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September 15th, 1943

Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen,  
c/o Commander of South Pacific Fleet,  
c/o Fleet Postoffice,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Harold:

I ate lunch with Elmer Ryan Monday of this week and in the course of our conversation he told me where you were and said he was sure that you would be glad to receive a letter from home, even from me.

Needless to say I admire the course you took in going into the Navy and I certainly envy you the experiences you are having. To think that in a short period of five months you have passed from the Governor's office at St. Paul to a place on the front line of battle in the South Pacific is something wonderful and of course very unusual.

Things around Minnesota here are progressing in about the same old way. The bond drive is now on and everybody is getting in and pitching to put it over. At the moment the boys are fighting hard at Salerno and by reason of that fighting are stimulating the support for the bond drive. Our people were getting into a sort of lethargy so far as the war was concerned, many of them thinking that the war was in the bag and we could let up. Possibly the reports we are getting from Salerno are put out to correct that lethargic situation and if that is their purpose they surely are doing it. One thing we must appreciate is that the Germans are hard people to beat. The morale of their soldiers still is very high. Apparently they and we do not have the same idea as to the ultimate outcome of this war. The fighting at Salerno is only a good indication of what might be expected if an attempt were made to invade the Western side of Europe from England.

We are very much encouraged, however, by the reports coming from the South Pacific. That is a situation which necessarily must be slow, but the way our boys are fighting there gives us great hope that progress will be steady and the ultimate result certain.

By the way, I have a cousin, Chaplain C. C. Riedel, a Catholic priest, who is in the Navy and my last letter from him was from U. S. Naval Hospital, Mobile Unit #4. While I don't know the exact location of that hospital, I gather it is in New Zealand. His father and mother live in Austin. His father is a veterinarian and an inspector for the U. S. Government in the Hormel plant. He is doing a very fine piece of work down there but was anxious to get away from that unit in order to get into active service on a ship

or at the front. He was flirting with Carlson's Raiders with the hope that he might be attached to a new unit that Carlson was organizing. He is only about twenty-seven years old and is a very fine young chap. If you should run into him I wish you would convey to him my very best regards. I know that you would enjoy meeting him.

Your old friend, Dan Callahan, died about two weeks ago. On the day he was buried one of his favorite race horses won a race at the State Fair. I know you will recall Dan and will know that his major sport was horse racing. The past few years he became interested in hockey and the corporation he was interested in had the hockey team at Dallas. That was an ill-fated adventure, however. It cost Dan a lot of money. I think Harold Levander had something to do with organizing the corporation for the Dallas enterprise and he also drew Dan's Will, but Mrs. Callahan brought the Will in here and we are probating it.

Martin is still a Lieutenant (jg) in the Intelligence Department of the Navy, stationed at Cincinnati. He likes his work very much except that he would like to get out to sea, the same as you. I think he envies you your being sent to the front. Martin is not a fellow to be left behind but he is a good Navy man and will be content wherever he is placed. He would like, however, to see some foreign duty before this squabble is over.

I note in the paper today that Walter Finke has been made a Lieutenant Commander. Walter certainly has a lot on the ball - which reminds me that Senator Ball is doing a very fine job. I fully expect that he will develop into one of the great Senators in Minnesota's history. He has a fine mind and apparently has courage.

I heard Governor Thye speak for a few moments at the Fair and he made a very fine impression. I don't know Thye but I certainly would like to go over and get acquainted with him. I would like to sit down and talk with him awhile just to satisfy myself as to his capabilities. I would like to be able to support him next year in his campaign, even though I am not a Republican.

I was over last night to see a man in St. Paul who has a claim against the Milwaukee Railroad and when he found out that Martin was a brother of Austin Ward, the Claim Agent for the Milwaukee, he thought I was trying to put something over on him. I had to tell him about the battle that we had with Newcomb in the Westover case and mentioned a couple of other real tough ones we had with the Milwaukee in order to convince him that Brotherly love was forgotten when we got a claim against that outfit. I still recall the Westover case with a great deal of satisfaction and pleasure, and particularly of the association that we had in the case.

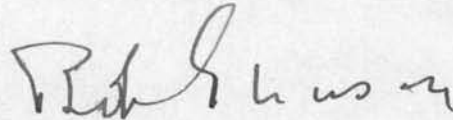
Well, Harold, I trust that you have enjoyed this letter and I should be very happy if you could get the time to send me at least a card.

