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29, PALACE STREET,
S.W. 1.

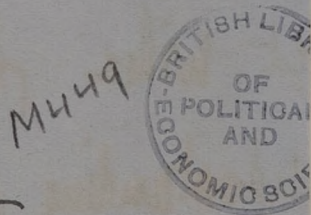
20. 12. 39.

Dear George

Happiness is more than
money & with the certain knowledge
that this will be spent to provide
the former I send it you with
best wishes for Christmas on the
understanding (& hope) that at least £15
will go towards some part of the

heavy personal expenditure you must
be facing over your X ray treatment
etc. But that must be as you
wish. The essential point is that
there can be no "rays" without the "sun"
so please take every possible step to
keep the sun shining.

Yours affectionately
Dick White



COPY OF LETTER FROM GEORGE LANSBURY to THE RT. HON. LORD
PETHICK-LAWRENCE OF PEASLAKE, and LADY PETHICK-LAWRENCE.

39, Bow Road, E.3.

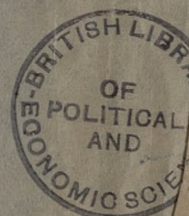
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My dear Friends,

You are very kind to think of sending me so kind and generous a letter. The days are, or seem to be, very evil, all the same 'Love is not dead nor doth it sleep' In a thousand ways the spirit of God still moves in the minds of His children. You have always sent me a message of good cheer to help in days of trial. Just now millions are passing along the Valley of humiliation, persecution and hatred we, at least I, can only stand by and breathe a thought and prayer that out of the horror of these days in ways I don't know or begin to understand God's purpose will be worked out in the life of us all. I wish it were possible for me to do more, but years roll on strength of body is not quite as of old. But letters like yours cheer me very much because from them I know that I am not alone in my hopes and fears doubts and longings.

Every good wish for happier years to you Both.

Always,
Signed. George Lansbury.



1939 or 1940, when Sir J. Anderson was Home Sec.
NO "TREASON," SAYS LANSBURY

"I'd ~~Scrap~~ ^{NAZIS.} Peace Pledge Union if—"

POLICE HAVE MADE SEARCH

By Daily Mail Reporter

MR. GEORGE LANSBURY would have the Peace Pledge Union scrapped or resign as president if he thought there was any truth in the suggestion that they were carrying on disloyal or subversive activities.

That is what he told me yesterday.

"My presidency is more or less an ornamental position," he said, "but I don't want to shirk any responsibility. The headquarters of the Peace Pledge Union, in Endsleigh-street, assure me that the statements made by Sir William Davison in Parliament were based on wrong information."

Mr. Lansbury had noted that Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, was going to have the activities of the union "carefully watched" and was to consider whether "special measures" were necessary.

"As a matter of fact," he told me, "police officers have already visited the union's offices and taken away specimens of its literature."

He laughed at the suggestion that the organisation was promoting anti-British propaganda. "You don't think I'd remain connected with it if that were the case?"

"A Decent Peace"

"Our major propaganda is just this: If it is possible for a decent peace to be negotiated, we want it to be negotiated. *Ap. 1936*

"When I saw Hitler in Berlin on my peace tour I said to him: 'If I lived here in Germany I should have my head cut off or be put into a concentration camp.'"

"He just smiled at me. He knew I was a pacifist."

I reminded Mr. Lansbury that the Peace Pledge Union had been accused of picketing employment exchanges on registration days.

"Misrepresented"

"It is true," he said, "that some time ago a very unwise leaflet was distributed, but it has been withdrawn."

"The idea that we try to convert the young fellows into conscientious objectors is ridiculous."

I found Mr. Stuart Morris, secretary of the Peace Pledge Union, in the middle of preparing a 1,500-words reply to the attack on the union in the House of Commons. He told me that their activities had been completely misrepresented.

He said "observers" from the Peace Pledge Union still attended the sessions of military tribunals, and would continue to do so.

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The Borough of Poplar Benevolent Society.

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CONCERT IN AID OF LOCAL CHARITIES, THURSDAY, DEC. 2nd, 1937.

Received of *Mr. Henry J. Sainsbury* 19 *4.0*

the sum of *One hundred six* Pounds *seven* shillings

and pence. *for James Thos Printing &c*

With compliments and thanks,

W. Micholls
 Hon. Secretary.

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Walter Elliot Elliot
(Minister of Health; 1888-)

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MINISTRY OF HEALTH,
WHITEHALL, S.W.1.

16th January, 1940.

My dear Lansbury

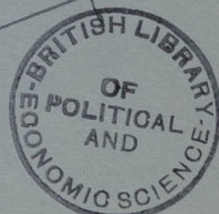
Thank you very much for your letter of the 1st January and for letting me see the letter - which I now return - from Mr. Stanhope-Lovell, about the water supply and sanitation in the village of Aston Bampton, Oxfordshire.

As regards the water supply the position is that the scheme submitted by the Rural District Council of Witney, to which Mr. Stanhope-Lovell refers, has apparently been dropped by the Rural District Council because of the war, but, in view of the information you gave me, I have written to the Rural District Council asking them to give the matter further consideration.

I am still making inquiries into the sanitation in the village and I will let you know the result as soon as possible.

Yours very sincerely
Walter Elliot

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, J.P., M.P.,
39 Bow Road,
E.3.



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MINISTRY OF HEALTH

WINDHILL, N.Z.

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G.L. to
Rev. Kenneth George Budd
[see in Section II below]

39, Bow Road,
E.3.

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Dear Mr. Budd,

I remeber our meeting very well. I wish it were possible to do more now. But I have been rather unwell and am very much tied up with the weather. Also there is very little chance in the House of Commons of being effective and if it so happens one of us say a word for Peace it is scarcely mentioned in the Press or Wirless News, We must try by God's good grace to preserve our faith and take advantage of every opportunity which falls my way. I often wish I were younger though I am grateful for being allowed so long an innings. It is loss of stength which sometimes gets me down. But in the end I come back to the thought. The evil which afflicts mankind is within ourselves and God has given us the means of finding a way out. I am sure the toil and thought, the joy and sorrow of our lives will some day in some way result in the way we all desire. Gods Will, will be done, on earth, as in heaven.

All good wishes.

George Lansbury.



