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Tokyo, Japan.

March 24, 1948.

Dear Ijams:

I am distressed to hear by your note of March 16th of the sad passing of your mother. It is a grief which comes to all of us in due course but never fails to be a most poignant one.

Your expressions of confidence and support are always most heartening and I thank you for them.

Faithfully yours,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mr. George E. Ijams, Director,
Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States,
National Rehabilitation Service,
Tower Building, Washington, 5, D.C.

IJAMS, George E., (Director, Veterans of Foreign Wars of U.S.)



GEORGE E. IJAMS
DIRECTOR

VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS OF THE UNITED STATES
NATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICE

TOWER BUILDING
WASHINGTON 5. D. C.



March 16, 1948

General Douglas MacArthur
Supreme Allied Commander
APO 500, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California

My dear General:

I would have written you before this except for the fact that my 87 year old mother died on the day you announced your willingness to run for the Presidency if you were called upon to do so. My mother had suffered a slight stroke a year ago this month and I had had her in a nursing home in our old home city of Baltimore since last April.

In one of my last conversations with her I told her I was very hopeful you could see your way clear to announce for the Presidency. At that time she informed me she hoped she would be well enough next November to cast her vote for you, and she stated at that time that it would undoubtedly be her last vote.

As the Supreme Architect of the Universe in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call her to her reward she will not be able to carry out her desires, next November. However, God willing, I hope to be here and as you know there is nothing I would rather do than to cast my vote for you for President of the United States of America.

Immediately following your announcement certain articles appeared in some of the papers regarding veterans in some American Universities who had organized to oppose you for the Presidency. I don't know whether you have been in very close touch with the post-war situation in the various universities in the United States as far as the G.I. students are concerned. You have undoubtedly heard of the so-called American Veterans Committee which is a left wing organization made up not only of veterans but of others who claim that they did something in the war effort. Persons like Charlie Chaplin and other extremely left wing individuals in the movie industry, several of the Roosevelt boys, and other similar persons including civilian members of the crews of merchant seamen belong to the A.V.C. The A.V.C. is not a veteran organization in that its membership is extended to others than those who wore the uniform in time of war. The A.V.C. is about the only organization which has been active on the campuses of the various universities, and I have no doubt that the reports printed in the press emanate from chapters of the A.V.C.

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It is my belief that opposition on the part of these men should not be considered seriously as they will undoubtedly vote for the third party ticket headed by Henry Wallace next November. I really believe, General, that the opposition of these men will be an asset in the long run as soon as the American people realize who these men are and the organization to which they undoubtedly belong.

In my present position with the V.F.W. I must remain as aloof from politics as I did during my 27 years of service with the Federal Government. However, I have thousands of contacts in all parts of the country and I want you to know that I am doing my utmost to further your candidacy.

These are very serious days for America. I honestly feel, General, that you are the only American living today whom the Russians fear. Consequently, I believe that your nomination and election to the Presidency will do more to maintain peace than anything else we might do.

If there is any information you desire or if there is anything you would like me to do here in Washington, please feel free to call upon me. You can either write me to my office or to my home address 1508 Grace Church Road, Silver Spring, Maryland, and I will be delighted to do anything I can to assist you.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,


George E. Ijams
Director

gei/hb

Tokyo, Japan.

March 16, 1948.

Dear Miss Ingling:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful invitation to speak at Town Hall of Hawaii on my return to the United States. Your underlying purpose in encouraging the discussion of international affairs is a most laudable one and I only wish that it were possible for me to assist you. I have no plan of return, however, much less any detailed itinerary, and consequently it is impossible for me even tentatively to make any future commitments.

Faithfully yours,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Miss Dorothy Ingling,
Town Hall of Hawaii,
2848 Oahu Avenue,
Honolulu, Hawaii.

INGLING, Dorothy, Miss.