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We don't expect long letters from our men at the front but we do consider it a privilege to be able to write and tell them what is going on back here on the home front.

Yours very truly,

RVG:SN

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Henry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping underline.



HARRY F. KELLY  
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

October 4, 1943

Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Stassen, USNR  
c-o Commander South Pacific Force  
c-o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Commander:

It is strange for me to address you in this way instead of "Dear Harold" or "Dear Governor", but we are all proud of the splendid work you are now doing for Uncle Sam.

We miss you in our Governors' conferences but I thought you would be happy to know that I agree with all the splendid things you said about Ed Thye. I've gotten to know him better in each meeting, particularly at the Mackinac conference, and I am sure I speak the thought of the other Governors.

We had a very good conference at the Island -- particularly was it valuable from the standpoint of bringing the Republican Governors of the United States closer together.

Best of luck Harold, and here's hoping it won't be too long a time before I get a chance to personally say hello to you.

Sincerely,

*Harry Kelly*  
Governor

HFK:RG



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Dear Lt. Commander Stassen:

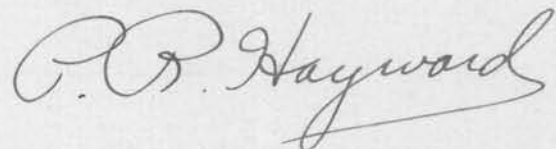
I appreciate very much the hearty support and the effective cooperation you gave us in connection with the special issue of the International Journal of Religious Education for October.

The October Journal has created a great deal of interest and brought forth many words of praise for the range and value of its contents and for its general approach to this problem of Christian education for world order.

You will be pleased to know that this special issue is to be the chief piece of educational material in the packet that will be sold to convention delegates in the series of one-day conventions to be held across the country in the first three weeks of November. Fifteen thousand extra copies have been printed for this purpose. With these convention delegates and the more than twenty-thousand strategic leaders in Protestant churches of this and other countries who subscribe to the Journal, I am sure that the message of this special number will reach a large number of people in all the churches.

Thank you again on behalf of the Council and of the Editorial Board for your message and cooperation.

Cordially yours,



PRH:mt

**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
**Washington, D. C.**

October 11, 1943

Lt. Comdr. H. E. Stassen, USNR  
c/o Staff Com. So. Pac.  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

My dear Harold:

Thanks a lot for yours of August 17 which I enjoyed very much.

I am and have been working very closely with Walter Rosenberry, Elmer Ryan and Julian Baird. Walter, Joe Ball and I had a conference very recently. All in all, I think things look very good, better in fact at this time than I thought they would.

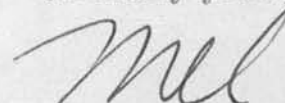
I am enclosing a couple of recent items from the Congressional Record, one of which I thought would amuse you and the other is my speech on the Fulbright Resolution. I don't imagine that you will agree with all or even most of it, but it is my thinking on the subject.

The return of the five Senators, I think is going to have a very healthy affect. These misunderstandings that have been growing up between the British and Americans, I think constitute a great threat to post-war stability than any other factor. It is best to drag it out in the open and have an understanding about it and correct it now.

The military alliance with the British would only pass on to us all of the hatred in the world that exist for the British costing us the perfectly enormous reservoir of goodwill that now exists for us throughout the world and would inevitably lead to the organization of practically the rest of the world against such an alliance. In my opinion, we must not ally ourselves with any one nation or any particular group as against other groups. A world federation of whatever nature of organization must be what it says, a world federation, whether it is a United Nations Government or the partnership of which I speak.

Please give my very best to Bill Halsey and any others of the staff I may have served with.

Cordially yours,



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Enclosures

RAYMOND E. BALDWIN  
GOVERNOR  
CARL A. LUNDGREN  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HARTFORD

October 11, 1943.

Lieutenant Commander H. E. Stassen, U.S.N.R.  
Staff Commander South Pacific  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Harold:

Your letter duly received and it was mighty nice to hear from you. I appreciate very much that from your far-off station and your many pressing duties there you would take the time to drop me a line.

Things have been going along here very briskly and I think that so far as the Republican Party is concerned, we are making real progress. We have all missed you very much at these Governors' meetings and we would have been particularly glad to have seen you at Mackinac. Governor Thye held up your end very nicely. He submitted, as you know, the outlines of your suggested plans to the Committee on Foreign Affairs and I know that it had a very wholesome effect in bringing about the final result. The press comment across the country concerning the conference was generally very favorable and right now it seems to me we are leading the opposition party in this matter of a definite foreign policy.