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Sir John Anderson (1st Viscount Waverley;
1882—)
[Home Sec. 1939-1940]



5th February, 1940.

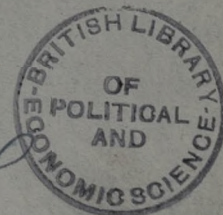
Dear W. Tausbury

I have your letter of the 3rd instant about Richards and Barnes who are under sentence of death for active participation in the preparation of the bomb which killed five persons in Coventry.

As you will realise, the question whether I should be justified in recommending a reprieve for these men is one to which I have given much anxious consideration, and I have not ignored the considerations to which you rightly call my attention.

I am sorry to have to tell you that after reviewing all the circumstances and weighing all the considerations I have come to the conclusion that I should not be justified in recommending interference with the due course of law.

Yours sincerely
John Anderson



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The Right Honourable
George Lansbury, M.P.

24 rue Biran - Garges.

Garges

PARIS, le

5 Février

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Jacques Martin

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Cher Monsieur et Ami

J'apprends par le journaux votre
désignation en Grande Bretagne comme
candidat au prix Nobel de la paix.

Permettez moi de vous remercier et de
vous dire tout simplement ma joie, qui
sera celle d'un grand nombre d'avis en
France. Même si aujourd'hui votre
effort pour venir entre ~~et~~ honorer de
gouvernements une atmosphère de basse
volonté semble avoir échoué, il est
difficile de croire que toute cette œuvre
a été vaine. N'est ce pas un signe de
ce travail en profondeur dans les consciences
que la faveur actuelle avec laquelle
dans cette heure tragique beaucoup
se tournent vers une conférence



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internationales et une fédération européenne
sont la solution aux divisions intérieures d'une
Europe prisonnière de ses fautes.

Puisse cette pensée vous soutenir
et vous aider à continuer la lutte
à l'heure difficile où la guerre
dévaste les corps et les consciences.

Croyez, cher Monsieur, à ma
pensée fidèle et à celle de nombreux
amis, et recevez mes salutations
respectueuses

Jacques Martini

G.L.
to
Mrs. Raymond Postgate
(n. Daisy Lansbury)

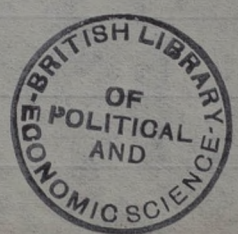
39 B of Rd
G.J
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Dear Daisy

Here is cheque which will I hope
square your outgoings for me. I shall have to leave
square your outgoings for me. I shall have to leave
the £100 salary for last year as I returned it and that
the £100 salary for last year as I returned it and that
this year ending March 31, so if Ray leaves
it as I will pay the tax it is too long a tale
to write. The Inspector has done his best to adjust
my affairs and I don't want to write him again; will
explain when we meet.

explain when we meet. Love

Dad

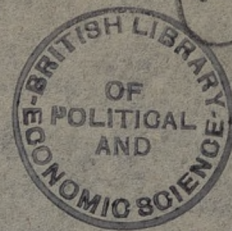


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G.L. (To John Armitage, Ed. of the Fortnightly)
(1910 →)

Bow.

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Dear Mr. Armitage,

Thanks for sending me The Fortnightly. It is a good issue, the 'Story of Poland' is a true ^(one), even if at times perhaps a little exaggerated. Beck is one of the worst "double-crossers" in European diplomacy. I said so when I met him twice 18 months ago. The real tragedy is our people, the Govt. knew him for what he was and is. I wish the popular press would print the whole article in serial or at least the portion dealing with Russia.

I always like reading David Cecil. He is of course right, in the main, about people and their views about the war. I am not sure I understand his conclusion. If he means it is foolish to try and establish the Kingdom of God on earth then why bother about religion at all or like parrots repeat the prayer Thy will be done Thy kingdom come etc. I agree mankind has made material progress and does so after war, as was the case after 1918, but of what use is this if every few years all the force and energy of civilisation is used for destruction. During my life-time this has happened again and again. If our religion is incapable of staying this plague then shut up the churches. I take the contrary view. I believe Lionel Curtis is right. This collapse we are living through must be used to establish the 'Kingdom'. It will be a long job, but we must smash the notion that original sin is so firmly embedded in us it cannot by the Grace of God and the humility of men's minds be changed. I trace the entire failure of religion to dominate life socially and nationally or

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international to this fact. All its leaders unite in declaring Love is the foundation of happiness and then proceed to prove the futility of trying to apply it to life. I have never accepted the theory of sudden revolution. I hoped much from Russia and still do, but always told Bolsheviki leaders the test of their theory would come with success. Would the leaders be willing to accept all that a classless society means? I contended with them that Christianity stood for such a society and acceptance of moral and religious influence and force was the only road to sure salvation.

I do not know what to say to Canon Marriott's questions. I agree we must be willing to accept each other without tests of any kind. But when this is done what are we to unite in doing? We each follow our own religious or ethical teaching or try to do so. But what is our corporate attitude towards 'war' as war? I find myself more and more of a confirmed pacifist. There are many things for which I hope I would be willing to give my life or lose it as Latimer, Ridley and millions like them have done, but I know of no cause which can justify me in asking young men to be trained so as to enjoy bombing expeditions or in fact to kill anybody. Don't rake up the story of a baby about to be killed. I might in saving the baby kill the would-be murderer. If I failed to kill him I would not chase round for his mother, wife and babies to take vengeance on them. Then what is to be our attitude toward business. I have been in it and know the man who considers others is smashed in the whirlpool of competition, etc.etc. Perhaps I am too old and fixed in my views for a new adventure, anyhow I am a bit tired writing and arguing. Life for me has been

G. L. to John Armitage

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very mixed. Honestly I have tried to live as a Christian but have often very often failed, defects of character and temper account for much failure. But over-riding everything else is the simple fact I have had to earn the means of life for myself and family within a society based on competitive struggle, a society which worships personal success whether in politics, business or religion. This is a condition of things which is man made and in time can be changed. Prayer, co-operation one with another will help once we have seen clearly there are evils in the world which though personal are in fact impersonal and can only be effectively changed by collective action of those who see a great Light and are prepared to follow wherever it may lead.

All good wishes,

George Lansbury.



