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Dear Mr. Lansbury,

Needless to say, we are all greatly disappointed that you find it impossible to keep your engagement with us. However, we can appreciate your position in the light of the heavy demands being made upon you by the Emergency Peace Campaign.

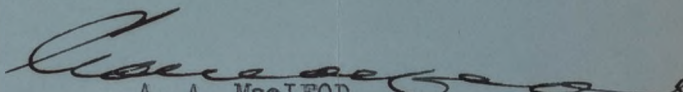
It was, of course, impossible for us to cancel the meeting, and we were confronted with the necessity of finding a substitute. I have just received a cable from Paris stating that General Poudroux, one of the outstanding leaders of the People's Front and a member of the Radical Socialist Party, is willing to come to Toronto for the meeting on May 22nd.

You very kindly consented to send a message to be read at the meeting, and I hope that you will be good enough to send it on within a few days.

Your old friend Tom Mann has been in Toronto for the past week or so, and has referred to you in the most affectionate terms on a number of occasions.

I sincerely hope that it will be possible for you to return to this continent in the near future, in which case I trust that Canada will be your first stop.

Sincerely yours,


A. A. MacLEOD
National Chairman.

AAM/FJM.



SPEAKERS INSTRUCTIONS

TOLEDO

5/9

LANSBURY

(Copy has been sent to Local Committee)

9 May 1936

DATE OF MEETING SATURDAY, May 9, 1936, at TOLEDO City Ohio State

SPEAKER Honorable GEORGE LANSBURY

Address c/o Mr. Kirby Page, 20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa. Phone _____

Position M.P. - British Labor Leader

AUDITORIUM Toledo Women's Club - mass meeting Seating Capacity _____

Location _____ Hour 8:00 PM M.

OTHER SPEAKERS: (1) Mr. Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, Calif.

(Rabbi)

(2) Dr. Barnett R. Brickner, Euclid Ave. Temple, Cleveland, Ohio

YOUR SPECIAL EMPHASIS: _____

CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE Rev. Harlan M. Frost

Address 405 Richardson Bldg. Phone _____

HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU AT _____

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- With Mr. Lansbury will be his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Postgate, who is also his secretary. Reservation should be made for her also.

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS. They would like adjoining rooms.

Lv. Akron	(Sat.)	10:30 am	Penna. RR	
Ar. (Cleveland, Ohio)	"	11:30 am	(CHANGE STATIONS)	R.R.
Lv. "	"	12:10 PM	New York Central RR	
Ar. TOLEDO	"	2:25 PM	(diner)	R.R.

Change trains at _____

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM (in connection with above meeting same date) - Morning Session ---
Luncheon 12:30 PM - Afternoon Session at 2:00 PM

Building The New Secor Hotel - Ballroom Location _____

Your service needed to address afternoon session; you arrive at 2:25 PM.

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- For Mr. Lansbury's greater convenience, will you please purchase REMARKS: rail fare and parlor car seats for two (Mr. Lansbury and Mrs. Postgate) on the train shown below, and deliver these tickets to Mr. Lansbury when he arrives in Toledo. Secure a receipt from the ticket agent and forward it to this office, directed to Mr. James P. Mullin, with name of party to whom refund should be made. Check will be mailed promptly.

YOUR NEXT ENGAGEMENT AT PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania, MONDAY, May 11th

Leave Toledo (Sun.) Hour 2:25 PM M. by Penna. RR - (parlor buffet coach; R.R. diner after 4:30 PM)

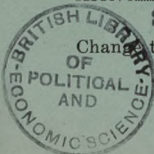
Arrive PITTSBURGH " Hour 8:25 PM EST (9:25 Pittsburgh time - EDT) R.R.
Spend night in Pittsburgh; engagement (Eastern Daylight Time)

Change trains at there on following day, Monday, the 11th.

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SPEAKERS INSTRUCTIONS

PITTSBURGH
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LANSBURY

(Copy has been sent to Local Committee)

11 May 1936

DATE OF MEETING MONDAY, May 11, 1936, at PITTSBURGH, Pennsylvania
City State

SPEAKER Honorable GEORGE LANSBURY

Address c/o Mr. Kirby Page, 20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa. Phone _____

Position M.P. - British Labor Leader

AUDITORIUM Schenley High School - mass meeting Seating Capacity 1800

Location _____ Hour 8:15 PM M.

OTHER SPEAKERS: (1) Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, Temple Israel, 5003 Washington Av., St. Louis, Mo.

(2) Mr. Kirby Page

YOUR SPECIAL EMPHASIS: See memo.

CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE B. F. Crawford

Address 415 Washington St. Phone _____

HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU AT Fort Pitt Hotel, Penn Ave. & 10th St.

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- With Mr. Lansbury will be his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Postgate, who is

Location also his secretary. Reservation should be made for her also. They would like

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS. adjoining rooms. NOTE:- Two nights will be spent in Pittsburgh, Sunday and Monday.

Leave Toledo, Ohio (Sun.) Hour 2:25 PM M. by Penna. RR (parlor buffet coach; R.R. diner after 4:30)

Arrive PITTSBURGH, Pa. " Hour 8:25 PM M. by (9:25 Pittsburgh time - EDT) R.R.

Change trains at Travel to Pittsburgh day before engagement; spend night there.

Check All Train Time at Earliest Possible Point

CONFERENCE PROGRAM (in connection with above meeting same date) - 1-day program.

Building Fort Pitt Hotel Location Penn Ave. & 10th St.

Bernard C. Clausen, First Baptist Church, will have charge of the

Your service needed conference.

LOCAL CHAIRMAN, NOTE:- Please have Dr. Clausen advise Mr. Lansbury of any details of the conference of which he should be particularly informed. c/o Kirby Page at Akron or Toledo. (See Page's sheet)

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- For Mr. Lansbury's greater convenience, will you please purchase

REMARKS: rail fare and parlor car seats for two (Mr. Lansbury and Mrs. Postgate) on the train shown below, and deliver these tickets to Mr. Lansbury when he arrives in Indianapolis.

Secure a receipt from the ticket agent and forward it to this office, directed to Mr. James P. Mullin, with the name of the party to whom refund should be made. Check will be mailed promptly.

YOUR NEXT ENGAGEMENT AT CINCINNATI, Ohio, TUESDAY, May 12th

Leave Pittsburgh (Tue.) Hour 9:31 am M. by (10:31 Pittsburgh time - EDT) R.R.

CINCINNATI " Hour 5:30 PM M. by Penna. RR (Cincinnati time same) R.R.

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SPEAKERS INSTRUCTIONS

CINCINNATI

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LANSBURY

(Copy has been sent to Local Committee)

12 May 1936

DATE OF MEETING TUESDAY, May 12, 1936, at CINCINNATI City, Ohio StateSPEAKER Honorable GEORGE LANSBURYAddress c/o Mr. Kirby Page, 20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa. Phone _____Position M.P. - British Labor LeaderAUDITORIUM Mass meeting:- Hughes High School Auditorium Seating Capacity 2000Location _____ Hour Evening M.OTHER SPEAKERS: (1) Mr. Kirby Page(2) Rabbi Ferdinand M. Isserman, Temple Israel, 5003 Washington Av., St. Louis, Mo.YOUR SPECIAL EMPHASIS: See memo.CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE Mr. A. D. MooreAddress 420 Plum Street Phone _____HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU AT Hotel Gibson**LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:-** With Mr. Lansbury will be his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Postgate, who isLocation also his secretary. Reservation should be made for her also. They would likeTRAVEL DIRECTIONS. adjoining rooms.Leave Pittsburgh (Tue.) Hour 9:31 am M. by (10:31 Pittsburgh time - EDT) R.R.Arrive CINCINNATI " Hour 5:30 PM M. by (Cincinnati time same) R.R.

Change trains at _____

*Check All Train Time at Earliest Possible Point*CONFERENCE PROGRAM (in connection with above meeting same date) - Morning, lunch, and conference
(afternoon) sessions.Building Hotel Gibson Location _____**NOTE:-** Mr. Lansbury will be unable to take part in conference program inasmuch as his trainYour service needed does not arrive until 5:30 PM.**LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:-** For Mr. Lansbury's greater convenience, will you please purchase
REMARKS: rail fare and parlor car seats for two (Mr. Lansbury and Mrs. Postgate) on the train
shown below, and deliver these tickets to Mr. Lansbury when he arrives in Cincinnati. Secure
a receipt from the ticket agent and forward it to this office, directed to Mr. James P. Mullin,
with the name of the party to whom refund should be made. Check will be mailed promptly.
YOUR NEXT ENGAGEMENT AT BUFFALO, New York, THURSDAY, May 14thLeave Cincinnati (Wed.) Hour 3:15 PM M. by Big Four R.R.Arrive BUFFALO, N.Y. " Hour 11:49 PM M. by (12:49 am Buffalo time) - EDT R.R.Travel to Buffalo day before meeting, and spend night there. (This trip may be broken
Change trains at at Cleveland, but earliest train from there the following morning does not*Check This Train Time Upon Arrival at First Point* arrive at Buffalo tillGiven by 2:10 PM.

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BUFFALO
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LANSBURY

14 May 1936

DATE OF MEETING THURSDAY, May 14th, 1936, at BUFFALO City, New York State

SPEAKER Honorable GEORGE LANSBURY

Address c/o Mr. Kirby Page, 20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa. Phone _____

Position M.P. - British Labor Leader

AUDITORIUM Buffalo Consistory - Mass meeting Seating Capacity _____

Location _____ Hour 8 PM M.