As an officer in the Navy I know you cannot now be concerned with politics and you must go ahead and do your job as best you can. I know that you will do just that. But forgive me for mentioning political subjects to you. I do it because I know what keen interest you have in them and what able leadership you demonstrated while you were in civilian life.

There is considerable discussion as you probably know concerning candidates for the next election. My honest judgment, off the record, is that right now the thing is pretty much up in the air. In the polls Tom Dewey seems to be out in front but I have a feeling that Wendell Willkie is making progress. Next year is a very uncertain year at best.

The news from the South Pacific is good. There are many of us who wish however that you folks out there could have more ships, more munitions, more planes and more men. I think there are many people who are coming to believe that our major war is in the Pacific. We are all intensely proud at home of the grand work that you are doing. There are



many Connecticut boys in that area. If you ever run into any of them please express my heartiest greetings and best wishes and tell them that we are proud of the job they are doing.

Personally I envy you very much but I guess I must be content to stay at home in this war, having served in the last and let my son who is now in the Navy do the Baldwin share this time.

Last summer I had a serious major operation from which I am just now completely recovering. I hope that you have been in good health and that your folks at home are well too.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes to you always,  
I am

Yours very sincerely,



Governor



October 19, 1943

Dear Governor:

Yesterday I sent you a couple of letters, containing interesting clips for the last six days. Enclosed are the ones for the last day and some others from back a little bit that I thought would interest you.

I talked to Esther yesterday, and she said she had heard from you a few days ago and that you were getting along in good ~~xx~~ shape.

Yesterday I began to work part time for George Jones; as close to half time as I will be able to manage, meaning every available afternoon. My first assignments will be, as we discussed them yesterday, to work along with him and assist in the organization of financial committees in the outlying counties, preparing material for their use, etc; and to get more active in the Young Republican set-up, including some work to improve the bulletin, if possible, and to activate the YRL in as many counties as possible.

I am glad to be doing that kind of work, and to be active in both set-ups. It should be a good thing for the whole organization, I believe.

The Star Journal seems to have run into kind of a hornet's nest with their editorial which I previously sent you. I was highly pleased to see the reaction of the people, as indicated by the enclosed letter column from yesterday afternoon's ~~xxxxxxx~~ edition.

These and other developments have been interesting. It is too bad that you must watch them from such a long distance, and be in a position to take no part in them.

I keep in pretty close touch with the little fellow, as always. His advice has been extremely helpful to me personally, as well as to others on broader questions.

Ed and I seem to be getting along very well, after not such a good start, as you no doubt noticed, before you left here. He seemed to resent sometimes my suggestions, and I confess to being too hasty and often too definite. But I have tried to pursue a constructive and helpful course with him, fitting my work in as best I can to his needs. About two weeks ago he had me in one afternoon, and had a very frank discussion, and he asked me for exact information on the whole picture, which I finally gave him without reservation. Saturday (Milt was not feeling well) I drove for him on a trip to Winona and back, and after arriving home we had a talk of two or three hours in his apartment, going into all these matters quite frankly. We disagreed on one thing very definitely--the appointment of Rollin to the RR and warehouse commission--but otherwise managed to get along pretty well as we reviewed the record of his first five and a half months. He is gratified that there have been no major mistakes (so far as we can now see) that put him in a weakened position for the forthcoming campaign. At any rate, no one has yet put any kind of holes in what he has done so far. Perhaps time will show up weaknesses that are not now apparent, and we attempt to be constantly on guard against them.

I believe Ed to be ~~fixix~~ sincere in his attempt to do the best possible kind of a job. He is still extremely conscious of the fact

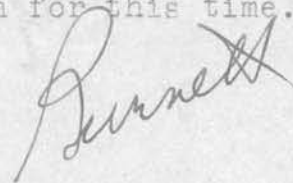
that he is following rather big footsteps; still feels that he must justify as Governor the faith you put in him when you laid your chips on him last summer and fall. But, he has started to grow as a governor in his own right, and makes no public mention of that feeling. His public appearances, generally speaking, continue to be quite successful.