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G.L. to Mrs. Raymond Postgate
(m. Daisy Lansbury)

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BON

19. 3. 40

Ray 5 of 100 37.00 1.17.6

8P + boys

2.00

} 3.17.6

My Dear Daisy

I have the Betty cheque I have to send

Ray 5 of 100 on this as I sent the last time

I send a triple for you to put into the Common

Fund less 5/- for the boys. I wish it could be

as good. Lots of love Dad

P.S. I am better except in strength which does

not get strong I think it will be done as I

can get something.

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PEOPLE IN THE PARKS ARE ASKING: 'HOW'S MR LANSBURY?'

month.
A solitary spectator sitting by the water recalled the storm of criticism when, at 4.30 on June 16, 1930, "Uncle George," as First Commissioner of Works, declared the Serpentine open for mixed bathing, thereby transforming the furtive early morning male dip into healthy community bathing, and revolutionising the swim-wear of the nation.

"First Commissioner of Good Works, I'd call him," said the spectator, being something of a wit. "The man who launched a thousand slips, eh?"

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A quarter of a million Londoners bathed from Mr Lansbury's Lido in 1937, and 90,000 people watched them. The numbers have fallen off recently—now that every park and every roadhouse has followed Mr Lansbury's example.

He pulled up railings, invited the nation on to the grass, gave them food and refreshment in the parks. He gave them bowls at Alexandra Gate, a restaurant in Kensington Gardens, a paddling pond, goalposts, and a cinder track at the old Botanic Gardens in Regent's Park, children's enclosures, boating pools, amusements in Bushey, Richmond, Petersham, Greenwich, and half a dozen other parks besides.

He gave the Englishman the right to drink his glass of beer at Hampton Court or at the Zoo.

case
Doncaster
[? April or May]
or read him this, 1940
tell him he is as well
in the north as he is
south.

For
Admiral



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THE LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS
AND POLITICAL SCIENCE,
HOUGHTON ST., ALDWYCH,
LONDON, W.C.2.

Further along, at Lansbury's Lido, the springboards have been rematted for another summer. Two men were mowing the grass of the sunbathing enclosures for their opening next month.

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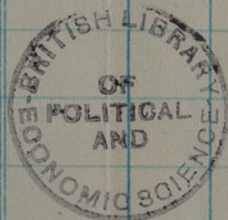
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51 Marefield Road

Wheatley Hills
Doncaster[? April or May]
1940]

Dear Nurse

Show or read him this,

and tell him he is as well
liked in the north as he is
in the south.Yours
A. Winter

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W. T. BEAUMONT
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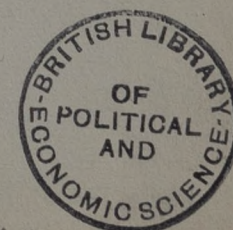
The Right Honourable George Lansbury Esq., M.P.
39, Bow Road,
London, E. 3.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Reading the "Evening News" last night

I note that you are taking a much needed rest at 81, and I sincerely hope it will be beneficial to your health and that you will live on to see your ambition for peace rewarded.

I remember you many years ago with my Dad, W.G.Beaumont, contesting Bow and Bromley Guardians. Eventually, I was apprenticed to the lighterage profession and became your lighterage contractor at Sugar House Lane, Strafford, E., (Messrs Burton, Brine & Read Ltd). Mr. Walter Gould was in your office at the time. (They were good old days when everybody was happy!)



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Like yourself and every Britisher we all want peace, and the right man in the right place and in the right job that he knows best, to help win the war at the right price with no profiteering.

My object in writing you is that you might be kind enough to pass on to your colleague, The Right Hon. Major Attlee, M.P. my letter (of which I enclose a copy) as an introduction and that you know me to know my job in the barge, tug and lighterage business, and that I may be of some use in saving a lot of unnecessary expense in reconditioning barges being sent from London to Glasgow. The cost must be enormous for the use which is going to be made of them. They should be seaworthy when they are taken over by the Ministry of Shipping, or not taken at all; as there are plenty on the Thames and other rivers in England evidently suitable the person in charge does not appear to know his job of river craft to Coastal ports, etc. hence the waste of labour, material and expense.

I have an interview fixed with Major Attlee on Tuesday next at 10.30 a.m. at the House of Commons and would esteem it a great favour if you would acquaint him of your knowledge of myself being practical.

I take this opportunity of wishing you a good rest and good health.

Yours faithfully,

W. T. Beaumont.

Syd Walker

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SYD WALKER,
The Junk Man Philosopher
in
"What would you do, Chums?"
A British National Picture.

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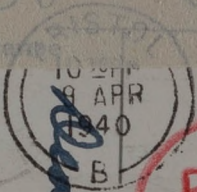
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Syd Walker 9 Apr 1940
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For Correspondence

Address Only



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George Lansbury Esq MP
c/o Major Graham Pole

Farham

Surrey.



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You & well deserves
holiday, Heavens with
peace and happiness,
and may that happy
state continue for many
many years.
By Syd Walker.

G.L.

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11th
April,
1940.

[to]

Rev. Canon

Denton
Stuart Morris,
Peace Pledge Union,
6, Endsleigh Street,
London, W.C.

My dear Stuart,

Here is a message which if read
I hope will be read in full.

I know some of you may not agree
about Picketing, but there is no sense
in my sending a message unless I say
what I really think.

Every good wish to you all,

See vol. 28. a, fo. 238²⁹ for a letter of
Canon Cadbury, dated April 10th. 1940.
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See vol. 28. a, fo 230 for a letter to
Mrs R. W. Postgate (Daisy Lansbury) dated
April 10th. 1940.



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To My Comrades of the Peace Pledge Union.

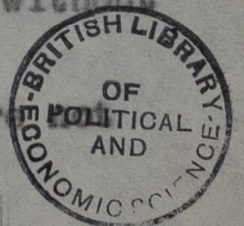
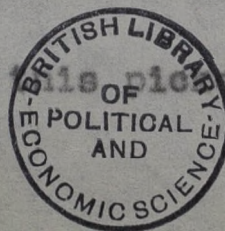
Dear Comrades,

I am unable, owing to bad health, to attend the Annual Meeting, so am sending this letter which brings you my love and best wishes for a lively, harmonious and successful gathering.