TOWN HALL OF HAWAII

2848 Oahu Avenue Honolulu, Hawaii Cable Address "TOWNHALL"

March 11, 1948

General Arthur MacArthur
Commanding General
U. S. Army of Occupation
Tokyo, Japan

Dear General MacArthur:

Last November I wrote you, telling you of our plans for a Town Hall series in Honolulu and expressing the hope that we might have you as our speaker when you return through here to the mainland United States. However, I received no reply to my letter.

Recent reports and rumours indicate that possibly you will be coming through here this spring and may stay in Honolulu for a short period.

Is it possible that I might prevail upon you to speak under the auspices of the Town Hall of Hawaii? I started this series with the hope of increasing the local interest in international affairs but have had an extremely difficult time and have suffered a severe personal financial loss in addition to a year's work. People here agree that the purposes are worthy but there is an apathy here which it is difficult to overcome.

I do not want to drop this project without another attempt to bring it to a successful conclusion. To be able to present you to the people of the Hawaiian Islands would undoubtedly give the program the impetus it needs and assist materially in achieving the purposes for which the series was started.

I am enclosing a folder for the series. Due, however, to the fact that we raised only one-fifth of our budget, it has been necessary to drop several of the speakers from our program. To date we have had Randolph Churchill, Carlos P. Romulo and Sir Gerald Campbell.

It would be the greatest honor we could possibly hope for to be able to present you to the people of Honolulu.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Ingling
Dorothy Ingling
Director

**TOWN
HALL
OF
HAWAII**

*... Our lives cannot be insular
and sequestered - our neighbor
nations are too close to us and
their fortunes too intertwined
with ours to permit us to be
unaware of their problems ...*

Program

JANUARY 9th

"Europe Today"

RANDOLPH CHURCHILL, son of the wartime Prime Minister, Winston Churchill and grandson of Lord Randolph Churchill, seventh Duke of Marlborough and Chancellor of the Exchequer under Queen Victoria, comes from a family which has been distinguished for its great men and its services to the Crown. Young Randolph Churchill has been in the public eye since he campaigned for his father's re-election to Parliament in 1929. Although he is a Conservative by tradition and political belief, he has been outspoken in his criticism of some of its policies as well as those of the British government. He is progressive in his thinking and was consistently against the "appeasers of Munich" and more recently the British "closed door policy" toward Palestine. He played an active part in the last war, serving with the Commandos from 1940 to 1945 and with the British Military Mission at Yugoslavia for which service he was awarded the M.B.E. (Member of British Empire.) His column "Europe Today" appears in newspapers in almost every country in the world. He was a member of Parliament from 1940 to 1945.

FEBRUARY 6th

"At the Ringside of History"

H. R. KNICKERBOCKER is one of the most colorful figures in modern journalism. While studying psychiatry at the University of Munich, he followed his earlier career as a journalist. The Beer House Putsch in 1923 put an end to his studies and launched him on a successful newspaper career which brought him the Pulitzer Prize for a series of articles based on his observations while a correspondent in Russia. During his years as a roving reporter for the International News Service, he covered all of the headline events on the war fronts of the world.

FEBRUARY 27th

"America and Britain, Partners in Peace"

SIR GERALD CAMPBELL served, during the difficult war years, as British Minister to the United States after a number of years as Consul-General in important cities. From 1938 to 1940 he was High Commissioner for the United Kingdom. He is a veteran of the excellent British Foreign Service for which he served with distinction in Brazil, the Belgian Congo, Italy and Abyssinia.

MARCH 5th

RAY JOSEPHS is considered one of the most outspoken was he when covering the war. He is still persona non grata with the hero of the democratic forces. He left the country and smuggled out this winter from the Rio de Janeiro. He is still persona non grata with the hero of the democratic forces. He left the country and smuggled out important news on communist activities.

MARCH 19th

MAURICE HINDUS, Russian-born, is one of the most brilliant writers of today. Although he left Russia in 1917, his work in the Saturday Evening Post and Century Magazine took him back there. His work in the Saturday Evening Post and Century Magazine were the foundation of his fame. He is still persona non grata with the hero of the democratic forces. He left the country and smuggled out important news on communist activities.