Some grave questions are perhaps arising. If Dunn and Radabaugh run into a real tangle on the question of National Committeeman in 1944 it seems to me that perhaps Ed will be in something of a spot; he will have loyalties one way, and on the other hand, will have the problem of the 1945 legislature to worry about. In addition, he would have the difficulties of deciding whether or not he can achieve a victory if he puts his chips on one side; whether such a move might not have the end result of splitting the ~~xxx~~ delegation from the state with serious consequences. That will have to be untangled as time goes on.

However, we are plugging away, and trying to do the best we can. George Jones, Rose Spencer, and the Governor are sitting down with the district chairmen and women at a luncheon this noon, to discuss plans for activity in the coming months. On the agenda will be the continuation of the good government meetings, and the enlargement as ~~xxxxxxx~~ rapidly as possible of the county finance committee program. I intend to attend. The meeting, the first of its kind, to start the county finance committee program was held last Friday night. Representatives were present from about ten counties, among them Chisago, Stevens, Blue Earth, Nicollet, St. Louis, Ottertail, ~~xxxxxxx~~ and others. Also members of the A and B groups in the Twin Cities, to explain how a county functioned in this matter. The meeting was generally conceded to be successful, and I think perhaps the beginnings of a constructive program may come out of it.

As you can see, George Jones is very active. ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ He is beginning to make tentative plans now for the caucuses, assist the local committees in getting out the people, etc.

Well, I guess this is about enough for this time.



GEO. C. JONES  
560 NORTHWESTERN BANK BUILDING  
MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.

October 19, 1943

Lt. Commander H. A. Stassen  
U.S.N.R., c/o Fleet Post Office  
Staff Commander, South Pacific  
San Francisco, California

My Dear Harold:

Concerning the "Minnesota News Digest". A man by the name of White, associated with Harrison & Smith Printing Company of Minneapolis, conceived the idea of clipping from the Minneapolis Star Journal, each week, important items and printing them in small type on Bible paper and it seems to me that if you are not already getting it you would be glad to have it. In conversation with Mrs. Stassen the other day, it was her opinion that you were not receiving it so I am placing you on the mailing list from my Minneapolis office and you will receive it each week. The first one is enclosed.

Of course, if you are already receiving it, you will through some channel, let me know. If you are not receiving it, I will be delighted to be the one to have the privilege of sending it to you.

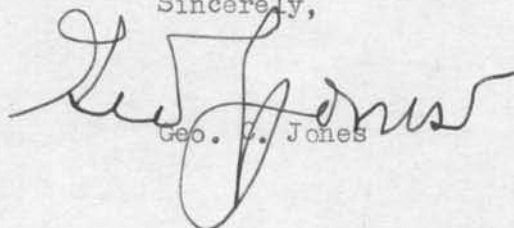
In our St. Paul office we seem to be going along splendidly. Governor Thye is continuing to make new friends and I think he is doing a marvelous job.

In talking to Mrs. Donald McCarthy she told me that you and Dr. Donald McCarthy had been together, and that he had appreciated it so much.

I am hearing from you indirectly quite often, for which I am very thankful. Knowing how busy you are I don't expect to be writing to me but I will drop you a line occasionally.

I think of you very, very often and with those thoughts go my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

  
Geo. C. Jones

GCJ:BE



DWIGHT GRISWOLD  
GOVERNOR



STATE *of* NEBRASKA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LINCOLN

October 22, 1943.

Lt. Commander Harold E. Stassen,  
c/o Southern Pacific Staff Command,  
Fleet Post Office,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Harold:

It was very fine of you to take time to write me a note relative to the article which appeared in Life Magazine. Thinking you might also be interested, I am enclosing a copy of an article of mine which recently appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. I hope it gets through to you.

You are undoubtedly having a most interesting experience, and I know that when it is all over, you will look back on it as one of the finest of a fine career. I often wish that I were in uniform myself.

Naturally you are receiving a lot of publicity in Nebraska as the plans are being formulated to place your name on the ballot. I would not attempt to make any prediction as to the result next April as no one knows just what the line-up will be. You can be sure, however, that you have the respect of many of us.

With kind regards and all best wishes, I remain

Sincerely yours,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Dwight Griswold". The signature is written in a cursive style with long, sweeping strokes, particularly in the first and last names.



Oct. 30, 1943

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Dear Harold,

Forgive me for not writing, but the big debate got underway sooner than we figured in the Senate, and I've been over my ears. Willy-nilly, I seem to be the quarterback for our gang. We have a few over 30 senators with us in seeking to write specific advocacy of an international organization, peaceful settlement of disputes and use of military force if necessary against aggression into a weasel-worded resolution reported out of Foreign Relations.

