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January 7, 1935

Mr. Karl P. Polanyi  
c/o Des Moines Public Forum  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Sir:

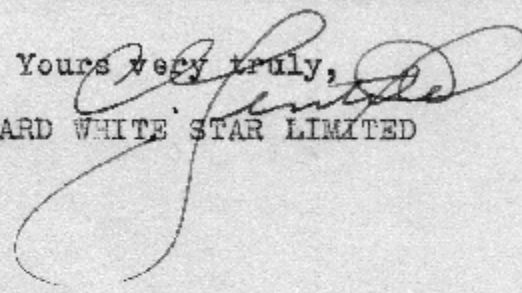
We have received advice from our London Office that you are in possession of steamer ticket for sailing as undernoted,

We shall be glad to hear from you at your earliest convenience if your arrangements remain unaltered and that you will be sailing as originally intended.

Should you, however, desire to transfer to some other one of our steamers, we shall be pleased to make the necessary reservation for you upon hearing from you. For your ready reference we are enclosing herewith copy of our latest sailing list.

We would remind you that all passengers other than U.S. Citizens require to obtain a sailing permit or Income Tax clearance prior to departure from this country. This document can be obtained from the Collector of Internal Revenue in each district, or from the Custom House, foot of Broadway, New York City. This sailing permit should be applied for about ten days prior to sailing date.

Yours very truly,

  
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Steamer BERENGARIA

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Berth

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Jan 8th. 1935

Dear Dr. Plany: :

Just a note, sent in care of Mr. Higby as of course I haven't your Des Moines address yet.

I hope these first lectures are not too trying for you. Every day they will become easier as you learn your audiences better.

I am sure your stay with Dr. Jaeger was in the nature of a benediction!

It was splendid you could have those few days with him. When you have time to sit down and relax next week, you may like to read the enclosed copy of the general form of letter I am sending to the colleges about your visit. I also enclose copy of our News Bulletin just arrived from the printer.

Mr. Murron has as soon to miss you.  
He will write you soon.

Later on I will write more about the  
replies that may come to my letter.

Please don't work too hard in Des  
Moines.

Sincerely

Mary L. Fiske

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January 8, 1935

President D. M. Key  
Millsaps College  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear President Key:

I want to thank you for your cordial reply to our form letter expressing an interest in having our lecturers visit Millsaps College. The first man whom we propose sending you is Dr. Karl Polanyi of Vienna, who has been lecturing in England during the past year and a half. I am enclosing a sheet which will give you interesting facts about his life, and also his lecture subjects. The letters received about Dr. Polanyi indicate his ability to speak English, his intimate acquaintance with the affairs of Central Europe, and his success in interesting students who listen to him. I can add my personal testimony regarding his English as he spent a few days in New York before going to Oberlin and Des Moines. He speaks our tongue fluently and with distinction. The Institute is sending him out to visit southern colleges in February, feeling quite sure that he will win friends among both faculty and students on the campuses he visits and that the contacts made with him will arouse increased interest in international problems.

And now as to the time of his visit to Jackson. His itinerary indicates the following:

March 2:	Arrive Jackson	11:25 p.m.
3:	Rest Day (The Edwards Hotel has been suggested to him)	
March 6:	Leave Jackson	7:30 a.m. Tri-State bus
	Arrive Columbus	1:30 p.m.

It is thus arranged that Dr. Polanyi shall have two full days at your College. I should like to hear from you as promptly as possible whether you can make it convenient to receive Dr. Polanyi on the dates mentioned above. As we are asking him to visit some twenty-two institutions in a short space of time, you will appreciate that there are really no other dates I can offer you. I am hoping, however, that as you are being notified so long in advance you can make

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President D. M. Key

January 8, 1935

whatever adjustments are necessary in your schedule so as to receive him on March 4th and 5th.

Dr. Polanyi will be prepared to give one formal lecture while at Millsaps College on any one of the subjects listed on the enclosed sheet. The remainder of his time is being left entirely at your disposal. He will be ready to conduct a class, speak at chapel, discuss international or European problems with a group of faculty at lunch or with students in a similar meeting. He can give first-hand information as to how students in England and other countries are organizing to study foreign affairs. He comes to you in a most friendly spirit and only hopes that you will so use the two days of his visit as to give the maximum of results to your campus. May I make one suggestion? It is this: that in preparing your schedule for him, you make a point of leaving him two hours each day for complete rest in his room, possibly after the midday meal. He has such a delightful personality and is so anxious to give the best that is in him to each place he visits, that I fear, unless he is given a specified rest period each day he will give out before he reaches the end of his itinerary. Would you mind sending me a copy of the program you prepare for his visit after it is fully decided upon? I shall be so interested in seeing it.

Do you believe the above is a workable program for you? If you have any suggestions to make, I shall appreciate having them. I very much hope that we shall secure funds so that the visit of Dr. Polanyi will only be the first in a series of men who may be sent to you in future years.

Sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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January 9, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi,  
c/o Dr. R. I. Grigsby,  
Director of Adult Education,  
Des Moines Public Schools,  
629 Third Street,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

My dear Dr. Polanyi:

I am very sorry indeed that my absence in the far west prevented our meeting when you arrived in New York. I have discussed with Miss Waite the plans that she has made for your visit to a number of smaller institutions after completion of your duties at Des Moines. She has, of course, explained to you our reasons for undertaking this particular activity as well as our reasons for selecting the particular institutions that we have. With your experience at Des Moines as a background, I am confident that you will be tremendously interested in those smaller colleges and universities which you are to visit.

The real purpose of this note is to say that if upon the completion of your tour you feel justified in writing your impressions of the institutions you have visited with particular reference to the teaching and studying of international affairs, we should be very glad to publish it in a small brochure. This is, of course, a matter which can be finally determined after you return to New York, but I thought you might like to consider it and perhaps make a few notes during your travels.

I am looking forward very much to the pleasure of meeting you when you return to New York and hope that you will plan to lunch or dine with me.

Cordially yours,

*[Signature]*  
Assistant Director

ERM/HG

Karl Polanyi,  
Savery Hotel,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

12th January, 1935.

Mr. E.R. Murrow,  
Assistant Director,  
Institute of Internat. Education,  
2 W 45 th Str.,  
New York City, N.Y.

My Dear Mr. Murrow,

Thank you so much for your kind letter of January 9th last. I was extremely sorry to have missed you in New York, as I was looking forward keenly to meeting you.

Indeed, my experiences in Des Moines, which are of a rather varied character, so far as educational work goes, should prove a great help to me on my visiting tour. I am very grateful for your suggestion of keeping an eye on the teaching and study of international affairs at the institutions visited. If I should form some opinions that might be of any value, I would gladly endeavour to formulate them for the use of the Institute.

It is a great pleasure to me to know that I shall find you in New York at my return there.

Cordially yours,

*Karl Polanyi.*



Hotel Savery III

Des Moines, Iowa

17 Jan, 1935.

Lieber Dr. Stolper,

Von wem verfasst und  
wo erschienen war der Artikel  
wunderliche Leistungen be-  
sprechende Aufsatz, den Sie  
mir nannten? Ich wäre  
Ihnen für eine Drabhtantwort  
sehr verpflichtet: Savery,  
Des Moines, Ia.

Ich bin wieder mit  
Ihr in einem neuen Success  
an und feature-e mit mit  
pegs and go in den headlines.

2. Germany's Daily War  
3. Why has the Peace Treaty  
system broken down?

Headline of World's Economics  
Three solutions: Taxation, State Socialism,  
New Deal?  
The Austrian Problem.

Themen:

1. Es wäre schön, wenn sich gerade  
für den 17 oder 18 April, (meine  
einzigen freien Tage) etwas in New  
York veranstalten ließe. Wenn es auf  
meine Geld trägt - so wäre das auch  
recht gut am Platz. Ich habe die K. P.

Ich möchte Ihnen noch  
einige Bemerkungen. In der Tat,  
fühle ich mich in dieser über-  
hohen und anregungsreichen  
Atmosphäre zu einer sehr hohen  
Leistung emporgeschraubt die  
mir seit meiner Jugendzeit  
nicht mehr gegeben war.

Week-end 26-27. Ich  
bin in Chicago geblieben. Vielleicht  
in der Foreign Policy, doch  
ist dies noch nicht fixiert. Ich  
bin wohl wieder in Chicago  
das Institut of Int. Educ. (Munich)  
hat mich zu einem Bericht über  
die ausserord. Studienverhältnisse  
an den fünf-College aufgeführt,  
die Sie veröffentlichen wollten.



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Third Class Dept.

January 21st, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi,  
Savery Hotel,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 12th, we note you desire to transfer your Eastbound sailing from the BERENGERIA March 30th to the sailing of the BERENGERIA April 19th, which we take pleasure in advising that we have reserved all of Room D-716 for your exclusive use and we leave you to attach this letter to your steamship ticket so that you may have no difficulty upon embarkation in that steamer. The BERENGERIA is scheduled to sail at 10:00 P.M. on April 19th, the passengers embarking during the hours of 7:00 P.M. and 9:30 P.M. The steamer sails from Pier 54, foot of West 14th Street, and under separate cover we shall be sending you our baggage tags and labels.

