

Mrs. George Sawyer Kellogg  
(Susanna Mead Kellogg)

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33 Willow Street,

Brooklyn, New York City

July 19, 1931

The Hon. George Lansbury  
Commissioner of Works  
London, England

Dear Mr. Lansbury:-

Your radio address was so intensely interesting to Mr. Kellogg and me that I cannot neglect the impulse to tell you how thoroughly we enjoyed every word - which we heard with great clarity and an almost entire absence of static. Rarely have we heard any address on the radio which so delighted us - and none more so.

Your address showed very careful preparation, an essential in broadcasting; without such a carefully written paper no one can so "pack" fifteen minutes with information and carry to the listeners such a vivid impression of one's personality and soul - and do justice to a subject. We sat entranced through it (and may I say here that we are very critical people); we almost saw London and its parks - King George, cantering through St. James's in the early morning; the daffodils and other flowers; the children; the happy bathers; the old Roman roads and the Tower of London, with its dungeons - you made it all so vividly interesting! Then the touches of Nature, of poetry, and of the Creator of all beauty, impressed us very deeply. It was a rare treat! As Mr. Kellogg said, we never expected that we would take a deep, personal interest in the parks of London, as we do since your illuminating address of this morning.

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How we wish that we might see your beautiful parks - all of wonderful England, but fear that can never be. We lived for nearly seven years in Naples - 1904-1911 - and saw most of the great parks of Italy; beautiful, but rather more formal than your parks we imagine. Naples, built as it is, on the north wall of an ancient crater, has little space for parks. The Villa Nazionale is very narrow and formal; its glory being the avenue of ilex trees and its chief interest centering in the small, but marvelous, Aquarium. You have doubtless seen it and all the Italian parks. Could we have stayed in Italy longer we might have seen England, but we had to come home on account of the cholera, which affected the work we were doing.

Our Prospect Park, here in the Borough of Brooklyn, is much more attractive than Central Park in Manhattan (New York City) as it has more flowers and less restrictions. We were delighted to hear you speak of the <sup>almost entire</sup> absence of restrictions in London. Opposite Prospect Park lies the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, small, sequestered, and less formal, and it is there that Mr. Kellogg <sup>and I</sup> love to spend many sunny hours - Mr. Kellogg has "retired" from business on account of his health. The procession of Beauty, as the season has unfolded this Spring and early Summer has been our greatest pleasure. First, "a host of golden daffodils;" then the cherries; the iris; the lilacs; and finally the roses, in a beautiful, enclosed rose-garden, the gift of a Mr. and Mrs. Cranford. Two or three weeks ago we were revelling in the roses, when the Director, Dr. C. Stuart Gager, came in with a distinguished visitor, Mme. Galli-Curci - he told us afterward that it was she.

One of our great delights is the Japanese garden, designed and executed by Japanese. I believe it is the only Japanese garden, in a public place, <sup>in America</sup> outside of the Golden Gate Park in San Francisco.)

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The Japanese garden contains a rocky, trickling waterfall and a small lake, with a wistaria-covered "tea-house", a "water-gate" and Shinto shrine. There are only a few little ducks, and some tuneful(?) bullfrogs in the lake, as it is too small for the variety of water fowl of which you spoke. As you said that, I said, "swans!" to Mr. Kellogg, as they have been in our minds recently, due to my having written a little lyric "The Swan", in memory of Saint-Saens. My mental picture when I wrote it was supplied by the memory of an old engraving I once saw of Windsor Castle, with swans on the lake.

That you are doing a splendid work in an ideal way we can easily realize. New York, and indeed all our American cities, cannot have such idealists in charge of their public works, as all those positions are controlled by politics, rather than by selection of the men best fitted for them. That is one reason why the Botanic Garden is so delightful - it is the work of scientists and idealists. We wish we lived nearer it, but as it is only fifteen minutes ride in the subway we can go quite often and our locality is far more to our taste in other ways. We can see the wonderful New York sky-line from the roof of this house and beautiful old Brooklyn Bridge and also Plymouth Church, where Henry Ward Beecher preached for forty years. There are tiny parks at the end of streets along the waterfront, where it is pleasant to sit and read.

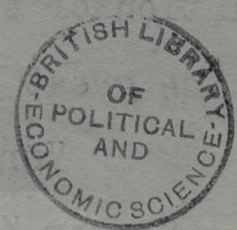
I regret that I have sent all the postals we have bought at the Botanic Garden to friends in letters, but the next time we go up we will get more and send to you, as a thank offering for one of the most delightful periods we ever listened to. And now, with grateful appreciation of the pleasure you gave us this morning, and best wishes for the great work you are doing - which we would delight in seeing!

Very sincerely yours,

(Mrs. George Sawyer Kellogg)

Suzanna Mead Kellogg  
(over)

P. S. I am "venturing" to send you my little verses about the  
"Swan". After I finished the letter Mr. Kellogg and I thought you  
might enjoy them as you are interested in all the water birds.  
So I have made a copy of my ms. for you. For years, every  
time I heard Saint-Saens' "Swan" played, I have felt an impulse to  
write a lyric, but it never "arrived" until one evening recently  
when Archer Gibson, a wonderful organist, played it for the radio.



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THE SWAN

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To the memory of Saint-Saens

Soft winds the rushes sway -

For O, it is May!

May, in the tender sky;

May, to the larks that fly

Pouring their minstrelsy,

Greeting the day!

May, on the lake's blue breast,

Where shadows rest -

Shadow of brooding cloud;

Shadow of sail and shroud;

Now gleams a shadow proud -

Arched neck to crest.

Scarcely the tranquil lake

Shows the light wake

Of the swan as it glides;

Never for long abides;

Apace with its shadow rides

Past the tall brake.

To his mate sings the lark,

What ecstasy - hark! -

He pours forth, on the wing!

But the swan ne'er shall sing

Till his last moments bring

One song - then the dark.

Susanna Mead Kellogg

J. T. McDonald

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Market Street at Civic Center

San Francisco

Sunday 8.50, A.M.  
July 19, 1931.

