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Dr. Karl Polanyi,
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Dear Dr. Polanyi,

With further reference to your letter of the
20th inst., we will endeavour to answer the questions you raise.

(1) Yes, your contention is correct. The
re-capitalisation venture in its extent and scope was a
departure from the traditional methods of industries and banks
in Lancashire.

(2) Your statement here, too, is correct, but it
should perhaps be slightly qualified. At the outset many of
the re-capitalisations were neither speculative nor wholly unsound.
They were carried through in order to render possible larger
depreciation charges against profits. The old capitalisation
took no account of the rise in value of buildings and machinery
and the depreciation permitted by the tax authorities was
inadequate, while profits were high. Subsequently, of course,
what was a legitimate procedure to begin with, became purely
speculative, and values were written to absurd heights which could
not be sustained as soon as a slump occurred.

(3) The system of capitalisation by share capital
and loan capital acted reasonably well as long as the industry
was prosperous, but it was certainly a burden when the trade fell
on evil times.

(4 & 5) The banks did in effect gain control of the
mills, but did not "run" them as a Continental bank would have done.
In many instances they supported the mills for a considerable time

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in the hope of recovering eventually the money they had advanced. In the end, two of the banks compelled a large number of mills to join the L.C.C. and cut their losses in that way. The other banks have presumably judged each case individually ~~and~~ what they consider to be the merits of the position as it affected them, forcing some into bankruptcy while continuing assistance to others.

We hope this information is of service to you.

Yours sincerely,

J. Swatch
THE EDITOR.

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Mr. Polanyi,

44a, Ravenscroft Avenue,

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Dear Sir,

With reference to the favour of your call at this office in connection with your proposed visit to the United States early next year, and to your enquiry as to the fare from New York to Demois, we beg to advise you that the fare in this connection is approximately £9. each way. This provides for first class travel, and we would point out that there are no second class tickets, and the third class we do not recommend you taking on such a long journey.

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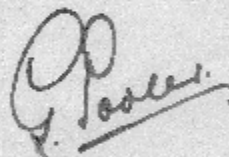
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Dr. Karl Polanyi
44a, Ravenscroft Avenue
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My dear Dr. Polanyi:

As Mr. Murrow is to be out of town for sometime he has asked me to send you the Agreement between the Des Moines Public Schools and their leaders of public forums. Will you be good enough to sign both copies of this Agreement and return them to me when I shall see that they are forwarded to Mr. Studebaker, the Director of the Forums in Des Moines.

I have seen the cable which you sent to Dr. Kotschnig accepting the Des Moines proposition and note that you have mailed your curriculum vitae. Dr. Kotschnig is sailing on Saturday but I shall see that your curriculum vitae is mailed to Des Moines when received. *

It will be a great pleasure to make your acquaintance when you arrive in New York in January.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite
Executive Secretary

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Your curriculum vitae has been received and forwarded to Des Moines.

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Dear Sir,

S. S. AQUITANIA - DECEMBER 1934.

With further reference to your call at this office in connection with your proposed passage to the United States, we have pleasure in offering you berth 2. in room D.49. 3rd class per the above steamer, and we have pleasure in enclosing herewith plan of the vessel for your perusal, and trust that the offered accommodation will meet with your approval.

Thanking you in anticipation of your early commands, which we can assure you will receive our very careful attention.

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Mr. Polanyi,
44a, Ravenscroft Avenue,
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Dear Sir,

S.S. AQUITANIA - DECEMBER 18TH.

With reference to your call at this office today, and our offer of berth 2. in room ~~A~~ 49 by the above sailing, we beg to confirm to you that we have the definite assurance of the Cunard White Star Line that they will be glad to offer you the above room for your exclusive use.

Assuring you of our careful attention at all times to your requirements.

We are,

Yours faithfully,
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44a, Ravenscroft Avenue,
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30th October, 1934.

My dear Miss Waite,

Thank you very much for your letter of October 19th. Porgive me for delaying my answer for a day or two, but I thought it preferable to wait for Dr.Kerschnig in order to be sure to deal with this matter according to your intentions.