Yours very truly,

CUNARD WHITE STAR LIMITED

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

President Hurie

January 25, 1935.

President Wiley L. Hurie,  
College of the Ozarks,  
Clarksville, Arkansas.

Dear President Hurie:

I wrote you on January 4th regarding the possibility of Dr. Karl Polanyi visiting you on February 25th and 26th, and as yet I have had no reply to my letter. In that letter I referred to his arriving in Clarksville from Van Buren at noon on Monday, February 25th. The train service in your part of the country seems not to be very plentiful and therefore we were arranging to have Dr. Polanyi travel by bus. As we have not been able to discover that there is a hotel at Van Buren where we had him spending his day of rest on Sunday, I am changing his itinerary so as to have him come from Fayetteville to Clarksville on Sunday, February 24th, where he is due to arrive at 8:45 P.M. Our hotel book shows two hotels in Clarksville -- the Arlington and Main. Can you tell which will be the better hotel to send Dr. Polanyi to spend Sunday night? This change in plan will mean that he can come to you at whatever hour you indicate on Monday morning.

I realize that the presidents of our American colleges are extremely busy men. I am therefore suggesting that some member of the faculty be designated to look after the schedule to be prepared for Dr. Polanyi's visit, and that you send me his name so that I can correspond with him about any details like the above which may arise so that you can be relieved of responsibility in the matter. In addition to an acknowledgment of my letter of the 4th as to whether it will be convenient to receive Dr. Polanyi on the dates suggested, may I ask that you send me right away the lecture title which you have chosen for Dr. Polanyi's formal talk while with you, as he is very anxious to have this information before he leaves Des Moines and starts on his Southern visit. I shall also appreciate information about your hotels. I shall hope to have a copy of the schedule prepared for Dr. Polanyi's visit as promptly as possible. He will visit Park College, Drury College and the University of Arkansas before he comes to Clarksville.

Awaiting a reply from whomever you may designate, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

Encl. Multigraphed  
sheet

C O P Y

THE FOREIGN POLICY LEAGUE  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Chapel Hill, N.C.

January 27, 1935.

Miss Mary L. Waite,  
Institute of International Education, Inc.,  
2 West 45th Street,  
New York, N.Y.

Dear Miss Waite:

I was very much delighted to receive your letter yesterday. My first move as you may expect is to apologize profusely for being so tardy with the letter I had promised you. This negligence is partly due to an unprecedented number of things which have had to be attended to at the outset of this new quarter, and partly due to the fact that shortly after returning to school I fell prey to a case of the flu. I sincerely apologize and appreciate very much the fact that you have continued to consider the matter in the face of my negligence.

About our organization, the local league has had several interesting meetings which I think are building a substantial nucleus of thoroughly interested members. The question of the world court was our latest topic of discussion and we have succeeded in getting President Graham, the two literary societies, the Y.M.C.A., and about two hundred local churchgoers to join us in a telegram to our senators. The intercollegiate organization is restricted at present to North and South Carolina. We have established contact with about fifteen schools in the two states and took advantage of the World Court situation to urge them into our first definite action. I am enclosing a copy of the multigraphed sheet which was sent to these schools.

We hope to extend the scope of this intercollegiate organization in the near future. Davidson College is holding an assembly of representatives from International Relations Clubs from all over the South on February 22nd I think, at any rate, we are sending delegates to this assembly with an eye to effecting an interest in cooperative action as well as cooperative study in the group as a whole. With this North and South Carolina group behind us I believe we will be able to stir up quite a lot of interest, and by requesting each of those schools who are interested in cooperating with us to act as a regional director and be responsible for extending the organization in their section of the South, I believe we will be able to establish a large cooperative organization.

From now until February 22nd we are going to try to strengthen and enlarge the North and South Carolina group by making personal contact with as many schools as possible. I will write you further concerning this organization when it matures a bit.

You notice in the enclosed sheet that we speak of an assembly of delegates from those clubs which retain their interest to be held sometime in the spring. This part of our plan has to do with the Human Relations Institute held at the University once every student generation. One whole week

is devoted to the activities of this project, all classes are stopped in their regular course and turned over to the visiting speakers. It is a very worthwhile project and we are expecting to secure several speakers of national note. Among those speakers whom we are very anxious to secure is Dr. Duggan. The Chairman of the Human Relations Institute is going to write Dr. Duggan concerning the matter in the near future. I am particularly interested in seeing him accept in order that we may feature him as one of the principal speakers to this assembly of intercollegiate delegates which we hope to hold in conjunction with the Institute. I hope you will do everything possible to encourage Dr. Duggan to accept this invitation.

I presume you think we are somewhat gluttonous in our desire to secure speakers. I not only urge you to a troublesome extent to send us Dr. Polanyi, but I also try to rope Dr. Duggan into the situation. More apologies, Miss Waite, we certainly don't want to seem overbearing in our requests but I believe that each of these men will fit a place of great value to us in speaking on the campus. As I have pointed out, Dr. Duggan will speak in an important capacity as sponsored by this League, should he find it possible to accept, and Dr. Polanyi will serve to follow up the Human Relations Institute in fine fashion by speaking at a time when I believe he will sustain the interest aroused and cause the students to recall the speakers of the Institute in a more serious vein. We are all overjoyed that he is coming. I mentioned the content of your letter to the Chairman of the Institute and he agrees with me that the time of Dr. Polanyi's arrival is a very happy coincidence. Dean House and Dr. Graham are both very happy at the news and will write you in the very near future.

Again I wish to apologize for my tardiness in producing this letter. I regret that it must be so sketchy and hope to write you as soon as our organization takes a little more definite form. In the meantime if you will express our delight to Dr. Polanyi and our hopes to Dr. Duggan, I would certainly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Agnew N. Bahmson, Jr.

There has been organized at the University of North Carolina an organization of students known as The Foreign Policy League. The objects of this organization are in brief (1) to create an organization for the study of Foreign Affairs and (2) upon the basis of information acquired and judgments formed, cooperate with students of like interest in other colleges of the South in bringing our views to the attention of our government.

We have thought that it would be desirable to effect a general organization of the groups interested in Foreign Relations in the Colleges of the South and to this end it is suggested that each college group agreeing with our purposes designate a representative who will act as a committeeman or woman to represent the group in cooperation with the inter-collegiate organization, which we have thought, as a matter of convenience, might be centered here for the remainder of this academic year.

We feel that cooperative correspondence set up among a large number of clubs interested in the study of the United States foreign affairs will be the first move in the direction of this concerted opinion and this directed study, and that this correspondence if it prove successful may culminate in an assembly of delegates from those clubs which sustain their interest, to be held sometime in the early spring, at which time steps may be taken to establish a permanent organization.

In order to make definite the general nature of this correspondence, we wish to illustrate by requesting the following action by your group on a very pertinent issue. If it is possible, we would like to recommend that your group discuss the problem of the World Court before the voting on this question which is to be held this coming Saturday, and that since the time is so short for action, that you express your opinion directly rather than through this source which would unify these opinions if time permitted, and that you telegraph your recommendation to your senators. This is an example of the type of action which we hope to effect in forceful proportions when the organization is permanently organized.

We hope that you will find this proposal interesting and that you will be willing to cooperate with this movement by appointing a representative in your club to act as official correspondent. We invite your immediate questions and criticisms concerning this plan.

OBERLIN COLLEGE  
OBERLIN, OHIO  
THE COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Karl F. Geiser  
Oscar Jaszi  
P. T. Fern

January 28, 1935

My dear Karl:

I was very sorry to hear that you have been sick. The sudden change of temperature and the heavy nervous strain caused by the unaccustomed features of the public forums may be responsible for it. I recall that during my first lecture tour in America I was sometimes near to a total breakdown. The most important thing is that you have plenty of rest, and restrict social intercourse as far as possible. Furthermore you must have sufficient sleep every night. If you have difficulty in this I advise you to take the preparation of Sedormid Roche which you will find in every drug store. It was your brother Misi who drew my attention to it, and I regard it as the best of the soporifics. It leaves the head perfectly clear.

As to the affair of Professor Gomperz, I cannot do anything until I ~~cannot~~ see clearly what he has in his mind. He does not even say what are the topics which he could discuss. Furthermore I don't know whether he can speak English or not. But the greatest difficulty is that he would like to take his wife with him. Now the lectures arranged by the institute of international education pay only a modest honorarium which would scarcely cover the travelling expenses of two persons, whereas, the big lecture bureaus who pay large honorariums would not be interested in the person of Professor Gomperz. They can use only prima donnas.