Hon. George Lansbury,  
First Commissioner of Works,  
London.

Dear Sir:

You have just finished your very excellent address on the parks, etc. of London and I wish to THANK YOU not only for its valuable descriptive information, but for its fine spirit in its "between the lines" as we Americans say.

I am an old man (78, retired) and sat here in my easy chair and listened to your every word and every syllable as satisfactory and distinct as though I were twenty feet in front of you. In comparison with my boyhood days, what a miracle! Thanking you again,

Very truly yours,

*J. T. McDonald*

No Answer Expected

Dr. Jonathan T. McDonald  
Hotel Whitcomb, San Francisco



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W H Reeves 352 1/2 Dundas St.

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Canada

Dear Comrade

Me and my dear Wife have just had the extreme pleasure of listening in on our Radio to your voice and when I tell you it was many years ago since I heard your voice I think you will realise our pleasure.

Well Comrade let me explain that I am one of your converts to the Socialistic ranks in those tough early days in Northampton. When the late Bobby Reid used to be hustled from the steps on the market square. I look back also with pleasure of how I used to listen to your speeches in the Scarletwell Street

2] Board School rooms but  
to day I feel thankfull  
to know your words of long  
ago took root in me. For  
the longer I live the more  
I realise your words of then  
are the only true one for such  
as me. The workers. Now I  
<sup>wish</sup>~~would~~ to thank you sincerely  
on behalf of myself and wife  
for your cheerfull speech  
over the air to day. For my  
Wife and self know and  
have lived in London. well  
we know of the boon of  
those open spaces to the poor.  
Pleased to say your voice  
came through clear and  
lots of volume. I can assure  
you it touched a tender  
spot in our hearts as  
described those beauties



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3) Shots of Dear Old <sup>Reeves</sup> <sup>19 July 1831</sup> Lunnon 107  
Now as to Canada. I can  
assure you there is a great  
need for lots of those fighting  
speeches you used to put forth  
I have been out here now  
about 16 years with four  
years war service with the  
Canadian Army so I am like  
a Canadian but my love  
will always remain for  
Dear Old Blighty. We both  
felt you would like to know  
that there is at least ~~two~~  
persons who feels all the  
better for your air address  
and as I write these few  
simple but sincere lines  
I sure ponder over some  
of our stormy meetings  
but the result has been  
worth the effort and  
how happy it makes

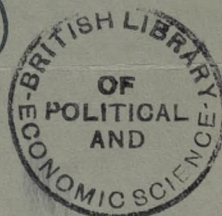
4) Me to know some of our  
early fighters like yourself  
have lived long enough to see  
your harvest. And in closing  
I do wish you the best of  
health and may you be spared  
many more years to carry on.

I remain Respectfully  
Yours as above

Mr. W. H. Reeves

P. S.

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12-30 P.M.

Standard Time

Fred G. Sallet

515 WEST ELEVENTH STREET  
CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

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Sunday July 19. 31

How George Lauburg

Exec' Comm' of Works

London Eng send him a

My Dear Sir;

vice reply  
The delightful and humanely  
colored word picture. The people and  
the Park which you broadcast  
came clear & distinct to this  
pretty college town in Southern  
California on this lovely

Sunday am;

If my American audience  
was impressed as this one  
was, good will between

Salter

19 July 1931

515 WEST ELEVENTH STREET

CLAREMONT, CALIFORNIA

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American and England is  
assured

Lets have more of it.  
Let the people hear more  
about social uplift and  
the work, democrats like  
you are doing

Yours sincerely

Wm G Salter

A retired business man who  
once have represented American  
& Canadian interests in Europe

Apartment 17.

575. Pape Avenue

Toronto.

Louie C. Ward

Canada

(7. 19. 1931)

Mr. George Lansbury.  
House of Commons.  
London. England.

Dear Sir,

You may be interested to know that your International broadcast at 12.30 p.m. (Toronto D.S. Time) was received very very clearly. Not one word was missed.

The writer was born near Vinbury Park and lived there until coming to Canada

and was familiar with  
every path and open space  
mentioned by you.

I never fail to tune  
in on Sunday at 12.30 p.m.  
to hear "Hello Canada, London  
England speaking" and  
look forward to hearing  
you again sometime.

Yours sincerely,  
Louie C. Ward.

[see Transatlantic Broadcast by G.H. 19 July 1931]

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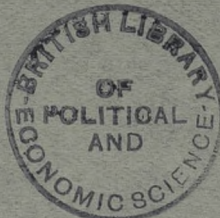
Edward Price Bell  
(of U.S.A.; 1869-)

20th July, 1931.

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L.C.O. LANSBURY LONDON

YOUR PICTURESQUE FASCINATING SPEECH CAME INTO OUR HOME  
WORD PERFECT CARRYING FAULTLESSLY FAMILIAR VOICE ACCENT  
WE WERE DELIGHTED SEND HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS WARMLY  
RECIPROCATE PRATERNAL SENTIMENTS - EDWARD PRICE BELL.



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Thank - box

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Mr. W. Bonny

Box 180

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1931 Spring Lake

Dear George Michigan

for that is the way I like to express my feelings.

It is with the greatest pleasure I am writing this letter to you.

It is funny to say that I know you but you don't know me

I was born in Poplar in Lodore St, and have been at several of your meetings at the Town Hall

Well with great surprise I read through ~~how~~<sup>our</sup> Sunday paper and see that you were going to speak over the air on Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup> 1931 from London



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So at 11.30 am So I tuned in my radio set in at that time and got you speaking from London, Say it came through just as plain as if you were sitting in the very room as I have got my radio.

I wanted to hear if your voice sounded the same, believe me it was just yourself

Don't it seem wonderfull just image 4000 miles away and only a fraction of a second apart and when you spoke about St James Park Tower of London.

Deal with it old Roman roads it brought back

W Bonny 3 20 July 1931

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memories as I have seen  
all them places

Perhaps you would like  
to know a little about  
myself I left the old  
country in 1923 have been  
here 8 years am getting on  
great, wonderful country  
for opportunity if you have  
the grit in you.

