

*Labor sheet is
out*

Special edition of "Labor", weekly
4-page paper of 15 standard rail-
road brotherhoods being circulated
in behalf of Senator Shipstead.

The first copy has been received by Harry Bender, Chairman of the State Legislative Committee for the Brotherhood of Railway Clerks, who has taken a leave of absence to devote full time to the Shipstead campaign up to July 8th. He normally works for the Great Northern Railroad. Bender says 25,000 copies of the sheet will be distributed in Minnesota to all railroad workers and to railway mail clerks first, and the balance for general house-to-house distribution.

The paper is issued under a dateline of Washington, D. C., June 22. The front page also points out that it is being paid for by the railroad brotherhoods.

It has a front page editorial in behalf of Shipstead signed by the presidents of the 15 brotherhood organizations. These signatures do not include Whitney and Johnson, heads of the brotherhoods that struck a few weeks ago.

The front page heading reads: "Shipstead Entitled to Victory. Never Deserted Peoples' Interests." A smaller headline reads: "First of all a farmer, but he seeks justice for every class." It states to the effect that the cooperative movement is safeguarded by Shipstead, that he is the father of the REA, and a sturdy defender of it. It has a tribute from Bill Green in a letter to George Lawson and a story about Shipstead battling for fair farm prices. There is also a story highlighting his Norwegian ancestry. It has endorsements from Senator Edwin C. Johnson, Democrat of Colorado and from Senator Arthur Capper, Republican of Kansas. It has a story about Shipstead fighting to save the M & St. L Railroad. It has a story which says his record of aid to veterans is perfect. It contains a copy of his keynote speech. Favorable quotations from the state papers and an account of Shipstead's support for old age pensions are contained.

The same kind of thing has been done by the same groups in Shipstead's past campaigns.

Our friend Joe Ball really threw a bombshell by his actions, but time alone will tell what results will be concerning his political future. Personally, I think that while he created a terrific enmity within the Republican Party that so far as he is concerned personally, if renominated he will not lose any votes in a general election.

Of course, Ed Thye won in a walk and carried most of the Republicans with him.

I was over at the Capitol the other day and saw Les Badger who is just recovering from pneumonia but apparently feeling pretty good. Fred Hughes, Ernie Messner, and Paul Albrecht were all looking fine and apparently feeling good. I am planning to go over to St. Paul again in the near future, and I am going to make it a point to drop in and see Esther and say hello. I have seen Vi and her husband and Elmer and Venice not too long ago, and they were all feeling good at that time.

You perhaps know that they are reopening the big plant at Rosemount and reopening some sections again at New Brighton, although labor is pretty short in this area at this time.

I see bob Smith once in awhile, and as you know, he is Vice President of Investors Syndicate in charge of sales and has quite a job on his hands. He is working hard, however, and I think he is going to do a good job. I saw Charlie Stone awhile back, and he has bought a house in south Minneapolis within the past year. I think Charlie is doing a very good job as Deputy Commissioner of Taxation.

I saw Maurie Hursh who is looking fine, and I often wish I had his even going temperament. As you know, they have four children, and Mrs. Hursh was in the hospital with TB not only of the lungs but, as I understand it, it permeated her entire system. I don't believe they expected her to live, but she made a miraculous recovery and is back home doing her housework once again.

I don't know of any other particular news, Harold, that would be interesting to you but will try to write you again in the not too distant future. I know you are busy, but if you ever have time, I would certainly enjoy having a line from you. In the meantime, I hope that you succeed in keeping a piece of dry hulk under your feet and that the best the Japs can do on your ship is a far miss. Please accept my very best wishes for a safe and speedy return.

Sincerely,

Les
Had a nice visit with Col. Rasmussen who said he had quite a visit with you recently. He thanks you as OK. Saw Webb Coffe last fall and altho' Thinned down a bit he was feeling fine.



S O M E W H E R E I N T H E S O U T H P A C I F I C

WELCOME BACK
COMSOPAC

He's home again from the hunting;
Though it's not the season's end,
He has bagged this sortie's limit
As he will again, my friend.

You see, it's open season
And traps are never barred,
In this hunt it's hit often,
Hit fast, and hit 'em hard.

He started off the fracas,
Not by remote control,
He went right in to rout 'em
And run 'em up a pole.