I enclose a signed copy of the Agreement. The other copy of the Agreement is, I suppose, intended for myself?

As I should not like to rush on to the delicate task of addressing an audience utterly unknown to me, without having had some opportunity of getting the feel of the atmosphere, I believe that I should not delay my sailing so as to get to New York as late as January 5th. This leaves me no alternative but to sail on December 18th, reaching New York on December 24th. I intend to stay most of the time between then and January 7th in Oberlin College with some friends of mine. Accordingly I have booked to-day my cabin on the Aquitania, sailing from Southampton on Dec^r 18th next. Till then communications will reach me at the above address.

Dr.Ketschnig informs me that you are organising a visit to some of the smaller colleges in the regions not usually visited by foreign speakers, with a special view to fostering interest for politics in these important intellectual circles in a new and, possibly, effective way. Dr.Ketschnig mentioned that you are thinking of perhaps using me after I have completed my tasks in Des Moines at the middle of February next. Following your request transmitted to me by him, I am sending you another copy of my curriculum vitae, which by the way does not seem to express quite adequately the fact that I acquired an extensive experience in students voluntary education during the years of my occupation with the Students Movement.

I am definitely interested in your project and

could quite well make myself free for this very special sort of inspirational and discussing work during the months of March and April next. As, however, I was preparing to arrange about some lecturing for the time after the middle of February, in the States, I think that I must ask you to try to let me know your decision before December 15th next. This would leave me a margin of a few days to start on my own plans, should you NOT require this further lecturing work from me.

Perhaps I ought to mention that I should like my task to be mapped out in a way which would leave me a complete rest one day every week; also I should not care to undertake more than two lectures a day, apart from discussions, meetings and other concomittant work. You would oblige me exceedingly if in case these conditions were unacceptable to you, you would kindly send me word, preferably by cable, allowing me to disburse expenses when I arrive in New York.

The syllabuses are deliberately formulated in a varied and sometimes unusual style. They would probably have to be brought into line with the technique and scope of the actual plan and method of the tour. I should be delighted to have an opportunity of discussing these latter questions with your Institute. The inclusion of Russia needs, I suppose, no special explanation in view of the fact that I published a series of analytic studies on Russian problems in the course of the last ten years (the most recent of which deals with the results of the first Five Year Plan, and the apparent contradictions in Soviet Agricultural Statistics, and appeared at the end of September last in the *Oesterreichische Volkswirt*, Vienna).

I suggest the following titles for the lectures on the Visiting Tour:

- 1) The Balance Sheet of Treaty Revision.
- 2) Minority issues in Europe.
- 3) The Peace Treaty System and its Contradictions.
- 4) The Churches and Fascism on the European Continent.
- 5) The Deadlock of Politics and Economics.
- 6) The Agrarian Paradox in Soviet Russia.
- 7) How did the World Economic Crisis affect the Russian Five Year Plans?
- 8) Labour Movements in Europe.

44a, Ravenscroft Avenue,
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London, N.W.11.

November 2nd, 1934.

Miss E.L. Waite,
Executive Secretary,
Institute of International Education, Inc.,
Two West Forty-Fifth Street,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Miss Waite,

Numbers 1, 2, 3, and 8, of Notices on Visiting
Tour Lectures enclosed. Number 8, is somewhat more
concrete than originally suggested.

May I enclose a corrected version of number 7?
The original can be destroyed.

The (more detailed) syllabus of the six Des
Moines lectures will reach you by next mail.

Perhaps I should send you for publicity pur-
poses two other photos, in which I seem to take a
more friendly view of things in general. Press
copies of similar ones could be supplied.

Sincerely yours,

Karl Polanyi.

Encs. 5 Notices of Visiting
Tour Lectures.
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Numbers 4, 5, 6, and 7, are enclosed. 1, 2, 3, and 8, as well as the more detailed syllabus of the Des Moines series on "Taking Stock of Central Europe", will follow in the course of this week.

It will be a very great pleasure to meet you in New York as soon as I arrive, and I look forward to it very much indeed.