We Pacifists are living through hard and difficult times. Each day brings us face to face with great trials of our faith. You who are of military age must often be perplexed and worried when you think of the merciless destruction of the rights and liberties, the freedom and peace of small and great nations, and the perpetual worry and loss sustained by friends and neighbours all around your own homes. Only those whose convictions are founded on reason and real faith that war is a crime are able to stand by and continue to refuse to join in. I am unable to stand idly by and find myself more and more absorbed with the desire to end the war as soon as possible but also to join in any piece of social or public work which will in any way alleviate the mental worry and physical suffering of those whose loved ones are killed or maimed. The words "I will die for my faith, but not kill for it" are true for us, but we are also bound by another thought - if we will not destroy, we will do what is possible to save life and lessen suffering.

I very earnestly wish, Comrades, to urge you all to bear in mind the fact, we who are Pacifists must be as tolerant and forbearing as we hope others will be to us. Our country is at war and many thousands are much more troubled, worried and perplexed, wondering whether their loved ones will ever be seen again. We did our best to prevent the catastrophe. Now it is upon us, it is our bounden duty to do everything in our power to understand the motives of the vast majority who cannot accept our point of view, and let them know we respect and honour them for their courage, self-sacrifice and earnest endeavour on behalf of what they consider right. We must not be self-righteous or try and pass judgment on others. By our words and actions we must express our Pacifist Ideal of service without violence. Because I think this way I desire to appeal most earnestly to all members of the P.P.U. to give up picketing the Employment Exchanges when men are registering for service. Such picketing cannot win or convert those worth having and men who are C.O's. can easily discover how to make their position clear without any aid from us.

The main argument against this picketing is this: we are



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playing fair with Government or Parliament. We possess rights and privileges such as no other nation allows. No other nation allows Pacifists in war time. I beg you all to keep this in mind and do nothing to prejudice these privileges. It is never a good thing to exact the full "pound of flesh" when arguing or asserting one's rights.

As to Peace by Negotiation and stopping the War, we are allowed freedom to advocate this in and out of Parliament, and this we should do with reason and discretion. There are times when "Silence is golden". Even so, we can at all times meet in our Groups and cheer and inspire one another to hold on to the faith, and when possible tell our neighbours and friends why we cannot take part in war. We need use neither slogans nor words which hurt the feelings of people who are quite as sincere as we think ourselves to be.

Finally, Comrades, my own faith that we are right never falters. Sometimes sickness and weariness comes over me and there is a disposition to think perhaps you and I are people whose minds belong to a future age. This however is not true. We belong to to-day. Our Gospel is as old, true and solid as the hills. Violence and force have been tried again and again and have always failed, because such action is based on the foolish belief Evil may be overcome by Evil. Jesus and all truly religious teachers unite in calling us to a better way. The way of Love and Service neither you nor I will ever be able to live as we desire. God, if not men, will judge us by what in our inmost heart we long to be. We are standing four square for the Principle that all peoples of the world are equal in the sight of God; All wars are wars between brethren; and all evil and good comes from us as individuals. So Comrades with confidence hold on to the truth your conscience reveals to you and honour and respect those whose conscience leads them along the opposite road.

May I add these verses from a hymn which always cheers and comforts me. Who shall dare to say that all will be lost and God, religion, freedom and culture, no more be found in the land. No, hard terrible and bitter as life will be when this war ends, be it soon or late, let us pray that and work that it may be soon. One thing is certain, witnesses for God's truth will remain, and out of the catastrophe and ruins man will laboriously and with faith in God and His will slowly and surely build a better, nobler civilisation. Here are the verses:-

G.L.

11 April 1940

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And ye, beneath life's crushing load
Whose forms are bending low,
Who toil along the climbing way,
With painful steps and slow, -
Look now! for glad and golden hours
Come swiftly on the wing:
O rest beside the weary road
And hear the angels sing!

For lo! the days are hastening on,
By prophet-bards foretold,
When with the ever-circling years
Comes round the age of gold:
When peace shall over all the earth
Its ancient splendours fling,
And the whole world send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

Once more with every good wish and love to you all,

See vol. 28. a, fos. 238-239 for an undated letter
to Sidney Norman of about this time

See vol. 28. a, fos 240-241 for a letter to
Mrs R. W. Postgate enclosing letter to James
Woodall, dated April 15th. 1940.

? Taylor

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TELEPHONE:
ENFIELD 0121

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15th April, 1940.

The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
at The Shack,
Lodge Hill Road,
Farnham, Surrey.

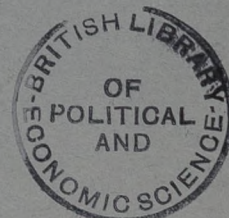
My dear George Lansbury,

It was so nice of you to write to me. I do appreciate it.

Grace and I have thought of you so much during this past week. You speak of fame as nonsense - Einstein said to me, "Fame only means that people run after you and you have to run away", but you have more than fame, as millions of people love you as they love no other man. It used to make you angry when people said, "We love George Lansbury, but", believing that you were good, but hopelessly unpractical. There has been a remarkable change in that attitude. Now they say, "We love George Lansbury and he is right, but" "We cannot rise to his height." We know you are often very lonely - it is strange that the most loved man in the world to-day must be lonely, because everyone looks up to him, and we cannot get up to his level. It is a big step that they are beginning to understand that you are right, and these dark days will teach us all that fact perhaps as nothing else will. It is a big price to pay to learn a very simple thing. If all your life's work had failed, you would not be a failure. Surely it is what we are, more than what we do, that matters. But your life's work has not failed, even if it stopped now it would not have done so. This is not the end - we are at the threshold of a new life. The birth pangs are indeed terrible, but it will not be death, it will be life. We believe that the crowning act of your life is yet to come. We do not know it is and it may cost you your life - a thing of small importance to you. All your life will make this great effort possible. That you await the call and are ready, we know. We love you now. One day all mankind will understand what you have seen and live for. We needs must love the highest when we see it. We thank you that you are what you are.

Your friends,

Stanley Grace



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Bay Co.

Woodside

Dean Lane

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Sir Edwin Cooper Burgis

(1879-)

Ancoats Hospital,
Mill Street,
MANCHESTER.