Of course, I have the deepest sympathy with your friend, but these points must be clarified before I try to do anything.

Please write me immediately concerning the state of your health. A post card will suffice if you have no time.

With best wishes, and kindest regards,

yours faithfully,

Lieber Karl:

Bili

Hoffentlich fühlst du dich besser! -

Wir haben nun mit Oscar sehr pfeifig -

Schreib öfter! - Oscar nimmt oft mit  
richtlichem Erfolg bei unseren Lesungen

Lieber Karl:

Bili

Fellows

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

(repro)  
January 30, 1936.

President H. Councill Trenholm,  
State Teachers College,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear President Trenholm:

Thank you very much for the letter written by your secretary, telling me that you would like to have Dr. Polanyi speak at your chapel period on "The Balance Sheet of Treaty Revision." I have this morning heard from President Agnew of Huntington College, telling me that you will entertain Dr. Polanyi on March 11th and that they will take him for Tuesday, the 12th. It is expected that Dr. Polanyi will arrive in Montgomery at 6:25 A.M. on the Southern Railroad. I shall suggest to Dr. Polanyi that he go to the Jefferson Davis Hotel immediately upon his arrival, as it is rather early for him to come out to your college. Perhaps you could communicate with him there as to the hour when you would like him to arrive at the college and if the college is some distance from the hotel, possibly you could send someone to call for him and bring him out.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:EG

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January 30, 1935.

President Charles J. Turck,  
Centre College,  
Danville, Kentucky.

My dear President Turck:

I have delayed acknowledging your letter, trying to see whether there was any way in which it could be arranged to change the time of Dr. Polanyi's visit to you so that he could be there either on Friday morning, March 22nd, or Monday morning, March 25th. I find, however, that because of some obstacles which I do not understand, it is impossible to arrange for his visit with you on either of these dates without entirely disarranging his schedule and causing him to arrive in small towns after midnight. Therefore, I fear I must ask you to do the best you can in making such use as you are able of Dr. Polanyi on Friday afternoon and Saturday. As Dr. Polanyi's schedule is pretty strenuous for him, we feel that he must have at least one day of rest, and the Sunday in Danville would be such a day. Perhaps you can suggest a good hotel in Danville where he might go to spend Sunday. He will be leaving Danville at seven o'clock on Monday morning by bus for Richmond, where he will visit the Eastern State Teachers College.

I appreciate that it will probably be impossible for you to arrange for any formal speech by Dr. Polanyi while he is in Danville, but perhaps your faculty and students can secure some satisfaction from informal conferences with him. If, for any reason, you would prefer not to have him visit you on the dates arranged, please let me know. We find it rather difficult to arrange an exact itinerary, because no one of our staff is familiar with your region and we have to rely on the time tables of both railroads and buses.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:RG

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January 30, 1935.

President Walter D. Agnew,  
Huntington College,  
Montgomery, Alabama.

My dear President Agnew:

Thank you very much for your letter just received confirming the final arrangements which you have made with the State Teachers College of Montgomery for a division of Dr. Polanyi's time while he is with you. I note that you have arranged to have him speak before your entire assembly of students and faculty at ten o'clock on Tuesday, March 12th. You have not stated the subject which you would like to have him use for that talk. Will you ask the faculty adviser of the International Relations Club if she will be good enough to send me this when she forwards details of the program for his day at Huntington?

I sincerely hope that both faculty and students will gain both inspiration and pleasure from Dr. Polanyi's visit.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waits  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HG

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

January 30, 1935.

Dean W. F. Saunders,  
Park College,  
Parkville, Missouri.

My dear Dean Saunders:

Thank you for your letter giving me the admirable schedule which you have arranged for Dr. Polanyi's visit. I am sending him a copy of your letter so that he will know that you intend to meet him when he arrives in Kansas City. I am enclosing a glossy print of Dr. Polanyi for publicity purposes.

I shall be delighted to hear from you after Dr. Polanyi's visit and hope you will write very frankly as to the benefit which you may derive from having him with you for two days and I would welcome any suggestions which you care to make about how the Institute could make the visits of these foreign lecturers more effective.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:RG  
Enc.

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January 30, 1935.

Professor G. H. Benton,  
Faculty Adviser of the  
International Relations Club,  
Drury College,  
Springfield, Missouri.

My dear Professor Benton:

As requested in your letter of January 23rd, I am sending you a glossy print of Dr. Polanyi. Unfortunately, I have no other publicity material than that contained in the enclosed sheet enclosed in my previous letter.

As the time of his visit is not far distant now, I wonder if you could let me know the subject which you have chosen for the formal lecture which he is to give at Drury. Dr. Polanyi would like to know before he leaves Des Moines what subjects the colleges have chosen and I should like to send your subject to him. Also, if you have completed the schedule for his visit, will you be good enough to send that to me?

Very sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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January 30, 1935.

Dr. D. Y. Thomas,  
Department of History and  
and Political Science,  
University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

My dear Dr. Thomas:

President Patraill writes me that he has asked you to take charge of the arrangements which will be made for the visit of Dr. Karl Polanyi to Fayetteville on February 23rd to 24th. I presume he has turned over to you my letter of January 4th, giving you the details regarding the arrival of Dr. Polanyi in Fayetteville on the morning of February 23rd, and his departure by bus on the morning of the 24th.

Dr. Polanyi is anxious to know before he leaves Des Moines the subject of the formal lecture which he is to give while he is in Fayetteville. Will you therefore be good enough to let me know which of the subjects contained on the mimeographed sheet sent you (copy of which is enclosed), you would prefer to have him use. It is too bad that his visit coincides with that of Mr. Beebe, the bathysphere scientist, but there will undoubtedly be groups of students as well as members of the faculty, who will be eager to take advantage of his visit for informal round table talks and discussions of European political affairs.

I shall also appreciate it if you will send me as promptly as possible a brief outline of the schedule which you will prepare for Dr. Polanyi's visit, with the lecture subjects chosen. Should you care for a glossy print of his photograph for publicity use in your college paper, I shall be happy to send it to you upon request.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:RG

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 31, 1938.

Mr. D. F. Folger,  
Assistant Manager,  
U. S. Department of the Interior,  
Division of Subsistence Homesteads,  
Crossville, Tennessee.

My dear Mr. Folger:

Thank you very much for your cordial letter regarding the proposed visit of Dr. Polanyi. His itinerary as now set up brings him to Cookeville, Tennessee, on Thursday, March 21st. He will arrive at 11:40 A.M. on the Tennessee Central and will leave at 7:00 A.M. on Friday, the 22nd, by bus for Danville, Kentucky. We had originally intended that he should visit the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute at Cookeville, but after writing twice to the President and receiving no reply, we decided they were not interested in the project and have therefore abandoned the idea of having him visit that institution. Instead we are giving him the one day in Cookeville, so that he might see the Cumberland homesteads and whatever else you can show him of interest in that vicinity. He is not to visit Knoxville and without knowing the region very well, it would appear that his nearest contact would be from Cookeville. If, however, you think it would be more convenient for him to visit the development from Lebanon, Tennessee, than from Cookeville, please let me know. I would welcome any suggestions you can give me with reference to his itinerary at this point.

He will go from Cookeville to Danville, Kentucky, where he will spend two days at Centre College. From our study of railroad and bus time tables, it appears that the best way for him to get from Cookeville to Danville is by bus, leaving Cookeville Friday morning at 7:00 A.M. by the Tennessee Coach Company, going to Somerset where he arrives at 11:00, leaving Somerset at 11:40 A.M. on the Southeastern Greyhound, arriving Danville at 1:15 P.M. I shall appreciate any suggestions for improving this itinerary.

I appreciate very much your offer to meet Dr. Polanyi and to let him see what the government is doing in your part of the country.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HG

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 31, 1935.

President Ernest L. Stockton,  
Cumberland University,  
Lebanon, Tennessee.

My dear President Stockton:

In going over correspondence which I have had with various southern colleges with reference to the proposed visit of Dr. Karl Polanyi, of Vienna, I find that I have not had an acknowledgment from you of my letter of January 16th, announcing his visit to Lebanon on March 18th and 20th. I realize that the presidents of our American colleges are extremely busy men and I do not want to burden you with the details of this visit. I am venturing to ask, therefore, if you will not appoint one of your deans or faculty members to take over the arranging of the schedule for Dr. Polanyi's visit, if it will be convenient for you to have him, or to write me at once if for any reason it will be impossible for you to receive him on the dates mentioned.

Dr. Polanyi is anxious to know before he leaves Des Moines the subject of the formal lecture which he is to give in each institution. I also should be much obliged if whoever you appoint to look after his visit will send me as soon as it is prepared a copy of the schedule which you arrange for his visit. We are paying him to give only one formal lecture in each institution and are leaving the balance of his time entirely at your disposal for such discussions of European problems with groups of faculty and students or conducting a class or speaking in chapel.

Awaiting a reply from whomsoever you may designate for this purpose, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HG  
Enc.

