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Feb 14 1945

Dear Mr. Stassen

Are we going to continue to ignore the primary cause of problems that have given us repeated wars? It seems that the possibility of our total destruction in another war is so certain that the time is here to dump all extraneous and specious plans of the present and then when we have ascertained the cause of our problems, build future peace from the ground up.

I hold that we have the saundest of grounds for questioning the motives of our leaders when their poking at our problems with a ten foot pole diverts us from the flourishing tap-root that nourishes those problems.

In 1776 Thomas Paine kept the selfish greed of the rulers of his people eternally on the defensive with the result that they ^{the} people finally muddled through - but not to complete victory it seems for today the poisonous fragency of those same rulers so over-awe our people that there has not been a man to date brave enough to demand a public discussion of the primary cause of our many problems, including war.

Since you are named to the SF Peace Convention, will your responsibility to posterity allow you to mutely tolerate such an erasim that as a weak link must eventually carry away with disastrous results.

Until the present we have lamely excused our own neglect in not protesting the bungling of our leaders on the grounds that they muddled through by robbing Peter to pay Paul - we have eaten too deep into our inheritance with out making it pay dividends to continue that practice longer -

Why do the liberated nations all spurn our version of people's government? Could an upright people, blist with our advantages and the soundest pattern of government possible, tremble in abject fear of communism that shamefully murders its own nationals. Of course not!

Altho' we know we do wrong, that we make no effort to prove our indispensibility to the world by living the principles of our founders we deceive our selves in the belief that by lavishng borrowed billions all over the earth we are buying friendship. Mr Stassen, at the moment we are headed for an awful fall so you have the most important decision ever given to mortal man, to make, if we are to avoid that fall. What do you say?

B Herrod

NAVY DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.



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Room 4822
15 February, 1945

Commander Harold E. Stassen, USNR
Shoreham Hotel
Washington, DC

Dear Governor:

Please don't consider this just another crackpot letter. It's intended to be anything but that.

It occurs to me that in your new assignment you yourself may be needing a Flag Secretary. Or, if not precisely that, someone on your personal staff who can perform roughly comparable duties:

Someone who can keep an eye on your public relations, seeing that the press is happy and making certain that the right things get published and the other items stay out of print. A man who would maintain a constant vigilance with regard to the public relations aspects of your activity.

Someone who can prepare reports and statements, and in addition can keep papers and files in order, run an office, and direct the activity of office personnel to greatest advantage.

Someone who can see people when you are otherwise engaged, acting as buffer and filter, making sure the necessary callers get through to you, and that the others go away satisfied and without any commitment having been made.

Someone who can follow instructions and at the same time accept responsibility, on whom you can count for loyalty, dependability and common sense.

If you have such a requirement, perhaps I could fill the billet. Pre-war, I was Vice President of Pedlar & Ryan, Inc., at that time one of the ten largest American advertising agencies. Since joining the Navy I have worked in the development of the industrial award, the Army-Navy "E", with Captain Lewis Strauss, USNR, and served as Assistant Public Relations Officer for Admiral Stark prior to and after the Normandy Invasion. During the latter I served with Rear Admiral M.L.Deyo on the Tuscaloosa.

My reasons for writing you, as a private citizen

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to a man in public life are two: First, winning the peace strikes me as the only real reason for fighting the war. I'd like to make some personal contribution to that, however small. Second, although a non-partisan in politics, I believe this country needs your brand of liberal Republican leadership--that an indefinite perpetuation in office of these strange political bedfellows is not in the national interest. I believe it is in the national interest that you should emerge from your new undertaking with stature enhanced, not impaired. I'd like, if I could, to work toward that end also.

One last word. I have no political interests or ambitions, and am not a job seeker except as stated above. I have a modest private income, but no financial or industrial connections which could prove embarrassing. I am 37 years old, Protestant, married, with one child.

I hope your interest will be sufficient to warrant an interview. My home address is:

2546 Massachusetts Ave. NW
Phone: Hobart 0349

At the Navy Department the extension is 62980.

Sincerely and respectfully,

Gregory Williamson
GREGORY WILLIAMSON
Lieutenant Commander, USNR

St. Louis, Mo. Feb. 15th 1945.