Yours sincerely,

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Mr. Polanyi,

44a. Ravenscroft Avenue.

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Dear Sir,

S. S. AQUITANIA - DECEMBER 18TH.

With reference to the reservation of berth 2. in room B.49 on your behalf for the above sailing, we should be glad if you would kindly return to us the United States Declaration form duly completed at your earliest convenience, in order that the necessary ticket may be issued.

Thanking you, and assuring you of our careful attention at all times to your requirements.

We are.

Yours faithfully,
Pickfords Ltd.,

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44a, Ravenscroft Ave.,
N. W. 11.

November 14th, 1934.

Miss M.L. Waite,
Executive Secretary,
Institute of Int. Education, Inc.,
Two West Forty-Fifth Street,
NEW YORK CITY.

Dear Miss Waite,

Unfortunately, I was unable to prepare the Des Moines lecture syllabus as promised. The pressure of some other lecturing work to which I had previously agreed proved greater than I had reckoned. I am very sorry for this delay, but I could not possibly do more.

I enclose the titles of the Six Lectures. A short syllabus of the first lecture of the series is also enclosed. It might be of some use for publicity purposes. In fact, I have prepared the outline of the syllabus of all six lectures, but it will take another day or two to formulate the syllabuses themselves.

A wire would reach me any time under the following telegraphic address: INDEPESBUS GOLD London (this being the cable address of the Christian Student Movement, Annandale, North End Road, Golders Green, London, N.W. 11.) or at the above address.

Yours sincerely,

Karl Polanyi.

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November 16, 1934

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Your two letters with enclosures have been received, and have given me real pleasure. I am sending this acknowledgment off by fast ship so that you may know they were received. Professor Duggan, our Director, is a very busy man, and I have not as yet had an opportunity to take the matter of your lecturing with us up with him. I am hoping to see him the first of next week, and then will be in a position to write you officially.

I am delighted to learn that you are coming over ahead of time and will arrive in New York on December 24th - Christmas eve. I will try to arrange for some kind of entertainment for you on Christmas, unless you have personal friends whom you plan to visit while in New York. I shall hope to see you here at the Institute the day after Christmas and hope you will hold your luncheon date open for me on that day, or the next if more convenient. Of course we know Dr. Jaszi very well here at the Institute as we arranged his lecture itinerary the first time he came over.

I spoke to a Hungarian friend of mine here in New York - Paula Pogany - now Mrs. Toscan Bennett, and she was very much interested in your proposed visit over here. She remembers you and knew your mother and sister in the old days in Budapest. She was a member of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. If you remember her, she would like very much to see you while you are in New York and to have you meet her American husband. Her brother, the artist, Willy Pogany, no longer lives in New York, but is out in Hollywood, California.

Mr. Murrow is away on a vacation combined with a honeymoon. I sent him a copy of your letter to me. I am sorry he will not be back in New York before you arrive, but there is a chance that he might see you in Oberlin if he returns by automobile and had the time to stop off in Oberlin. He approves very highly of your lecture subjects.

If you visit the Southern colleges for us, I want you to meet a young woman who is studying this year here in New York, who was student secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association visiting the colleges in that region for six years so that she knows them very well. She can give you some valuable points about the places to be visited. May I ask whether you would enjoy visiting Negro colleges in the South? In some of them there are both white and negro men on the staff, but in others the teaching staff is wholly negro. You would find some very keen students at these negro institutions, and it will give you added insight into inter-racial problems. You would receive a very enthusiastic welcome from these students. Looking forward to meeting you, I am,
Sincerely yours
Mary L. Waite

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Mr. Polanyi,
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Dear Sir,

S.S. "AQUITANIA" DECEMBER 19th.

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With reference to your return passage from New York, we would recommend your holding the actual Steamship Ticket, but in this case it will be necessary for you to choose Steamer and date of return, in order that the ticket may be issued. You can however, transfer with the Shipping Company to any of their vessels, should you not be able to return on date endorsed on the ticket.