Now that he's got it going
And it is running jake,
He's back to scheme another
And bigger Jap headache.

So, one of these fine mornings
Old Tojo's going to learn
That Admiral Halsey means it
When he says, "I'll call the turn."

My Dear Harold:

I cannot begin to tell you how grateful I am to you for your last letter. It happened to arrive on a day which had been a little difficult-- as you have guessed the snipers have been aiming their shots with telling accuracy. I don't mind what they think of me-- but I wouldn't want to hurt Joe or you. And for you as well as Joe to understand so completely means a great deal to me.

I have a feeling from various people I have talked to that the other party takes our candidate more seriously than his own. Which shows how good he must be! But I know he is being talked about a lot at various gatherings and over the tea-cups-- which is all to the good. I have always felt that is a darn good way of doing the trick.

With my best--

Betty

P.S. -- You will be interested to know that I now have a helluva time getting Betty's nose off the grindstone -- for

Dear Harold: - (I know I should write Lt. Comdr. but that seems so formal but our hats go off to you!!!)

Our Girls Club (of Riverview) have been writing to the different boys from church who are in the service. It is rather hard for us to write to all, so we try and drop a line to a few each month. At last we have come to you. I did promise to drop you the "messenger" but during the summer we don't have them printed. We have been following you around as much as possible thru the newspaper. Last what I found in Aug 24th Sunday paper. Recognize him? We do!!

Rev. Mrs. Welling & family are back from their vacation. Emma W. & Schumacher is feeling much better, and so is Emma Platt. - We hope you haven't gotten sick. We are with you in prayer - Lucille Blenck

Battle Att.

Greetings: How is life in the navy??

Our girls club is meeting at the home of Edith Hunsd this evening. It has turned so cool it reminds one of winter. I read the following in the Ruth Kargweg paper the other night and thought you might be interested in what's going on in Italy.

"The boys have marked over the ice and are going up the shin in order to get at the heel." "Kelly"

A young English officer put up at a famous Park Avenue hotel, neglecting to ask the room rate first. On his departure, he was given his bill. He gazed at it a moment and then sought the cashier. "Am I correct," he asked, "in assuming that suggestions from your patrons are welcome?"

"They certainly are," said the cashier. "Hasn't everything been satisfactory?"

"Everything has been fine," said the officer, "but I have noticed that you have a sign posted in your rooms which reads, 'Have you left anything?' Change the sign to read, 'Have you anything left'"

Rosena Rust.

Greetings!
I am a member of Girl Club, Riverview Baptist. Psalm 62:8 Ruth Kaiser

P.S. - How is life in the service? Hope fine. Winter seems to be coming in a hurry. Keeping up the home front seems to be a job but we hope and pray that the time will soon come when you will be home again.

Ann Kargweg

Greetings:

A man that hath friends must seek himself friendly. and these

is a friend that sticketh closer
than a brother.

Prov 8-24:

In Christ,
Mrs M. Kuzweg.

Hells:

at this time we are again greeting
you from the Girls Club and as for me
also from the parsonage.

We are back in St. Paul again after
a much appreciated months vacation
which we spent in Dakota with our
folks and of course also attended our
North Western Conference in Wisconsin.

All our Church organizations have again
become active for the coming months.

We do remember all of you in our prayers
and also ask that you remember our work
here in the Church in your prayers. We pray
that we as individuals and as a Church may
live more victoriously for our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ. Mrs. Wobig.

P.S. The Teachers + officers of the S. S.
will meet in your home to night
with Eda entertaining.

DOUG'S COMMUNIQUE

For two long years, since blood and tears have
 been so very rife,
Confusion in our war news, burdens more a
 soldier's life.
But from this chaos, daily, like a hospice on
 the way,
Like a shining light to guide us, rises
 Doug's Communique.

For should we fail to get the mail,
 if prisoners won't talk,
If radios are indisposed and carrier pigeons
 walk,
We have no fear because we'll hear tomorrow's
 news today
And see our operations plan in
 Doug's Communique.

Here, too, is told the saga bold,
 of virile deathless youth
In stories seldom tarnished with the
 plain unvarnished truth.
It's quite a rag, it waves the flag, its
 motif is the fray,
And modesty is plain to see, in
 Doug's Communique.