I own my own <sup>home</sup> house have  
got a car. every modern  
conviences in my home  
and do some investing in  
bonds. so you see it pays  
to try.

I get the news of the World  
every week and like very  
much to read the news  
of the old country

W. Bonny  
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Michigan is a wonderful  
country if you want to be  
with nature and I am  
sending you along Program  
of one of our Regatta's  
showing you the wonderful  
beach we have on Lake  
Michigan I live three miles  
from the Goul beach  
and Spring Lake flows into  
Lake Michigan

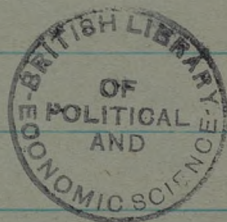
Well Mr Lansbury  
I am going to conclude now  
wishing you and the Labor  
Party every success

I am one of your best  
friends

W. B. BONNY

Mr W. J. Bonny

P.S. Will you kindly let me  
know if you get this letter safe



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"This is my house 3 years ago"  
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W. Bonny 19 July 1931



## British Labor Party Speaker on Air Today

George Lansbury, first commissioner of works in the Labor government, will speak from London during the international broadcast period over CBS and WMAQ today from 11:30 to 11:45 a. m., instead of Jean Patou, fashion expert, who was scheduled to talk from Paris at that time, but who is delayed one week.

Lansbury has been an active radical since boyhood and has brought Socialistic principles to bear in his service as a poor law guardian since 1891, borough councillor since 1903, a member of various bodies entrusted with relief administration and during two terms as mayor of Poplar, as well as in his work in the House of Commons. He has chosen to speak on a subject arising out of his present work, "The People and the Parks."

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**ROBERT BRODIE  
ATTORNEY AT LAW**

ROOMS 11 AND 12 HAMPTON BUILDING  
713 FRANKLIN STREET  
PHONE 4431

TAMPA, FLORIDA

July 20, 1931

MEMBER: COUNTY, STATE AND  
AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATIONS

Rt. Hon. George Lansbury  
H. M. Commissioner of Works  
White Hall  
London, England

Dear Lansbury:

I am sure you will not be displeased to learn that the address you made over the radio yesterday interested two listeners, who heard every word, and who are both familiar with the subject of your speech. Our residence is in sub-tropical Florida, about four miles from the City limits of Tampa, and at least four thousand miles distant from your location before the microphone. Here is an evergreen landscape, ornamented by a carpet of grass and adorned by stately pine trees.

I have a recollection of many of your predecessors in office, extending over a period of thirty years, and I do not hesitate to affirm that you have accomplished more for the people during the time you have been Commissioner than the combined work of all those who have preceded you in this office. You have indeed given the full use of the Parks and Waters to the young and old inhabitants of greater London.

I was also very interested to learn that your Department also has supervision of the Ancient Monuments. With regard to this subject, during my residence in London it did not take me long to discover that the native Cockney was little acquainted with the objects of antiquity, even in the immediate vicinity of his residence. I have taken many of the native born to a relic of the old Roman Wall, situated in the rear of a tavern located in Trinity Square, not very far from the Tower, also to another specimen of said Wall located in a street running parallel with Cheepside, the name of this thoroughfare I cannot recall, although it may be Milk Street. I was glad to hear your reference to the Roman Occupation, particularly as I have, recently, been renewing my acquaintance with Gibbons.

If there is any printed matter available, dealing concisely with the subject of unemployment insurance, I should be obliged if you will provide me with a copy. It is very annoying to read the criticisms appearing in the Press here, and to be

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Rt. Hon. George Lansbury-2.

confronted with expressions intended to imply that the Dole  
is the most demoralizing factor that has ever occurred in the  
life of the British people.

With kind regards from Mrs. Brodie and myself,

Yours faithfully,

*Robert Brodie*

*P. S. Mrs Brodie, you may remember  
as Miss Marland. What became  
of Clem Edwards R.B.*

RB.CH





**TUBERCULOSIS IN STEPNEY.**

**OVERCOMING A HANDICAP.**

A. Ferguson, M.B. (Lond.), D.P.H.

This is the eighth of the series of special articles on this subject by Stepney's Tuberculosis Officer. Unfortunately there is no good trying to hide it there is a drawback to the instant use of the spitting flask. It is to show away and causes ignorant people to avoid the society of the sufferer. I say "ignorant" purposely, for it is only gross ignorance which causes this. Unfortunately the ignorance is only too common, with the result that the only safe way of dealing with the sputum is unpopular. A patient who covers his mouth when he coughs or sneezes, and who puts his sputum into a flask, is a person to be avoided rather than shunned. People do not mind sitting or working next to a man who is coughing and taking precautions—he is probably a consumptive and very dangerous; but because another man takes out a blue cloth they move away from him. There is one way to prevent the use of the flask pointing out the consumption—to teach all people who cough to bring up sputum (people with a common cold, bronchitis or smokers' cough) to put that sputum into a flask. No one would know then who had consumption and who had just bronchitis. At the present time, therefore, all that one can ask a patient to do is to use the flask on all possible occasions. What should he do with his sputum when he dare not use his flask? He should not swallow it, because apart from it becoming a horrible habit, this practice is actually dangerous. The germs thus swallowed may attack his intestines and cause ulceration. Therefore, for his own sake, a patient should not swallow his sputum, and on the other hand, it is criminal for him to spit it out into the street, or onto the floor of the room or vehicle.

**Two Methods.**

There are two methods he may use. I must again be emphasised that these methods should only be used when he dare not use his flask.

1. He should keep a handkerchief specially for spitting into (the same handkerchief which is used for covering the mouth on coughing. He should carry another handkerchief for other ordinary purposes. Now this special handkerchief should be soaked in a disinfectant solution over night, and boiled for 10 minutes every morning. On no account should anybody else use it, and it should not be put in the ordinary wash.

2. Paper handkerchiefs may be carried for this purpose, and these should be completely burned in a really hot fire, or put in the w.c.

There is a drawback to the use of the handkerchief. The pocket in which it is carried is apt to get contaminated with germs. The solution to this is to have a waterproof pocket, which can be sponged out once a day with a disinfectant.

