & his  
wife required all he earned & of course he was  
unable to find costs of the action. therefore I  
myself had to go under, like many more  
in Chancery actions. there been no Jury allowed &  
as M<sup>rs</sup> Justice Romer told me he is empowered  
to do what he likes, so there you are bear  
M<sup>rs</sup> Lansberg it is as I told him in reply  
he can be a Rogue if he likes & there is  
no law to prevent it. at the summing up  
the above mentioned Judge told me if I  
failed to execute a Conveyance giving  
part of my field away he would commit  
me to prison. up to the moment which is  
a long period I have refused to carry out  
the order & Judgement & no action as  
been taken against me, after my over &  
over again calling on the Judge to carry  
out his threat. in the end in Justice  
to the matter & expose the Collusions  
I determined to bring about Contempt of

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Coast myself. it was painful for me that morning when I made the Journey for the purpose of rather assaulting Mr. Homer & I made a target of the Judge with a pocketfull of grebbels of Trinton Beach, to cut the matter as short as possible for the present; I was committed to Britton Prison was there a short period, the Home Sec intervening in my release.

I have used every effort in the hope of obtaining Justice, even the Kings Sec the late Lord Stamfordham after much Correspondence sent my case to the Home Office; the Lord Chancellors Dept say he can do nothing until the matter is latter before him for his adjudication, this I have no means left to do. having been fleeced abroad by the Legal Profession (Oppression) and yet all Counsels say if Mr. Justice Homer's Judgment is right then no persons property is safe. Can I if the

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High Court's Judgement is right defy its order. and as already said no proceedings taken against me.

I can tell by the many Solicitors I have consulted there is a allround collusion to save a grave High Court Scandal. now our dear M<sup>r</sup>. Lansbury I must not bother you more Just now I do pray you will help me <sup>that</sup> when well enough & if able I am terribly distressed on account of the injustice.

I would be only to pleased to make the Journey to London for interview & state my case more fully to anyone you may recommend. is there not some honest Counsel belonging to our Labour Cause.

Thanking you in anticipation & may god soon restore you to your normal health again that you may carry on your good work for the Community  
I am Dear Sir yours Sincerely  
Arthur Ravenhill



Jan 4<sup>th</sup>  
1934

Mr H. Wate  
9 Haywards Place

(Doc. Car H. Wate)  
Clemenuell  
Green  
E. Ct

Dear George

Reading of  
your sad Accident.

Well as old Friends &  
Comrads. I am glad to  
Read you are getting  
a little better. Well old  
Friend you are greatly  
missed you know

2) I take great pleasure <sup>(43)</sup>  
of Wishing you a quick  
recovery & Wishing you  
all the Best

From your

Old Comrade

Docker Wate

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May LUKE mend you well. (144)

I SIOR y V bendith fo, 5 Jan 1934

Ai FAIR y fwynaf hefyd:

Ond SIOR y PENNAF ar ein co,

Boed iddo bo<sup>b</sup> dedwyddyd,

Wrth rodio amgylch fel y PEN,

Y mae mor hynod debyg,

Fel un or GYSTUDD MAWR danner

Yn Gorwedd fir NADOLIG,

ADFERIAD llwyr ei llwydd iwr ran,

In HEWYRTH SIOR ddymunwr,

Ac am ei gadw cyd i'r lan,

O Galon y diolchwr.

Blwyddyn Newydd llawn o lwydd

I NwrcL fyddo hon;

Yn unsain unlef digon rhwydd

Ddymunir iddo'n llon;

Like this your writer now atones

For WISHES writ in Adam's tongue,

Consult your colleague Morgan Jones,

In Script he'll find no wrong,

(1835-1941) ©

BERDARE  
GLAM.

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



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JAN 34

Mr. G. S. Jones,  
George Mansbury St.,  
Hospital, Golders Green  
London, N.W.

Telephone:  
BATLEY 221

Sir Ben Turner

(45)  
"The Homestead,"  
Carlton Avenue,  
Batley, Yorks.

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Dear Goerge

We keep hoping to hear of your continued progress towards recovery. Its a big job when a man is 75 bbut you clean life, and your white soul will help you with good nursing doctoring and good wishes from everybody.

All of us at the above address eachnight utter the cry We hope George is going on ~~all~~ right.

Yours faithfully

Ben Turner



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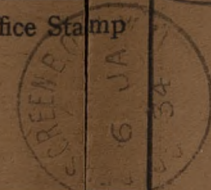
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FOR YOUR TELEGRAMS

Tom Mann  
(1856-1941)

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Homelands,  
Biggin Hill,  
Kent.

6, Jan; 1934.

Dear old George,

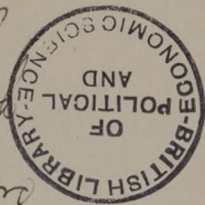
It was nice of you to write me, and Mrs M and self are really glad to know you are free from pain. I can imagine you have had rather many visitors, whilst you were still enduring the pain that necessarily followed to have visitor after visitor would I imagine create a feeling of relief when it became necessary for Doctor to insist on a rest, it was very good of you to see me any how and I should have been unhappy if I had not been permitted. I have seen several of the pictures in the press and they havan been distinctly good; A year ago and you were giving attention to my temporary incarceration, and took a lot of trouble over the case; Sid Elias is still at Wandsworth I went to see him the other day he is cheerful and philosophic, he has to go till August before he gets relief i, e, Release.

This evening I am going to the East End to a gathering of Jewish Comrades interested in the growth of a Jewish Settlement in Siberia known as Biro-Bijan.

We both wish you a speedy and complete recovery, and enough but not too much work when you are fit and well again; That we are entering upon a most eventful year is a certainty but we are not of those who fear to face the situation: As Comrades our love to you  
Yours & love  
Tom Mann



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I think that you were doing

well

the me as "very" as you  
suppose may mean that

is a rather from which of

are "congratulate" congratulate

the newspaper say that you

are making progress.

I hope by this time you

Dear George

Jan 6. 34

Walt Cleaver Sewell LEYTONSTONE, E.M.

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23 KINGS ROAD,

Your work will succeed in a way which  
perhaps you had hardly thought of.

Best wishes from Bert Anne & all friends  
at home

Yours sincerely,

Walter

Don't worry about replying