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18th April, 1940.

Dear Mr. Lansbury,

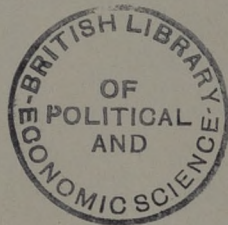
How very kind of you to write to me! Your letter did much to cheer me and encourage both my wife and I during the darkest days of last week.

I am glad to say that the course seems now to be set for recovery and I am hopeful of being able to resume my work soon after Whitsuntide. The genuine conscientious objector need have no fear that I shall be less a champion of his rights than in the past.

Yours sincerely,

E. C. Burgis

The Rt.Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.
The Shack,
Lodge Hill Road,
FARNHAM,
Surrey.



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7 Longdale Lane
W. Linsley (175)
19. 4. 1940

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Nellie Comrie

Dear Cousin

Just a line to enquire how you are getting on we have thought and talked about you such a lot lately. We know how sad you must be now this terrible catastrophe has happened to the world again. I well remember you coming to see us during the last war, and you saying it made old men like you wish you were dead getting the world into such a state and sending the young to fight I am sure I sometimes wish I had not been born. When I go to bed at night can't sleep thinking of the children that will be killed and others that will be fatherless by the morning. We have closed our house at Sally Road for the duration of the war and ~~gone~~ to live

and start to try and justify
the war, and how sometimes you
would imagine the sermons
were coming from the pulpit
I wonder where they pick up
the pious phrases, and how they
save save their little bit of
bitterness for Russia and the
Communists, if only ^{they} had
shown as much courage in
tackling the National Government
and the old Tory Class we would
perhaps have socialism now,
~~not after the war~~ instead of the
promise of it after the war.

My children keep coming along and
somewhat distracting my attention
so I hope you will understand the
reason if you fail to understand
the writing I was doing your
Book, "My Life" so my eldest girl
wanted to know who had written
it, she had seen me reading that
book of Edgar's, she said do all
of our family write books then, I
answered yes you know your
mothers people have brains as
well as your father because

about ten mile further into the
country quite near to Lord Byron's
estate, We have a small modern
house all electric, My husband
went through the last war he 17
was on head quarters so he says -
he knows what air raids are,
as he says trenches were shelled
not bombed, he got the children
out of bed dressed and on the
field quite near the house, when
we had the air raid warning
the first night of the war, ~~and he~~ he nearly had a
fight with one of the warden's
that tried to force us into the
house, the children were ill
after, although I kept them
in bed the next day, so we
decided to bring the children
right into the country, I don't
think my husband is afraid
for himself because he
volunteered for Spain, It really
makes me feel sick when the
Labour men and Trade Union
Leaders come to the microphone

if I can't answer their questions they
say Oh lets wait and ask dad he
knows more, so I thought I had
scored one, but she answered him then
dont say you have, they were talking
about who they thought was the
kindest person in the whole world
the boy said Lord Muffield, the girls
said "Our Dad" I think we are going
to Torquay for our holidays, we
were going to Colwyn Bay but the
people ^{who} we usually stay with
have told us they are looked up
with civil servants from Whitehall
I dont think my mother knew
much about the conditions of
life when you went to Australia
because she told us about you
going, about the Organ, you saying
we are not going to make our
fortune but she said he was
soon back you know how we
would infer he's a bit of a cad,
and I was surprised to hear your
mother run a way to get married
as I always had the impression
that my Grandma her sister
and my Great Grandmother
were most orthodox,

My mother had one ^{N. course} dream and that was to come
to London to see Bessie, and I often regret that
I didn't try harder to get her to come along, but
she wanted dental treatment and she was
determined not to come along, unless she looked
just it. How she used to work and how she
used to pray, always hoping for something
better to turn up. My Father although he was
a misfit, I never knew him to tell a lie or do a
dishonest act read hundreds of books, but he
never had much hope in any change taking
place to benefit the working class by just going
to church and praying for it, I hope you and
all your family are well. I would like to see
Ellis Smith again you might mention us to him
we often have correspondence from Symour Cooks and
I Jagger, I think they are good men

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Love from all

Helle - Connie

P. S. I ~~think~~ I really believe we ought to strive
for peace by determining what should be taught in
the schools. I am sure the talks for children on
the wireless must tend to give children murderous
instants



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Mrs. A. H. Hawkins
(n. Nellie Lamsbury)

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19, Southampton Buildings,
W.C.2.

Am going to Coulsdon for
the week end.

19th April 1940

Dear Dad,

Many thanks for the card. Although Violet told me by telephone on Monday that it had arrived, she didn't redirect it until yesterday and it arrived last night. It is Anna's birthday you mean isn't it? I am never sure if it is the 19th, 20th or 21st, but I rather think it is the 20th. She goes back to school today. Miss Jewson is in London and is going to meet Violet and Anna at the station so that Violet won't have to travel to Peaslake. It is very nice of her to think of it as now Violet won't have to buy a railway ticket.

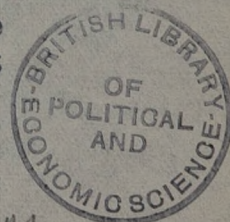
Since you wrote the card I have seen Eric and he said you were not so well, but yesterday Daisy telephoned to say that you were a little better. I do hope we get some warm weather soon. The sun is shining here at the moment, but the wind is very cold.

I suppose it is useless to tell you not to worry about the International situation. My only hope is that out of the misery which exists now something better will come, but I am afraid that is optimistic until we get rid of all the present governments. The British stand an awful lot but with the cost of living rising every day and conditions getting worse surely soon a great outcry will arise against the War. It seems so obvious that War has never brought anything to the workers but misery and worse conditions. However, so long as there are some people prepared to fight for peace, we don't have to give up hope and there are lots of conscripts who have no illusions about the War. They'll carry on the fight for a better world like you have done all your life, even though their methods may be different and Ian and the other babies will have a chance of a happier life.

Eric had lunch with me at the flat on Wednesday. He looks better, though not as though he can rush about much yet.