**Not An Outcast.**

There is another precaution that a patient must take in order to make himself perfectly safe. He should make certain that anything that touches his lips or enters his mouth is not used by another person without being properly disinfected. It is best for him to have special feeding utensils, especially cups, glasses, forks, and spoons, which he alone uses and which are washed separately. By this means only can he be certain that no germs from his mouth and lips are passed on to others. In this connection he should never kiss on the lips any other person, and especially children.

Please remember that these precautions are not intended to make you an outcast, but to prevent you from being one. By carrying out these precautions, a patient becomes absolutely safe, and is no longer a danger to others, but if he relaxes his concentration on these simple methods, even for the second, then for that second he is a danger.

(To be continued.)

**UNWELCOME STOWAWAYS.**

Two unwelcome additions to the crew of the steamer Port Wellington were sentenced to 28 days' imprisonment at East Ham. They were George Morgan, aged 23, and Herbert King, aged 23, and it was stated that when en route out of New Zealand they were found concealed in the bunkers. Each had admitted he had deserted vessels two years or so ago and that they stowed away because they could not get work in New Zealand. The men were put to work to keep them out of mischief, but their services were not appreciated by the crew. Morgan said the trouble they had when working was caused by one of the engineers abusing them. They could only get a little relief work in New Zealand and were nearly starving.

**KNOCKED DOWN BY CYCLIST.**

Mr. Maurice Schwartz, aged 84, of 3, Sandringham-road, Dalston, received injuries to his right arm and leg on Wednesday afternoon through being knocked down by a cyclist and ridden by Joseph

**THE EDITOR'S LETTER BOX.**

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT VOTE.**

The Editor, "East London Advertiser."  
Dear Sir,—As the Electors' Lists were published on July 15th, men and women entitled to be registered as local government electors should inspect them and, if their names do not appear thereon, they should make their claim not later than August 7th. A man or woman of 21 years of age or over on June 1st, 1931, may be entitled to be registered as a local government elector if he or she during the three months prior to and including that date—

- (a) Has occupied a dwelling-house, or
- (b) Has occupied, as owner or tenant, land or premises of any kind, or value (residence on the premises not required in this case), or
- (c) Has occupied a dwelling house by virtue of office, service or employment (i.e., as coachman, gardener, caretaker, schoolmaster, etc.) provided the employer does not reside on the premises, or
- (d) Has occupied as a lodger a room or rooms let to him or her in an unurnished state, or
- (e) Is either the husband or wife of a person occupying such premises.

Joint Occupiers.—Not more than two joint occupiers may be registered in respect of the same land or premises under the Local Government Franchise.

Successive Occupation.—Providing there has been no break, occupation during a qualifying period may be successive in a number of properties if they are in the same local government area.

Absence on Duty.—Residence is not deemed to have been interrupted by compulsory absence of not more than two months during the qualifying period on duty or employment.

A director of a company who has by agreement occupied for three months prior to June 1st, a room in the business premises of the company at a yearly value of £10, is entitled to be registered as a voter. The occupation must be for the purposes of carrying on his business as a director of the company. Any further information may be obtained from this office.

Yours faithfully,  
H. CECIL JOEL,  
General Secretary.

Poplar Borough Municipal Alliance,  
32, Bow Road, E.3.

**MR. LANSBURY AND THE PARKS.**

The Editor, "East London Advertiser."

Sir,—Mr. Lansbury's references to the "happy practice" of open-air music and refreshment in Copenhagen, have particular interest to me, for Denmark is a land that I know well and have travelled from end to end. I have long wondered why England, whose climate and traditions so nearly resemble those of Denmark, seems persistently to deny herself the simple joys that come of eating and drinking and listening to good plays and music in open spaces. London's parks are among the most beautiful in the world, but we are only now beginning to learn how to use them for the common welfare of all classes. The "Lansbury Lido" gives a magnificent opportunity to thousands of people every week to reap the benefits of open air and sunshine. It may be that under Mr. Lansbury's direction, the Royal Parks, at least, may, like the famous Copenhagen parks, and open spaces, become the happy playground not only of the city's millions, but of visitors from every part of the world.

But people whose homes are at some distance, and especially those with young children, must have somewhere where they can get a bite of food or something to drink at a reasonable price, if the parks are to be used to full advantage. I am reminded of our famous "Dyrehaven," Copenhagen's beautiful park of nearly 50 acres, only a short tram ride from the heart of the city. Here, there are dotted little kiosk-like restaurants where working-class mothers can get milk or coffee for themselves and the children, and where father can get a glass of beer at any time of the day to quench his thirst. It is small wonder that hundreds of people are to be found there every Sunday resting in the brightly-lit glades, singing and dancing, until late into the night. Friendly notices are posted in cafes and restaurants: "Customers may bring their own eatables." Never once have I seen in Denmark the announcements which have occasionally met my eye at British seaside resorts: "No refreshment will be served to customers who bring their own food"—to me an astounding penalisation of poor people who inherit our common ancestors' love of the open air.

If Mr. Lansbury can institute schemes for the Royal Parks which will bring people out of doors to enjoy clean wholesome entertainment, he will not only remove the stigma which the Briton almost unconsciously places upon the "public house," but he will do a great deal towards making family life happier and more united in common enjoyment of the simple pleasures which food and drink and recreation in the open air can bring.

Yours, etc.,  
CLIVE HOLLAND,  
Author of "Denmark, the Land of the Sea Kings," etc.

Park Hill,  
Waling, W.5.

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GARDEN COURT  
47TH AND PINE STREETS  
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July 20, 1931

Mr. George Lansbury.  
c/o Daily Herald,  
London, England.

Dear Mr. Lansbury:

It may be of interest to you to know that my sister and I had the pleasure of listening to your radio talk yesterday (Sunday). It was clear and every word understood. The matter was fine and your voice carried perfectly. You seemed there before us; the only limitation was that I could not speak to you.