I led off debate for our side, and Hatch, Burton, Pepper and myself have spearheaded the debate for the first week. Expect to reach a vote by the end of next week. Odds are against us, but we have at any rate drawn the issue.

Willkie ~~xxxxx~~ is campaigning actively and is gaining ground with public but hurting himself I believe by his truculent attitude toward party leaders. ~~Now~~ Odds are Republican wins Lt Gov in New York Tuesday and if Dewey then becomes a candidate, he is almost a cinch. However, dope seems to be he will hang back and assess chances in final before deciding, relying on draft if he wants it. W hasn't improved radio technique, am sorry to say.

Five senators came back enthused over way you took care of them out there. All said it was best job on trip. Was amused at their stories of your ducking photogs. My older brother is going back into the Navy next monthx. He served a four year hitch during last show and goes inat his old rating quartermaster first class. Feel Warren and Walt have tendency to go to fast, but I hold em down all I can. Betty and youngsters are fine and Betty sends her love. Sure wish you were here to be in on this scrap. Am enclosing some clippings which may interest you.

As ever,

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Dear Lt. Com. Stassen:

This is just a brief note to tell you that I am now in the Naval Reserve. Commissioned Ensign in Supply Corps with orders to report to Harvard School of Business Administration for Temporary Active Duty under instruction. They tell me this is a 6 to 7 months course which seems like a break. The Commission assigns me the title of Assistant Paymaster whatever that may mean after the training I don't know.

Leaving Saturday for Boston to report there Nov. 8th. They gave me ten days. It's surprising what one can get done in that short time when you have to. Dagne and Kirsten are staying here until I know what chances there would be for them to live out there. It so happens that Dagne's oldest brother is in school in Boston Medical College so that will make it pleasant. The pinch in this thing is to separate from your family--really tough isn't it.

Governor is appointing Earl Berg to take My place until Finke or I come back. Berg is 4F and will become 38 in January. I think this will work out fine. He is a splendid fellow--loyal--unimpeachable integrity--smart enough and well thought of in the department, legislature and other departments.

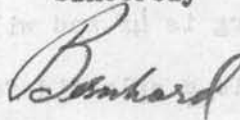
I am somewhat disturbed by what looks to me like a certain amount of factionalism growing up in the organization. Newell, Badger, Christmas, and one or two others seem to work together in one direction with some of the younger fellows including the two Dicks, Burger, Rosenberry Elmer and Doc in another. Jones is in some respects still in a third category. He is taking a narrow view of what he can do as a party official saying that he must be neutral--can't endorse anyone etc. Fuzz sides with him on this. There is also a growing tide of feeling on Rad. In fact there is where I think the shoe is really pinching. The 100%ers want to go along with the wishes of their friend those a little more interested in "how do I fit into this" are uninclined to go along. The key to this thing to my way of thinking is Wall

working thru Ed. Ed has to be in position to knock these heads together and keep them all going along. Without saying this in as direct a fashion I have tried to point out to him the need for taking more leadership with department heads. This thing can spring a pretty bad internal leak unless there is a real Skipper at the helm. You know what I mean I am sure. It has been hard for me at times to see some of the things going on but not having the same frank relationship with Ed that I had with you I have for the most part kept buttoned under. Although this relationship has steadily been getting better as we went along, I suppose it can be expected that it takes time to learn the ways one can really be of help to a new man. I am sure it will all work out well. A few well worded sentences from your quarter to the right people wouldn't hurt at all.

My new address isn't definite yet. The following should reach me however  
Ensign BernHard W. LeVander SC-V(S) U.S.N.R. Navy Supply School,  
Harvard Graduate School of Business, Boston Mass.

Best personal regards to you Harold and good luck. Any tips you might have on how to finish tops in your class would be nice to learn but difficult of execution.

Sincerely





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November 5, 1943

Hon. H. E. Stassen  
South Pacific Force  
of the United States Pacific Fleet  
Headquarters of the Commander  
c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

My dear Governor:

It was especially thoughtful of you to  
send me a note on October 19th.

I enjoyed tremendously our meeting and  
hope that I have an opportunity to see you again  
before long.

Our trip back to the mainland was  
pleasant and uneventful. I left the other members  
of the party in Los Angeles and remained a few  
days with my family, which is presently on the  
West Coast.

I am now back in Washington, after having  
made two brief trips to Kentucky. Numerous problems  
confront us here.

