

811 Jefferson St.
Alexandria, Va.

I have written
Dear Mrs. Stassen,

As a young Republican from Hibbing,
Minn., may I comment you most highly
on your AP story today endorsing Gov. Dewey.

When Sen. Ball came out for Roosevelt,
people in Washington assumed your husband
felt the same way. Knowing your husband's
political career, excellent judgment, and the
faith we of Minnesota have in him, I strongly
insisted that no one had any business
judging him for Ball's statement — until
he spoke for himself.

So, your admirable stand both in
Minneapolis (which was given wide publicity
in Washington newspapers) and your statement
today, certainly made me very happy.

In case you don't remember me, I come
from the Early newspaper family of Hibbing,
my father being the late James H. Early.

Incidentally, one Washington newspaper
columnist blames Mrs. Ball for influencing
Joe Ball into thinking he is a second
Abraham Lincoln.

Most sincerely,
Peggy Early

This monthly official organ of the Teamsters is personally edited by Dan Tobin and many of the articles appear under

Stassen vs. Shipstead in 1946

Teamsters Back Stassen as Minnesota Senator

BY LESTER M. HUNT

A MOVE to elect Lieut. Com. Harold E. Stassen as United States senator from Minnesota in 1946 is already taking shape among the Teamsters of that state.

Stassen was three times elected governor of Minnesota and resigned his office to enter the navy after the outbreak of war. He is now serving on the staff of Admiral Halsey in the Pacific.

The preliminary moves in behalf of Stassen are being taken by the Teamsters in his absence and without his knowledge or consent. They simply believe he would be a natural for the senate in 1946 and they are friendly toward him.

In fact, it was through the Teamsters that Stassen, while governor, was invited to address the national convention of the American Federation of Labor in Seattle in 1941. It was the first time any governor had been so honored.

Previously the only governors to address the national conventions of the AFL were the chief executives of the states in which the conventions were held.

Stassen came halfway across the continent to speak to the convention that year. His invitation was also a rebuke to Gov. Arthur B. Langlie of Washington state, a bitter foe of the Teamsters.

The Teamsters settled their score with Langlie last fall at the polls. He was defeated after only one term in office.

Stassen made many friends among AFL union leaders during his appearance in Seattle.

The members of those unions in Minnesota are expected to join the Teamsters there in building an organization that would return Stassen to public life when he returns from combat duty.

It is probable that Stassen will have re-

turned to civil life by election time in November of 1946.

If the war is not over by then, or if Stassen is still in service, the Teamsters believe he could be easily elected anyway. They are laying their plans to carry on their campaign for an absent candidate.

This was done successfully by the Teamsters in East St. Louis, Ill., last fall when Pvt. Melvin Price, in a southern military camp, was elected congressman to replace the isolationist, Calvin Johnson.

With a candidate as well known as Stassen, there would be no difficulty in electing him, particularly against a man like Senator Henrik Shipstead, one of the few remaining isolationists in Congress.

Shipstead's term expires in 1946. For the last two years the Teamsters have carried on a running fight against Shipstead through the columns of their newspaper, the *Minnesota Teamster*.

Stassen is remembered as one of the few Republicans in public life who supported President Roosevelt's policy of preparedness in the pre-Pearl Harbor days when short-sighted and vindictive men like Shipstead were yelping with the *Chicago Tribune* that the President was a "warmonger."

Stassen rose to national prominence in the Republican convention of 1940 when he nominated Wendell Willkie for the presidency.

That same year Stassen again won favorable attention when he appointed an internationalist—Joseph H. Ball—to the United States Senate to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the isolationist, Senator Lundeen.

Since then Ball has distinguished himself by his grasp of world affairs. He has become a leader in the fight for a world organization

his byline. You no doubt saw Pearson's article re Teamsters, Stassen, & 1948.
Is this a trial balloon? Local officials deny & burn it.

with power to enforce peace with bayonets, if necessary to avert another world war.

During the recent campaign in Minnesota, Ball cooperated with the Teamsters to defeat two isolationist congressmen, one of them the notorious Melvin Maas, whose voting record was even worse than that of Ham Fish, Gerald Nye or Robert A. Taft.

Notwithstanding the fact that the isolationists were on the Republican ticket, Ball helped defeat them and elect two Democrats in their places because he valued the welfare of his country above that of his political party. Incidentally, both the successful Democrats were Teamsters.