If this is not suitable to you, it will be necessary to issue you an Eastbound Passage Order, which you present to the Shipping Company in the States, upon you deciding Steamer and date of return, and then the actual Steamship Ticket is issued in exchange; but in the case, herewith mentioned, a tax of 5 dollars is charged.

We are also enclosing herewith Temporary Visitor form, which we shall be glad if you will complete, and return to us.

Thanking you, and assuring you of our very best attention,

Yours faithfully,

W. J. Pickford

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Professor Oscar Jászi
Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio

My dear Professor Jászi:

I have recently received a letter from Dr. Karl Polanyi, now in London, telling me that he expects to arrive in New York about Christmastime and that he will spend a few days with you at Oberlin College on his way out to Des Moines where he is to lecture from January 7th to February 16th. The Institute is considering the possibility of engaging Dr. Polanyi to lecture in some of the smaller colleges in the South after he finishes his engagement at Des Moines, and Dr. Duggan is anxious to find out, as specifically as possible, about his ability as a lecturer. As Dr. Polanyi is evidently a very good friend of yours, I am sure you can give us the information we desire. I think what Dr. Duggan especially wants to know is whether Dr. Polanyi speaks English with sufficient fluency and distinctness so that students in our colleges would understand him, and also whether he has the ability to present his facts in an interesting manner so as to hold the attention of those who listen to him. Any added information you can give me about Dr. Polanyi will be very much appreciated.

I shall await your reply with interest.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite
Executive Secretary

MLW:B

November 21, 1934

Miss Mary L. Waite
Secretary, Institute of International Education
New York City

My dear Miss Waite:

I take pleasure in answering your letter of 19 November, concerning my friend Dr. Karl Polanyi.

I am absolutely sure that Dr. Polanyi will have no difficulty at all in making himself understood by American students. He spoke English already in his family circle. Later when he was one of the editors of the Oesterreichischer Volkswirt, he had an intimate circle of English friends with whom he spoke, of course, English. He is now living, since a year ago, in England getting his livelihood by lecturing and writing. I know from other friends that his lectures impressed his English audiences strongly because he is a very lively speaker and an interesting personality, full of conviction.

I give these indirect evidences because my own occasional conversations with him in English have been too rare to form a definite opinion on this point. However upon the basis of what I know from others, I can assume responsibility in this matter.

I think, therefore, that it is an excellent idea of Dr. Duggan to send him to some smaller American Colleges. He is surely the person who can arouse the enthusiasm of young folk disconnected with international affairs towards world affairs. In his youth Dr. Polanyi was a leader of progressive university students, and his influence was widely spread. He was regarded as a man of unusual rhetorical gifts. Furthermore I wish to emphasize that I know very few persons who have such an amount of solid knowledge of the social, political, and economic realities of central Europe, as Polanyi.

With kind regards, I remain,

yours sincerely,

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November 28, 1934

Dr. Karl Polanyi
 44a, Ravenscroft Avenue
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My dear Dr. Polanyi:

Miss Waite has shown me your recent letter written after you had seen Dr. Kotschnig who told you of the project which the Institute is organizing to send a foreign lecturer to some of the smaller colleges in the southern states. The plan, which will be put into active operation this winter, is to send a man for a two days' visit to small colleges in remote portions of the United States, many of which have not received a foreigner in a number of years. These colleges, in response to a questionnaire sent out to them, have signified great interest in the plan, and will provide hospitality. It is expected that the lecturer will give only one formal lecture in each institution. It is hoped however that he will take part in round table conferences, conduct a class in history, or participate generally in discussions of current political and economic questions.

After reading your curriculum vitae and the letters which I have received from various persons telling me about your ability to speak English and to win the friendship of students, I feel that the Institute will be very fortunate if it can secure you to lecture with us beginning immediately after you complete your work in Des Moines on February 16th, and remaining with us until the first of May or longer, if you feel you can prolong your stay in this country until the middle of May. The financial arrangements which we can make with you will be to pay all traveling expenses from the time you leave Des Moines until you return to New York, and to give you \$25.00 for each formal lecture given at the institutions visited. On the basis of the itinerary as it is now being drawn up, this would give you a little better than \$800.00 for lectures.