"My battleships bombard the Nips from
 Maine to Singapore.
My subs have sunk a million tons, they'll
 sink a billion more.
My aircraft bombed Berlin last night."
 In Italy they say,
"Our turn's tonight, because it's right in
 Doug's Communique.

"My armored tanks have mowed his ranks,
 so Rommel's gone to hide.
And the frozen Steppes of Russia see
 my wild Don Cossacks ride.
My brave beleaguered Chetniks make
 the Axis sweat and pay"
It's got to be, it's what we see in
 Doug's Communique.

His area is quite cosmic, and
 capricious as a breeze;
Ninety times as big as Texas,
 bigger than Los Angeles,
It springs from lost ATLANTIS; up to
 where the Angels play;
And no sparrow falls unheeded, it's in
 Doug's Communique.

He used to say, "And with God's help",
 but lately it has seemed
That his patience is exhausted,
 and God's on his second team.
And the Cabots and the Lodges, too, have
 long ceased to pray
That they'll even squeeze a byline into
 Doug's Communique.

And while possibly a rumor now,
 someday it will be fact
That the Lord will hear a deep voice say,
 "Move over God, it's Mac."
So bet your shoes that all the news,
 that last great Judgement Day,
Will go to press in nothing less than
 Doug's Communique.



"THE LAST RESORT"

This is to Certify That:

Comdr. Harold Stassen

IS A CHARTER MEMBER OF THIS CLUB,
BEING SO CHOSEN AFTER FOUND TO
BE IRRESPONSIBLE, WORTHLESS, PENNI-



LESS AND OTHER ITEMS THAT MAKE A

HELL OF A GOOD FELLOW. DUES PAID FOR
1944 & HEREAFTER.

Hubert
ORNERY PRESIDENT



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL
GOVERNOR

January 3, 1944

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

Dear Harold:

You were a good fellow to write, and your letter of the 21st was received on the 3rd of January.

I hear about you from time to time from several friends of yours who have been here in Massachusetts, notably W. S. Rosenberry and Dana Stone. Dana Stone has invited me to speak to the Republicans in St. Paul on February 16th, and I plan to go out to do so. Needless to say I appreciate being asked.

Things are going along here about the same. However, with our Labor troubles increasing here in Massachusetts we have been kept busy, but we are still the second state in the Union in the number of Army-Navy "E's".

There is much discussion about delegates to the Republican Convention, but I hope they will go unpledged and I believe they will.

Great war news in the last few days. Let us pray that it keeps up.

The best of luck to you, and thanks for writing.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "L. Saltonstall".

Leverett Saltonstall
Governor of the Commonwealth

LS:sd



JOHN W. BRICKER
GOVERNOR

STATE OF OHIO
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBUS 15

January
Third
1944

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

Dear Harold:

It pleases me very much to hear from you. You are often the subject of conversation, at the Governors' meetings and the Council. We are all very proud of you. I hope for you the very best year ever.

I talked to your campaign manager in New York but did not get to see him. I appreciated his calling. The New York newspapermen were also talking about you.

Yours sincerely,

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John W. Bricker".

JWB/fb



RAYMOND E. BALDWIN
GOVERNOR

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS
HARTFORD

January 4, 1944.

My dear Harold:

It was mighty nice to get your Christmas message.

This note is to convey my heartiest greetings and best wishes to you and to your good family too. My thoughts often turn your way, particularly as we are entering now this national election year. I am pleased to see much favorable comment about you across the country. What the Convention may bring forth remains still in doubt. I wish I could feel the optimism about a Republican victory that many here feel.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Yours very sincerely,


Governor

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

EVERETT M. DIRKSEN
16TH DIST. ILLINOIS

WENDELL E. CABLE
SECRETARY

COMMITTEES:
APPROPRIATIONS
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

Pekin, Ill.
Jan. 5, 1944.

Harold E. Stassen,
Lt. Comdr USNR
Staff, Commander South Pacific
Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Harold:

Your letter was eventful. I noticed that it was written on the shortest day of the year and arrived on my birthday- January 4th. It has been an enjoyable holiday season, notwithstanding the fact that the war psychosis is upon the people and apprehension over anticipated casualties has made a deep impression. I noticed it yesterday while attending a farm sale and talking with farmers. Let us hope that not too far in the future, the European show will wind up and that thereafter we can make short shrift of the Jap enemies.