Lots of Love,

Nellie



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Anne Lambury
POST CARD 19 April 1940

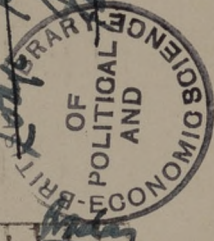
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FOR ADDRESS

Mr. George Lambury, M.P.C.C.
Major Hoyle Hospital
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The Street
Salders Green.

~~Lambury Ave.~~
LONDON
N.W.
Chiswick.



M 449

I am very glad you are going
up to the Manor house to have
some copies taken for a bit.
It will give me the best chance
of us coming up on Tuesday in any
case. I will look up one or two of
the rooms; so that I shall have a
week less to do. I can go away
again later on. But we will see what
happens.
Love, Anne

FOR CORRESPONDENCE IN AMSTON



GLORIOUS WEST SUSSEX (NEAR EARTHAM)

[? Messel] Rudolph
(Socialist)

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FORD HOUSE,
DREWSTEICNTON,
DEVON.

April 19th.

1940

Dear G. L.

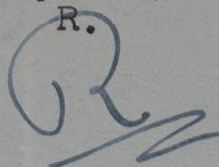
I shall be able to get to London on Sunday and shall be there, I hope until Friday- will it be possible, during that time to see you? I do hope so as I want to be encouraged as only you can encourage one. That sounds rather morbid I know, and I'm not really feeling as depressed as that, but even so it will be good to see you.

As there won't be time, or indeed any reason for you to answer this letter, shall I ring up when I get to London on Sunday evening or perhaps on Monday morning? My friend, about whom I wrote to you will be coming up with me and will be very happy if you can find time to talk to him.

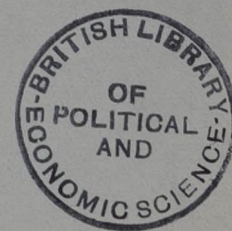
Thank God the Danes behaved like the sensible people we always thought they were. It really heartens me to think of their tremendous sanity and goes a long way towards making me feel reasonably hopeful again. I wonder what's happened to that nice restaurant up above Oslo where we used to eat and look at the view? Full of soldiers I suppose!

yours,

R.



P. S. hasn't Ray made a good job of the Tribune?



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Mrs. Ernest Thurtle
(Mrs. Dorothy Lansbury)

3 ELM COURT,
TEMPLE, E.C.4

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19. 4. 40

Dear Dad.

We were glad to have your postcard
& to hear yesterday that you were a little better.
We are sorry to hear about the digestive trouble
but when you get to Manor House perhaps
they will be able to help this. It sounds
very like the trouble an old friend of Ernest's
had - Mr Gilman of the R. P. A. He is no
longer young, but responded to treatment
& though he cannot get about very easily
he is feeling pretty well in himself.

We had thought of paying you a
visit one Sunday in the near future but
will be able to do so more easily when you
are at Orders Green. Bill tells me this
morning that you are coming up next Tuesday

Ernest's eldest brother Phil who is
something over 60 has just come through a very
serious operation & has stood it astonishingly
well. particularly as in addition he is suffering

from silicosis.

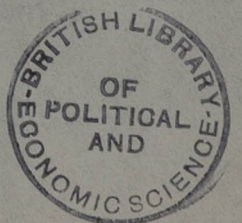
We saw Peter a week or two ago - he is still at Plymouth so far as we know but Daphne told us she saw him in town this week - he was up on RAF business I think & didn't have time to see us. Helen is very busy at Clarks in the morning, the W.V.S in Store ditch in the afternoons & in the canteen two nights a week. The third at a Physical Training class. Her term at Clarks ends on May 30th & I think Ernest then hopes to get her some kind of a job.

I see Nellie at First Aid twice a week - she is very cheerful & well & I think she quite likes the F.A. though we are both afraid we shall be broken needs if a "rite" emergency arises.

I shall look forward to seeing you early next week.

With love from us all,

Dolly.



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Sir Lionel Earle 20/4/40

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14, Sloane Gardens,
S.W.1.

My dear Mr Lansbury

I am so distressed to hear
in that morning letter that you
are asking to have had to go to a
hospital. I do hope you will
soon recover as you are far
too precious not to be in
sound & active health
no answer of course.

Yours sincerely

Lionel Earle.

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George Mathers
(1886—

[say 20 Ap. 1940]

With every good wish
from Mr. Mrs. (183)

GEORGE MATHERS, M.P.

We hope manorhouse
does the best for you
again E.M.

HOME ADDRESS:
10 DUKE STREET
LEITH

PHONE LEITH 36190

Sunday. 21.4.40. David Graham Pole
POST CARD.

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Address only

The Shack

is lovely at present.

Temperature in the verandah 80° - trees all rushing into leaf and flower.

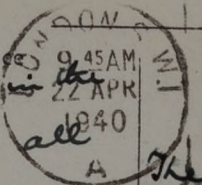
Come back soon. We all want you + miss you.

We have now 21 hens all competing at laying new laid eggs!

Love from us all

D.

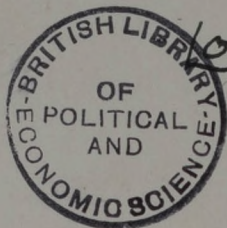
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The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury P.C. M.P.

Manor House Hospital

Golders Green



London

N. W.

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The "SHACK" Lodge Hill Road, FARNHAM, Surrey.

Mrs. David Graham Pole.

(2. Jessie Hair)

THE SHACK

LODGE HILL ROAD

FARNHAM, SURREY

FARNHAM 6116

21. April 1940

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Dear G.L.

We are much relieved to hear you have had some respite from the sickness, and had a good night. I do hope the doctors will deal effectively with the ailment, and then you can come back to finish your convalescence in summer weather here. We miss you very much - though we felt yesterday as if

THE SHACK
Lodge Hill Road
FARNHAM SURREY

You were a good deal with
us still.

It is very warm and
sunny here to-day, the
heat is quite exhausting!
Rhoda and her sister are
here. David had to
put on a linen coat he
was so warm.

I enclose one only
violet - one cant
send parcels dry

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the Sunday post, but
I hope to send some
flowers later -

With love and blessings
from us both -

Yours affectionately
Jessie Graham Pole

Rosemary for remembrance!