With the very best wishes for your continued success with the parks for the people and with kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*Maurice Fels*

Mrs. Edward J. Morling

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Let me tell

Mr. & Mrs. Morling

July 20<sup>th</sup> 1931

1301 Palm Drive

Texas Bay Heights

Corpus Christi

The  
Right Hon. George Lambury  
London, England

Texas U. S. A

Dear Sir

I am residing in a small town in Texas near the Gulf of Mexico, have lived here about twenty years, but am a native of London, England. I had the great pleasure of hearing your voice over my radio, as clearly as if you had been in the room, and I ask you to imagine my joy in hearing your voice again after so many years. I decided to write and tell you this because I have listened to your speeches many times in person when in London.

I was then an active member of the I. L. P. and also S. D. F. and an ardent Clarionite, I still am of the faith of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, but am rather a lukewarm member now, leaving it for others to work out, perhaps it is that I am not youthful any longer and am just drifting along with the tide, but down in my soul are the deep convictions I learned in my earlier days

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I enjoyed every word you said and followed along with you in all the places you mentioned, but was sorry you did not speak of our (your) lovely New Gardens, there's nothing like it in the whole world.

I will mention here that I visited London two years ago, and while passing the House one day with my friend, happened to see you just entering the gates and my friend pointed you out to me as George Lambury and I looked and sure enough I recognized you but of course 20 years had been added to yourself, but considering the up hill fight, I think you look wonderful. I have also grown older but the difference is you are still in the fight and I have laid down my arms waiting for some one else to do the work.

Kindly pardon this letter and taking up your valuable time, but I felt I had to let you know how far your voice was heard and very distinctly yes. Sir, we must try by all means in our power to keep a friendly spirit between the U.S. A and Great Britain and the Radio seems to be one of the means, I am fortunate in possessing a very good one, I wish every one else had one and

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enjoyed it like I do,

If you happen to come across a dear friend of mine, Mr George Barnes and Mr Will Kelly, also Mr Robert Young, you might tell them I send greetings, my friends are many in the Labor Party. But now I am just a small pebble in a little town in Texas. My sincere wish for the success of your own particular work and also greater success to the Labor party.

I beg to remain  
Yours very sincerely  
Mrs Edward J. Morling

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Are You  
Interested in the  
Preservation and Extension  
of our  
**CITY PARKS**



With letter 20 July 1931  
from Park Assoc. of NY City

### What We Have Done Recently

1. Initiated the Park Purchase program which resulted in the City appropriating \$28,000,000 for the acquisition of new parks and playgrounds.
2. Cooperated with Park Commissioner Browne and the New York Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects in working out a plan for the holding of a competition among the landscape architects of the country in order to obtain the finest plan available for the development of the 1,500 acres comprising Marine Park at Gerritsen Basin, Brooklyn.
3. Campaigned for the restoration of the Lower Reservoir in Central Park and cooperated with the New York Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, in preparing a fitting plan for the landscaping of this 34-acre tract. This fine plan has been formally accepted on behalf of the City by Park Commissioner Herrick.
4. Instrumental in restoring to the public use, Jacob Riis Park in Rockaway. This park has been occupied by the United States Naval Air Station for more than fourteen years. Plans are now under way by Park Commissioner Benninger to provide for a bathing pavilion to be ready for use next summer.
5. Conducted park tours in the five boroughs of New York City inviting hundreds of civic workers, borough and park officials for the purpose of stimulating interest in our parks.
6. Organized an Advisory Park Council comprised of a representative from fifty-two civic organizations in New York City.
7. Appointed Regional Directors who report on the conditions of the parks in the vicinity of their homes. These reports are forwarded to the Park Commissioners.
8. Collaborated in the plan for the rehabilitation of the \$1,000,000 Isaac L. Rice Play Field in Pelham Bay Park. An appropriation of \$250,000 was made by the City Government.
9. Initiated a campaign to reconstruct the bridle paths in Central Park. A request for an appropriation of \$125,000 is now pending before the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.
10. Instrumental in preventing Van Cortlandt Park from two threatened invasions.

11. Presented to the City of New York through the courtesy of Mr. John Keur, a member of the Park Association, over 300,000 assorted flowering bulbs, which have been planted in the City parks.
12. Initiated the movement to beautify the main highways in the five boroughs.

### What We Are Now Doing

1. To see that the \$28,000,000 for parks and playgrounds embodied in Controller Berry's Park Report is spent as wisely as possible in order to enlarge our park and playground system.
2. Nation-wide contest for the best design for the Marine Park in Brooklyn so that the citizens of New York will be assured of a plan worthy of the expenditure of \$30,000,000 to \$40,000,000.
3. To inaugurate a system of special park police to protect our parks from ever-increasing vandalism.
4. Landscaping of the Lower Reservoir tract in Central Park in accordance with the plan designed by the New York Chapter, American Society of Landscape Architects, so that the area will be ready for use this summer.
5. To support the park commissioners in their desire to obtain appropriations large enough to relandscape the smaller parks of the City.
6. Cooperating with the Committee of Twenty on Street and Outdoor Cleanliness in an effort to keep our city parks free from litter.
7. Conducting educational campaigns to arouse interest in the welfare of our city parks.
8. To reclaim Wards and Randalls Islands for park use.
9. To protect Inwood Hill Park from being despoiled by the proposed motor vehicle highway which would cut the park in two.
10. Holding meetings of the Advisory Park Council in order to effect a coordinating agency in our campaigns of informing the public so that intelligent public opinion may be brought to bear on problems affecting the parks.
11. To clear up the waterfronts so that they may be made available for public use.

What We Need

MORE MEMBERS —

MORE SUPPORT

*Work With Us for Park Protection*

A large, united membership is sought by the Park Association of New York City. Strength and democracy are to be found in united numbers. Such a body should include old and young, rich and poor—like the park itself, should be for all the people. If you approve the purpose for which the Park Association is in existence, a cordial invitation to apply for membership is hereby extended.