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 31, 1935.

Professor Ross H. Moore,  
Department of History,  
Mississippi College,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

My dear Professor Moore:

A letter received from President Kay a few weeks ago told me that he was turning over the plans for Dr. Pelagyi's visit to Jackson to you. I am wondering if you could send me as promptly as possible the title of the lecture which you would like to have Dr. Pelagyi give as his formal talk at Millsaps. Dr. Pelagyi would like to know the subjects chosen by the colleges before he leaves his home, as his time will be so occupied after he starts on his itinerary that he will have very few moments to consider what is before him during the trip.

Perhaps at the same time you could send me a copy of the schedule which you have prepared for his visit at Millsaps. We are not expecting that anything very elaborate will be done in this line, but merely want a general outline of what you are proposing to ask him to do, whether to speak at assembly, conduct a class, or a round table conference with students on some subject which they have been studying during the year, or on some European problem in which they are particularly interested at this time.

We are hoping that his visit will be most informal and that you will secure a maximum of profit and enjoyment from it. I shall be very glad to hear from you after his visit to know whether you feel the plan of the Institute to send lecturers into the South is one which has any real merit from your viewpoint.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:MG  
Enc.

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January 31, 1935.

President R. C. Cranberry,  
Limestone College,  
Gaffney, South Carolina.

My dear President Cranberry:

Thank you very much for your recent letter and for the pains you have taken in giving us the details of Dr. Polanyi's schedule. I note that you would like to have Dr. Polanyi use as the subject of his formal lecture, "Deadlock of Politics and Economics." I feel very sure that Dr. Polanyi will be delighted with the program which you have arranged for him and as far as one can humanely foresee at this date, he will appear in Gaffney at 3:02 P.M. on the Old South bus line on Thursday, April 4th, and will leave on April 6th at 8:43 A.M. on the Southern Railway.

I hope that the students at Limestone College will enjoy Dr. Polanyi's visit. I will appreciate a note from you afterwards telling me whether you feel the plan which the Institute is inaugurating of sending foreign lecturers to Southern colleges has been a success so far at least as your college is concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HG  
Enc.

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January 31, 1935.

President Frank Sweeney,  
LeMoyne College,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear President Sweeney:

The Institute of International Education is sending a lecturer to visit institutions in the southern states from the middle of February to the middle of April. I am enclosing a multigraphed sheet which will give you information about the man whom we are sending, namely, Dr. Karl Polanyi, of Vienna. This sheet also contains his lecture subjects. According to the schedule which we have now made out for Dr. Polanyi, he will leave Columbus, Mississippi, at 12:55 A.M. on the Frisco Lines, Thursday, March 7th, arriving Memphis at 7:10 A.M. on Friday, March 8th. He can spend Friday in Memphis with you, leaving after midnight Friday at 12:30 A.M. on the Illinois Central R.R. I am wondering if you can find it convenient to receive him on that day.

Dr. Polanyi will be very glad to give one formal address to your students if you so desire during his stay on one of the subjects listed on the multigraphed sheet. He would also be glad to have you make whatever use you care to of his time while with you. It may be that you would like to arrange a round table discussion between your students, members of your faculty and the speaker. Dr. Polanyi will not charge any fee for his lecture, as his honoraria and expenses are being paid from funds that have been given to this Institute. It is only requested that you will give him hospitality during his stay with you.

I shall be interested in hearing from you not only as to whether it will be convenient for you to receive Dr. Polanyi on Friday, March 8th, but also as to the subject you would like to have him use for a lecture.

I very much hope that the Institute will be able to secure funds so that the visit of Dr. Polanyi will only be the first in a series of lecturers who will be sent to you in future years.

Sincerely yours,

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 31, 1936.

President John S. Calfee,  
Asheville Normal and Teachers College,  
Asheville, North Carolina.

My dear President Calfee:

I have your letter indicating that you will be very glad to entertain Dr. Polanyi, who will arrive in Asheville at 9:15 P.M. on Friday, March 29th, on the Southern Railway, leaving Asheville at 11:00 A.M. April 2nd.

In my letter of January 22nd I gave you a choice as to whether you would like to receive Dr. Polanyi on Friday afternoon, having him stay all day Saturday and Sunday, taking Monday as his rest day, or whether you would prefer to have him go to a hotel when he arrives Friday night, taking Saturday as a rest day and coming to you for Sunday and Monday. I shall appreciate hearing from you as to just how you would like to have him divide his time while in Asheville. We are giving him such a full schedule that it seems necessary that he should have at least one complete day of rest in a hotel every week.

Will you be good enough to send me the title of the lecture which you have chosen from those listed in the multigraphed sheet which you would like to have him use for his formal lecture, and will you also ask the faculty member who is arranging his schedule for his stay in your college to let me know just how his time is being used? As I suggested in a previous letter, he will be quite ready to conduct a class, speak at assembly, or discuss international problems with a group of students or faculty members at lunch or at some round table conference.

I realize what a busy man the president of one of our American colleges is and I hesitate to ask you these various questions. Won't you be good enough to turn this over to a member of your faculty in charge of Dr. Polanyi's schedule for reply, in order that you may not be burdened with these details?

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:EG  
Enc.

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 31, 1935.

President James M. Hillman,  
Emory and Henry College,  
Emory, Virginia.

My dear President Hillman:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the visit of Dr. Karl Polanyi to Emory and Henry College on March 27th and 28th. It would appear from your letter that you are planning to have Dr. Polanyi give three formal lectures while he is with you. I regret to say that this would not be possible under our contract with him. He will, however, be very glad to give one formal lecture either on the evening of March 27th, or on the 28th before your Community Club. The Institute is only paying him to deliver one formal lecture at each college. The balance of his time can be spent as you may desire in discussing international problems with groups of students and faculty, conducting a class or speaking at chapel.

I like it that the first subject mentioned by you is the one you would like to have him use, namely, "Minority Issues in Europe." If, however, you decide that you would like to have him use one of the others if he is to speak before the Community Club, will you please let me know?

I hope that Dr. Polanyi's visit will give you all a great deal of real satisfaction.

Awaiting further advice from you, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Weiss  
Executive Secretary

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January 31, 1935.

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Dean W. T. B. Williams,  
Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute  
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

My dear Dean Williams:

I am informed that Dr. Moton is away at present and that you have been asked to take care of the arranging of a schedule for Dr. Polanyi's visit and also to furnish me with the subject which you would like to have him use for the formal talk which he may give before your students. I hope that there has been turned over to you my letter of January 8th to President Moton, together with the multi-graphed sheet concerning Dr. Polanyi, so that you have all of the necessary information.

According to the itinerary as now set up, Dr. Polanyi will leave Montgomery at 6:30 P.M. Western Railway of Alabama, on Tuesday, March 12th, arriving in Tuskegee at 7:55 on that day. He is scheduled to leave Tuskegee at 5:50 P.M. on Thursday, the 14th, on his way to Atlanta.

I shall appreciate hearing from you as promptly as possible, giving me a copy of the schedule which you have prepared to use his time during the two days he is there, and especially giving me his lecture subject. If you care to have a glossy print of Dr. Polanyi's photograph for publicity purposes, I shall be glad to send it upon request. The multi-graphed sheet contains as full information as we have about him.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HC  
Enc.

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January 31, 1935.

Professor D. D. McBrien,  
Chairman, Committee on Student  
Interests,  
The Arkansas State Teachers College,  
Normal Station, Conway, Arkansas.

My dear Professor McBrien:

Your letter has just been received and I note that you would prefer to have Dr. Polanyi use "Minority Issues in Europe" as the subject for the formal lecture to be given during his visit with you.

I note that you are not yet able to advise whether you would like to have the formal lecture given on the evening of the 27th or the 28th of February. As soon as you decide on the schedule for the use of Dr. Polanyi's time, will you be good enough to send me a copy of it, so that I may send it on to him? The other subjects which you mention in your letter, namely, "Deadlock of Politics and Economics" and the "Churches and Fascism on the European Continent", you could employ, if you so desire, as the topics for round table conferences during his stay with you.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLN:HG

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 31, 1936.

President E. L. Parkinson,  
State College for Women,  
Columbus, Mississippi.

My dear President Parkinson:

Since receiving your letter of January 15th I have been going over Dr. Polanyi's itinerary to see if there was any way that it could be arranged to have him with you at the time of your Monday or Wednesday assembly. I find, however, that in order to bring him to you on one of these days, it would be necessary to entirely change his schedule and this would mean upsetting the plans of the colleges which he visits both before and after coming to you. I am sure you will appreciate that this would not be fair to the others and therefore I am obliged to ask you to accept the dates mentioned in my letter of January 8th.

One change has been made which will affect his stay in Columbus and that is that he will be leaving on a midnight train on Thursday, March 7th, 12:55 A.M. on the Seabee Lines on his way to Memphis, where he arrives the next morning.