Ball's fearless stand in favor of liberal candidates regardless of their political affiliations has won him new prestige among members of organized labor in Minnesota.

This has been of material benefit to Stas-

sen because Stassen is recognized as the political godfather of Ball. Ball has been making a lot of friends for Stassen while Stassen has been in the navy.

Stassen has presidential aspirations and was a candidate at the last Republican national convention in Chicago. He was flattened by the Dewey steam roller.

With a war record on top of his record in public life, Stassen looms as a major presidential candidate in 1948.

If he should step into the senate in 1946, he would have two years to gain new national leadership before the nominating conventions for the next presidential campaign.

At any rate, the Teamsters in Minnesota are looking ahead and are beginning to perfect an organization for Stassen that will send him to Washington, D. C., in 1946.

From there on, it's up to him.

"Aged" K. C. Member Wipes Out Machine Gun Nest

THE army has decided that "old men" nearing 40 don't make such good soldiers. That was before Henry Stallbories of Local No. 335, Kansas City, got into action.

Stallbories, at the age of 38, was one of the last men of that advanced age accepted for military service in August, 1943.

Now Stallbories is in action in France. He has been promoted to sergeant and has been recommended for a decoration for bravery under fire.

In a letter to International Auditor Frank

D. Brown of Indianapolis, also a member of Local No. 335, Stallbories related how he had wiped out a German machine gun nest single-handed and saved the rest of his squad from death.

"I'm now in the front lines fighting these Krauts from all angles and I must say that things are a little tougher now that we have them with their backs to the wall," he wrote Brown. "I've had a little promotion, the hard way. So you see the old man is coming along in pretty good shape."

Rochester Drivers Win Safety Awards

Speaking of safe driving, President Daniel M. Kelly of Joint Council No. 17 of Rochester, N. Y., writes the International to call attention to the fine record of the drivers employed by the National Biscuit Company.

The company recently held a banquet for

the drivers serving its 17 bakeries to honor them for having won the Rochester and Monroe County safety driving awards for three years.

The Teamsters handling the equipment of this company have driven 1,463,060 miles without a single accident.

If business men could be made to realize on which side their bread is buttered, they would join with labor in its efforts to maintain purchasing power, which is what the raising of wage rates really means.—The Chicago Union Leader.

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TELEGRAM

HARRY LUCE
TIME LIFE
NEW YORK CITY.

TUESDAY MORNING AGREEABLE FOR CONFERENCE X MUST LEAVE AT NOON
FOR ALBANY X YOU SET THE TIME X REGARDS

HAROLD ~~Z~~. STASSEN.

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Data wanted about:-

1. Church services attended in unusual places.
2. Religious spirit or attitudes of officers, especially of superior officers.
3. Any experiences in Honolulu or larger ports.
(Churches there, Christian influence etc.)
4. Impressions of navy boys.
5. Principles (Christian) that undergirded the San Francisco Conference.
6. What opportunities for propagation of Christian missions in postwar world.

Data wanted by July 15.

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Remember that any jet down ~
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the person who put him
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Confident Admiral Helms
+ his fighter identified
will receive the
for suicide attacks

He has outposts + outposts
+ explained the paper
in my campaign for
3 years - he will do it again
with a minimum of casualties

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Harold E. Stassen

January 2, 1945

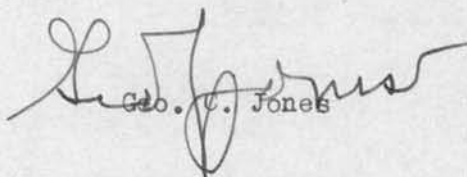
which you will in due course receive. Governor Thye has really done a grand job. I am sure you heard all about Senator Ball's actions so I won't go into any detail except to say that I think he was terribly unfair.

I just talked to Mrs. Stassen over the phone and told her that I had received a note from you and gave her the date of it. She and the children are in excellent health for which we are all very grateful. They are doing a grand job of carrying on.

Yes, I have watched the progress in the Pacific and it certainly is encouraging. I am not as pessimistic about the German thrust as many laymen are and believe it will eventually be to the benefit of the Allies.

My very best wishes to you, Harold.