MARCH (Tentative)

PERCY CHEN leads the most significant work in 1911, the recent upsurge in China, he was educated in England. He is still persona non grata with the hero of the democratic forces. He left the country and smuggled out important news on communist activities.

Program

"Latin America Uncensored"

Outstanding journalists of today. So
na for TIME that he was requested
manuscript for "Argentine Diary" out.
Peron government and consequently
d in Latin America. He is returning
Pan American conferences with im-
atin America.

"America and the Middle East"

American-educated at Cornell and Har-
d authoritative and forceful lecturers
ly childhood, an assignment for Cen-
after the Revolution. His observa-
eat books, "Red Bread" and "Hu-
ald Tribune to report on the post-
as written two excellent studies of
nd "Bright Passage."

"Will China Turn Right or Left?"

development since the fall of the Em-
democratic parties in China. Born
nd practiced law in London in the
g to China, he joined the Ministry
foreign correspondent in Moscow
e. He fought for China during the
the China Society of International
inction. His father, Eugene Chen,
who was Foreign Minister of China.
magazines in England, the United

APRIL 30th

"Four Freedoms for Asia"

KRISHNA NEHRU and her husband, RAJA HUTHEESING, are the sister and brother-in-law of Jawaharlal Nehru, the famous Indian leader who is now Dominion Prime Minister. Miss Nehru's sister, Madame Pandit, has been made first Ambassador to Russia from India. Krishna Nehru lives up to the distinguished traditions of a distinguished family which has, as a unit, been actively engaged in India's fight for Independence. Born to a life of luxury, she travelled widely and was educated in Europe. She returned to India to share with her family imprisonment and the hardships which were the lot of those who fought for independence. Her book, "With No Regrets," is widely read. Raja Hutheesing, her husband, is also a distinguished leader and holds an important place in India's political life.

Town Hall Series

There will be ten lectures in all on the TOWN HALL series. One group will be held on Friday evenings, twice a month, through May. A second series, with the same speakers but a different topic, will be held on an alternate date if the demand justifies it. Those who are interested in the series but who are unable to attend the Friday evening series are asked to write to the Director, stating their preference whether day or evening and the preferred day of the week.

The other two speakers will be selected from the following: Dr. Herbert Evatt, Foreign Minister of China who is considered one of the great political geniuses of today, Dr. Wang Shih Chieh, Foreign Minister of China and Brigadier General Carlos P. Romulo, the famous Filipino leader. These men are currently delegates to the United Nations session in New York and their appearance in Honolulu is contingent upon their return via Honolulu and the time element involved.

Dr. Gordon Seagrave, the distinguished missionary surgeon who participated in Stilwell's famous march through Burma and the author of "Burma Surgeon" and "Burma Surgeon Returns" will be included in the series as a bonus in late March or early April, if the size of the audience justifies it.

Tickets may be obtained at

PATTENS DOWNTOWN

117 S. Hotel Street
or phone 54541

Calendar

January	9	Randolph Churchill
February	6	H. R. Knickerbocker
February	27	Sir Gerald Campbell
March	5	Ray Josephs
March	19	Maurice Hindus
Date tentative		Percy Chen
April	30	Krishna Nehru

The cost of the series is \$10 for the unreserved seats which will be in the back of the orchestra and the balcony and \$15 for orchestra reserved seats. There will be a limited number of single admission tickets to the first lecture by **RANDOLPH CHURCHILL** at \$2.40. Purchasers of these single admission tickets may apply the charge to a series ticket after the first lecture if they return their ticket.

If it is possible to enlist the support of the community in this new project of a Town Hall series of lectures and discussion period sufficiently to fill McKinley Auditorium twice, there will be available a scholarship fund of \$10,000. It is contemplated dividing this fund into two parts—one for study here and the other for graduate study on the mainland, Europe or Asia.