Park Association of New York City

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71 West 23rd Street, New York City



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*New York*  
**Park Association of New York City, Inc.**

For the Preservation and Extension  
of the City Parks

71 WEST 23d STREET, NEW YORK

M. Lawrence Craner  
Executive Secretary

July 20, 1931

My dear Commissioner Lansbury:

There was reported in the New York Times on July 20th a notice of a radio address which you made over the Columbia network on the subject of parks.

I would appreciate very much if you would send me a copy of your speech as well as any booklets and data which you may have in your possession on this subject. We enclose herewith a pamphlet giving you an idea of the work which we are doing in the city of New York.

With thanks in advance and should you ever come to New York City, we shall be glad to show you around our parks.

Sincerely yours,

*M. Lawrence Craner*  
Executive Secretary

Hon. George Lansbury  
Commissioner of Public Works  
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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

July 20, 1931

Hon. George Landsbury,  
First Commissioner of Works,  
London, England,

Dear Sir,

Permit me to congratulate you on the address you delivered  
over the radio yesterday.

We were particularly pleased to find such frequent mention of  
the spiritual aspects of social work in your talk. So often men's  
daily lives are regulated purely from the material point of view that  
it is indeed refreshing to hear references to some higher plane of  
thought.

Yours truly,

Howard W. Post

Asst. Prof. of Chemistry  
University of Buffalo,  
Buffalo, N.Y., U.S.A.

WILLIAM H. SEED  
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW  
ONE LA SALLE STREET  
CHICAGO

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late of Daily Herald

July 20, 1931

The Rt. Honble. George Lansbury, Esq. M.P.  
H. M. Office of Works  
Westminster  
London, S. W.  
England

My dear Lansbury:

It did me good to hear your voice on the radio yesterday morning. I had seen the enclosed paragraph and although it is a long time since you looked exactly like this photograph, I recognized you and it directed my attention to the fact that you were going to say something to the great American public. Your voice sounded strangely familiar even after sixteen years. I cannot resist writing to you to congratulate you upon the great success which you and the labor party have achieved since the day when I took leave of you in the Daily Herald office a day or two before I set sail from Liverpool. I was hoping before you had got through your talk you would have said something about the parks and open spaces in the east and south of London. You spoke of St. James' Park and Kensington Gardens, but I wanted to be reminded of Victoria Park, Hampstead Heath and Peckham Rye.

Here in Chicago we resemble London in that we have some very fine parks but we also have vast areas like the slums of which you spoke in London, where the sun and air seldom penetrate and there must be many thousands of children who never have seen the green sod.

I wish we had someone here occupying the position of sufficient power to do the work which you are doing in Britain.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

William H. Seed

Enc.  
WHS:HK

E. A. Hardy

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TORONTO 5, ONT. July 21, 1931.

Right Honorable,  
The Commissioner for Public Parks, Historic Buildings, etc.,  
Parliament Buildings,  
London, Eng.

Dear Sir,

At noon to-day I had the very great pleasure of hearing you over the radio speaking from London, England, on the parks and public places of the Kingdom, the supervision of which comes under your control. I want to express my appreciation of your address. It had the sympathetic touch of one who loved birds and flowers and green grass and trees, not only for themselves, but for the part they can play in the life of men and women and boys and girls, and also as revelations of the goodness of our God.

There was also in your address a fine sense of the continuity of history from ancient Roman days down to our own, a recognition of our debt to foregoing generations, and a realization that all generations are woven together by our heredities and traditions. There was further a broad outlook on the present complex life and the possible future, and a feeling that we on this side of the Atlantic share in the same traditions as those of you who have remained at home.

Will you, therefore, accept for your address, the sincere thanks of one who, three thousand miles away, heard and appreciated every word of your thoughtful and moving address.

Yours sincerely,

*E. A. Hardy*

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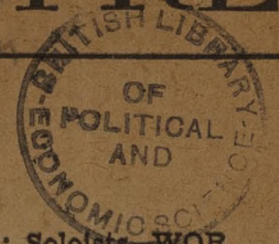
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*with letter 21 July 1931 from E.W. Parrell*

## The Week's Outstanding Broadcasts

(July 19-25)

(Time Is P. M., Eastern Daylight)



### TODAY

- 12:00—St. Louis Orchestra—WABC's Network.
- 12:30—Rebroadcast From London. Speaker, George Lansbury, Commissioner of Works in Labor Government—WABC.
- 1:00—Cleveland Orchestra; Genevieve Rowe, Soprano—WEAF.
- 4:00—Operatic Concert From Ravinia, Ill.—WJZ.
- 7:00—Concert Ensemble; Cesare Sodero, Conductor—WEAF.
- 8:00—Concert Orchestra; Elizabeth Lennox, Contralto—WEAF.
- 9:30—Philharmonic Orchestra, Lewisohn Stadium; Willem van Hoogstraten, Conductor—WABC.
- 9:45—Chicago Philharmonic Orchestra; Adolphe Dumont, Conductor—WJZ.
- 10:15—Goldman Band Concert—WEAF.

### MONDAY

- 7:45—Symphony Orchestra; Maurice Baron, Conductor—WJZ.
- 9:30—Orchestral Concert; Martha Attwood, Soprano; James Melton, Tenor—WEAF.
- 10:30—Hollywood Bowl Symphony Orchestra; John McCormack, Tenor—WJZ.

### TUESDAY

- 9:30—Salon Orchestra; Eddy Brown, Violin—WOR.
- 10:15—Inaugural Television Broadcast of Station W2XAB—WABC.

### WEDNESDAY

- 8:30—Concert Orchestra; Oliver Smith, Tenor—WJZ.
- 8:45—Goldman Band Concert—WNYC (WJZ at 9:30).

- 8:45—Rainbow Revue; Orchestra; Sololsts—WOR.
- 9:30—Concert Orchestra; Soloists—WEAF.
- 10:30—String Ensemble; Martin Johnson Interviewed—WEAF.

### THURSDAY

- 8:00—Concert Orchestra; David Gulon, Pianist—WOR.
- 8:00—Connecticut Yankees Orchestra—WEAF.
- 9:30—Orchestral Concert; Richard Bonelli, Baritone—WJZ.
- 9:30—Goldman Band Concert—WEAF.
- 10:00—Philharmonic Concert, Lewisohn Stadium; Willem van Hoogstraten, Conductor—WABC.