Dr. Polanyi will not be in Columbus on the dates when you have your regular assembly. It may be that you will not care to have him give a formal lecture during his stay. If, however, you do wish such a lecture, will you please send me the subject which you have selected from among those listed in the multigraphed sheet sent you?

Thank you very much for your kind offer to send me a suggested schedule for Dr. Polanyi's visit, which I shall be very glad to have, and a copy of which will be sent to him.

I sincerely hope that your students and faculty will enjoy his visit and that you will write me afterwards concerning the result of our undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HC

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January 31, 1935.

Dean Gustaf Freden,  
School of Education,  
Louisiana Polytechnic Institute,  
Buston, Louisiana.

My dear Dean Freden:

We are very happy to receive your letter and to know that you are in charge of making plans for Mr. Polanyi's visit on March 1st and 2nd. No doubt President Bond has turned over to you my letter of January 8th, giving you the times of Mr. Polanyi's arrival in Huston on the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific R.R., 8:30 P.M. Friday, March 1st, and of his leaving Huston at 6:50 P.M. on the Illinois Central on Saturday, March 2nd.

I will be under obligations to you if you will send me as promptly as possible the title which you select from those contained on the multigraphed sheet that you would like to have Mr. Polanyi use for his formal talk to the students. If convenient, I should also be obliged if you would send me a copy of the schedule which you make out for his visit, as to whether you would like to have him speak at chapel, conduct a class, or preside at a round table conference for students and members of the faculty to discuss any of the European problems which your students have been studying during the winter or in which they are particularly interested.

Awaiting your reply, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:ME  
Enc.

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

January 21, 1935.

President H. L. Donovan,  
Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College,  
Richmond, Kentucky.

My dear President Donovan:

Thank you so much for your cordial letter of the 24th. I am delighted to learn that there is a bus leaving Danville at seven in the morning which will bring Dr. Polanyi directly to Richmond. The bus schedule which we have did not indicate this direct line and it was for that reason we were scheduling him by way of Lexington, which you tell me is about twice as far. It is very difficult as you can appreciate for us to arrange bus schedules at this distance.

I have just discovered that the big government project at Norris is only a few miles from Knoxville and it has occurred to me that we should slightly alter Dr. Polanyi's visit, so that he will have an opportunity to see this development. This would mean that instead of spending the day in Cookeville to see the home-stead project and there, he would come to Centre College, Danville on Thursday afternoon. He would have Friday and Saturday in Danville and could come to you for Sunday and Monday, taking the bus which you speak of, which would bring him into Richmond on Monday morning. He could then speak to the student body at 10:00 A.M. on Monday and perhaps you could arrange some informal meetings with him for faculty and students on Sunday, and the banquet which you refer to might be given at six o'clock on Monday, instead of Tuesday. If it is possible for you to make this shift in your plans, it will enable him to leave Richmond (at 12:42 A.M.) after midnight Monday evening, arriving in Knoxville on Tuesday morning. He could then spend that day in going out to Norris and still arrive on schedule at his next destination in Roanoke, Virginia.

The arrangements that you have made for Dr. Polanyi are excellent and I am sure he will enjoy his stay with you keenly. I note that you have not chosen any particular subject for him to use in speaking for the formal lecture, which he will give to your student body, preferring that he should choose a subject for himself. I shall send this word on to Dr. Polanyi and I am sure he will do his best to give you an interesting talk.

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

President Donovan

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January 31, 1935.

Will you please let me know immediately whether this change in plans can be effected? As I have been in correspondence with Mr. D. F. Folger, the Assistant Manager of the Division of Subsistence Homesteads at Crossville, Tennessee, with reference to Dr. Polanyi's visit when in your region, it is he who has suggested that Dr. Polanyi should see the Tennessee Valley project near Knoxville. As he is a foreigner, I should like to make this possible for him and hope you can shift your plans to make this possible.

I hope that his visit will be a great inspiration and satisfaction to you all. I should be glad to hear from you after he has been in your midst and hope you will tell me quite frankly whether you feel our plan of sending foreign lecturers into the South has met with success as far as you are concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

MLW:HO  
Enc.

P.S. As you were kind enough to tell me about the bus line from Danville to Richmond, perhaps you can suggest a better method for getting Dr. Polanyi from Lebanon to Danville. This is the way we have worked out an amended itinerary:

March 20	Wed.	Lv. Lebanon	9:30 p.m.	Tennessee Central RR
		Ar. Cookeville	12:40 a.m.	after midnight
		Spend night in Cookeville - what hotel?----		
March 21	Thu.	Lv. Cookeville	7:00 a.m.	Tenn. Coach Co. bus
		Ar. Somerset	11:00 a.m.	
		Lv. Somerset	11:40 a.m.	Southeastern Coach Co. bus
		Ar. Danville	1:15 p.m.	
CENTRE COLLEGE				
March 22	Fri.	"	"	"
23	Sat.	"	"	morning
		Lv. Danville	1:00 p.m.	what bus line?
		Ar. Richmond	p.m.	
EASTERN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE				
24	Mon.	"	"	"
		Lv. Richmond	Monday after midnight	Southern Ry & Norfolk & Westn
26	Tues.	Ar. Knoxville	6:10 a.m.	
		Spend day at Norris visiting Tenn. Valley development		
		spend night in Knoxville		
27	Wed.	Lv. Knoxville	9:10 a.m.	
		Ar. Emory	2:52 p.m.	

Can you give me name of a good hotel in Cookeville to spend the night, and a place in Somerset where lunch can be had near bus station? I certainly shall appreciate your help.

M.L.W.

# Institute of International Education

One West Forty-fifth Street

New York

STEPHEN P. DUGGAN, PH.D., LL.D., Director

EDWARD R. MURROW, Assistant Director

MARY L. WAITE, Executive Secretary

February 5, 1935

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Thank you so much for your letter and for the synopsis of your lectures given at Des Moines. The outlines are excellent, and I am sending a copy to each of the colleges where you are to lecture.

*Nothing*  
I thought it was only fair not to write you about the southern trip during the first part of your stay at Des Moines as you would need to concentrate on your work there. However, now that we are in the month of February, I feel it is time that I gave you a little idea of how I have been progressing. Alas, it has been very slow work! There have been several changes made in your itinerary, because, in the case of Fisk, your visit came during examination period; because in other cases, your visit came at the time of spring vacation, and in the case of one college, only, a reply was never received even to a second follow-up letter. We decided that that college was not sufficiently interested if it could not even reply to letters.

It has been equally difficult to secure the lecture subjects for the formal lectures, or any kind of schedule. I am still writing letters and trying to get the information before you actually leave Des Moines. I thought perhaps you would get a picture of the stage of the negotiations if I asked my Secretary to make an extra copy of the letters I wrote the other day to send on to you. I am enclosing them. The first college you visit, Park College, Missouri, has sent in an excellent schedule and I am enclosing a copy.

You will realize before you have gone very far, that you will probably have to suggest a schedule to some of the colleges for the use of your time. It appears that they are not quite adequate to the situation. However, you are so friendly in your approach to people that I feel sure you will suggest subjects for round table discussions when they seem to have no ideas of their own.

*yes*  
I liked very much a suggestion that you threw out when you were here, of wishing you could have a chance to talk to students about how to extract the real meat from a daily paper like the New York Times. It has occurred to me that that might make a very valuable discussion, and I have been wondering whether you would be helped in this if you had some kind of a multigraphed outline to present to the students. If you should want to make an outline and would send it to me, I can have it multigraphed here and can send you any number of copies. If This may not be a workable suggestion and in that case, please disregard it. If, however, this office can help you out with any kind of multigraphed material, let me know.

*not enclosed, wait for me, K.H.P.*  
Later on I will send you the note book with the items about each college. I am enclosing a revised list of the colleges you will visit. In place of Fisk University, I am sending you to Vanderbilt University, a large institution, in Nashville, and I am sending you to a small negro college in Memphis which is not on your original itinerary. Also two colleges have been omitted. The detailed railroad itinerary will be sent you as soon as I have been able to secure needed information about a few bus routes in the mountains of Tennessee.

*will return*  
I am enclosing an article taken from the Atlantic Monthly of two years ago entitled "I Teach in A Hick College" Will you please return it to me after you have read it.

# Institute of International Education

Two West Forty-fifth Street

New York

STEPHEN F. DUGGAN, PH.D., LL.D., Director  
EDWARD R. MURROW, Assistant Director  
MARY L. WAITE, Executive Secretary

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*must be like*  
I am enclosing copy of a letter I received from the young man at the University of North Carolina, who called here at the Institute at Christmas-time and was so anxious that when you were at Elon College and so near to them, you should not pass them by even though their university is the largest in the South. His plans seem to be very vague, but no doubt you can give them encouragement and help them to clarify their aims. At any rate you may like to read his letter before going there.