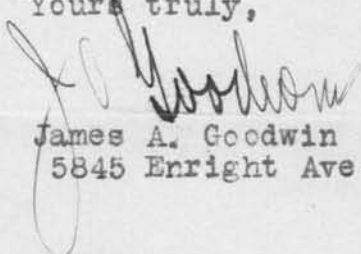
Hon. Harold E. Stassin,
U. S. Senator from Minn.
Washington, D. C.
Dear Senator,

When the other man from Minnasota Ball went hayw wire, I looked for word from you repudiating his very obvious desire to elect Roosevelt, what he hoped to gain by such false worded attacks on Dewey and the people who voted him into the position wherefrom he spoke, seemed to me the most dastardly political act I could imagine, I dont see how you refrained from an open rebuttal of it all, as it was biting the hand that was to feed him, and he never attempted to reconcile it. I think some leading Republican should label Ball what he is, and not let him scotch our efforts to put back democracy where it is what we hope will be our method of conducting our Government.

I would like to get some of your public utterances on your attitude towards government by democratic principles, would it be asking too much to let me know where I may obtain them. I feel you will be our next standard bearer, and as I write some articles on government by principle and not New Deal theory I would be guided by what I have first hand and not some possible crackpots' imagination of your attitude.

I hope you are well and in there voting against Wallace and what he stands for, they used what they termed Dewey's inexperience to conduct the Government, how do they use Wallace to handle the billions the R.F.C. and other agencies he is slated to distribute when he is innocent of any experience to handle them.

Yours truly,


James A. Goodwin
5845 Enright Ave.

Pitts., Pa.,
Feb. 18, 1945.

Hon. Harold Stassen,
Former Gov. of Minn.,
Wash., D.C.

Mr. Stassen: Like your progressive ideas.
Keep it up. Wathh the enemies of a free America.
Luck.

George C. Shade

P.O. clerk--Pgh., Pa.

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COMMANDER HAROLD E STASSEN-

=HOTEL SHOREHAM WASHDC=

DELIGHTED TO ARRANGE CONFERENCE AS SUGGESTED AT ANY TIME TO
MEET YOUR CONVENIENCE DEAN JOHN WILLIAMS WHO WOULD LIKE TO
GREET YOU WILL BE OUT OF TOWN UNTIL MARCH 4TH HOWEVER WE CAN
GET A GOOD GROUP TOGETHER AT ANY MOMENT ON HEARING FROM YOU IT
WILL BE A RARE TREAT TO SEE YOU=

MORRIS B LAMBIE.

JOHN R. COAN
Postmaster
MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA

February 20, 1945

Honorable Harold E. Stassen
c/o Secretary of the Navy
Navy Department
Washington, D.C.

Dear Commander Stassen:

At a meeting of the Public Affairs Committee of the Minneapolis Kiwanis Club this noon, I was directed to communicate with you and invite you to make a public address before the Kiwanis Club and other service clubs in Minneapolis, including the Minneapolis Civic & Commerce Association.

The Kiwanis Club meets at the Nicollet Hotel each Tuesday noon and is regarded to be the largest service club in Minneapolis. In talking with Mr. Perry Williams, Secretary of the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association, he informed me that if you could accept this invitation, the Minneapolis Civic and Commerce Association would join with the Kiwanis Club in the meeting and representatives of other service clubs would be invited.

The evening edition of the local papers indicate that you expect to be in Minnesota either before or after the San Francisco Conference. The subject of your talk would, of course, be left entirely up to you.

I am very sure this would be a very successful meeting in case it is possible for you to accept.

Mr. Charles Johnson, Sports Editor of the Star-Journal, who is now the President of the Kiwanis Club, would preside at the meeting.

With Best Wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John R. Coan

JRC:BD

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COMMANDER HAROLD STASSEN NAVYDEPT

CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

HEARTILY ENDORSE YOUR ACCEPTANCE INVITATION TO ATTEND SAN
FRANCISCO CONFERENCE AND YOUR FORTHRIGHT AND COURAGEOUS
STATEMENTS REGARDING INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION REGARDS
WALTER WANGER UNIVERSAL STUDIO UNIVERSAL CITY CALIF.

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BOB HANSEN EDITOR.