### FRIDAY

- 8:00—Concert Orchestra; Jessica Dragonette, Soprano—WEAF.
- 9:00—Little Symphony Orchestra; Philip James, Conductor—WOR.
- 10:00—Concert Orchestra; Olga Albani, Soprano—WEAF.
- 10:00—Orchestral Concert; Toscha Seidel, Violinist; Mixed Quartet and Others—WABC.

### SATURDAY

- 9:00—Concert Orchestra; Erno Rapee, Conductor—WEAF.
- 9:00—National High School Orchestra and Choir, Interlochen, Mich.—WJZ.
- 9:30—Philharmonic Concert, Lewisohn Stadium; Willem van Hoogstraten, Conductor—WABC.
- 11:15—Pageant, "Covered Wagon Days," in University of Utah Stadium—WJZ.

Ackd: + copy sent

E W Parrill

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Dear Mr. Lonsbury;

Is it practical

for you to let me have a copy  
of the speech you made Sunday  
as per enclosed.

Some of the sentiments  
expressed by you were really wonderful.

Edwin W. Parrill

806 Huron Rd

Cleveland

Ohio

h.s.a.

July 25-31

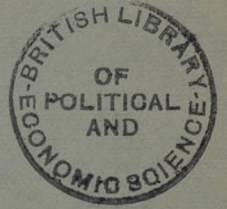
Harry Cutlers

Route 4 - Box 368  
Santa Rosa  
California. U.S.A.

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M<sup>r</sup> Geo Lonsbury.  
London.

Dear G. oneed:



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Last Sunday "July 19<sup>th</sup>" when I turned in my Radio, the International Broadcast was already on the air when I heard a voice with a decided cockney twang I felt I knew it, and listened more attentive than usual, and when the speaker began to give a description of the London Parks, and its children, I was all ears, when you described St James Park, and mixed betting in the terps, Kensington gardens, the Tower and Hampton Court. I was very much at home, and it gave me pleasure, I will not attempt to describe. But why did you leave off there, I was waiting to hear a word about Peckham Rye, and Rye Hill Park, which I know as well as the back of my own hand, I was born in Waltham, and brought up at Peckham, I remember the "Rye" when it was just open common, and the 2 Ponds when they were just a dirty pool for swimming dogs. Now it is a recreation ground. The last time I saw



it, was in 1916, when I was overseas, with the Canadian  
Engineers. Well I must not tire you for I know you are  
a busy man and have many duties, but I felt I must  
write, to a comrade I knew so well, I was a member  
of the old T.P.F. of Northampton, when F.G. Jones ran  
as Parliamentary candidate, I have heard you speak for  
us a number of times, in fact you was to have stayed with  
us, over when you were Organiser for the T.P.F. (£2.0.0  
a week), that was when we tried to do much on a very  
little money, or even no money at all. Guess remember <sup>you</sup>  
some of the old comrades. Jim Gribble, Alf Steiner, Shunter  
Cott, Rose Cott, and many others. Sometimes I get news  
from Northampton, and many of the old guard are  
still there, some in office, and not a penny the  
better off personally. Its a great pride to me to look  
back over the years, and think of the splendid men  
and women, the movement produced, and the  
great sacrifices the majority of us made when called  
upon. I remember May Day (95 or 6) I think when we  
paraded round the town, Men Women and Kids, there

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in England, we ~~had~~ head and shoulders <sup>over</sup> what we have here, there are a few very worthy ones, but the bulk are just office seekers, for the profits of office, but at home, nearly all are ready to do their best, and serve their poor interests unselfishly.

Well Dear Comrade I guess I must close, hoping I have not taken up too much of your time, but I know you will forgive me, for I must thank you for the pleasure of hearing you again, and the many things it has made me think of all the past week. I have lived some of my early years over again I only hope you will be spared, to carry on the work for many a year yet, I don't suppose I shall ever take your hand again, but you will always have my kindest wishes and regards

yours Fraternally

Harry Cutlers

*[Faint handwritten scribbles]*



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were 5 baby buggies pushed round, my youngest boy was  
in one, and my old wife shoved him, and I carried  
the banner. Well we thought at that time our Ideal  
was very near realization, and we are hoping yet  
that is one of the great outstanding things of the  
movement. Optimism, we had it then and we  
have it yet I am thankful to say. And will have  
it until our Labor is done. I wish I could convey to you  
some of the things that impress me here, for having  
lived over here now for 20 years, it broadens one's view.  
This United States is more better Capitalistic than  
England ever was, and with the greed and graft  
and the abuse of office, the capitalist system has  
produced the finest propaganda socialism ever had.  
and with our higher standard of living, is likely to  
make a more spectacular collapse than any  
of the European countries. Since living over here  
I have come to realize that the conditions of <sup>the</sup> world

Mrs. Avis Yates Brownlee

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1300 Sacramento Street  
San Francisco, California  
July 29th 1931



The Honorable George Lansbury  
First Commissioner of Works  
London  
England.

My dear Sir:-

On Sunday morning, July 19th, I listened with much pleasure to your talk on the Park Systems of England, made over the Columbia Broadcast system by transmission from London.

Perhaps you will be glad to know that of all the Sunday morning broadcasts made thus far in this series, yours was by far the most pleasing. You spoke slowly and distinctly and your voice is admirable for the radio. Every word of your message was heard very easily. There are differences in accent in the various English-speaking countries of the world and I am sure everyone appreciated your clear enunciation.

I hope some day that you may see Golden Gate Park in San Francisco - eleven hundred acres of sand transformed into a beautiful, wooded park by the genius of Mr. John MacLaren.

Very truly yours

*Avis Yates Brownlee*

Mrs. Avis Yates Brownlee

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G.L.,

29th July, 1931.

Dear Sir,

It is very kind of you to have taken  
the trouble to write me so nice a note.  
I appreciate it very much.

With every good wish

*R. L. Mackenzie*

Mr. T.W. Aitken,  
Y.M.C.A.  
Guelph  
Ontario  
Canada.