*He is a very keen one, here.*  
Perhaps you would also like to see the items I have formulated to put in the front of your note book, as items of interest which you might note during your visits in the small colleges. These items will be helpful when you write the report which Mr. Murrow is very keen on having you do and then to have it printed as an aid in raising money for this venture in future years. I enclose a copy.

*By the omission of a college, we have shifted your schedule so as to give you more time in Washington and three days in New York. Mr. Murrow is exceedingly anxious to have you here long enough to go over your trip and plans for printing the report. I of course, am also anxious to find out some of the details of your journeyings.*

This is all business. I had lunch with Paula Pogany the other day and she spoke of the great pleasure she had in seeing you again. She spoke especially of how delighted she was when she found out who you had married. She said she could not imagine a finer type of young woman than the one she knew years ago and whom she discovered you married. I hope sometime you will bring your wife with you when you come again to this country.

*Wonderful!*  
I hear with great satisfaction that you are giving excellent satisfaction in Des Moines; that you "speak English well, has enthusiasm and platform personality; handles discussion in a fair and friendly manner; has a remarkable facility for clear and critical analysis of issues." It sounds to me as though you will have another invitation to Des Moines sometime if you care to accept it. Congratulations.

*ask for note*  
I am enclosing copy of the February News Bulletin. You may like to read "American Colleges Viewed by a European." I am so disgusted at the outcome of the vote on the World Court! You can see there is still a great deal of hard work to be done among the youth of this country to make them see the light!

I hope you are keeping well and not working too hard. My fear is that if the people like you, you will be entertained to death! Don't let that happen. Our lecturers come back after two months of lecturing, tired out. They say they don't mind the lectures or the travel, but the people, in an effort to be very polite, never give them time to eat or sleep in peace!!

Sincerely yours

*Mary L. Waite*

The Savery Hotel,  
Des Moines, Ia.,

8th February, 1935.

My dear Miss Waite:

It was very nice to have your kind letter of the 5th last. Let me deal first with business.

1/ With Park College, Missouri, I will take up correspondence at once myself, and send you the carbons. I think that their schedule is excellent, but I will ask them to drop one of the items of their program, which ever they choose. Some self-limitation of this kind will be necessitated both by the temperamental intensity of my approach to most of my subjects and in the amount of personal energy expended in the effort at their most convincing presentation. I feel sure that when we get to know each other personally the institutions concerned will not fail to appreciate my reasons for trying to limit the number of my addressees to two in a day. But this is neither to be regarded as a hard and fast rule nor shall it prevent me from attending discussions and other informal arrangements over and above these lectures, addresses and chapel talks.

2/ You can rely upon my readiness to co-operate with the colleges concerned about a proper use of my time and a suitable program. I am very keen that the subjects chosen should be such as will convincingly prove the necessity of some international outlook, at least

3/ Yes, I will try to find time for the drafting of a short outline on the subject of intelligent news-paper reading. Please send me any material that you may happen to dispose of on this subject. Kimball, Reginald, S.,: Current Events Instruction is available here

4/ The revised list of the colleges was not enclosed with the letter. Perhaps the leaflet of van Kirk's was sent instead.

5/ Thank you for the Hick College stuff. I will return it soon. Certainly, I am greatly indebted to you for this sort of reading.

6/ Agnew H. Bahneen Jr. of Chapel Hill, N. C. is registered with me all right.

7/ I am very glad to have more time for Washington. Some friends of mine might expect me to visit Baltimore, and, incidentally, deliver a lecture there. I wonder whether my itinerary will leave me time for this sort of thing. The same applies, in a manner, to Washington, D.C.

8/ It is very good news too that New York is now being given three days. This will leave me much more time, all round. I always thought it a pity that I should have to rush off to Europe at once after a tour opening up a so very special insight into at least some aspects of the Southern College work. Indeed, I am exceedingly keen on the contacts with Mr. Harrow on this subject to which I can now look forward with some measure of certainty.

9/ I read the ~~Am.~~ News Bulletin article with much interest. I had here much contacts with schools, teachers and pupils; I am forming slowly quite definite views on the mentality of the young in the States. Europeans, it seems to me, are woefully lacking in the understanding of the specifically American characteristics in the outlook of the young. Most of the current criticism in Europe of the experimental attitude of American pedagogues fails to appreciate the entirely specific task of education in a community which is still groping for its final form or, rather, constantly and almost consciously developing this form towards new and new adaptations.

Des Moines was an invaluable occasion for studying the atmosphere and public opinion in a small American town. By the way I have visited the Packing Co.'s plant and works, a woollen mill, the "Opportunities School" for crippled children, the News Paper offices and works, a Rotary meeting, a club discussion, and I have lectured at the Women's Club as well as Fort Dodge, a very fortress of the Isolationists. Before I leave I will pay a visit to the Iowa Congress and speak at a chapel. But my outstanding experience was undoubtedly a two hours heart to heart talk with a mixed class of one of the local High Schools. I was alone with them. They questioned me and I questioned them. I told them what I thought of their life and world and they told me what they thought of mine over there. Bit by bit I am piecing the picture of something together that may, in time, offer me a clue to the fundamental educational problems with which I will be encountered myself.

Very sincerely yours,

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

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February 11, 1935.

President H. G. Donovan,  
Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College,  
Richmond, Kentucky.

My dear President Donovan:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 4th. I am sure that Dr. Polanyi will appreciate the plans which you have made for his stay. I am glad that you gave up the idea of a banquet, as I feel sure that Dr. Polanyi would much rather have the opportunity to talk informally with both faculty and students than have any sort of formal entertainment.

I thank you for telling me that the best way for Dr. Polanyi to get from Lebanon to Danville will be by taxi. This would seem to make it unnecessary for him to spend the night in Cookeville, but it may be that he would arrive in Danville earlier. It looks to me as though Dr. Polanyi could leave Lebanon Thursday morning, arriving in Danville sometime in the afternoon if he goes direct by taxi. Possibly he may find a bus that he can take directly from Lebanon to Danville.

Dr. Polanyi writes me from Des Moines that one of the most interesting events of his visit there was the opportunity to talk for a couple of hours with some high school students in one of the classes. He said the students fired questions at him and they asked him what he thought of their country and in return he got them to tell him what they thought of European countries and that altogether they had a most delightful time. I hope that you can arrange for some such hour for Dr. Polanyi with your students, and that you will find him an interesting guest and one whose visit you will enjoy to think of after he is gone.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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Dr. Polanyi 103

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

February 11, 1935.

President Wiley L. Harris,  
College of the Ozarks,  
Clarksville, Arkansas.

My Dear President Harris:

I am sorry to have had to telegraph you about Dr. Polanyi's visit, but as he is coming to you on Monday, February 26th, it seemed imperative that I should have some word from you in reply to my letters of January 4th and 25th. It may be that you have been absent from Clarksville and so did not receive these letters. There has been a change in Dr. Polanyi's itinerary since my letter to you of January 4th. It is now planned that he will spend Sunday as a day of rest in Clarksville, but you may recall in my letter of January 25th I asked you which of the two hotels in your town was better, The Arlington or The Maines. We have indicated both hotels on his schedule. Perhaps you will let me know in which of these he would be more comfortable. He will spend part of Monday and Sunday night in Clarksville, and will come to you Monday morning at whatever time you will indicate.

I am enclosing a copy of my last letter of January 25th and would ask you to kindly send me the information asked for in this letter immediately, as Dr. Polanyi is leaving Des Moines the end of this week and I would like him to know before he arrives in Clarksville what you propose for him. Let me emphasize that it is not necessary to make any detailed schedule for his visit. What he most desires is to talk informally with the students and faculty and to answer any questions which they may wish to put to him about international affairs, the political situation in Germany, Austria and other European countries, etc.

You will also find enclosed a copy of the outlines of the lectures which Dr. Polanyi is giving at the Des Moines Public Forums, which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Feltz  
Executive Secretary

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February 11, 1936.

Mr. D. F. Folger,  
Assistant Manager,  
U.S. Department of the Interior,  
Division of Subsistence Homesteads,  
Crossville, Tennessee.

My dear Mr. Folger:

Thank you for your suggestion about Dr. Polanyi coming to Crossville. You are right in thinking that I am confused regarding the towns of Cockeville and Crossville. We have definitely decided that it will be better for Dr. Polanyi not to try to stop and see you in Crossville, but instead give him a day in Knoxville, so that he can go out to Morris on Tuesday, March 26th.

Dr. Polanyi is leaving Richmond at 12:42 A.M. on the Louisville and Nashville R.R. and will arrive in Knoxville at 6:10 A.M. on Tuesday morning, March 26th. He will be at the Jackson Hotel and perhaps you can communicate with him there as to how he would proceed in order to see Morris. Could you pick him up at the Hotel, or could you give him the time table of a bus which would take him out to Morris? He will spend the night in Knoxville, leaving at 9:10 A.M. on Wednesday, March 27th, on the Southern Ry. and Norfolk & Western for Emory. The president of the Eastern State Teachers College tells me that as it is such a short distance from Lebanon to Danville, Dr. Polanyi might take a taxi, so I feel that he will have no trouble in reaching Danville.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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Dr. Polanyi

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Dr. Polanyi

February 11, 1935.