Last week, about 25 of the old Minnesota fellows including six old classmates of mine foregathered for lunch at the LaSalle in Chicago. It proved to be a genuinely pleasant fellowship. Jake was present and I was happy to note that he had entirely recovered from his recent attack of the "flu".

On January 19th, I shall be in St. Paul to address the Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation. Governor Thye is also on the dinner program and I expect to visit with him and many of your friends. Have not talked to Tib for several weeks and will probably call him before I go to St. Paul.

Political interest is slow in getting started. There is of course newspaper speculation and some discussion but not in proportion to the importance of 1944 in the scheme of things. I presume it will begin to warm up within the next month or two. I expect to attend the National Committee meeting in Chicago on the 10th and 11th of January. Selection of the Convention City will be regarded as a test of strength between various forces.

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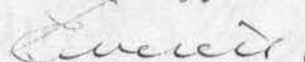
Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

Most serious controversy of the moment is that which developed as a result of the "anonymous" statement by an administration spokesman that the rail and coal and steel strikes or threatened strikes have deferred victory by six months. This has kicked up a lively discussion and generated a good deal of hostility toward the administration. A few more of such incidents will make a Republican victory as inevitable as the Judgment Day.

Congress reconvenes on the 10th. A host of controversial items must be disposed. There is the Discharge Pay Bill for Men in the Armed Forces, the Soldier Vote Bill, the Farm Subsidy Bill, a Farm Labor Bill, the Truman Crosser Bill to provide for wage increases for railroad men notwithstanding the administration action taken by Stabilizer Vinson, and a number of others. It promises to be a lively time on the Congressional Front.

Let me hope that this finds you in fine fettle and excellent spirit. My best wishes attend you wherever duty may lead.

Sincerely,





STATE OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE CHAMBER
ALBANY

THOMAS E. DEWEY
GOVERNOR

January 8, 1944.

Harold E. Stassen,
Lieutenant Commander, U.S.M.R.,
Staff Commander South Pacific Force,
Fleet Post Office,
San Francisco, California.

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for your nice note of
December 21st and for your Holiday Greeting's
which Mrs. Dewey and I appreciate very much.

Not so long ago I saw some of your
friends who were in New York and they handled
themselves exceedingly well. Doctor Radabaugh
made the appointment and I wrote him only a
few days ago of my very great pleasure at
meeting with them.

It is too bad that you have not been
able to visit the United States recently, and
I do hope you will have a leave during the
spring. It would be grand to see you. In the
meanwhile, I hope things are going well with
you in the service and that your family are all
well and happy.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Thomas E. Dewey".

TED:CM

January 18, 1944

Dear Commander:

It was very thoughtful of you to think of us at the holiday season and your greetings were very much appreciated by the Langlie family.

This New Year promises to be one of unprecedented activity. As you know, the states have been giving careful study of late to the calling of special session to provide means of implementing the vote of those in service. To date the congress has not clarified its attitude, but some decision should be reached soon which would assist the states in determining their course of action.

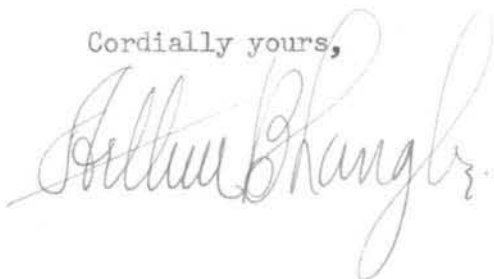
Governor Warren was a visitor in our state last week, coming to Seattle to participate in a coast-wide conference on O.C.D. It is anticipated there will be tremendous activity here when the main theatre of operations is shifted to the Pacific. The Governor spent several days in the state and was warmly welcomed on every hand. We enjoyed having him with us.

It has been encouraging to observe--almost feel--the resurgent spirit of the Republicans. You will be interested to know that in what had been a strong democratic area for some years, fifteen hundred enthusiastic people gathered last November to hear Eric Johnston at a dinner meeting sponsored by the Pierce County Republicans. Wendell Willkie is scheduled to speak in the same city on February 11.

The time will be short between now, the convention and our advanced primary date. I know how much you would like to be in pitching with us at this time and we shall certainly miss you.

Our continuing good wishes to you and yours and I sincerely hope that as we work with renewed hope and vision for complete Victory and enduring Peace, good health, happiness and success may be yours.