OTHER SPEAKERS: (1) Mr. Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, Calif. (20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa.)
Pastor, Madison Ave. Presbyterian Church
 (2) Dr. George A. Buttrick, Madison Ave. & 73rd St., New York City

YOUR SPECIAL EMPHASIS: See memo.

CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE Rev. Elmore McKee

Address 371 Delaware Ave. Phone _____

HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU AT Statler

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE: - With Mr. Lansbury will be his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Postgate, who is

Location also his secretary. Reservation should be made for her also. They would like

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS. **NOTE:** - Two nights; they arrive Wednesday. adjoining rooms.

Leave Cincinnati (Wed.) Hour 3:15 PM M. by Big Four R.R.

Arrive BUFFALO (Wed.) Hour 11:49 PM M. by (12:49 am Buffalo time - EDT) R.R.

Travel to Buffalo day before meeting, and spend night there. (This trip may be broken

Change trains at at Cleveland, but earliest train from there the following morning does not

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM (in connection with above meeting same date) - 2-day program.

10:00 AM - meeting of religious leaders - led by Kirby Page.

Building Buffalo Consistory Location _____

12:15 PM - Hotel Statler - Junior Chamber of Commerce Luncheon - Speakers: Lansbury &

Your service needed Buttrick.

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE: - For Mr. Lansbury's greater convenience, will you please purchase

REMARKS: rail fare and parlor car seats for two (Mr. Lansbury and Mrs. Postgate) on the trains

shown below, and deliver these tickets to Mr. Lansbury when he arrives in Buffalo. Secure a

receipt from the ticket agent and forward it to this office, directed to Mr. James P. Mullin,

with the name of the party to whom refund should be made. Check will be mailed promptly.

YOUR NEXT ENGAGEMENT AT ROCHESTER, N. Y., Friday, May 15th

Leave Buffalo (Fri.) Hour 9:53 am EST M. by (10:53 Buffalo time - EDT) R.R.

by New York Central RR

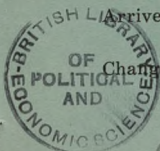
Arrive ROCHESTER " Hour 11:07 am EST M. by (Same - Rochester on EST) R.R.

Change trains at _____

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BRITISH EMBASSY,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

May 14th 1936.

Dear Mrs. Postgate, (M. Daisy Lansbury)

On receipt of your letter of the 29th April we immediately took the necessary steps to ascertain if an appointment could be made for Mr. Lansbury to see the President one day between the dates mentioned by you. I am glad to be able to let you know that we have now learnt that the President will be glad to receive Mr. Lansbury, with the Ambassador, on Monday the 25th May, at 12 o'clock noon.

Sir Ronald suggests therefore that he should meet Mr. Lansbury at the Executive Office in the White House buildings at 11.55 a.m. on that day. Would you please be so kind as to confirm that this will be all right?

I/

Mrs. D. Postgate,

C/o. The Prince George Hotel,

14 East 28th Street,

New York City, N.Y.



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British Embassy
Washington, D.C.

14 May 1936

I am sending a copy of this letter to
the first address given in your letter, and
the original to the second address which you
said was the safer.

Yours sincerely,

R. H. Broadmead

⊗ Copy, addressed to Mrs. D. Postgate
of The Emergency Peace Campaign,
20 South 12th Street
Philadelphia
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has been destroyed



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SPEAKERS INSTRUCTIONS

Rochester, N. Y.
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15 May 1936
Lansbury

DATE OF MEETING Friday, May 15, 1936, at Rochester, N. Y.
City State

SPEAKER Honorable George Lansbury

Address c/o Kirby Page, 20 South 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa. Phone _____

Position M. P.; Labor Party Leader

AUDITORIUM _____ Seating Capacity _____

Location _____ Hour _____ M.

OTHER SPEAKERS: (1) Mr. Kirby Page, 20 South 12th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

(2) President Mary E. Woolley, Mt. Holyoke College, South Hadley, Mass.

YOUR SPECIAL EMPHASIS: See memo.

CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE Mr. George Corwin

Address Todd Union Bldg., River Campus, University of Rochester Phone _____

HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU AT LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- // With Mr. Lansbury will be his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Postgate

Location who is also his secretary. Proper accomodations should be provided for her also

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS. They would like adjoining rooms

Leave Buffalo (Fri.) Hour 9:53 am EST M. by (10:53 Buffalo time - EDT) R.R.

Arrive ROCHESTER " Hour 11:07 am EST M. by New York Central RR
(Same - Rochester on EST) R.R.

Change trains at _____

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM (in connection with above meeting same date)

Conference with discussion.

Building _____ Location _____

Your service needed _____

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- For Mr. Lansbury's greater convenience, will you please purchase

REMARKS: rail fare and parlor car seats for two (Mr. Lansbury and Mrs. Postgate) on the train shown below, and deliver these tickets to Mr. Lansbury when he arrives in Rochester. Secure a receipt from the ticket agent and forward it to this office, directed to Mr. James P. Mullin, with the name of the party to whom refund should be made. Check will be mailed promptly.

YOUR NEXT ENGAGEMENT AT Hartford, Conn., May 16, 1936

Lv. Rochester (Sat.) 7:12 am by New York Central RR (through car)
Leave Ar. Springfield, Mass. Hour 3:00 pm M. by Boston & Albany RR R.R.

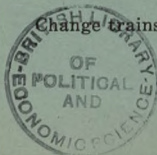
Lv. " " 4:05 pm EST M. by New Haven RR (N.Y.N.H.& H.)
Arrive Ar. Hartford, Conn. Hour 4:40 pm M. by (5:40 pm Hartford Time-EDT) R.R.

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SPEAKERS INSTRUCTIONS

HARTFORD
5/16
LANSBURY

(Copy has been sent to Local Committee)

16 May 1936

DATE OF MEETING SATURDAY, May 16, 1936, at HARTFORD City, Connecticut State

SPEAKER Honorable GEORGE LANSBURY

Address c/o Mr. Kirby Page, 20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa. Phone _____

Position M.P. - British Labor Leader

AUDITORIUM Bushnell Memorial Hall Seating Capacity 3400

Location _____ Hour 8 PM M.

OTHER SPEAKERS: (1) Mr. Kirby Page, Box 247, La Habra, Calif. (20 S. 12th St., Phila., Pa.)

(2) Rabbi E. L. Israel, Har Sinai Temple, Baltimore, Md.

YOUR SPECIAL EMPHASIS: See memo.

CHAIRMAN OF LOCAL COMMITTEE Mr. N. H. Batchelder

Address Headmaster, Loomis School, Windsor, Conn. Phone _____

HOTEL RESERVATION FOR YOU AT Will be entertained at Loomis School

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- With Mr. Lansbury will be his daughter, Mrs. Daisy Postgate, who is

Location also his secretary. Proper accomodations should be provided for her also. They

TRAVEL DIRECTIONS. would like adjoining rooms.

Lv. Rochester (Sat.) 7:12 am by New York Central RR

Leave Ar. Springfield, Mass. Hour 3:00 PM M. by Boston & Albany RR (through car.) R.R.

Lv. " " 4:05 PM M. by New Haven RR (N.Y.N.H. & H.)

Arrive Ar. HARTFORD, Conn. Hour 4:40 PM EST M. by (5:40 PM Hartford time - EDT) R.R.

Change trains at _____

Check All Train Time at Earliest Possible Point

CONFERENCE PROGRAM (in connection with above meeting same date) - 1-day program.

Building High School Location _____

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- Mr. Lansbury's train does not arrive till 5:40 PM Hartford time

Your service needed (4:40 PM EST). He will therefore be unalbe to participate in the conference.

LOCAL COMMITTEE, PLEASE NOTE:- For Mr. Lansbury's greater convenience, will you please purchase

REMARKS: rail fare and parlor car seats for two (Mr. Lansbury and Mrs. Postgate) on the train shown below, and deliver these tickets to Mr. Lansbury when he arrives in Hartford. Secure a receipt from the ticket agent and forward it to this office, directed to Mr. James P. Mullin, with the name of the party to whom refund should be made. Check will be mailed promptly.

YOUR NEXT ENGAGEMENT AT BOSTON, Massachusetts, MONDAY, May 18th. *Reservations for Sunday & Monday at the*

Leave Hartford (Sun.) Hour 11:49 am EST M. by (12:49 PM Hartford time - EDT) STATLER R.R.

Arrive BOSTON Hour 2:55 PM EST M. by New Haven RR and Boston & Albany RR - (3:55 PM Boston time - EDT)(through car) R.R.

Travel to Boston day before meeting, and spend night there.

Change trains at _____

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Nathaniel Horton Batchelder

The Loomis School
Windsor Connecticut

[say 18 May 1936]

Mr. Ray Newton,
Emergency Peace Campaign,
20 South 12th Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Newton:

We fell quite in love with George Lansbury. He made a tremendous impression on our school, where he spoke on Sunday morning, following his meeting in Hartford. He made a great impression in Hartford also.

17 May 1936

It has been a great happiness to cooperate in this work, and I shall be glad to do more as the time goes on.

Very sincerely yours,

SIGNED: N. H. Batchelder



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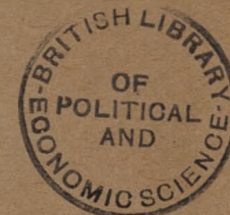
*British Embassy
in Washington*

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PRESIDENT WILL NOT NOW BE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY BUT COULD
RECEIVE YOU TUESDAY NOON TELEGRAPH IF CONVENIENT=

BRITISH AMBASSADOR.