Sincerely,


Geo. C. Jones

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THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL
GOVERNOR

January 2, 1945

Commander Harold E. Stassen
Commander Third Fleet
Staff Commander Third Fleet
c/o Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, California

Dear Harold:

A Happy New Year to you and thanks for your letter. I want to the best job I can and along the lines that you and I feel are right. The best of luck to you wherever you may go.

Everything I hear of your work in the Navy has added to the prestige you had as Governor. I see from time to time our mutual friends from Minneapolis and St. Paul, and I know when I get to Washington I will see even more.

When you write Mrs. Stassen, wish her a Very Happy New Year from us and the same to your good self.

Very sincerely yours,

Leverett S.

Leverett Saltonstall
Governor of the Commonwealth

GEO. C. JONES
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MINNEAPOLIS 2, MINN.

January 2, 1944

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

My dear Harold:

I am very glad to receive your letter dated December 17th extending your best wishes to us.

I had a note from Gordon, who is an Ensign in the Navy and on a fleet oiler, and he said, "If Governor Stassen is where I thought he was I should have seen him the other day." We of course, do not know where Gordon is but apparently has been at sea practically all the time during the past 90 days. We hear from him occasionally and he is in good spirits. David is in command of a company (not yet a captain) but has been in command of the company for the past six months and located in northern Italy. We hear from him quite regularly. He is in good health and good spirits.

Mrs. Jones and I are both very well but I did have a very strenuous time during the campaign. Governor Thye made a great showing and I will be sending to you within a few days a printed analysis of the election which I am sure you will find very interesting.

The general purpose of it is intended to build up the morale of our organization which will include the precinct workers by showing that it was really a great victory for our party in the state and that the national election was really very close. They will also be furnished with additional copies for partial distribution for people within the communities.

Governor Thye will deliver his inaugural address tomorrow, Wednesday noon. While in all probability someone will be sending you a copy of the speech I will send one to you

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Edgar Mowrer
on World Affairs

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NEW YEAR'S SUGGESTION FOR CAPITALISTS
BY EDGAR ANSEL MOWRER

As a stubborn believer in the desirability of maintaining the private enterprise system in the U. S. A., this writer is continually shocked by what looks like an American businessmen's plot to destroy it. Are these people congenital pirates or happy nitwits?

For instance: about a month ago, Professor Irving Fisher, orthodox economist of high standing, wrote a letter congratulating the New York Times on agreeing that socialism, in the United States, is not inevitable. But what did Professor Fisher say? Did he condemn the political folly and economic blunders of American business leaders in the twelve years between 1920 and 1932 when they planted the seeds of World War Two? He did not. He did not even mention them.

Instead he mentioned approvingly a book written by another professor on "the failure of American Government efforts at business."

This is all right with me. I spent fifteen months as a Government bureaucrat and what I saw made me no convert to State Socialism.

But not even the threat of a Fifth Term would make me want to go back to the Harding-Coolidge-Hoover period when history was recording the staggering failure of American (and foreign) businessmen in government.

Name them? That's easy. I could fill a whole page if my editors would give me a chance. Here are just a few:

Insistence that Germany pay reparations in money not in goods, thereby breaking down the international trading system.

Raising the American tariff, until the U. S. almost drowned in its useless gold and the rest of the world was forced into autarky.

Selling German bonds wholesale to honest American saps. (Note that American banks stayed in the short-term field and got their money back. American industries palled up industrially with fascists and Nazis and went right on working with them after the war broke out.)

on World Affairs 1/2/40
Making loans to Benito Mussolini, a deliberate scheme for buttressing a contemptible regime hostile to American aims and ideals.

The result of this business control of the U. S. government was the greatest depression of all times.

Did the businessmen then repent, confess their errors and mend their ways? They did not.

Right on through the Thirties they continued to support Mussolini, rushed into partnership with Hitler, sold everything they could to aggressive Japan, participated in a world-wide mesh of ruthless cartels dominated to an unbelievable extent by the Nazi Government, deprived their own people of essential war materials, supported Hitler and Franco as well as Mussolini, supplied the Axis with oil and other necessities even after 1939 and, in a few cases, maintained business contacts with the Nazis after the United States went to war with Germany.

(All this, dear reader, can be proved. One good source is Ambassador Dodd's Diary.)

Have they now repented? Far too many of them have not.

They have insisted on preserving the Basel Bank for International Settlements, an institution that has never -- never -- benefited any people but the Germans.

Some of them are fairly drooling in their eagerness to get back into shake-down cartel arrangements with German business (and anyone else willing to play that game).