Dean W. D. Young,  
Cumberland University,  
Lebanon, Tennessee.

My dear Dean Young:

I have your letter of February 8th and want to thank you for your very kind cooperation in arranging a program for Dr. Polanyi. I am sorry to be obliged to ask you to cancel the engagement which you have made for Dr. Polanyi to speak before the Rotary Club, as it is against our rules to allow one of our speakers sent to a college to speak for any outside organization.

The object which the Institute has in mind in sending a lecturer to one of our colleges for a two days' stay is that the man may come in close and intimate touch informally with the students and the faculty of that college. If he were to come in and give one formal lecture and leave, he would not know much about the students and they would not have an opportunity to learn much from him. Dr. Polanyi is a man fully informed on all of the major problems in the political life of the European countries. Your students undoubtedly have, from their study and reading, many questions in their minds that they would like to ask a well informed European about -- the World Court, what a European thinks about America joining the League of Nations, some problem connected with World Disarmament, about the economic situation in other countries -- has the depression been as severe elsewhere as it has been here in the United States? There are many many questions of this sort upon which, I am sure, some of your faculty and students would like further information.

We are sending you Dr. Polanyi with the thought that by giving him two days in your community he will be able to make a real contribution to your students in stimulating their interest in international affairs and in answering some of the questions which have been troubling them in past months.

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Dean Young

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February 11, 1935.

I would suggest that you arrange for only one formal lecture by Dr. Polanyi, either at 11:15 A.M. in the general assembly in Caruthers Hall, or at the meeting at 2:30 P.M. on March 19th, when he is to meet the student body and members of the faculty in the chapel. You suggest as a topic the "Agrarian Paradox in Soviet Russia." You state that he can then meet individuals for conferences after this. I think that is an excellent idea, as it will give the faculty and students a chance to ask questions on the talk they have just heard. I suggest, however, that after the banquet you merely ask Dr. Polanyi to choose a subject which he will use rather than to ask him to speak on "The Balance Sheet of Treaty Revision." As a matter of fact, the Institute is only paying Dr. Polanyi for one formal lecture, which means one of the lectures taken from the list of subjects given in the multigraphed sheet sent you. If Dr. Polanyi gives the address at 2:30 on the "Agrarian Paradox in Soviet Russia", I would suggest that the meeting on March 20th at 11:15 A.M. be left entirely to Dr. Polanyi to suggest how it should be arranged. At 2:30 you have asked him to teach a history class on March 20th. I am sure that Dr. Polanyi will be very glad to do this and to have an opportunity not to make a speech but to draw out from the students their particular problems in the course and to enable them to understand them. Instead of the Rotary Club luncheon I would suggest that Dr. Polanyi be given an opportunity to have a quiet, informal luncheon either with a group of students or faculty members for a talk.

A glossy print of Dr. Polanyi's photograph is enclosed for your use. I am also sending a copy of the outlines of his speeches given at the Des Moines Public Forums, thinking they may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enc.

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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February 11, 1938.

Dean Gustaf Freden,  
Louisiana Polytechnic Institute,  
Baton, Louisiana.

My dear Dean Freden:

Thank you very much for your letter giving me an outline of your plans for the visit of Dr. Polanyi. I note that you will meet him when he arrives on Friday, February 21, at 2:30. I think your plans for his visit are admirable. I believe Dr. Polanyi will be particularly good in informal meetings like the smoker which you suggest for Friday evening, when you sit around in an informal way and discuss whatever subject you decide upon.

The reason that we have given Dr. Polanyi two days in each place is in order that he may become better acquainted with American students and that American students may have a chance to ask him any and all questions which may occur to them on problems which they have been turning over in their minds on international affairs.

I take pleasure in sending you a copy of a folder giving you the aims and activities of this Institute. Under separate cover I am sending you a copy of Dr. Duggan's last annual report.

I hope you will write me after Dr. Polanyi's visit, telling me quite frankly what you feel the net result of his visit to be as far as your students and faculty are concerned.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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February 11, 1935.

President B. L. Parkinson,  
The Mississippi State College for Women,  
Columbus, Mississippi.

My dear President Parkinson:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 5th, giving me an outline of the schedule which you have prepared for Dr. Polanyi's visit to Columbus. I note that you wish Dr. Polanyi to give his formal address after a dinner on March 6th, when he will address in the Busch Hall auditorium about four hundred members of the junior and senior classes. I take it that after the address there will be an opportunity for the students to ask questions.

On Thursday morning I note that you would like to have him conduct a history class and to speak informally before classes from the departments of history and social science; also that for Wednesday evening you would like to have him speak on "The Churches and Fascism on the European Continent", and on Thursday noon on the "Deadlock of Politics and Economics". May I call your attention to the fact that the Institute is only arranging to have him give one formal lecture in each college? Therefore I would suggest that on Thursday noon you simply ask him to speak informally on whatever subject he may choose. The lecture subjects which were sent you were only intended as topics for his formal lecture. I am sure, however, that when Dr. Polanyi arrives you can arrange with him for a very satisfactory group of meetings which will be mutually satisfactory to the students and to him.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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February 11, 1935.

Dean Mildred Rutherford Moll,  
Sharter College,  
Rome, Georgia.

My dear Dean Moll:

I wrote to President Cousins on January 15th and again on January 31st, with reference to the proposed visit of Dr. Karl Polanyi to Sharter College, but have had no reply from him. In looking back over the correspondence in the beginning, I find that it was you rather than President Cousins who answered the questionnaire sent out on November 21st, asking whether you would be willing to receive foreign lecturers sent by the Institute, if they were sent at no expense to you, and whether you would be willing to provide hospitality. It is possible that President Cousins is now away from college so that he is an exceedingly busy man and has not been able to answer my inquiries regarding Dr. Polanyi's visit. I am therefore sending you a copy of the letter written President Cousins on January 15th and my letter of January 31st, in which I asked him if he would not turn the matter over to some member of the faculty, as I realized that college presidents are as a rule too busy to attend to the details of a visit such as Dr. Polanyi's. I am enclosing a multigraphed sheet which was also sent with the letter of January 15th, also a list of topics which Dr. Polanyi is using at the Des Moines Public Forums.

Dr. Polanyi speaks English with great distinctness and his daily lectures at Des Moines have been much enjoyed by his hearers. Mr. Grigsby, the director of the Forums, has written me that Dr. Polanyi is giving excellent satisfaction.

I should appreciate having a prompt reply from you with reference to Dr. Polanyi's visit. I wish you would apologize to President Cousins for my having bothered him with the details of Dr. Polanyi's visit. It was a mistake on my part not to have noticed that it was you rather than President Cousins who replied to our questionnaire.

Sincerely yours,

MLW:HG  
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Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

February 11, 1936.

Professor D. Y. Thomas,  
Department of History,  
University of Arkansas,  
Fayetteville, Arkansas.

My dear Professor Thomas:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 5th, sending me the program which you have arranged for Dr. Polanyi's visit with you. I note that you would like to have him speak at 1:00 o'clock on either the "Deadlock of Politics and Economics" or "The Peace Treaty System and its Contradictions" on Friday morning, February 22nd, and to address various classes. I am sure Dr. Polanyi will be more than delighted to enter into your plans for him and I only hope that you will thoroughly enjoy his visit.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

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February 11, 1938.

Professor Ross H. Moore,  
Department of History,  
Millsaps College,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

My dear Professor Moore:

Thank you for your letter regarding the plans which you have made for Dr. Polanyi's visit to Millsaps. I am sorry to be obliged to ask you to cancel the two engagements which you are considering for Dr. Polanyi outside of your college, namely, the one where he is to address the Jackson Rotary Club for half an hour on Monday, and the other, to speak at Belhaven College on Tuesday. It is contrary to the rules of this Institute in sending out speakers to colleges to allow them to address other organizations. The object which the Institute has in mind in sending a lecturer to you is that the man may come into close and intimate contact with your students and faculty. When a man goes to a college to give one formal lecture and leaves on the next train, he does not learn much about our American education and the students have little opportunity to learn much about him. Dr. Polanyi is a man fully informed on all of the major problems in the political life of Europe. Your students undoubtedly have many questions which have arisen in connection with their study and reading regarding Europe at the present time. We are sending Dr. Polanyi to you, hoping that in a two days' stay your students and faculty may have a chance to have heart-to-heart talks with him on whatever questions are troubling them about European affairs, and we are hoping that his visit may stimulate their interest in world affairs.