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IN THE LOBBY OF THIS HOTEL

U.S.A. EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN

MEMBER NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE
20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Speakers Bureau

KIRBY PAGE, Chairman
FRED ATKINS MOORE, Secretary

May 21, 1936

Mr. George Lansbury, M.P.
% Steamship Berengaria (sailing May 28th)
Cunard White Star Lines
New York City

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

Although I have had to have very little direct correspondence with you owing to the complete responsibilities assumed by Kirby Page, nevertheless I wish to add my word of appreciation of the extraordinarily valuable service you have rendered the Emergency Peace Campaign and the cause of real peace in this country.

We have had ever so many testimonies as to the deep impression that you have made upon your audiences everywhere. Out of a long experience I can testify that no one person has done more to advance the thinking of the American people regarding the utter futility of war and to point the road to real peace than have you.

We realize what a hard task we set before you and are grateful for your splendid spirit in accepting and fulfilling it.

It is good to know that you have evidently come through the hard trip without too great exhaustion. We earnestly trust that you will now be able to have real rest and relaxation and complete recovery from the strain of the Campaign tour.

Our heartiest best wishes for a happy and comfortable voyage home, and then the satisfaction of a great piece of work well done.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Atkins Moore

Fred Atkins Moore

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THE LOOMIS SCHOOL
N. H. BATCHELDER - HEADMASTER
WINDSOR, CONNECTICUT

N. Horton Batchelder

May 22, 1936

Honorable George Lansbury
c/o Emergency Peace Campaign
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

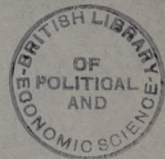
We have thought often since you left us of our very pleasant visit with you and your daughter. You are both on our list of our permanent friends. We hope some day to see you here again, and when and if we are in England, we shall look you up; but even if we never meet again, we feel our lives enriched by our contact with you. I am sure you did great good to the cause of Peace while here. You made an enormous impression upon our school group. Boys and faculty have repeatedly referred to the inspiration of your visit, and I find myself quoting you on something or other daily.

Do save this letterhead as an address. I can't expect you to write, but I don't want you to forget where we are.

Mrs. Batchelder joins in sending love to both you and Mrs. Postgate.

Very cordially yours,

Horton Batchelder



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*All of the above - and more!
Evelyn B. Longman
Batchelder*

HAR SINAI CONGREGATION
BOLTON AND WILSON STREETS
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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RABBI EDWARD L. ISRAEL (1896-)

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May 22, 1936

Mr. George Lansbury
c/o Emergency Peace Campaign
20 S. 12th Street
Philadelphia, Pa.

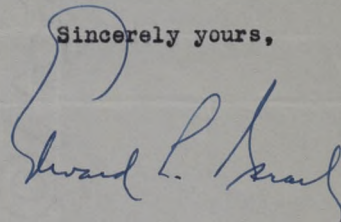
Dear Mr. Lansbury:

I cannot let you leave America without expressing to you what a privilege it was to me to have met you. I know that I shall never forget the inspiration of our evening together at Hartford, Connecticut.

I wish that you would reveal to me the secret of your eternal youth. I am certain that I have never before met a man of your age who gives the immediate impression of being such a rare combination of youthful buoyancy and middle-aged maturity. Has it been ideas, habits, or just an accident that has produced that remarkable result?

God bless you and keep you in health and vigor to spread your remarkable influence for many, many years to come.

Sincerely yours,



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THE CHICAGO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
5757 UNIVERSITY AVENUE
CHICAGO

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Wentworth

ALBERT W. PALMER, D.D., LL.D. (1879-)
President and Professor of Practical Theology

May 23, 1936

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

Although my acquaintance with you was very brief, I have vivid and happy memories of meeting you and your daughter when I had the privilege of sharing with you the meeting at Kansas City in the Municipal Auditorium.

I want you to know how much your American friends appreciate all you have done for us in this strenuous tour about the country speaking in behalf of peace. We hope you will carry to all the peace-loving people in Great Britain the hearty greetings and good wishes of our groups here.

I hope personally to be in England next summer attending the religious gatherings scheduled at Oxford and Edinburg, and it is possible I may run across you over there. I trust you will be able to restrain the warlike tendencies of the world so that these gatherings can be held in peace next summer!

I am sure you will find the freedom of the steamer and the fresh air of the decks a great improvement over Pullman cars for traveling!

Sincerely yours,

Albert W. Palmer

P:dn

Mr. George Lansbury



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U.S.A.: *The Toledo Council of Churches*

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Toledo, Ohio

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May 23, 1936

The Honorable George Lansbury,
c/o Emergency Peace Campaign,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Sir:

As chairman of the Toledo committee, I want to thank you before you sail for your visit to our city. You greatly heartened me personally with your positive emphasis that peace is worth the struggle and with your ^{Christian} outlook on life. And you did the same for many others. It's been a real privilege to have you visit this country.

With every best wish for a safe return voyage and with the hope that we shall avoid another World War, I am

Yours sincerely,

Harlan M Frost

Executive Secretary.

HMF:EJ



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20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET
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Speakers Bureau
KIRBY PAGE, Chairman
FRED ATKINS MOORE, Secretary

May 24th, enroute to California

My dear Friend:

Sorry I did not get to see you again before leaving for my home.

We have requested the Prince George to send bill to Philadelphia.

If you need additional funds, please send word to Mr. James Mullin in the Philadelphia office.

We are profoundly grateful for your help. It is hardly possible to exaggerate the significance of the contribution you have rendered to the peace movement in this country. Power to you!

Gratefully yours,

Kirby [Page]

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JOHN H. DIETRICH
RAYMOND B. BRAGG

May 25, 1936

Right Hon. George Lansbury
20 So. 12th St.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

Your contribution to the American peace movement in these last few weeks is inestimable. I hope that you will realize in time to come that your services to those of us fighting the cause of peace on this side of the Atlantic is quite beyond what your modest appraisal might make it.

Your presence here in Minneapolis was a great experience, not least of all to me. I count it one of the greater privileges of my life to have met you and been part of the movement which has claimed so much of your time and energy. Should I be in England at any time in the future, I will certainly seek you out and at least shake your hand.

Won't you give my very kind regards to your daughter, and my best greetings to you.

Faithfully yours,

RBB:E

Raymond B. Bragg



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Rabbi Philip Sidney Bernstein (1901-)
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117 Gibbs Street
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May 25, 1936

Dear friend,

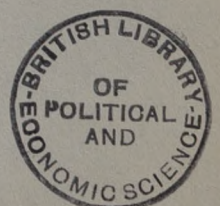
I am writing this note in the hope that it will be forwarded to you at the steamer to wish you godspeed in your voyage home and to thank you for all that you have done for the peace cause in this country. You have rendered an invaluable service to the American people and are leaving behind you a host of loving friends.

Let me assure you that it was a great joy for me personally to be associated with you. I shall always cherish the memory of what was for me happy and inspiring hours together. I shall take advantage of our friendship and call on you whenever I am in England.

Mrs. Bernstein joins me in sending to you and your dear daughter our very best wishes and affectionate regards.

As ever,

Philip Bernstein



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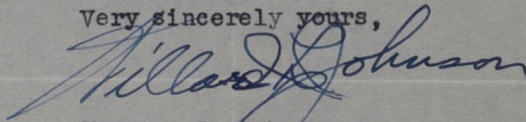
May 25, 1936

Mr. George Lansbury,
On Board Steamer,
C/O Emergency Peace Campaign,
20 South Twelfth Street,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

The people of Des Moines are still very deeply in debt to you for the excellent things you said to them in the meetings here. We want you to know that our debt is more than words can tell and that it shall be repaid as much as possible in building a world that is normally conducive to peace.

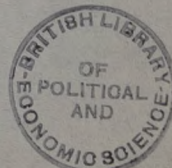
Very sincerely yours,



Willard L. Johnson,
Dean of Men.

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The University of Chicago

The University Chapel

May 25, 1936

OFFICE OF THE DEAN

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Charles Whitney Gilkey
(1882—)

Mr. George Lansbury
Emergency Peace Campaign
20 South Twelfth Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

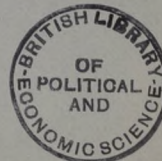
I am one of hundreds and probably thousands of Americans who feel that you have rendered our country and our generation a very great service by your presence among us these last weeks--and who want you to know as you sail for home, how grateful we are for your help. Some of us realize how much your strenuous schedule must have taken out of you physically and nervously, especially at your age (which we never should have guessed unless you had told us). We hope you will take the eagerness of our people to hear you as a evidence of the position and influence which your lifetime of devoted service has won on this side the Atlantic, as well as the other--and that you will forgive what may have seemed our insistence, to our high regard. Not least do we hope that the ocean voyage and a period of relative quiet after you get home, may bring you rest and refreshment from our American overstrain.

It will always be a part of my own satisfaction over my own small share in the Campaign, that it brought me the chance to meet and hear you at Milwaukee, and to speak from the same platform. Please give my greetings and best wishes for the voyage to your daughter as well.

Sincerely yours,

Charles W. Gilkey

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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
RAYMOND NEWTON
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20 SOUTH TWELFTH STREET
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SECRETARY

May 25, 1936

Rt. Honorable George Lansbury,
Berengaria,
Cunard - White Star Line,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

May I say to you, as a farewell message, that the United States owes a tribute which cannot be expressed in words?