Most of them act as if this war were just an "episode." They do not see that planned economy is on the march all over Europe. They do not know that what they call "normalcy" is dead -- perhaps forever.

They have apparently not realized that the choice facing them is not between "private initiative" (by which too often they mean private international monopoly) and government interference, but between international regulation and collectivism. The people in this country do not like monopolies. But if they have to choose between government monopoly and private monopoly, they will choose the former.

So here is my New Year's suggestion to fellow believers in the private enterprise system:

Cease yearning for 1929;

reform the patent laws to make enterprise free at home;

realize that arrangements necessary for the economic harmony of nations are going to be made by governments, not by private monopolies;

quit opposing official economic cooperation with other countries -- support the Anglo-American Oil Agreement (or a better one);

understand that civil aviation is a political weapon and must be controlled internationally;

urge the Congress to ratify the Bretton Woods Agreement;

support the Dumbarton Oaks Proposals whole-heartedly, for without peace private initiative is doomed;

and finally, keep sordid business greed out of American politics.

If you will do all this, we need not fear the coming of socialism here.

Happy new year!

PRESS ALLIANCE, INC.

JAN 2

Dear H.E.S.,

The Shurton Hotel doesn't
provide very good writing equipment
and I left my pen home as usual
so this will be a short communication
— from Capt. —, Operations
Branch, Labor Section, Industrial
Personnel Division, War
Dept., Pentagon Bldg.
I sent that something?

Looks like it will be
permanent. Manpower
work, liaison, selective service, congressional
etc.

Write via Marge.

Regards

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Jan. 2, 1945

Dear Harold,

Starting out a new year, with thanks for your informative and kind letter, and the gift attached. You are well aware that the latter would not have been necessary, but it was accepted and appreciated by this impoverished reporter.

Had a pleasant visit with Esther and your children late Friday. Fortunately, Grant who is home on leave was able to be with me, and he was able to tell Esther about your conversation of early November. Grant got 20 days, spent about 15 here. He will leave here late tonight or tomorrow, expects he may be transferred to another assignment before his ship puts out to sea.

Otherwise, I can tell you little of news. The state legislature convened at noon today; Vin Weber was chosen president pro tem. During the holidays and Grant's visit, I have been out of touch with almost everything except for the contacts I make in connection with my work.

I have been given to understand that others are carrying on in furnishing clippings and other news of interest, and also told that there was no need for duplication. I hope, if you feel that what is being done is inadequate, you will tell me immediately. I am in a good position here, of course, to see all the ~~the~~ papers and would be happy to mail you things of local interest.

I am undertaking a little analysis, but am slow in getting started, due to the fact that I have used up my time off in advance to be with Grant. Yet, there is some time evenings and the next two Sundays and I will also manage at least one day during the week to devote to it, which should be sufficient for what is in mind. Certain printed forms which are necessary are in the process of preparation by a trusted friend, to whom I explained that it was a little private proposition for purposes of a story I hope to do during the next few weeks.

Also had the pleasure of seeing the little fellow briefly during his short assignment at Fort Snelling and discuss matters of mutual interest. Most of the conclusions drawn by him I share, especially his feeling that there should be no apparent organized activity until the entire matter has been given further study by some of the principals involved.

Mayor Marvin L. Kline today announced his determination ~~today~~ to seek a third term. Elmer feels that Humphrey cannot successfully enter the contest, at his age and in his circumstances. Joe O'C has suggested A. Herbert as a possible candidate, and I have agreed to help in such ways as I can if a decision is made.

Bernhard is well but lonesome. He has apparently participated in all three ~~the~~ recent landing operations.

We share your happiness over recent events in your theater, but in addition to European political difficulties the news from the western front is ~~also~~ disquieting.

Best of luck. You'll hear from me again soon.

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A. J. CHESLEY, M. D.
SECRETARY AND EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Division of Hotel Inspection

Minnesota Department of Health

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THEODORE T. WOLD
DIRECTOR, DIVISION OF HOTEL INSPECTION

January 2, 1945

Dear Harold:

Many thanks for your New Year's Greeting extended to me by Katy McNamara. It was nice of you to remember me. Judging by headlines and newspaper accounts of activity in the South Pacific, you are kept plenty busy.