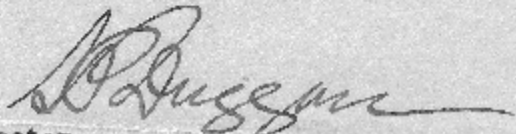
Dr. Polanyi

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November 28, 1954

I shall be glad to hear from you at your early convenience as to whether you feel you can accept this invitation. It will be a great pleasure to welcome you when you arrive in New York. I note from your letter that you are coming on the Aquitania which is due to dock on December 24th.

Very sincerely yours,



Director

SD:FB

44a Ravenscroft Avenue,

London, N;W; 11.

Nov. 28th. 1934.

Miss M.L. Waite,

via S.S. President Roosevelt.

Dear Miss Waite,

It was a happy surprise to get your letter and to find that we have so many mutual friends. It was especially kind of you to think of my whereabouts on Christmas Eve. I shall be delighted to have lunch with you at the Institute on the day after Christmas Day (the 26th). On Christmas Eve I hope to be with some personal friends of mine, but nothing definite has yet been arranged.

I want to send this note off to you tonight, along with the enclosed outlines, and will answer your letter in detail tomorrow. But I should to say now that I have no objections whatever to visiting the Southern Colleges for you; I am, however, deliberately vague, because I have as yet not the faintest idea what the actual plan or organisation of the visiting work is.

The enclosed two outlines - Germany and Italy - are intended for the Des Moines Public Forum. There is another mail going out tomorrow, and by it I will send another you the next instalment.

Of course this letter is like yours, personal and

informal, and so let me tell again how extremely nice it was to have a note like yours from a place which one envisaged as the very embodiment of abstract remoteness.

Yours very sincerely,

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Mary L. Waite,
Institute of Int. Edu., Inc.,
2 West 45 th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Waite,

I have just had a ring on the phone announcing your cable : "invitation mailed . Intered". I take this to refer to the visiting tour .

It was most considerate of the Institute to hasten its decision so much . I wonder what the actual plan of the work is like? It should be an extremely interesting piece of work.

Enclosed are two further syllabi for Des Moines. The last one will follow by the Dec. 4 mail.

My present plans will take me to Oberlin as soon as the 29th December. I hope to be able to meet Reinhold Niebuhr , Union Theological Seminary, New -York, during my Xmas stay there.

I am eagerly awaiting your next letter.

Very sincerely yours,

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44a, Ravenscroft Ave.,
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3rd December, 1934.

Miss Mary L. Waite,
Institute of Int. Educ., Inc.,
2 West 45th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Waite,

It was a most agreeable surprise to me that your Institute had made inquiries about myself also with my friend Oscar Jaszi at Oberlin College. There are but few people amongst our contemporaries whom I esteem more highly as this man who would have been to Hungary what Masaryk was to Czechoslovakia, if history had not cut short his career.

I enclose the last of the series of Des Moines Lectures. (Number 6: "The Powers- Help and Hindrance on the Danube"). Will you kindly tell our friends in Des Moines that if in making public use of the syllabi small changes should be convenient, they should feel free to make them as long as it does not impair the main trend of the argument.

Mrs. Pogany was one of the most sturdy fighters for Women's Rights I have ever met. I will be very glad to meet her again and to remember the almost forgotten battles of our youth. I wonder whether my old friend Margaret Wrong from Toronto, an eminent student of

racial problems in Africa and in the Southern USA States met the young Y.W.C.A. secretary during her stay in the south some years ago. Miss Wrong was at that time, if I am not mistaken, secretary to the World Student Christian Federation. You surely grew to like her, if you ever met her.

Yours very sincerely,

Karl Brunz.

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Dear Dr. Polanyi:

December 4, 1934

I find there is just about time to reach you before you sail on December 18th if this goes out on a fast ship. Professor Duggan wrote you on November 28th and I sent you a cable - "Invitation mailed today" so that you could have the definite word that much sooner.