You have given the peace workers a fresh outlook on their work and have made us feel that the people of England are working with us to bring some clearness out of the international tangle, and you have also caused many thousands of people to open their minds to their individual responsibility.

As the Philadelphia Organizer of the Emergency Peace Campaign meetings on April 23rd, I think I can speak for your whole audience of that day by saying a hearty "Thanks".

Sincerely yours,

Alberta MacLean Morris

(Mrs. Samuel Morris)

Local Chairman - Emergency Peace Campaign

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U.S.A. Emergency Peace Campaign

DOWNEY AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

AT JULIAN AVENUE, IRVINGTON
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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BERT R. JOHNSON, MINISTER

May 25, 1936

Hon. George Lansbury,
Citizen of the World,
London England:-

My Dear Mr. Lansbury:

What a pleasure it is to send to you my personal greetings and good wishes. Your visit to us was a benediction and it will continue to bless us and our country for many, many years.

Among the incidents which I shall always remember while you were in Indianapolis was a little act of yours which took place on the platform of the Tabernacle after our meeting here was dismissed. Some laboring men- rail road men, miners, factory workers- came to greet you. When presented you said: " I can tell you are laboring men from the feel of your hands." There was One who had nail prints in His hands and it was because you knew Him that you understood the "feel" of the hands of the men that toil.

May the blessings of our common
Father be upon you, yours and our world!

Fraternally and sincerely yours,

Bert R. Johnson

Bert R. Johnson, Chm.
Peace Emergency Campaign for Indianapolis.



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MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

Mary Emma Woolley (1863-)

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

May 25, 1936

My dear Mr. Lensbury:

May I be one of the many who are most grateful to you for coming to the United States? I realize that the program has been a strenuous one but hope that you feel that the influence which you have had in this country is a compensation.

It gave me great personal pleasure to meet and hear you, a pleasure which I hope may be repeated.

Believe me, with cordial regards for your daughter,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary E. Woolley



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- Kansas City Teachers' Club
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- Buddie's Friend Club
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- Round Table Luncheon Club
- Women's Ass'n. Country Club
Congregational Church

Hon. George Lansbury
#20 South Twelfth St.,
Philadelphia, Pa.

My Dear Friend:-

The friends you met while in Kansas City have watched with interest your travels over our country and we want you to know how honored we are, to have had you as our guest and speaker the night of April twenty sixth.

I have often wondered if you received the telegram I forwarded to your train enroute to Minneapolis. It was a great regret that it could not have been read the night of the mass meeting.

We are very anxious to know your reactions as to the Emergency Peace Campaign. I feel that we have aroused public sentiment as never before, in our city, and with the follow up work, I believe we will be able in the middle west, to do our part in this great Peace Movement.

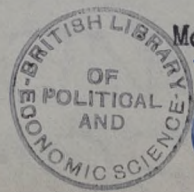
Mrs A Ross Hill, your hostess for Sundays dinner, during your stay in Kansas City, has just returned from a two weeks visit in Boston, and said this morning that she hoped to send a Steamer letter.

Please tell your daughter, Mrs Postgate, that if she could ever send me a copy of your book "My England", I should like very much to purchase same. I should appreciate it very much if she would write and tell me how same could be procured.

In closing, in behalf of the World Peace Council of Kansas City, we want to wish you a pleasant voyage home, and to tell you, that we feel that our city has been signally honored in having you and your daughter as our guests.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Most cordially yours,



Mabelle Leritz
(Mrs E.W.) President

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TRINITY CHURCH

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May 26, 1956

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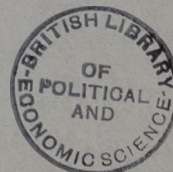
My dear Mr. Lansbury:

On behalf of the Buffalo Peace Council I want to thank you for your wonderful contribution to the cause of peace in this community. The effects of the meeting you addressed are far reaching. I can think of two neighboring cities which are starting peace councils as a result of the presence of representatives at our meeting here. We believe there were about twenty-three hundred persons present and my latest report shows that we took in in cash and pledges over \$3500. The meeting got under the skins of people or they would not have given. We are planning carefully for the future and believe that you gave us a landmark to look back to.

It has meant a great deal to the country to have had your visit.

Loyally yours,

Elmore M. McKee



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KIRBY PAGE
POST OFFICE BOX 247
LA HABRA, CALIFORNIA

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of U.S.A. Emergency Peace Campaign

may 26

1936

My dear Friend:

Bon Voyage!

and well do you deserve it.

You will never know the extent
of the contribution you have made to
the peace movement in the United
States. The testimony is unanimous.

Everywhere you made a profound
impression. You made no blunders!
A remarkable achievement for a
non-resident!"

I want to thank you for
your personal contribution to me.

You are a benediction!

More power and long life
to one of the youngest men I know!

affectionately

Kirby



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Emily Cooper Johnson

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ALLEN LANE

MOUNT AIRY

PHILADELPHIA

[of American Friends Service Ctee,
Jobs. 129-30 below] 27 May 1936

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Dear Mr. Lamsburg -

Your many new friends in America
want to tell you once more of our
great gratitude for your coming.

Continually we hear of the deep
impression you made, and the
power of your presentation:

I was uncommonly fortunate,
for I heard you speak twice in
Philadelphia and once in St. Louis,
where I was lucky enough to be
one of Mrs. Jauszig's house guests.

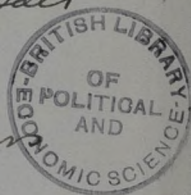
This slight acquaintance with you has been a great treat to me. Far more important, the cause of peace has been splendidly served by your visit. The work will be carried on with heartening momentum, both because of the encouragement you have given the workers and because of the friends you have made for peace.

Warm greetings to Mrs. Postgate and a salvo of "good voyage" and "safe journey" to you both as you sail from our shores.

Sincerely yours

Emily Cooper Johnson

27. May. 1936.



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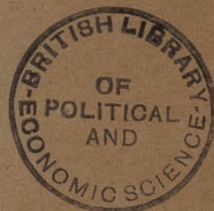
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HON GEO LANSBURY, CARE RAY NEWTON EMERGENCY PEACE CAMPAIGN=
20 SOUTH 12 ST PHA=

DEAR MR LANSBURY: YOU SAIL BACK FOR ENGLAND TONIGHT TAKING WITH YOU THE GRATITUDE, VENERATION AND LOVE OF ALL OF US WHO WERE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HELP HOWEVER HUMBLLY IN YOUR GREAT WORK HERE. MAY IT GO ON AS GLORIOUSLY AS IT HAS BEGUN AND OUR CHILDREN IF NOT OURSELVES LIVE TO SEE THE BEGINNING OF A NEW DAY. GOD BLESS YOU ALWAYS=

KATHLEEN NORRIS.



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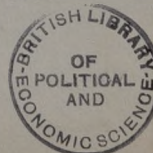
Dear Mr. Lansbury:

I am sorry I shall not be able to go to the boat to see you off tomorrow evening. I want, therefore, to send this little note and to express in it how deeply I have appreciated the services that you have rendered here. I know we have worked you too hard, but it has not been because we wanted to do so; it has been because of public demand for the kind of a message that you had to bring. America is hungrier than we had known for a message of spiritual pacifism. The experience that you have had has strengthened our conviction and our determination to see that at this moment when there is so much willingness to listen, the opportunity shall be seized.

In my experience, a sense of a concern carried out under the guidance of the Spirit of God enables me to rest more quickly than under any other kind of mental state. I hope, therefore, that although you must be thoroughly tired out, you will have a good sea voyage home and get back to England refreshed in body and in spirit. Certainly your strength has been marvelously maintained during the vigorous period here and I hope it may be entirely recovered for the important and significant service ahead of you in England.

We shall do our best to continue the work here and to carry out the next step in the Campaign with vigor and such wisdom as may be granted to us.

I am glad that you are to have a beautiful present



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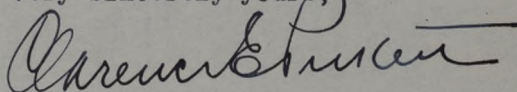
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typical of the Peace tradition of America. The author, Miss Violet Oakley, when I talked with her about it this week was deeply moved at the opportunity in having her great work of art placed in your hands.

This letter goes to you with a prayer that you may be given strength and guidance for many years yet of useful service in the Cause of Christ.

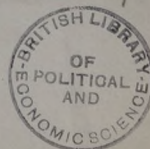
Very sincerely yours,



Executive Secretary

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Executive Director
RAY NEWTON

27 May 1936

George L Lansbury
c/o S S Berengaria
Cunard White Star Line
New York City

Dear George Lansbury:

Again I want to tell you how much your coming to America has meant to all of us. You have rendered a unique service. You have helped people overcome their fear of pacifism and socialism, and have given them a more realistic approach to the problems of world peace and the economic changes essential to achieve that peace. All those who have met you hold you in great esteem which in many cases amounts to real affection.

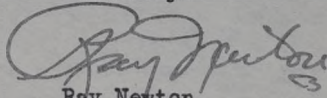
I know that the trip has been hard on you. It was long and arduous. Many people have commented on the vigor of your presentation and on your whole personality.

Enclosed is a photograph of a picture which Elbert N Jackson painted as his contribution to the Emergency Peace Campaign. The original is very impressive with the red and yellow glow of the battle in the background. I thought perhaps you would enjoy a photograph of it.