With every good wish, I am

Faithfully yours,

*A. B. Chandler*  
Albert B. Chandler

*Thanks for your  
many courtesies.  
A.M.C.*





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(Sender's address)  
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11/15/43  
(Date)

HELLO AGAIN —

WELL HOW'S EVERYTHING OUT YOUR WAY THESE DAYS? IF YOU'RE  $\frac{1}{2}$  AS BUSY AS THE PAPERS ETC SAY — I TAKE IT YOU'RE GETTING A LOT OF THAT ~~WORKING~~ TIME AND A HALF FOR OVERTIME — ALL KIDDING ASIDE THOUGH IT WAS TOO BAD WE DIDN'T GET TOGETHER WHILE YOU WERE AROUND THESE PARTS — MY PAL FROM HOME LI (J.G.) H.O. SIMON IS OUT YOUR WAY NO DOUBT BY THIS TIME ON THE U.S.S. BLACK — SO NO DOUBT HE'LL LOOK YOU UP AT SOME FUTURE DATE — SAME GOES FOR MY UNCLE — COM. OR CAPT J.R. DIFFLEY U.S.N AIR CORPS — ON U.S.S RANGER — WENT TO UAFM SAME TIME AS YOU — THESE GOPHERS HAVEN'T BEEN FARING SO WELL THIS YEAR AS YOU NO DOUBT ALREADY KNOW 3 FOR 6 SO FAR — CAN'T WIN EVERY YEAR — HEAR ST PAUL HAS 38" OF SNOW — B-R-R-R-R-R-R WHAT A COUNTRY I WENT TO SEE "OKLAHOMA" LAST WEEK — FINALLY — AND HAD AN EXTRA TICKET — SO PRETENDED YOU WERE THERE SO IT'S OK IF YOU LAUGH & CLAP NOW AS IT WAS VERY ENJOYABLE — AS FOR THE COCONUT OFFER I'D PRIZE IT VERY HIGHLY IF YOU COULD GET ONE TO ME HERE IN LITTLE OL' NEW YORK FROM ONE OF THOSE JAP — FORSAKEN ISLES — GOOD SAILIN' OL' BOY AS WELL AS GOOD LUCK — HOPE TO HEAR FROM YOU AGAIN WHEN YOU FIND TIME — HELLO FROM ABOUT ANOTHER 100 MINNESOTA FRIENDS IF MINE IN N.Y.C. ALSO

V...-MAIL

Sincerely,  
Tom Cody

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
EDUCATION AND LABOR

Nov. 23

Dear Harold,

Got yours of Nov. 14 and delighted to hear you got into the recent show and that things turned out so well. Sure looks like things are stepping up our there ~~with~~ the landings on the Gilberts. Take care of yourself and don't forget to duck.

Am enclosing copy of the Connally resolution as it finally passed. We proposed in committee and on floor a sub for third paragraph as follows:

"That the United States, acting through its constitutional processes, join with the other United Nations and such free and sovereign nations as may be duly admitted in the establishment and maintenance of an international organization to promote co-operation among nations, with authority to settle international disputes peacefully and with power, including military force, to suppress military aggression and to preserve the peace of the world."

The debate lasted ten days, or all of two weeks. We had fourteen senators on our amendment-- Pepper, Greene, B2H2, Maybank, Ferguson, Bridges, Downey, Truman, Guffey, Murray and one other. Austin joined us and we had over 20 votes sure when the Moscow agreements were announced. Connally's resolution originally was only the first three paragraphs. On Nov. 3 in the second week of debate, we proposed as a compromise that the Foreign Relations committee accept paragraph 4 of the Moscow four-power agreement, along with the fifth paragraph of the resolution, which was due to be adopted anyhow as an amendment. The committee, which previously had announced not a comma would be changed, accepted and two days alter the resolution was passed, 85 to 5. Those voting "no" were Shipstead, Langer, Johnson of Calif., Wheeler and Reynolds, with LaFollette paired against. I opened debate for our crowd and Hatch, Burton, Pepper and myself carried the main burden for the first week. After that, everyone began to want to get on record and we got over half the Senate on record. Needless to say, some who voted "aye", like Nye, are wrong as hell and so proven by the record they made. We probably would have been beaten on our whole amendment had it not been for Moscow, but we would then have offered it in parts and would have won some of them. Of course, the fact that we finally blasted any kind of resolution out of the committee and then got an even stronger one passed by such a tremendous majority represents a tremendous victory. Some of the newspaper men realize it and a few printed that story, but most of them did not. The whole picture looks ~~ok~~ very good if only mister Big will take the Senate into partnership on the negotiations and not make the same mistake Wilson did. Incidentally, in our efforts to "clarify an strengthen" the Connally amendment we got some interpretations from its sponsors which include just about everything we are after, from an international police force on.