Tokyo, Japan.

March 17, 1948.

Dear Mr. Innis:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful message of March 9th. It is heartwarming indeed to receive such expressions of confidence.

Faithfully yours,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mr. A. O. Innis,
Post Office Box 284,
Prospect Heights, Ill.

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March 9th 1948

Gen. Douglas MacArthur
Tokio - Japan

Dear General -

Your statement of willingness to serve in the arduous position of President, if elected is accepted with great enthusiasm by the majority of patriotic citizens and with consternation by our "subversive" neighbors. Congratulations on your decision.

May an "ordinary" citizen offer his friendly advice?

Insist on a good, straight-forward, running mate. One who is a proved administrator and a good speaker. He can, I believe, deliver the regular Republican vote and relieve you of much detail.

I refer to John Bricker of Ohio. I have known him personally and followed his political progress and personally vouch for him, though my recommendation can hardly add to his stature. Best of luck and good wishes to you personally, on the course you take

Yours Truly
A. O. Innis

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B. C. FORBES, PRESIDENT
B. A. JAVITS, VICE PRES. & GEN. COUNSEL

April 29, 1948

General Douglas A. MacArthur
Tokyo,
Japan

Dear General MacArthur:

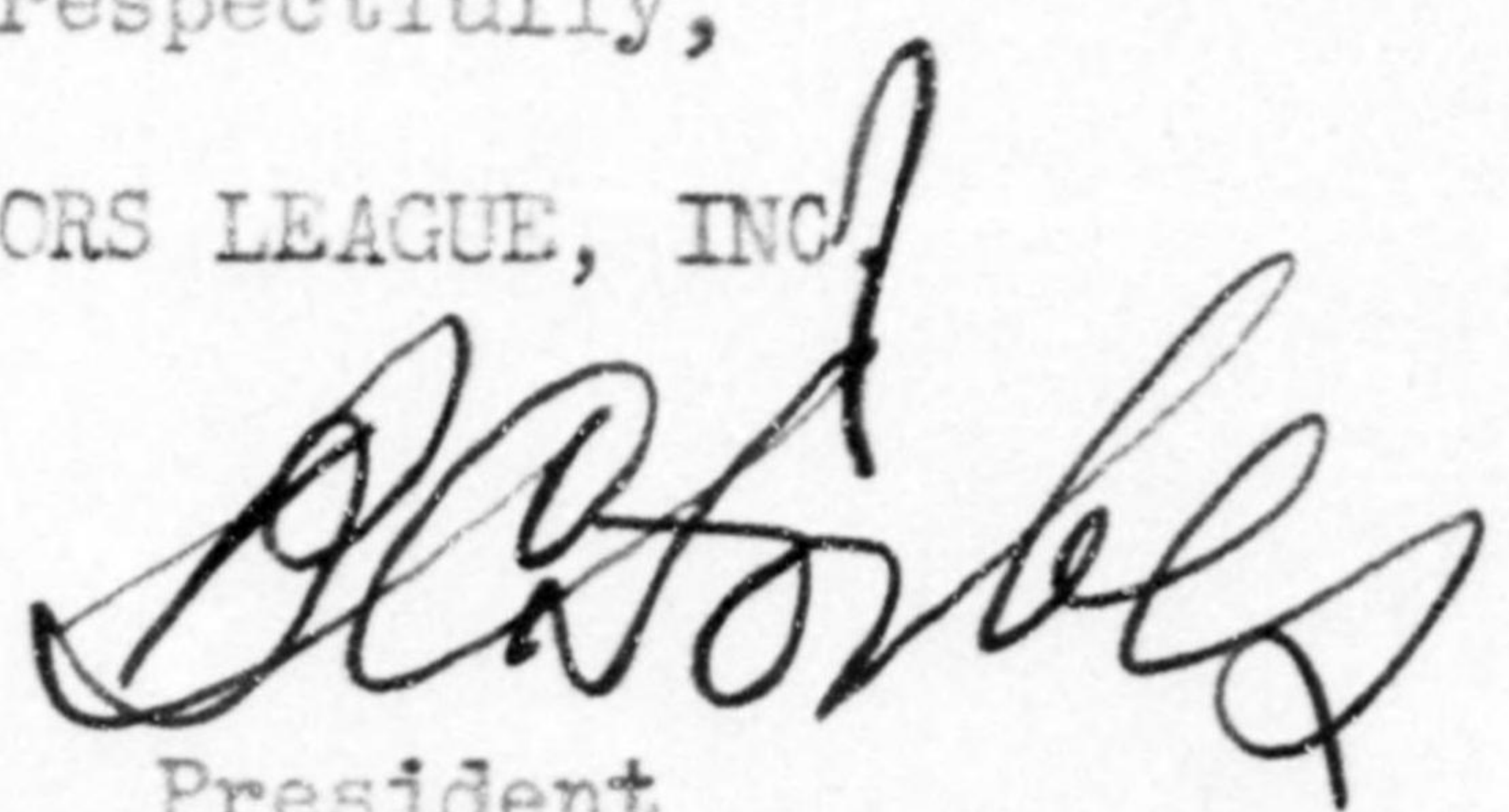
The Investors League is submitting the enclosed questions to candidates for the Presidency.