I am also enclosing a copy of a letter which has come in from Loomis School. This is a sample of letters which we are receiving from people everywhere in appreciation of your splendid work here.

With every good wish for a pleasant crossing,

Sincerely:


Ray Newton

RN:EH



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Ferdinand Myron Isserman
(1898—)

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Temple Israel
Saint Louis

FERDINAND M. ISSERMAN, RABBI

OFFICE OF THE RABBI
KINGSHIGHWAY AND WASHINGTON
SAINT LOUIS

May 28, 1936.

Right Honorable George Lansbury, M.P.,
Parliament Buildings,
London, England.

Right Honorable Sir:

I regret very much that I was away from my desk, and hence you did not receive a steamer letter from me in which I could express my appreciations to you for the fine service that you have rendered in the cause of peace in the United States.

By your presence here, you have personally won many friends and admirers. As much as your message, your audiences learned to appreciate and respect, and even to love you. Many feel as I do that your life has been the most eloquent and finest lesson. As I have often said, I sense the spirit of the prophets in you.

I considered it a great privilege and honor to have occupied a platform with you, and to have known you.

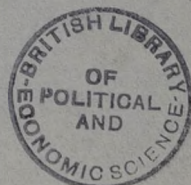
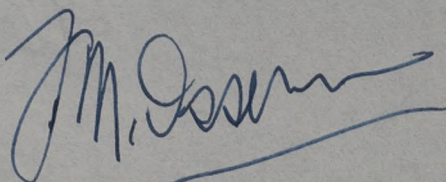
Under separate cover, I am mailing you a copy of my book on the Prophets, and also some pamphlets.

It is possible that I shall be in London this summer, and I shall take advantage of your kind offer to say "hello."

With kindest personal greetings, and with best wishes to your daughter, I remain

Sincerely yours,

FMI:BA



See vol. 28. a, fos. 220 - 223 for two letters
to Sir Richard Stafford Cripps, dated
June 17th 1936 and June 20th 1936

See vol. 28. a, fos 224 - 225 for a letter of
S. J. Wright, dated July 2nd. 1936.

See vol. 28. a, fos. 226 - 227 for a letter to
S. J. Wright and a note to Mrs. R. W.
Postgate, ~~dated~~ - a reply to the letter of July 2nd.
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BEARBERRY-AU-BATCH
OYSTER HARBORS
OSTERVILLE, CAPE COD

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N. Horton Batchelder
(of Loomis School)

July 19, '36.

Very dear Mr. Linsbury!

If I were to try
to tell you how we
feel about you and
your life and work
I fear that I should
either lay myself open
to the suspicion of
falsome flattery or
fall very short of the
truth;—so I shall
not do it!

After meeting you, this
old world takes on a
much more hopeful
aspect. But I wish we

great inducement for
that long-postponed
visit to England. We
do want to see you
again some time.

You will never be
forgotten by us.

Please give my love
to your daughter, Daisy,
and please accept a
goodly portion for yourself.

Long acquaintance is
not necessary for devotion;
and besides, there was
not time!

Affectionately,
Edwin B. Longman
Batchelder.

Dear Mr. Laubman,

I, too, understand my

could keep you with
me - for a long time!
We need men like
you - so badly!

It was good to
hear my own hopes
and aspirations uttered
so forcefully by one
who exemplifies so fully
my ideals.

Mr. Batchelder and
I have been reading
about the books which
you so kindly had
your publisher send
to me - and enjoying
them thoroughly.

There is now another

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thanks and appreciation.

What a grand fighter you
have been — and are! I

have one formula for

reactionaries — "If we are to

have a machine civilization,

the machine must support

the whole population." No one

ever denies that, but when we

come to details there is as

much difference of opinion as there

is in the peace movement. See

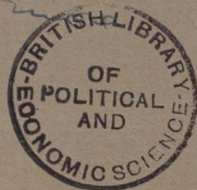
me most forward. He's in

power to us all.

Heartily,

John Batchelder

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE ARMAMENTS RACE AND ITS MENACE TO CIVILISATION

Mr. Lansbury's Plea for a World Peace Conference

To the Editor of the Manchester Guardian.

Sir,—Europe and indeed the world seems to be moving rapidly towards catastrophe. Many correspondents have discussed wisely and humanely how to avert the calamity which we are told may overwhelm us all. In most countries life is very cheap. Not a single Great Power is free of the responsibility which rests on those who by precept and example, have taught all peoples that "national necessity knows no law," that "mass murder is justifiable when national interests in pursuit of gain and money profits, in search of gold or forced sale of opium to people who do not wish to buy, are concerned.

To-day with all civilised nations increasing their armed forces and all Governments pinning their faith to mass murder as a means of ensuring peace, some may feel justified in passing judgment on those who guide our destinies. I am unable to do this, for so true is the saying that all have sinned and all peoples have tolerated the crimes of Governments. I beg your readers to understand that this we call civilisation is slowly but surely relapsing into barbarism and unless we bestir ourselves we shall soon be in the throes of destruction. Our youth are trained to believe that war is one of the highest forms of service, that to kill or be killed is the noblest service we can render the State. We are, indeed, living under the "law of the jungle." Babies, children, the aged, and the able-bodied are all to be trained either to attack others with poison-gas or by artificial means strive to minimise attacks on themselves. We must not be deceived. We do not merely arm for defence, we arm to keep what we gained by force.

There is no sense in blaming each other; we are all in it. Neither is there any sense in talking of "preventive war" as we are told Hitler is doing and many men of all classes and parties in this country are doing. All mankind is reaping what mankind has sown; Governments teach the masses that universal slaughter is admissible under certain conditions, and the masses will use the same argument when they imagine it is right to do so.

This all reads hopeless and desperate and enough to make us all despair. I refuse to sit quiet and accept as inevitable this condition of affairs. We are not all smitten by the palsy of fear, and there remain huge masses of people in every land longing, praying, hoping for freedom from the terrible nightmare which afflicts us all.

My remedy for our present plight is that the British people who desire a new national attitude towards other nations should unite in an appeal to our own Government to ask President Roosevelt and Léon Blum at once to join in a demand to the League of Nations that an entirely new conference of all States shall be called immediately to discuss together what can be done to bring the beginning of peace to a distracted, puzzled humanity. The conference should meet without preparation or any attempt to find formulae, which mean nothing but

deception. Mr. Roosevelt says statesmen must meet looking straight into each other's eyes, and I add they must meet determined to sacrifice, wherever necessary, national sovereignty and rivalries, determined to ask nothing in the way of concession from others which they are not themselves prepared to concede. Just as within our nation and in the United States we have been obliged by circumstances to change industrial, social, and municipal means of life, so outside we must be prepared to sink our national sovereignty and find it in the international co-operative life of all peoples. This conference should refuse to discuss any other question but the causes of war and sit on till these are known and dealt with.

I shall be told other nations will not follow such a lead. My conviction is that they would. The German Government fears Russia, Russia fears both German and Japanese imperialism. Our Government fears for the Lowlands of Europe and free access to the East. No nation can be safeguarded by war. Only by an entirely new venture along the road of co-operation and service can peace be secured. Centuries ago the world waited for a Messiah. To-day everywhere men's hearts fail them for fear, and fear is the most cruel, devastating sickness man suffers from. Also and in much stronger form mankind is asking for a lead. Will not your readers unite in urging this course on Britain, greatest of all imperial nations, great sometimes in evil, but also capable of great goodness? In my veins is the blood of Welsh and pure English, and in my heart and soul I feel the urge to keep on with this appeal, for if once men met with this spirit dominant even in a few all would soon discover that a new light, a new faith, had been born among statesmen, and the most hardened militarists would succumb to the call for a new start on the road to peace. In forty cities of America all classes responded to this appeal from Dr. Salter and myself.

This is an inordinately long letter written not by one used to statercraft but by a man who has met and worked with men and women of all races, all creeds, and all professions, who respects and honours the men who sacrifice themselves during a war, one who has gathered knowledge from books, but mainly from experience, experience which has taught me that individuals and masses will in the main always rather do good than evil, that evil comes from ignorance, and that the teaching of Christ is true—sow love and you will reap love, sow hate and hatred springs up like weeds.

I want our people, our Government, to tell the world we accept the truth that peace is the greatest blessing any people can possess, and that we, the British people, will give a lead to the world by declaring our willingness to pay the price of peace through co-operating and sharing our possessions for the mutual benefit of mankind.—Yours, &c., GEORGE LANSBURY, Bow, London, E. 3, August 25.

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POLICE WATCH ON LITVINOFF

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COPENHAGEN CRISIS

From GEORGE LANSBURY

COPENHAGEN, Wednesday.—A crisis has arisen in the negotiations between Mr. O'Grady and M. Litvinoff, owing to the fact that practically every hotel here has refused accommodation to the Soviet representative. O'Grady has done his utmost to solve the difficulty, but he cannot, of course, approach the authorities direct. Meanwhile Litvinoff remains at Turist.

In a cable which he has dispatched to Titcherlin, in Moscow, Litvinoff says:—

“Our objection to choosing Denmark for the Conference has been fully justified. Since the beginning of the negotiations the Danish authorities have done everything possible to inconvenience me, including the installing of half-a-dozen detectives in my hotel. This, combined with the frequent breakdown of the Lyngby wireless station, forced me to impress upon O'Grady the necessity for transferring the negotiations to some other country.