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WY15 37 1 EXTRA=WASHINGTON DC FEB 21 1945 1218P

COMMANDER HAROLD E STASSEN=

SHOREHAM HOTEL WASHDC=

FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION CORDIALLY OFFERS YOU FACILITIES
TO MAKE SPEECH WHICH MORNING NEWSPAPERS SAY YOU PLAN BEFORE
SAN FRANCISCO CONFERENCE. WILL ARRANGE DINNER MEETING IN NEW
YORK ON ANY DATE OR LUNCHEON AT WALDORF ON MARCH SEVENTEENTH=

BLAIR BOLLES DIRECTOR WASHINGTON BUREAU
FOREIGN POLICY ASSOCIATION.

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HAROLD E STASSEN=

AN ANS DT 212P ID=

=PLEASED TO RESERVE DOUBLE ROOM FEBRUARY 25 TO 27=
THE WALDORF ASTORIA.

25 27.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

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COMMANDER HAROLD E STASSEN=

SHOREHAM HOTEL=

PLEASE PHONE ME AT NATIONAL 0291 WHEN CONVENIENT. HAVE
MESSAGE FROM MRS. REID. REGARDS.=
BERT ANDREWS.

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COMMANDER HAROLD E STASSEN=

SHOREHAM HOTEL WASHDC=

TELEPHONED BUT COULD NOT REACH YOU IN RESPONSE YOUR WIRE.
SUGGEST DINNER AND STAY OVERNIGHT AT THE MADISON FEBRUARY 27.
LET ME KNOW IF THIS IS AGREEABLE AND WHEN YOU WILL ARRIVE.
IT WILL BE GRAND TO SEE YOU=
THOMAS E DESEY.

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To WALDORF ASTORIA

Care of or Apt. No. NEWYORK NY

Street and No. _____

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FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

PLEASE ^{Place} RESERVE ROOM FOR MRS STASSEN AND I ARRIVING 25
FEBRUARY DEPARTING 27 FEBRUARY

HAROLD E STASSEN

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

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To HON THOMAS E DEWEY

Care of or Apt. No. GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK

Street and No. ALBANY NY

Place

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FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

DELIGHTED TO PLAN ON SEEING YOU AT DINNER ON 27 FEBRUARY
AT ALBANY. WILL ADVISE YOU FROM NEW YORK EXACT TIME OF ARRIVAL

HAROLD E STASSEN

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

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TELEGRAM	ORDINARY
DAY LETTER	URGENT RATE
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To WALTER XIX WANGER

Care of or Apt. No. UNIVERSAL STUDIO UNIVERSAL CITY CALIF

Street and No. _____

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FOR VICTORY
BUY
WAR BONDS
TODAY

Place

THANKS FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING

YOU XXXX AGAIN SOMETIME PERSONALLY

HAROLD E STASSEN

Sender's name and address
(For reference only)

Sender's telephone
number

COMMANDER THIRD FLEET

Date 11 April 1945

MEMORANDUM

From:

John Marshall

To:

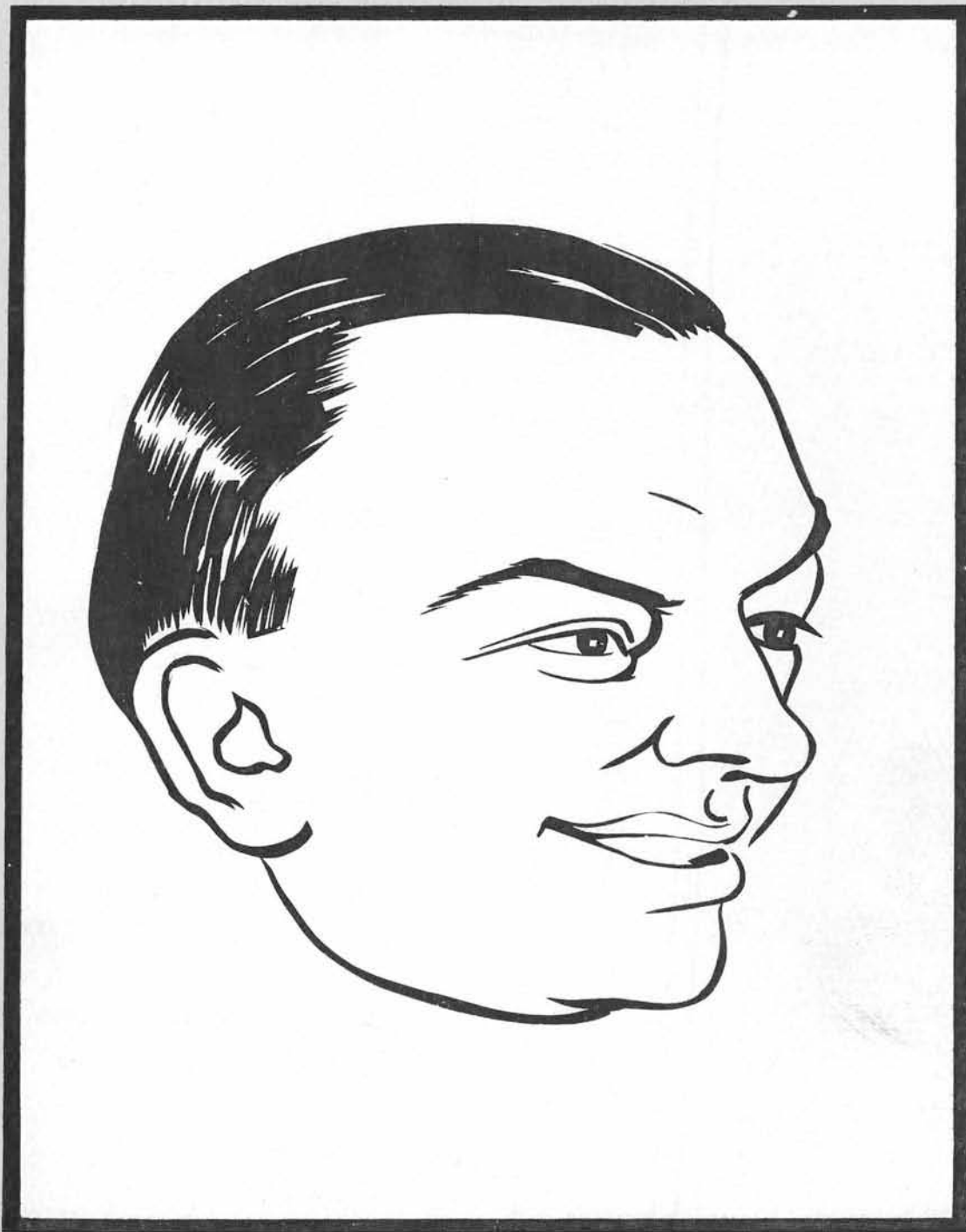
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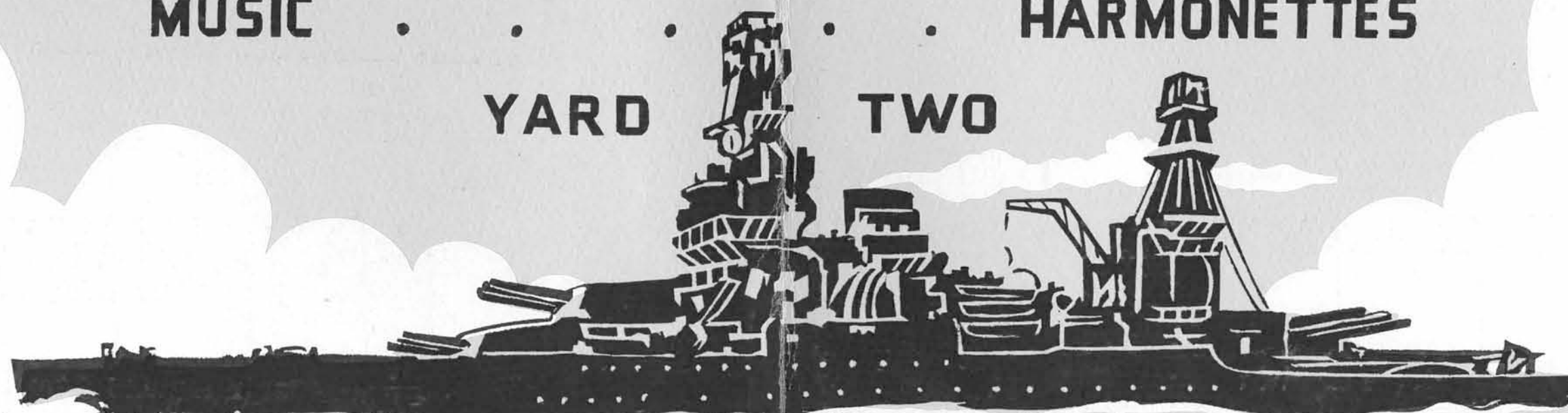
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