Rev. Leslie Artungstall

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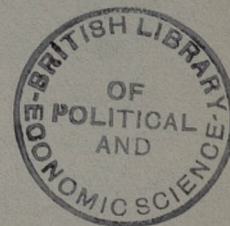
My dear George Lansbury,

I am so sorry to see in the paper, that at last you have had to take some rest and I do not want to prevent that in the least, but I am just sending this note of most affectionate good wishes to you from all members of the Fellowship.

Hoping that you will soon be your usual self,

Yours ever,

Leslie Artungstall



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22nd April, 1940.

The Rt.Hon.George Lansbury, M.P.,
Manor House Hospital,
North End Road, N.W.11.

My dear G.L.,

I hear that you are in for a rest, and am sorry to hear that the stay in Surrey has not by itself done the trick.

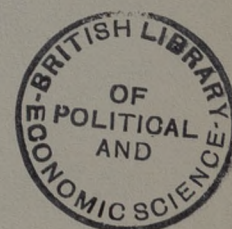
This is just to let you know that we are all thinking of you and anxious for the news that you are out and about again. I expect that with children and grandchildren you have got loads of visitors just now, and there is probably a queue of other people; but we should like to be on the visiting list too when you begin to get lonely. We miss you a great deal, and Henry and I have never yet had that chat with you. As you know, we need your help in all sorts of ways.

Corder and I were hoping to go to Geneva today to meet an American Friend, Raymond Wilson of the American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia; but the Passport Office unkindly refused Permits. Worse still, they have refused a Permit to Prof.G.H.C.Macgregor, who was going to give a series of Summer School lectures for Friends in America. So we are all prisoners in our own country, at any rate for the time being. But we are trying to do things in other ways, as you may guess, in spite of difficulties. And it is extraordinary how people manage even in times like these to maintain a measure of cheerfulness and hope. Even if you are not yourself for the moment on the field of action, we have not forgotten your leadership and we are still looking to you for inspiration.

Every good wish.

Yours affectionately,

Percy W. Bartlett



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YOU MUST NOT TIRE YOURSELF
ANSWERING. THIS I'LL SEE YOU
AGAIN, SOON.

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Vi.

Monday,

Mrs. R. Palmer Dutt April 22, 1940.
(n. Violet Lansbury)

DEAR DAD,

THIS IS JUST A LITTLE NOTE TO THANK
YOU FOR THE LITTLE WINK YOU GAVE
ME WITH YOUR LEFT EYE, WHEN I LEFT
YOU TODAY. I TOOK IT AS A BOND OF SYMPATHY
AND AMUSEMENT.

SHE'S A REAL TARTAR, IS MRS. DUTT, BUT
SHE REALLY IS THE MOST EXHAUSTING OLD
LADY I'VE EVER MET.

I DIDN'T WARN YOU IN ADVANCE THAT
SHE INTENDED COMING, BECAUSE I THOUGHT
PERHAPS THE THOUGHTS OF EXPECTING HER
WOULD BE MORE TIRING THAN HER ACTUAL
VISIT.

PERSONALLY I HATE VISITORS WHEN I'M
ILL, EXCEPT MY NEAREST FRIENDS, BUT I
BELIEVE YOU ARE MORE GENEROUS-MINDED

THAN I AM.

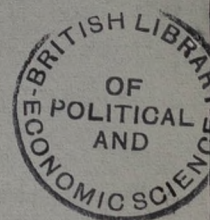
IT GAVE THE OLD LADY A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE TO BE ALLOWED TO COME AND SEE YOU. AND SHE IS A VERY LONELY SOUL AND ENJOYED MY PILOTING HER ROUND. STILL I DO HOPE SHE DIDN'T MAKE YOU TOO TIRED.

SHE FORGOT TO GIVE A MESSAGE TO YOU FROM MRS. WELLER, THE WOMAN WHO DOES HER WASHING AND ALWAYS WANTS TO SHAKE YOUR HAND WHEN YOU GO TO LEATHERHEAD. I PROMISED TO WRITE AND PASS ON MRS. WELLER'S LOVE TO YOU.

I'M PRINTING BECAUSE I FIND THAT THROUGH TYPING SO MUCH, MY WRITING HAS TEMPORARILY BECOME ALMOST UNREADABLE.

MUCH LOVE AND BEST WISHES

Vivah.



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TELEGRAMS,
COLENZO, CHESHAM-BOIS.

Irma M. Grove
n. Colenso

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"ELANGENI",
AMERSHAM.

22: IV: 40

Dear Mr Lonsbury.

We are deeply
grieved to see from the
papers that you are again
laid up & you have our
heartfelt wishes for your
recovery. It is no wonder
that your health has so
suffered from the strain &
sorrow of the present world
tragedy, which you have
striven so hard & so nobly
to avert. I thought it might
cheer you to know that your
message has come through
in quarters where one would
least expect it. The other
day I was shown some letters

of a cousin of mine, just
written to his mother & sister.
He was an officer all through
the last war & won the
D. S. O. He now denounces
all wars wholeheartedly &
says he realizes now that
"George Lansbury & Aunt
Sophie (my dear mother) were
right." I loved to see yours
& her dear name bracketed
together as workers in the
great cause of peace. I
too always think of them
thus, for one of her last
thoughts was of the great
hope for peace your mission
to Europe had brought.
Ah! if only they had listened

to you even then, all
this horror & tragedy would
not have been.

Today it is just three years
since our beloved mother
passed on & in grateful
memory of the hope & comfort
you gave her there we
are sending you a small
box of spring flowers
from her dear garden.
May they bring you a
message of spring from
the lovely countryside & our
earnest wishes for your
speedy recovery.

Yours ever sincerely
Imma M. Crovo

22. 6. 40 ~~Amme Hansburg~~ ~~Lüchampton~~
Monday ~~Don't~~

Dear Dad.

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I am coming up tomorrow
& if you say so & it is necessary
will send you or bring you your
change book & the one or two bills
has the value to secure at the end
of the month.

There hardly anything on the
housekeeping & that can wait.

The weather is lovely now & I
think if any sea-side plan would
suit you this would, there is a long
stretch between the houses & the sea
& grass, like a field which gives even
more space. There is no pier & no Concert
Place, it's my own spot & is good I

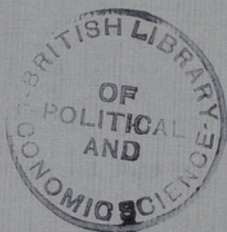
for bronchial troubles.