“Under Semi-Arrest”

“The objection of hotel-keepers to the constant presence of detectives prevents me finding lodgings. Also, the Danish Government is not allowing me free choice of a hotel. Please inform the British Foreign Office in London immediately that the guarantees given by the British Government on behalf of the Danish Government are not kept, and that the satisfactory conclusion of the negotiations regarding the exchange of prisoners is impossible until the conference is transferred elsewhere.

“Meantime I regard myself as being under semi-arrest.”

Business men in Britain must wake up if they are to capture Russian trade. Litvinoff is already besieged with applications for business. Negotiations must take place soon between the Soviets and Britain on the subject of the blockade. The Russian Co-operators are, as a matter of fact, quite friendly with the Soviets, who suspect the Allies of deliberately trying to create trouble and disunion in the Russian ranks.

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MY PILGRIMAGE

An account of visits to France, Belgium, Denmark, Norway and Sweden. *Aug. - Sept. 1936*

George Lansbury.

I have said "My Pilgrimage", although it was a very pleasant and in many ways a very comfortable and happy one. Paris brought me to M. Blum who received me most cordially and friendly. He was and is terribly perplexed regarding the internal situation; his enemies are both powerful and social; that is, the military as in Spain, supply a good deal of reactionary sentiment, and with financiers dislike Socialism and are afraid of Communism. All or nearly all well to do people are in the same boat. The Communist allies of the Government cause much trouble in workshops, mines etc. and there is in France and everywhere else a great desire among many people to maintain the view that the next war must be one between Fascism and Democracy or in other words between Fascism and Communism. Blum is a very strong, determined opponent of this. He wants and will do his utmost to get agreement with Germany. He had never heard much about our efforts. The officials at Transport House do not convey any information concerning what they describe as disruptive movements such as ours. So I sent him a copy of "Hansard" containing the debate in the House of Commons last February. I also made it quite clear to him that Roosevelt was waiting till the elections were over and, if then asked, would join in an effort to get a new economic agreement between nations. He promised to talk with the American Ambassador and I know he has done so from a friend in London and feel sure he, Blum, is strengthened in support of our view. I think if you read Blum's broadcast you will agree he stressed agreement and accommodation rather than armaments.

At Brussels I found men and women in the Trade Unions, Commercial, Aviation and Church Commissions who were very strongly on our side regarding economic changes, etc. I think all members of this International Committee should carefully read the reports of the Commissions which all show that very important additions to the findings of the Congress would have been made could there have been full discussion and a free talk at the final Plenary Sessions.

As to the talks with Van Zeeland, I found him much better qualified for a discussion. He also is afraid of both Fascism and Bolshevism, and is determined to do all in his power to avert being drawn into a war between the two, he is, as are all the small powers, very sceptical of the League and quite ready for a new conference but unwilling to take the lead. He is a strong Catholic and received the Brussels conference as a gathering of Communists or largely dominated by Communists who wished to stir up strife. The Belgian Cardinal was greatly distressed the conference was held in Brussels. Van Zeeland promised to get some information about Roosevelt and agreed with Blum no settlement



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of world affairs is possible without Germany, Japan, Italy and America.

Copenhagen.

Our journey was a very good one indeed and I am very thankful. We were met by reporters etc. and got to bed about 1.30 a.m. No one knows how the press knew. I fancy the boat people keep them informed. It is all good publicity. I have seen the Prime Minister and Dr. Munch, tonight I meet a group, tomorrow I meet the Mayor and then I hope Trade Unionists etc.

The Prime Minister is an extraordinarily fine looking man who scarcely ever looks at you and talks into his rather beautiful moustache. He was quite sympathetic but very non-committal. He knew we were seeing Dr. Munch and wanted to leave me to him. The interview with Dr. Munch was in some ways more helpful than anything yet. Both the Prime Minister and the Doctor had evidently read and heard of our proposals and were impressed with the idea of a world conference. But they want it called by the League. They dread the disappearance of the League. But here is the best thing he told me. The Foreign Ministers of Sweden, Norway and Denmark have met and agreed to propose at Geneva that America shall be asked to make suggestions for helping the world out of present difficulties. I think the appeal will be made in the right way and that the proposal will be, not threats or force, but how does the American Government think we can avert war through removing or trying to remove the causes of war. In a letter it is not possible to say really all I think this means; but I feel convinced that soundings have been made about this proposal or it would not be done. Coupled with what Lothian may be doing and L.G. has been doing, I feel a bit hopeful that probably not exactly in our way, but in some way, a start will be made for real peace.

Oslo.

I have now seen the Prime Minister, Foreign Secretary and a dozen other representative people. Tomorrow I see the speaker of the House of Commons who is a Conservative and who is one of the delegation to Geneva, also a woman substitute delegate, who is a Labour member. Both the Prime Minister and Foreign Secretary are very receptive and responsive and will do everything possible to help our point of view. The Foreign Secretary is against sanctions and war and so is the Prime Minister. They are circumscribed because the Government is coalition. They will try and get a united front and get America in if at all possible. They themselves will work for the conference and also support any effort by the French to get economic and other questions considered. They are also thoroughly opposed to the idea of dividing the world into Democrats and Fascists and by so doing wage war to impose either system upon any nation. In this they are in line with M. Blum's broadcast reported in "The Times" on Friday. Each nation must settle its own internal government for itself. All this

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is to the good. Most of my time with Van Zedand and Blum was spent discussing this question. I pointed out to both that the one thing we must avoid is trying to disguise great fundamental, economic, territorial and financial questions and difficulties as political questions such as are involved in "dictatorships v democracies". However, I feel up to now some good has been done. I had a wonderful press in Copenhagen, also here and am sure the Stockholm press will do the same. One Swedish paper has already interviewed me.

We leave Esbjerg by the evening boat on Tuesday. The friend here, Dr. Wilhelm Keilhau has been splendid. No one could have arranged better, he arranged the dinner and gathered about 20 people of all parties and we had a fine discussion. The Foreign Secretary was there and he arranged the other interviews.

We have not performed miracles but we have I think thrown out some thoughts which we hope will help forward the cause of Peace.

I stayed at Oslo till Sunday night in order to meet Mr. Hambro, a Conservative who is Speaker of the House of Parliament and one of the delegates to Geneva. In Scandinavia it is the custom to appoint people from all parties as delegates and substitute delegates although the government alone accepts responsibility for policy. Mr. Hambro is one of the most robust men we met. He is quite scornful of the tricks and chicanery of great statesmen, is wholeheartedly on our side about constructive peace and promised to do his very utmost to push it forward. He was very distrustful of Copenhagen, was not at all sure they would remain united in a demand that Munch told me would be made that the Assembly should ask America for the terms on which she would co-operate to find economic and territorial solutions of difficulties. This man Hambro could be a very useful person and should be seen by any of our people at Geneva. He and the Norwegian Prime Minister are very responsible trustworthy men, have travelled extensively and have finer institutions, national or political, than many others I met.

We arrived in Stockholm early Monday morning and were met by a very capable woman friend Greta Stendahl. She was unable to give us much time, but had arranged our hotel and handed us over to a Mr. Herman Stolpe who is head of the Swedish Peace Societies and League of Nations Union and is also head of the Co-operative Educational work in Sweden. He is a most remarkable young man one with whom we should keep in touch. He organised an amazing press publicity, got the substance of my talks to a dozen press men broadcast through the countries, arranged a small lunch party and arranged for me to meet the new Prime Minister who I discovered was an old friend, Mr. Hansen and with him were two of the leading men of the Socialist Party. The new Foreign Minister was in Geneva. The Prime Minister is desperately afraid of Fascism. There is a strong Fascist movement of which General Mannheim is head in

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Finland. He had more confidence, though not much, in the League and collective security. After forty minutes discussion he agreed our proposals were worth trying and with his colleagues definitely promised to get the questions raised at Geneva.

There is no more to say except that as with my trip to U.S.A. it all seemed worth while. The publicity everywhere was truly wonderful and for myself it was rather nice to be received in so friendly and gracious a manner by all sorts and conditions of people.

I was forgetting the F.O.R. conference at Sodertalje. This was small, very earnest, but all converted. They were nice and friendly, a little more matter-of-fact than others and, I should think, more devoted to spiritual conferences than to the more mundane, material things of life.

Finally I shall try to see the German Minister who is here and find out when the ambassador will arrive and discuss the advisability of seeing Hitler and shall perhaps see Signor Grandhi re Rome. But I must wait till I feel certain.