Here in St. Paul legislators are scrambling for room keys at hotel desks, and those with less fore-thought have placed their names on waiting lists. If they aren't comfortably housed, I suppose a bill will be introduced to further restrict hotel operators for something or other.

The report of the interim committee suggests that the Hotel Division be transferred to the Department of Agriculture. Probably that is as it should be, but we of the Division, Hotel, Restaurant, Resort Associations, and the industry prefer it either as it is now organized or as a separate unit. I feel there will be some good arguments ahead in which I hope we will be the winners.

Tomorrow Governor Ed gives his message to both houses and then they will be underway. Department heads will be preparing their arguments for legislative amendments and appropriations. The properly organized should succeed. Ninety days later order will be restored in the State-house and some of your original unit will, undoubtedly, still be here. We haven't lost our sense of humor so everything should come out all right.

A year ago last summer I set up the food organization for Northwest Airlines at Dayton, Ohio. Got all units going in about 45 days and returned here in September of 43.

Because of several reasons, we have started no new programs in this Division, but are continuing with the work on as conservative a basis as possible. There will, undoubtedly, be many future problems, but it now seems proper to meet them when the problems arise.

Fred Denfeld was in awhile back. Looks fine. He was being re-assigned and you'll probably hear from him.

Les Ihle, his wife and youngster were down from Thief River Falls to spend Christmas here. He's OK, and doing pretty well in the insurance business up there since his discharge from the Air Service. He is becoming re-established in politics up there and should soon take over.

We're having some 10 to 15 below weather here in Minnesota now, but after such a beautiful fall and pleasant days up to Christmas, we can't complain.

Was appointed as Master of the 10th Degree of Scottish Rite by Gerhart Bundlie. That's the degree Col. Frank Matson had for some twenty years. Have also joined the "Shrine Chanters" so hope to do some vocalizing again. Shrine membership is on the upswing and Osman has had a good year. It is a nice contact and the fellows of St. Paul Temple are certainly splendid.

Certainly was sorry to miss seeing you when you were home last, but Ruby's mother was critically ill and passed away in August and I took she and Les up there then. Will look forward to seeing you on your next trip home.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Ted Wold". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

THEODORE T. WOLD

January 3, 1944

Dear Harold:

Today was the inauguration of Ed. Thye and I went over at noon hour and watched the performance. There was a good sized crowd there and everything went off pretty well. Ed didn't take his eyes off his speech very often but he did pretty well. As he was going along he made a mistake and turned two pages of the speech and got slightly tangled up. He then became somewhat flustered and I really felt sorry for him. However he maneuvered back into position and went on.

The refund claims are still piling in on us as they have never before. They will be an all time high in 1944; more than any year in the history of the state. A lot of the refund is on motor vehicle gas on account of rationing but of course the farm production has increased tremendously which accounts for greatest part of the increase.

Charley Stone is doing a very good job as Deputy Commissioner and its a very good thing that he is in that spot. He is a good balance wheel to offset many of the Commissioner's out of balance ideas and decisions. Charley Pierce of our office was asked by the House of Representatives to be assistant clerk recently and promised them he would, thinking that he could get a leave of absence during the session. The Commissioner would not grant him one, so he resigned. It does not seem right when he grants other ones leaves. Pierce has been over there before and would certainly be in a position to help the department out on certain legislation, because he is a promoter and knows many of the Senators and Representatives. I don't think his action will do him any good or the department either. But thats the way he is-would not change his mind for the world.

The last week has been pretty cold, down to twelve below a couple of times. It is Zero now and supposed to hit 10 or 15 tonight. I don't suppose you have any of that weather over there. The kids have had colds one after the other lately. Donna has one and gets over it for a few days and gets another one. She has the third one now in about a month and the poor kid sure is feeling punk.

Saw your picture in the paper the other day, with Halsey decorating some Rear Admiral. You looked pretty good but some what thinner than when you were home last. Are you?

The folks and all the rest of the family are in good health at this time. Alice is coming along swell and was over the other day. She has gained quite a bit of weight and has to rest most of the time.

By the looks of the paper, us 4Fs might be drafted yet for some kind of duty in the army or else drafted and then put into war plants. Well if they can use a wreck like me, I'm willing.

Well old topper, I am a poor letter writer and will naturally have to sign off. Is there any chance of you getting a leave for a few days? Good luck to you and the rest of the fleet and drop me a line if you happen to have time.

As ever,

Ant



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