Then a some few weeks
children.

Yairij Sui a wife of Sam
for who already - Thomas Home
so I'm finding his straight there.

Love from

Annie



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C O P Y

G.I.'s. last letter to me April 22nd 1940.

C/o D.G. Cble (?). The Shack, Farnham, Surrey.

GL to Sir (R) Stafford Cripps
(1889-1952)

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Sunday.

My dear Stafford,

I won't be able to see you for a little while, so am sending this note to bring you and Geoffrey my love congratulations and every good thought on the completion of your wonderful journey. I trust you are both very well and now you are home you will be able to take a leading part in public affairs. I have heard from Isobel of all your visits and interviews, your book when it is written will have a wonderful story to tell,

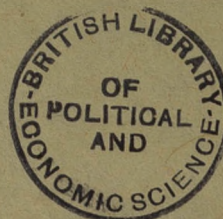
As to myself I am more a Pacifist than ever if this is possible. I see no hope for mankind except through morality practised as set out in all religions. It may take a long time to bring such a change about, but there is no other way.

I have been very ill bronchitis indigestion and last my heart it is this which made me leave Bow for a time. Graham Pole and his people have known me for 20 years and wanted me to come and I wanted to get away from the strife of tongues. So here I am for a time. My heart is better but objects to any exertion and otherwise I am improving. My love and every good wish to you both and all the family.

As ever,

Yours,

George Lansbury.



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Rev. R. G. LEGGE.

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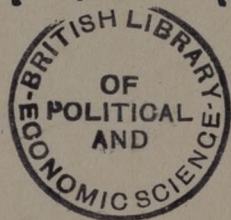
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ST. MARK'S VICARAGE,
VICTORIA PARK,
LONDON, E.9.

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My love and prayerful Good wishes.
Am going into Clergy Nursing Home
today for minimum period of
3 weeks : Diabetes. We must think
of each other R.G.L.

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THE ADDRESS TO BE WRITTEN ON THIS SIDE



POST EARLY
IN
THE DAY



Rt. Hon. G. Lansbury, M.P.,

Manor House Hospital

North West Road,

— N.W.11.

Rev. John Charles Carlile

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The Rt. Hon. George Lansbury, M.P.,
Manor Hospital,
Golders Green,
N.W.

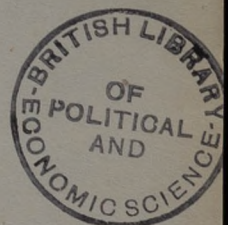
My dear Old Friend,

I was thinking of writing to you asking for another article for "The Baptist Times" when I saw the announcement in the daily Press that you had gone into hospital for observation. I hope you, with a mind at rest, are maintaining your traditional cheerfulness. You may be sure that you are remembered in the prayers of your many friends, who give God thanks at their remembrance of you.

We have been in the Labour movement for many years, and have watched it through many transitions. We have seen leaders come and go, but I rejoice that, however much we may have agreed or disagreed, our friendship has never needed repair.

God bless you, old friend, and give you the consciousness that "underneath are the Everlasting Arms".

Get well as soon as you can, but don't be in too much of a



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Rev. John Charles Carlile

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hurry. That usually impedes progress.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

John C. Carlile

Rhys J. Davies
Agnes Hardie (Mrs. George D. B. C.)
T. Edmund Harvey
H. G. McGhee
Sir F. Messer
R. Sorensen
C. H. Wilson

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23rd April 1940.

Dear George Lansbury, our fellow Pacifist,

Although on this Budget Day you are not with us in bodily presence we know that you are in spirit, and we do send our warmest greetings & kindest kind best good wishes. We understand that letters rather than visits are desired at present, but when the latter may be made some of us will desire to see the face that has done so much to encourage & cheer us.

Yours very sincerely,

✓ Rhys Davies ✓ H. G. McGhee

✓ Harquiald Sorensen.

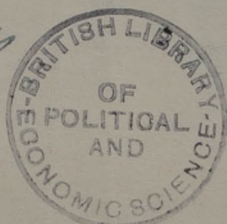
✓ Agnes Hardie

✓ Fred Messer.

✓ T. Edmund Harvey

✓ Cecil H. Wilson.

These are all I have been able to see today, but I am quite approved & desired to be associated.



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KINGSLEY HALL AND THE CHILDREN'S HOUSE

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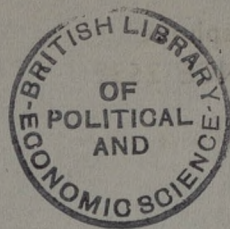
Dorothy

Please address all letters to:

**KINGSLEY HALL
POWIS ROAD
BOW, E.3**

My dear G.L.,

I have only just heard that you are in the Manor Hospital. I have often tried to thank you for being such a wonderful inspiration, you have shouldered more than your share of the burden and put the rest of us to shame with



your tremendous courage and untiring efforts.
Do you remember Lunteren, when Muriel
and I smuggled caskets into the Conference
room for you and got you moved from camp
to a hotel? I wish there were more ways
of showing how much we love and honour
you. You've been allowed to carry the

burden too long. Thank you
for your great kindness and
generosity to all men. Dorothy

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Mrs. Arthur Dugdale
(Mrs. Ethel Innes) ~~SEZINCOTE~~

MORETON IN MARSH

GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

April 23rd 1846

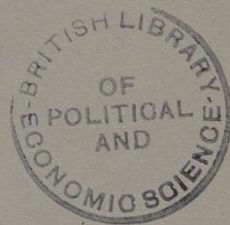
My dear Mr Lansbury.

I do not know how I missed seeing before today in the paper that you are undergoing a rest cure in the Hotel - I do so hope that you will completely put your strength restored by a thorough rest. I know what a terrible trying time you have been through & I expect you have been doing yourself thinking for others. I send you some flowers which I hope will make fresh & look like Spring - later on when you leave Hospital be

would love to have you here for
a visit - Ask to my to let us
know if you could come anytime -
With my heart would wish
to a quick & real
way -

Yours Affly

Wm Lloyd Garrison



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