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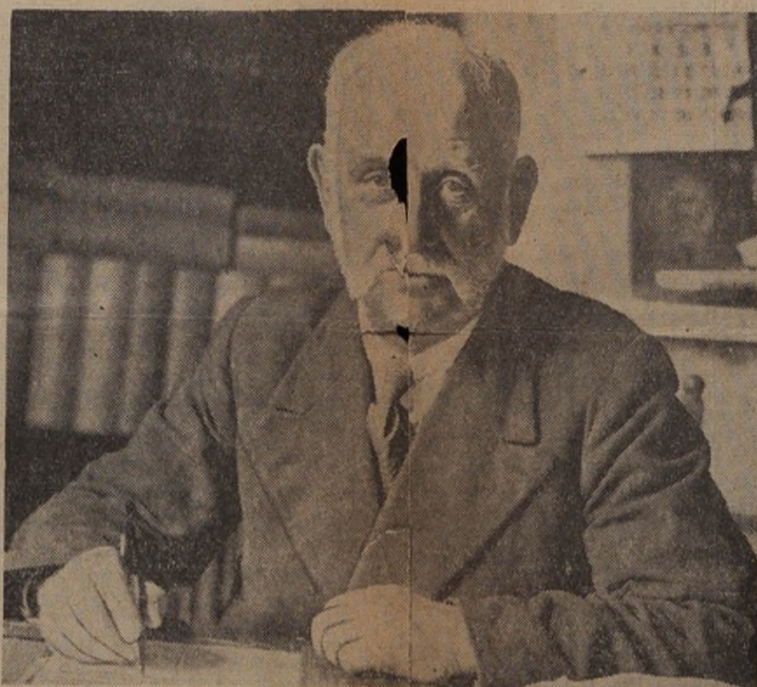
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What I Think of Labour's Arms Policy

— By —

GEORGE LANSBURY



THE Labour Party's arms policy, as laid down at the Edinburgh Conference, has aroused keen controversy, both within and outside the ranks of organised labour. The resolution is so drafted that taken in conjunction with the preamble both sides can read into it at least some measure of agreement with its own particular point of view.

Pacifists like myself support wholeheartedly the reference to the removal of grievances which is to be found in the preamble. It is, however, clear that those who voted for the resolution itself did so for various reasons.

Many of the delegates are quite certain that the Party is now pledged to support the Government policy to the fullest extent, even if this means the enforcement of conscription.

Others, who constitute the majority, or individual delegates, refuse to give any support to the Government because they are, from past experience, convinced that the present Government has no faith in the League of Nations and what is described as collective security, and therefore is not to be trusted.

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MY own position remains unchanged. I am an unrepentant Pacifist, who will oppose this armaments race whenever the subject is before the House of Commons, and I get the chance to speak. I shall only be able to vote against any decision of the Party, if my colleagues allow myself and those with me to exercise the conscience clause of the Party's constitution.

It ought to be understood by the public that on all matters of conscience, such as religion, temperance, and peace the Labour Party's constitution does specifically allow members to speak against a Party decision and also with the Party's consent exercise their right

and our belief that life is sweeter, cleaner and happier for us all if we consent not by law, but by common sense, to live our lives in co-operation for the good of each other.

How long it may take us to reach the same conclusion in our international relationship I cannot say. I am, however, quite certain there will be neither peace nor security for the nations until each nation is willing to sink national sovereignty in the international sovereignty of the world.

I hate being in opposition to my friends on this subject. I claim no greater wisdom than others and certainly no greater measure of sincerity. But who can now give up the failure of the tremble and get on to get on

and all sorts and conditions of men. All are stricken with the palsy of fear, all are waiting for a sign from somewhere in the world which will show them a way out.

In the foolishness of my Pacifist friends and myself, I have striven to persuade all whom I have met that the present world crisis needs simplicity of thought and reasoning for its solution; that the slaughter by war, pestilence, plague and famine of hundreds of millions of people cannot give the world anything better than barbarism.

Statesmen in big countries and in small all agree I am right, and all ask which nation, which statesman will give us a lead?

I ask our people in Britain and our friends in America and elsewhere to insist that a

blasting her way into China to find a market and also materials she needs.

There is room in the world for us all, enough of raw materials for everybody, and as for markets, many hundreds of millions of people everywhere cry out for goods of all descriptions.

The facts are simple and true; all mankind needs is the will to share with one another.

Will you who read this ask yourself this simple question: "Is it a reasonable, sensible thing under present conditions to keep shouting collective security when we know this is an impossible dream while the nations are divided into hostile camps of Haves and Have Nots, making ready to destroy each other because of inability to satisfy their economic needs?"

Is it not better under these conditions to bend our minds and energies to the task of converting our neighbours and our Government to the policy embodied in the words "removal of grievances"?

This is no path of glory; it is not resplendent with the heroic splendour of a battlefield filled with wounded and dying men.

It does not give the éclat and admiration which comes to those who win great victories on sea or land or in the air.

No, but it is the true way, and is one which men and women everywhere are trying to hear about.

I do not misunderstand the difficulties which dictatorships have brought into the world. Mankind will not destroy itself for political theories. It is economic causes which must be dealt with.

If we were threatened with plague or disease we should employ specialists and others to discover and help to remove causes. We should put all other considerations on one side and we should not, like Naaman, complain because we were not told to do some great thing, when told our blood and bodies must be kept clean.

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MY disagreement with my countrymen and the Labour Party about armaments is a fundamental one. They believe war can be cured by collective force, just as our forefathers thought disease could be healed by bleeding and other terrible so-called remedies.

To-day we get down to causes by looking after our diets, our cleanliness, our water supplies, fresh

The Labour Party is disciplined of the three parties will I expect remain so, but while it allows freedom of expression for those who hold sincere opinions on matters of principle and also allows freedom of conscience to operate at voting time no real harm will be done; no member is compelled to vote against his conscience.

Voting against the Party without permission is what is objected to. Abstention is scarcely ever questioned. Some of us who feel strongly and were elected to vote against armaments earnestly hope we will be allowed to do so.

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SOME day my friends who believe in "Democracy" and the rule of the majority in the making and expression of policy will learn the simple truth that men and women are not "Robots," to be moved about like bits of wood and stone. They will also discover that "Unity" does not mean "uniformity" and that a machine made majority is not always right.

We cannot all, however inconsistent and weak in our daily lives we may be, give up the "ideals" which make Socialists and Internationalists or the religion which taught us only love endures because love is eternal.

Looking back over the years experience not theory, has taught me that wars are the result of causes and conditions which mankind through Government action can remove. We live together unarmed.

Had the huge crowd which a handful of police controlled two weeks ago in East London been armed the streets would have run with blood and the bodies of dead and wounded would have strewn the streets by hundreds.

The reason, to-day, that an International Police Force is impossible is because every nation is armed to the teeth, and the reason there cannot be effective collective security lies in the fact that the territorial and economic rivalries between nations are so strong and apparently insoluble except by force.

I may be charged with inconsistency when I say that though opposed to war, I have never thought of opposing the retention of a police force. I do not intend arguing the question just now, except to say that a police force does not destroy or prosecute the wife, children and relatives of a criminal they either wish to capture or who has definitely eluded them.

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THE ordinary police in ordinary times has very little to do, and as a preserver of peace is welcomed, because we all accept them as the symbol of our common citizenship

Belgium, like Holland and Switzerland, of the entanglements which alliances and treaties bring upon her, and she is withdrawing, so far as she is able, from such alliances. Who can throw a stone at that small nation, over whose territories for centuries the embattled forces of Britain, Germany and France have fought their battles, leaving ruin and desolation in their train.

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THE last war, fought to end war, has left a heritage of hatred and fear so staggering that all statesmen dread the morrow.

Whatever the upshot of this latest declaration may be, one thing is clear and certain, that, taken in conjunction with the cases I have mentioned, and the growing uneasiness and suspicion groundlessly expressed in certain quarters against Soviet Russia, all idea of collective security under present conditions is just hopeless. Whatever may be said against Soviet Russia, she is the one power in the world that has no territorial designs against her neighbours, and is, in spite of everything, desperately anxious to preserve peace.

The policy which Pacifists such as those with whom I am associated support is the only practical realist policy for the present dangerous difficult situation. There is no quick easy road, but there is a safe road along which we may travel if we wish.

I ask all my readers, whatever their views, but specially my Christian and Socialist friends, to think in terms not of war, but of peace.

Pacifism is not a negative creed. Christ's teaching is not an imposture: it is the only teaching which, if applied, will save this civilisation from barbarism and ruin.

We must be born again, in the sense which will enable us to make such sacrifices as will convince those we are arming against that we really desire to meet them on equal terms and discuss how we may start a new era in the history of human relationships.

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DO NOT be deceived. Although a dozen blatant voices blare across sea and land frontiers, against each other, every national leader in the world urgently desires and needs peace. Not one of them will willingly strike the match which will start us on the road to catastrophic ruin, simply because none are sure of any other end but universal chaos.

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Executive Director
RAY NEWTON

December 15, 1936.

Hon. George Lansbury,
Bow London England.

Dear Friend:

Ray Newton is away from Philadelphia nearly all of the time, traveling throughout New England and the middle west, and so I am taking it upon myself to write you this little note.

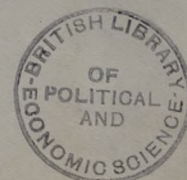
We were all truly delighted to receive your most interesting letter, recalling some of your experiences when you were working with us over here. Your letter was read at one of our large staff meetings, and everyone of us was very much thrilled to think that you had taken so much of your precious time to write as you did so sincerely "To All My Comrades and Friends of the Emergency Peace Campaign of America".

Those certainly were hectic days last spring when we were shuffling you here and there over this vast country. So many, many times have we reflected upon your seeming unlimited endurance and your vitality.

As you probably have heard, the campaign went through a difficult period financially during the latter part of the summer and fall. This was due to the usual financial leanness of summer months and the psychology of a nation engaged in one of its most intensive political campaigns. Sufficient funds have been forthcoming during November and December to enable us to project very definite plans for the setting up of twenty regional offices throughout the nation. Each region will have a general director, a speakers' bureau and a youth secretary. It is hoped that each regional office will be able to encourage and direct intensive programs of peace education and action in at least one hundred cities. In this way, we will definitely reach out into considerably more than two thousand communities next year.