I am wondering whether you will stop with friends in New York, and if not, if I cannot reserve a room for you near the Institute. It will be no trouble at all, and it will give me pleasure to do this. I may have occasion to send you a wireless just before you land if there is anything special to advise you of.

Do you recall having a long conversation with a Mr. Wilson connected with the Friends Service, a year or two ago in Vienna? He was calling on me the other day and when I mentioned that you might be coming over he was very much interested and said he had a two hours' talk with you. He is wondering whether you would be interested in speaking at some Conferences which the Friends will hold on international relations during the month of June. I told him there was a possibility that you might stay on into May or during the entire month of May with us, in which event, you might be willing to speak at these conferences. They last for a week, and are held in different parts of the country. I believe only about fifty people attend and they have round table conferences at which they discuss various economic and political problems. Mr. Wilson was going to take up with his Board the question of whether they could invite you. So you may hear from him either before you sail or after you arrive, if his Board votes him the money. I thought possibly you would like to know of this possibility before you leave Europe, in case you have plans for the future in the making.

I believe nothing was said in Professor Duggan's letter about keeping one day a week as a rest day. We have that in mind and shall certainly see to it that you have such a day each week. If possible it will be a Sunday, but when the final itinerary is made out, I am hoping that we can give you the rest day in some place of special interest or beauty. You will lecture in Tennessee where the Government is now working on a huge project known as the Tennessee Valley Project. I am sure you will enjoy having a chance to see something of this construction while you are in the vicinity. Your route will take you through New Orleans, one of the quaintest cities in the new world and I hope we can give you a free day there. Of course, as you will understand, our plans must be fitted in with the plans of the colleges, and sometimes this may make it difficult to set aside just the days I would like to. You can rest assured I will do my best.

I am enclosing some sheets taken from a magazine which will give you some idea of the "TVA" as we call it. Perhaps you will enjoy reading about it during your crossing.

The first draft of your itinerary is now on my desk. It leaves Des Moines on Monday February 18th on a sleeper which you will take Sunday night. You will be on your way to Park College in Parkville, Missouri. With the time it will take for travel and with approximately two days in a place, it will take you until Friday, May 3rd, to reach Washington, D. C. If you can give us all or a part of May, we can include additional places. This preliminary draft itinerary takes you through the following states:

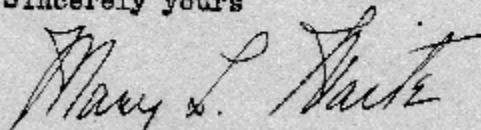
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I wonder if you have ever met Dr. Ernst Jäckh, formerly of Berlin, who is now living in Golders Green, London. (61 Temple Fortune Hill) He is connected with The New Commonwealth. He has lectured twice in this country under our auspices. He lectured at colleges which paid him for his lectures from which he paid his own traveling and other expenses, and not in the smaller more remote places which you will visit.

If convenient, could you cable upon receipt of this: whether you would like a room reserved for you - just the one word - "yes" whether you can stay on during May, for which the one word - "May" will answer. This is not entirely necessary, but if I knew ahead of your coming whether you would like to lecture over here in May, I could probably have the itinerary made out by the time you reach New York.

I received this morning your cable that you had mailed the last syllabus. I will see that it is forwarded at once to Des Moines.

Sincerely yours



Executive Secretary

44a, Ravenscroft Ave.,
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11th December, 1934.

By French Packet "Lafayette".

Stephen Duggan, LL.D., Litt.D.,
Director of Intercont. Instit. of Educ., Inc.,
Two West Forty-Fifth Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Duggan,

Thank you most heartily for your kind letter
of invitation from the 28th November.

I gladly accept your offer of a visiting tour
at the smaller out of the way colleges in the Southern States.
I regard it as a great privilege to be able to direct the minds of
American students towards the field of foreign policy and
a thorough acquaintance with which is doubtless the foremost condition
of international civic education.

After careful consideration I have found the
conditions of the offer most acceptable. I hope that the itinerary
will leave one day a week for repose.