It plans to make recommendations to its members throughout the country, based on the nature of each candidate's replies, before the nominating Conventions are held.

Your cooperation is ardently solicited.

Yours respectfully,

INVESTORS LEAGUE, INC.


President

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Yours "Yes" or "No" replies--or comments--on the following objectives of the Investors League, to be passed on to our thousands of members, will be greatly appreciated.

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Investors League, Inc.
175 Fifth Avenue
New York 10, N.Y.

Tokyo, Japan.

April 20, 1948.

Dear Mr. Irwin:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful note of March 30th. Your expressions of confidence are most heartwarming and I am grateful to you for them.

Faithfully yours,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Mr. Warren R. Irwin,
437 South Blvd.,
Oak Park, Illinois.

IRWIN, Warren R.

March 30, 1948

Dear General McArthur -

I'm writing too express my sincere faith in you and a strong desire that you will be the next president of the United States -

The radio and papers have the usual pros and cons about each potential presidential candidate, but I'm happy to say there has been only pros for General Douglas McArthur

Because of my faith in you and your ability I'm writing too ask two questions I know you can answer if you will, or if permissible -

① Is this currently-much-talked-of world crisis actual and well grounded or mostly political?

② Do you think the United States surge toward military training is only preparedness or slowly leading us into another war?

Like kids writing to movie stars I suppose I'm silly to expect you to answer my letter, but I sure would appreciate your opinion - especially from our next president of the United States

Sincerely

Just one of 130,000,000

Warren R. Swin

437 South Blvd

Oak Park, Illinois

Tokyo, Japan.
18 June, 1948.

Dear Miss Ivison:

Thank you so much for your thoughtful note of May 29th. Your expressions of confidence and your prayers are most heartwarming, and I am grateful to you for them.

Faithfully yours,

DOUGLAS MacARTHUR.

Miss Hermine E. Ivison,
Kings County Hospital,
Brooklyn 3, N.Y.

IVISON, Miss H.E.

May 9, 1948

Gen Douglas Mac Arthur.
Tokyo, Japan

Greeting to you
and your family;

Good luck to you and all who stands
close to you in Japan. Knowing how
please both the American Christian
Japanese and those in Japan are more
then please in all you have done
for their country. I hear plenty from
the Am Japanese Methodist Church, 1108
St.

I am glad and I know there are a
lot others who can say the same, stay
where you are till this election for
presidential is over. A lot more I
could say after reading between the
lines in the New York Papers.

Good luck to you and your family,
God Bless you in all you are doing
for those fine Japanese people who
have place their trust in you.

Cordially

Miss Hermine E. Croison,
Kings County Hospital
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