GOP politics worry me. WW has stubbed toe badly in past month and John Hamilton for Pew is out organizing simply anti-Willkie. I am trying to keep our crowd from getting roped in. Dewey is publicly "not a candid ate" but quite a bit toward organizing a "draft" is being done. He looks like most likely nominee from here. I'm still leery, altho reports on his administrative job are good. He is still saying nothing on basic issues. Bricker will be stronger then many think and I think there will be a good block of Midwest Stassen votes. How well they'll stick is a question. Minnesota state committee indorsed Stassen yesterday. I argue with the boys frequently on timing, but have been too busy here to do much.

As ever

U. S. S. TRYON (APH-1)

6 December 1943.

Major General Ellard A. Walsh,  
The Adjutant General,  
State of Minnesota,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

My dear General Walsh:

A year or so ago, I furnished the Minnesota Historical Society with the following data on the four inch, fifty calibre gun then on the U.S.S. WARD which gun fired the first shot to sink an enemy vessel:

Gun No. 912, 38484-F-1-RAV  
Heat No. V-8035-10

This gun subsequently had a plaque mounted on it by the Pearl Harbor Navy Yard citing the fact that it was the first gun to sink an enemy vessel and listing by name and rate the members of the gun's crew.

The gun was removed from the WARD on, or about, January 1943 at the Puget Sound Navy Yard and it is my understanding that the bronze plaque was taken by the Captain of the Yard and was then placed in the custody of the Commandant of the Navy Yard.

In view of the fact that this gun was manned entirely by members of the 47th Division from St. Paul, Minnesota, I suggested to the Minnesota Historical Society that an attempt be made to acquire the gun after the war for mounting some place in St. Paul. In view of the fact that the plaque has evidently been removed, it is suggested that the State make an effort to acquire the plaque or at least to insure its safe keeping until it can be mounted on the gun at the completion of hostilities.

I hope this finds you in good health and looking forward to a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

H. T. DOUGHTY.

H. Condi. Stassen:  
For your  
information  
H. T. Doughty

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*Christmas Wishes*



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The friendliest wishes  
For Christmas cheer,  
And the finest kind  
Of a Happy  
New Year.

*Hoping this finds you well.*

*Your former Taxicab  
driver at St Schuyler*

*Herbert Kraft  
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NY.*



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

SPRINGFIELD

DWIGHT H. GREEN  
GOVERNOR

December 27, 1943

Lieutenant Commander Harold E. Stassen  
Staff Commander South Pacific Force  
7- Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Harold:

Your brief note, extending holiday greetings, has just reached my office today and I was very glad indeed to hear from you.

Occasionally, I get word of you from mutual friends and, in this way, I have been able to keep track in some small degree of your activities.

I hope that 1944 will see the end of the war and your safe return to help celebrate a victorious and lasting peace.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dwight H. Green".

GOVERNOR



STATE OF MICHIGAN  
EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
LANSING

HARRY F. KELLY  
GOVERNOR

December 30, 1943

Harold E. Stassen, Lt. Cd.,  
U.S.N.R.  
Staff Com So. Pac.  
Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

Just a note to let you know how much I  
enjoyed your Christmas greeting.

I sincerely hope you have a pleasant  
holiday season and that when another  
Christmas rolls around, it will see  
the Victory won, and the boys back  
home enjoying Christmas with their  
families and friends.

Sincerely

*Harry F. Kelly*  
Governor

HFK:hl



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
GOVERNOR'S OFFICE  
HARRISBURG

THE GOVERNOR

December Thirtieth  
Nineteen Forty-three

Dear Governor:

It's mighty nice  
to take of your time to send me a Christmas  
Greeting.

I congratulate you  
on the magnificent work you are performing.  
It has been fine to have known you, and I  
sincerely trust that we may see each other  
in the near future.

That peace may  
come in 1944 is our wish and prayer.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Edward Martin".

EDWARD MARTIN

Lt. Comdr. H. E. Stassen, USNR  
Staff Commander South Pacific Force  
c/o Fleet Post Office  
San Francisco, California





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