Cordially yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur B. Langley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Arthur B. Langley".

Lieutenant Commander Harold E. Stassen, U.S.N.R.
Staff Commander South Pacific
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California



EARL WARREN
GOVERNOR

State of California

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

SACRAMENTO (14)

January 20, 1944

Lieut. Commander Harold Stassen, U.S.N.R.
Staff Company, South Pacific
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

It pleased me very much to receive your holiday greetings from the South Pacific.

My secretary told me that you phoned when you were in San Francisco, but understood that you were there for only a few hours thereafter, and that I could not reach you. I was very sorry to miss the opportunity for a chat.

Mrs. Warren joins me in sending our best wishes for the New Year. We hope that your duties will bring you back to the United States and that we may have an opportunity to see you.

Sincerely,

Governor

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Albert H. Crosby
1010 Midland Bank Bldg.
Mimeograph
THE CHICAGO CLUB

2/13/44

Dear Harold -

Since resigning from the Farmers & Mechanics Bank in December to resume good health, I have been travelling a good deal to ^{see} old friends & relatives and incidentally have made many new ones. I have been to Cleveland, Elmira, New York, Boston, Worcester, Detroit, Bay City, Flint, Denver, Lincoln. a few days at home and several in Chicago. I happened to be here for 3 days Jan 9, 10 & 11.

Last week I had the pleasure of meeting your parents and of driving with your wife and Elmer & his wife. Glenn appeared, looking well, but the young lady had retired. Mr. Hodges ^{& I} both admired your home & were particularly interested in the pull screen for your fireplace. What great people your parents are! Mr. Hodges had a great time kidding them about being in a certain white house. All seemed very well.

In Chicago I met a swell Lt. in the Navy - one Bill Lane who boasts of having worn at ^{welding a} his uniform ordered by you. Buck Meas, Henry Pope, Roy Brownell at 7-lit (and his son) and countless others were interested to hear about you.

As I claim to know you, I enclose a ~~the~~ snap-shot so that you will no longer confuse me with a Pillsbury the next time we meet. You have been ^{the} consistent on or two occasions we have met since that first dinner at the Mpls. Club with Al Lindley - but then I was tagged a Pillsbury. I don't mind but they might object.

Next Tuesday I make a swing West to see one brother in Los Angeles with the Army Air Corps & another in Nevada. En route I am spending a day with New friends in Tulsa and hope to visit with Mr. Sumner at Albuquerque. Am boy attended a school in Colorado of which she is the main pillar. I also hope to see some Mormon friends in Salt Lake and Chas. Elliott at Hyannis, Nebraska. All that in the next 2 or 3 weeks, already too long so will continue soon. All best wishes to you.

Al Lindley

SOUTH PACIFIC FORCE
OF THE UNITED STATES PACIFIC FLEET
HEADQUARTERS OF THE COMMANDER

*Admiral
Castello
H. H. C. C.*

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MEMORANDUM

From:

To:

- 1 LT. Gen Harmon.
2. V. Adm. Newton
3. R. Adm. Wilkinson
- 4 R. Adm. Badger
- 5 R Adm. Carney
- 6 R. Sherman

R Adm AT Merrill

2927-44th St NW
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Adm Halsey

Adm Nimitz

Lt. Gen. Harman

V. Adm. Newton.

R. Adm - Wilkinson

R. Adm - Badger.

~~R. Adm - Carney~~

~~R. Adm - Sherman~~

R. Adm - Sherman

M. Gen - - Breese.

M. Gen - Barnett.

B. Gen - Owen.

B. Gen - Riley

B. Gen - Thomas.

WHY —

"Yours for Stassen"?

Because I want our next President to be an honest, able, forthright man, with experience as a public administrator; sound financial judgment; proven ability to balance the rights of labor and industry; disregard for "deals" or "blocs" of any sort, and with the qualities of a great personal leader. Also, because he is the one available Republican candidate who has worked out and made public, as a basis for consideration, a common-sense post-war program that makes allowance for human nature, while serving the interests of his native land.

If you will look into the record of Harold E. Stassen, who resigned during his third term as Governor of Minnesota to enter the service, and now is with the Navy in the South Pacific, I think you'll be for him, too, and sign all your letters as I am,



Yours for Stassen





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