Maude Royden is arriving in this country on January 6th and is opening our winter program January 7th from the same platform upon which you spoke when you were in Philadelphia, the Academy of Music. Harry Emerson Fosdick and Sherwood Eddy will be the other speakers.

This winter program is under the general chairmanship of Charles P. Taft II,



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son of our former President, and prominent lawyer, who is nationally known by reason of his leadership in civic reform in Cincinnati. He was the leader in the movement for the adoption of the city manager plan in that city. He has traveled widely and for many years has been actively interested in the work of the National Young Men's Christian Association.

It is quite difficult in these serious times when war clouds are looming darkly on many horizons to continue one's optimism about averting another holocaust. These are indeed trying times, times when the pacifists in all nations must rededicate themselves to the cause of peace. I believe that the increasing seriousness of the deepening crisis is serving at the present to bring together more closely all those people who are determined that war can have no place in their lives.

I believe also that if all people in America who are determined not to participate in a war abroad can become articulate and united with those who will not participate in any war, a tremendous beginning toward keeping out of war will be made. Significant headway in this direction is being made. I only wish that we could be privileged again by having you in our midst in this great work. I do not know of a time when one from abroad, speaking in the name of peace, has left such an indelible impression throughout the nation. May I also say that the staff here in the national headquarters, from the executives to the messenger boy, can never forget your graciousness in coming to the office itself to speak to them all personally.

By the time you receive this letter it will be almost Christmas--a time when all Christian people will be singing "Peace on earth, good will to men". What changes could be wrought if all Christian people could unite in a determination to preserve peace.

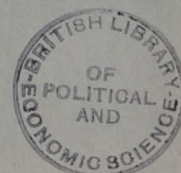
I send you Christmas greetings from your friends in America. I express to you our deepest gratitude for your lasting contribution to the peace movement in America.

Very sincerely yours,

James P. Mullin

James P. Mullin,
Assistant to the Director.

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GEORGE LANSBURY: He Never Grows Old

By DAVID KIRKWOOD, M.P.



THERE are three great men in this country who, ripe in years, retain the appearance and temperament of youth—David Lloyd George, who is seventy-three; George Bernard Shaw, who is eighty, and George Lansbury, who is seventy-seven.

One night in the autumn of 1920, before I became a Member of Parliament, I had been speaking at a meeting in Bradford. Next morning, I boarded a train for London and found myself in a compartment with three men who have become Trojans; Robert Smillie, the miners' leader, who had contested seven Parliamentary Elections without success, but was to win his first in 1923; Ben Turner (now Sir Ben!), the former half-timer in the mills, a big, broad and "gradely Yorkshireman," an ex-Mayor of Batley, but not yet an M.P., who was soon to enter the House of Commons and rise to be Chairman of the Trades Union Congress, and a Knighthood; George Lansbury, who had been fighting seats since 1892.

Successful at his fifth attempt, he had been M.P. for two years, but resigned to fight his constituency on the question of "Votes for Women." He lost, and had been out of Parliament for ten years.

THEY had been at Ben Turner's town of Batley. As often happens among men who have become prominent from humble beginnings, the talk went round to the times of childhood. It was a kind of Salvation Army testimony meeting. Ben Turner took the prize for the most gruesome story of early privation. Bob Smillie was a good second. George Lansbury said little, and I said nothing.

The attendant summoned us to the restaurant. We did not talk much. But, at the end, I wished to pay for us and he said it was his birthday. Bob Smillie said it was his also. So they began to talk about their ages and agreed that George Lansbury was the freshest-looking of the three.

Then I saw for the first time what I was to see many times afterwards, the look of serene calm, almost saint-like, on the face of George Lansbury. He said he would admit that he was fresher-looking than the others and added: "The reason I am fresher than you is that I was better fed as a child. You two were starved. I was always well nurtured, though now I don't know where the money came from to do it."

HE was so impressive that nobody spoke a word as he went on: "Apart altogether from politics, it is a mortal sin committed by this Christian country that little children should ever know the pangs of want. It is a problem of religion as well as of politics. We know the way, for it has been shown to us, but we do not follow it. We must. Even the savages of Africa feed their young. Civilisation must not be allowed to starve the children."

What I have written is only the framework of his talk. As I heard it, spoken in the Cockney intonation

which George has not yet lost, I felt that he was more than a politician. I think so still, after years of personal friendship.

HE is a politician because he is a lover of the people, and he is a lover of the people because he loves God, whose children the people are. He views every problem from that standpoint, and often gets into trouble because he does not keep his religious emotions within the limits of politics, so that he talks to the House of Commons like a preacher at an open-air meeting.

It was not hard for him to surrender Parliament in the years of the Women's Suffrage Movement, and it was easy for him to surrender the leadership of his Party on the question of Sanctions, which might have led to war. Parliament is his instrument, but he has no Parliamentary ambitions. In fact, he has no personal ambitions at all.

HE is different from all of us in the sense that he does not respond to the idea that he can promote causes better than himself as George Lansbury. He

me of Nehemiah building the wall and being tempted to stop, or of Christian in the "Pilgrim's Progress" being tempted not to start out. He will just go the way he thinks right, regardless of consequences to himself.

When he speaks, he is always pleading. However loudly his big voice sounds, it is never rough. And sometimes, when he is deeply moved, he speaks little above a whisper, but is heard by everyone. Those are the times when he holds the House by eloquence which is the result of sincerity.

The fact is that George Lansbury has a very big heart and it is growing more sensitive with the years. I have heard him called a mystic, but I do not know enough of these things to say it myself.

I should call him a saint, a mellow John the Baptist, proclaiming the coming of a new era, when want shall be no more. That is a peculiarity of him. There are many men in the House of Commons, who are very religious and from time to time they slip into a sort of religious phase and talk of religious thoughts.

GEORGE LANSBURY does not do that. Religious phrases come easily to his lips because truth is so natural to his tongue that there is no shyness about it. But it is always very personal. Food and clothes and homes, playgrounds for the aged, are more to him than the dogmas of his religion and churches.

When he has the power, he will shock by making a Lido open to the Park. He loses his office but the Lido remains. He has the inherent goodness of a saint of London. He is so good himself that he can imagine anyone being other than good unless driven from the path by some outside force.

MORE DISTRESS IN ABERDEEN

Past Year One Of "Great Hardship"

TEN years ago, when only dole and poor law relief were in operation, 2470 persons were helped by the Aberdeen Association for improving the condition of the poor. During the past year 8643 persons have come under the scope of the Association's activities. This constitutes a record, and is an increase of 2484 over the previous year.

"This increase is regrettable," states the 86th annual report of the Association, just issued, "and can be traced to a generation of young people growing up to whom the stimulating effects of work are unknown, and is resulting in far-reaching social problems which are causing grave anxiety to all welfare workers."

The past year, the report points out, has been one of great hardship and anxiety to many and the calls on the Association's resources have been heavy and of almost endless variety.

The provision of boots, clothing and food was the principal drain on the Association's resources, and the greatest number of cases helped in one month was 1319, in January. A sum of £3450 was spent on relief. There is a deficit of £248 on the year's working.



Plagued by Backache

I first started taking Kruschen Salts nine months ago. I happened to have a very bad pain in my back so that it was painful to walk, stoop, or sit. When the pain was at its worst I picked up a newspaper and saw an advert about a man who had exactly the same backache as mine, and had been cured by taking Kruschen Salts. I bought a bottle at once and started straight away to take them as directed, with the result that the next day the pain was easier, and before the week was out the pain was entirely gone. Since then my husband and I have never been without our 'little daily dose,' for we find that this dose keeps us free from rheumatism and prevents constipation. We soon find a difference if we run out of Kruschen

IDEAS FOR HOME DECORATION

Exotic Birds On Show At Edinburgh

By S. H. BENSON, F.Z.S. (Scot.)

ULTRA-MODERN interior decorating has gone back to Nature! It is the thing now to have rooms decorated in colour combinations suggested by exotic birds. So long as it keeps to rooms! For could the fairest of the fair sex be so daring as to adorn themselves in some of Nature's arrangements? I wonder!

A show of all that is most beautiful in feathered life will be the pride to Princes Street fashions. This takes place on December 31 and January 1 by the Scottish National Cage Bird Society and the Daily Record. So if you would like a "Bird of Paradise" room go to the show for ideas. It is being held in the Corn Market, Slateford, Edinburgh.

Canary Blue

Canary yellow we all know, but now we have canary blue, fawn and orange. The orange is a colour created by artificial feeding at the moult, and water will not wash it off, but the feathers fall off at the next moult and are replaced by the orthodox colour—unless colour feeding is once again resorted to. So the appeal of such an exhibition is unlimited.

Cage bird fanciers will be catered for to the extreme. Children who are Daily Record Chums will have two classes for their pets.

200,000 MILES HORSEBACK

Veteran West Coast Postman Dead

Mr. Angus Macdonald, Glenuig, Inverness-shire, has died suddenly, aged 73.

He was for 37 years postman between Glenuig and Lochailort. His daily round of 18 miles was performed on horseback over a rough tortuous bridle path, exposed to the many storms which sweep round the coast of Lochnanuagh and Lochailort.

His total mileage travelled during his service exceeded 200,000 miles.

Close on £50 was raised in aid of the Moffat Golf Club by the Moffat Players, who presented the three-act comedy, "Ambrose Applejohn's Adventures," in the Baths Hall. The play was produced by Mr. Windsor Richards, who filled the title-role.

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