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29th July, 1937.

Dear Comrade,

It is more than kind of you to have taken the trouble to write me so nice a note. I appreciate it very much.

I, too, think the wireless wonderful - probably the most wonderful invention of my lifetime.

Best of good wishes

*R. L. Moberly*

Mr. W. Bonny,  
Box 180  
Spring Lake,  
Michigan.

G.L.

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29th July, 1937.

Dear Mr. Driskill,

It is more than kind of you to have taken the trouble to write me so nice a note. I appreciate it very much. I think the wireless one of the most wonderful inventions of my lifetime - if not the most wonderful.

Best wishes

*J. L. ...*

T.F. Driskill, Esq.,  
5617, Lindell Avenue,  
Dallas  
Texas, U.S.A.

G.L.

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29th July, 1931.

Dear Sir,

It is very kind of you to have taken  
the trouble to write to me and I appreciate  
it very much.

Best of good wishes

*R. Lambury*

Mr. C.E. Green,  
714, Brock Avenue,  
Toronto  
Ontario  
CANADA.



G.L.

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29th July, 1937.

Dear Comrade,

It is really extremely kind of you to have taken the trouble to write me such a nice letter to let me know that you heard and enjoyed my broadcast talk. I do not know if I shall ever get to Canada again, but if I do I must certainly try and look you up. It is good to have lived to see so much accomplished, though, of course, there is a tremendous lot more to be done.

Will you give my kind regards to your wife and any other friends, and, of course, accept the same yourself. I too remember the Northampton days quite well.

All good wishes

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'J. H. [unclear]'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Mr. W.H. Reeves,  
352½, Dundas Street,  
Woodstock,  
Ontario, Canada.

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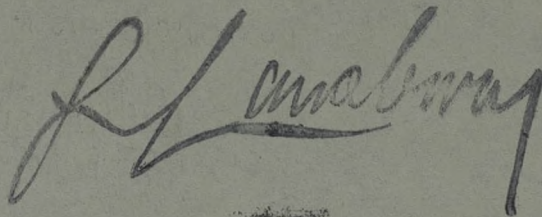
29th July, 1931.

Dear Seed,

Thank you very much indeed for your note of the 20th. I have received quite a number of letters with reference to my broadcast speech, which shows that it got across all right. I did not talk about the other parks because they come under the London County Council - I am only in charge of the Royal Parks.

It is very good of you to have written.

Best wishes



W.H. Seed, Esq.,  
One La Salle Street,  
CHICAGO.

G.L.

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4th August, 1931.

Dear Sir,

It was very kind indeed of you to  
take the trouble to send me so nice a note, and  
I appreciate it very much.

R. Brackenbury, Esq.,  
1247, Cave Street,  
La Folla  
CALIFORNIA.

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G.L.

4th August, 1937.

My dear Comrade,

Thank you very much indeed for sending me so nice a letter about my broadcast talk. It was the first time I had done such a thing, so I am very pleased to know that so many of my friends heard what I said and also liked it.

Again many thanks and best wishes

C.M. Coe, Esq.,  
222, Hamlet Street,  
Los Angeles,  
California.

G.L.

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4th August, 1937.

My dear Friends,

Thank you very much indeed for your kind and generous letter, which I appreciate very much.

I am so glad that my voice came over well, and thank you for sending me a picture of Echo Park. The bridge is rather like the one we have in St. James's Park, only ours is straight. It looks as though you have a very fine park there indeed.

Again many thanks

Captain and Mrs. Paul Flammer,  
1401, North Hoover Street,  
Hollywood,  
CALIFORNIA.

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G.L.

4th August, 1931.

Dear Friend,

It was very kind of you to take the trouble to write to me and I appreciate your letter very much.

With best wishes

Miss Louie C. Ward,  
Apartment 17  
575, Pope Avenue,  
Toronto, CANADA.

G.L.

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5th August, 1931.

Sir,

I am asked by Mr. Lansbury to thank you for your letter dated the 20th ultimo, and to send you herewith a copy of his broadcast speech.

Mr. Lansbury is much obliged to you for sending him a copy of your pamphlet in regard to the New York parks, and sends you a copy of a brochure published by the London County Council dealing with the parks and open spaces under their control. This brochure does not deal with parks and open spaces under the control of the State, or of the Borough Councils, but a reference to these will be found in the appendix at the end of the brochure.

It is regretted that there are no publications dealing specifically with the Government open spaces, which are those that come directly under Mr. Lansbury's control.

Mr. Lansbury has, of course, visited New York on more than one occasion, and is acquainted with the open spaces in your city.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Private Secretary.

M. Lawrence Graner, Esq.,  
Park Association of New York City,  
71 West 23d Street,  
NEW YORK.



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CIVIL SERVICE SPORTS COUNCIL,  
TREASURY CHAMBERS,  
WHITEHALL, S. W. 1.

Sir Francis Noel  
Curtis - Bennett  
(1882 -

6 Aug. [431]

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Dear Mr Postgate. Thank you so much for  
sending me a copy of your Father's delightful  
memoirs which I have loved and enjoyed  
reading.

I'm particularly interested in it, as  
next year there is to be an International  
Conference in America on Playing Fields to be  
sponsored by the President. I have been asked to  
attend as the representative of this country - a  
high honour, but one I regret to decline.

Kindest regards to your family

in which I hope you will wish to join

We loved having you Father to school. Truly, I remain  
Yours  
John Bennett



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6th August, 1937.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Lansbury has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 19th July, and to say that he thinks it is very kind of you to have taken the trouble to write to him. He appreciates it very much.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Private Secretary.

G.S. Brett, Esq.,  
Route 3, Box 360,  
Sebastopol, CALIFORNIA,  
U.S.A.

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6th August, 1931.

Dear Sir,

Mr. Lansbury has asked me to thank you for your letter of the 19th July, and to say that he thinks it is very kind of you to have taken the trouble to write to him. He appreciates it very much.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

Private Secretary.

James W. Erwin, Esq.,  
142, Sansome Street,  
San Francisco,  
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