And now let me explain in a few words why I
thought I had to ask you not to extend my stay beyond the 19th
April. The Summer term in Oxford starts at the end of April,
so that in view of the research fellowship granted to me by the
Academic Assistance Council I could not well have prolonged my absence

beyond that date. I was exceedingly glad that you found my proposal acceptable .

There is no change in my arrangements communicated to Miss Waite . Please give my kind regards to her. Accordingly , I will sail on December 18th by the "Aquitania" which is due to dock on December 24th.

It will be a very great pleasure to me indeed to make your personal acquaintance on my arrival in New York.

Yours very sincerely,

Karl Polanyi.

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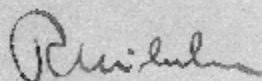
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Miss Mary L. Waite
Institute of International Education
2 West 45th Street
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Dear Miss Waite:

I am not sure that I will be free for luncheon on the 27th. If I should be I will let Dr. Polanyi know. Meanwhile I should be happy to meet him any time on the 27th convenient to him.

Sincerely yours,



Reinhold Niebuhr

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Dr. Karl Polanyi
c/o Steamship "ARQUITANIA" arriving December 24th
Pier 54, West 14th Street
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My dear Dr. Polanyi:

I am sending you out to Quarantine mail that has been received here, also a time table and a schedule of engagements which I have taken the liberty of making tentatively for you. I do not know what time your boat will dock on Monday, but if you should arrive in time so that you could telephone to me where you will be stopping over Sunday, it might be helpful to have that information. We never know when telegrams or other important messages may be sent in our care for visiting lecturers, and I always like to be prepared for any contingency by having the addresses of our men. In case you are not provided with a place to stay over Christmas, I would suggest to you the Hotel Astor, Broadway at the corner of 45th Street, which is very near the Institute. If you mention to the proprietor of the Hotel, Mr. Muschenheim, the fact that you have been sent to the Astor by Miss Waite of the Institute of International Education, I am sure he will see that you have a very good room at a moderate rate of perhaps \$2.00 or \$2.50, as he often makes arrangements of this sort for our people.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you Wednesday morning, the 26th, when we can go over some of the plans which have been made for you, before going to the Town Hall Club for luncheon. As there are a number of people who want to see you, I am wondering if you can not defer your journey to Oberlin until a night train on the 27th, and I am enclosing a time table and suggestions of a few trains which you might take on the evening of the 27th.

With best wishes for a Merry Christmas, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite
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December 27, 1934

Dr. Karl Polanyi
c/o Hotel Astor
Broadway at 45th Street
New York City

My dear Dr. Polanyi:

Someone has phoned to me while I was out at luncheon and left this message:

"Dr. Polanyi's friend from Trenton, N.J. will not be able to come in to New York tomorrow."

As I could not get you at the Astor, I will just drop you this line. Although my secretary understood "Trenton" over the phone, I am wondering if it should not be "Franklin." You will doubtless know however.

I hope you are enjoying New York.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite
Executive Secretary

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Letter being sent out to the colleges:

For the past fifteen years this Institute has been sending foreign lecturers to our institutions of higher learning. Our records indicate that only a very few of the foreign scholars brought to this country by us have lectured in the smaller institutions. This situation is undoubtedly the result of curtailed budgetary allotments for extramural lectures.

We are desirous of arranging for well qualified lecturers from abroad to appear at institutions such as your own. The realization of such a program will probably require us to subsidize to some extent visits by foreign lecturers. Before placing the plan in operation we are anxious to secure from the institutions likely to be concerned with such a project, answers to the questions listed below. Will you please return this letter at your earliest convenience, after answering the following questions:

1. How many foreign scholars have delivered extramural lectures at your institution during the past two years?
2. Please give their names and nationalities

3. If foreign lecturers were sent to you at no expense, to deliver one formal lecture and to engage in informal discussions with faculty and student groups, would you be willing to provide board and lodging for two or three days?

4. In general what subjects would you prefer such a man to discuss?

5. Additional comments

Very Sincerely yours,

MLW:A

Executive Secretary

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