I note that you would like to have Dr. Polanyi speak for an hour on Monday, March 4th, in the morning, to your entire student body and that you would like to have him use as his subject "The Churches and Fascism on the European Continent", or "The Deadlock of Politics and Economics", and that on Tuesday morning you would like to have him take your history class. I would suggest that for the history class no set subject be arranged, but that you allow Dr. Polanyi to talk informally to the students. Perhaps in place of the two engagements which we are asking you to cancel, you could arrange an informal smoker or round table talk when Dr. Polanyi can sit down with some of the students and answer questions or talk informally on whatever subject seems most interesting to the students.

With all best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

MLN:HO

Executive Secretary.

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

February 11, 1935.

President Frank Sweeney,  
LeMayne College,  
Memphis, Tennessee.

My dear President Sweeney:

On January 31st I wrote you to inform you that Dr. Karl Polanyi would be visiting our Southern colleges and inquired whether it would be convenient for you to receive him on Friday, March 8th. We have arranged his schedule, so that he can spend the day with you if you can have him at that time. There will be no charge to you for his lecture, but possibly you would be willing to entertain him during the day on Friday. Not having had word from you, I am wondering whether my letter has reached you. Dr. Polanyi starts the end of his week from Des Moines on his trip to the Southern colleges and I am therefore anxious to hear from all of the various institutions before he leaves.

Will you please let me know what subject you would like to have Dr. Polanyi speak on from among those mentioned on the sheet which I am enclosing? If you prefer not to have him give a formal lecture, but instead to meet informally with your students in order to discuss international affairs or some special subject, I am sure he would be only too glad to do that. In fact, as he is to be with you only one day, perhaps you would receive more benefit from his visit if instead of a formal lecture you gave him an opportunity to sit down informally with the students and gave them a chance to ask him questions. Whatever program you arrange for March 8th will be all right.

I am anxious to hear from you, because Dr. Polanyi is making the trip specially from Columbus, Mississippi in order to speak to your students. If it is not convenient for you to have him, he will change his itinerary and go south from Columbus to New Orleans. It is quite necessary, therefore, that I hear from you with reference to his visit.

Sincerely yours,

M:LW:HO  
Enc. 2nd. sheet  
copy made for Dr. Polanyi

Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

February 11, 1935.

President Clyde A. Milner,  
Guilford College,  
Guilford College, North Carolina.

My dear President Milner:

Thank you very much for your recent letter inviting Dr. Polanyi to be your guest at Guilford College on April 12th and 13th. I note that you will arrange to meet him in Greensboro and take him to a train or bus on his departure.

Dr. Polanyi will be stopping at the King Cotton Hotel in Greensboro. I am sure he will be very glad to have you meet him and take him to Guilford.

Sincerely yours,

MLF:HG

Copy made for  
Polanyi

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Mary L. Waite  
Executive Secretary

INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Two West Forty-fifth Street

NEW YORK

February 11, 1935

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

I am so sorry that the dates for your visits to the colleges was left out of my last letter. I have been having a rather hectic time of it as the secretary that was assisting me with your itinerary has been ill and away from the office for over a month. This is one reason why I have not been prodding the colleges for replies to my earlier letters about plans for your visit. Also Mr. Vernon Bartlett, another lecturer has arrived necessitating the completion of plans for him, etc.

As you are leaving the end of this week I realize there is no time to be lost in acquainting you with the proposed itinerary. I am enclosing a copy of it, even though I may have to send you a slight amendment if I can secure accurate information later. See page 3 of itinerary Lebanon to Danville, Ky. and Danville to Richmond.

Letters received this morning from two colleges spoke of having arranged to have you speak before Rotary Clubs and a girl's school in the same town. I am sending you copies of my letters to the colleges today so that you can see the tenor of my replies. I have told them it is a rule of the Institute that one of our speakers cannot be asked to speak at outside institutions; that the reason we are asking him to stay two days in a place is so he can become better acquainted with the students, etc. Mr. Murrow is very firm on this point.

He has visited small colleges in various parts of the country and he asked me to say to you that you will have to be very firm about having some time to yourself or else they will work you from early morning to late at night and give you no rest. We both think that when Park College asks for four addresses on your lecture subjects, it simply means that they have no idea what to put down for a subject for discussion so they use the subjects put down in our multigraphed sheet as the titles for lectures. ~~Maxxam~~ Mr. Murrow says to disregard their plans whenever you want to, by simply suggesting when you get there, that something else be substituted, and they will be just as well pleased. In fact, it appears that the asking for a schedule of how your time will be used is practically worthless.

I have not mailed your note book to you yet as there are a few more entries I want to put in. Tomorrow is a holiday, but I shall hope to finish it up on Wednesday and mail it to you.

I am delighted to learn how much you are enjoying your stay in Des Moines and how much you are getting out of it. Remember you are not to give but one formal lecture at each college, and when they ask for a "lecture" just tell them that instead you will give them an informal talk on -- whatever subject suits you best.

We are sending you to very backward places - very remote from the pulsing currents of the great world. You may often be astonished both at the lack of knowledge, and perhaps another time at the amount of knowledge found in some wayside spot. I feel sure your coming will be a red letter day for at least some students in each place, and that you will stir them up to think more deeply on many subjects. Never mind about the outline for the study of newspapers. No doubt you are very busy in Des Moines with no time to even draw up an outline, and perhaps you wouldn't use it anyhow. Please don't work too hard. You must have rest every day.

Do you need money? All good wishes go with you on your pilgrimage.

Sincerely yours,  
*Mary L. Parke*

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February 14, 1935

Dr. Karl P. Polanyi  
c/o Mr. R. I. Grigsby  
Des Moines Public Forums  
629 Third Street  
Des Moines, Iowa

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Yesterday I sent off to you your notebook with as full information as I had at hand at the time of sending it. I wanted you to be sure to receive it before you leave Des Moines Sunday night. I have put in extra blank pages in the back, which you can distribute through the book, if you so desire, as you may need extra sheets for your notes. As material comes in from the colleges about your visit, I will have it copied on some of the loose leaves and sent to you for insertion in your book. That is the best I could do under the circumstances, as the colleges seem very slow in sending in lecture subjects and programs.

Whenever you need money, will you please write or telegraph and we will send it to you? We will forward your mail and write you in care of the presidents of the various colleges where you are to be, trying to send your mail sufficiently in advance so that it will be waiting for you when you arrive at a college. However, it might be that through some hazard mail would be received at a college after you had left. For this reason it would be very wise for you to leave a forwarding address for mail at the colleges as you go on your way.

If there is anything about your railroad itinerary or your itinerary in general which you do not like or do not understand, please feel free to write me about it. I think you understand that you should keep a detailed expense account of your trip in order to present it at the office at the end of your trip. Of course we shall always be prepared to advance money to you as you need it on your journey.

In your last letter you wondered whether there would be any chance for you to deliver a lecture at Baltimore during your stay in Washington. Trains leave Washington for Baltimore frequently and it takes only one hour for

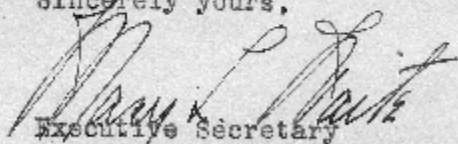
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the trip. I can see no reason why you should not go to Baltimore and give a lecture if you wish, during the time you are to be in Washington.

I was asked yesterday if you would be willing to talk over the radio when you returned to New York. I did not like to commit you to this, as you will be in New York only three days and I know that the Institute will need quite a good deal of your time for conferences in order to learn about your trip and in order to talk over the report which you will make. However, if you feel that you would like to have the opportunity to give a fifteen-minute broadcast over the N. B. C. on one of the days when you are in New York, if you will let me know, I think I can easily arrange it.

By the way, you may be interested in knowing that I made inquiry of the New York Times to see if their <sup>Colleges</sup> Circulation Department could tell me how many copies of the Times were taken in the colleges which you will visit, sending over a list of such institutions. The answer came back that as far as they knew, there were no copies of the Times taken in those colleges as they had no representatives in any of them. Of course I feel sure that in such institutions as the University of North Carolina and Vanderbilt University undoubtedly the Times is taken by some of the professors, but it would appear that the colleges are too small to have been taken into account by the Times in the Circulation Department. Of course this is entirely confidential but I thought you might be interested in knowing it.

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary

MLW:E

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

February 15, 1935

Professor David Y. Thomas  
Department of History and Political Science  
College of Arts and Sciences  
University of Arkansas  
Fayetteville, Arkansas

My dear Professor Thomas:

Your letter of the 13th is just received, suggesting that Dr. Polanyi speak before the Professional and Business Women's Club of Fayetteville. I am sorry to have to advise you that it is a rule of the Institute, when paying the entire expenses of a man to send to colleges as we are doing in the case of Dr. Polanyi, not to allow him to speak before outside organizations. We are having him spend two days in an institution for the express purpose that he may become better acquainted with the students and faculty. We must therefore ask that instead of arranging to have him speak before this outside organization you arrange to have some informal talks with the students.

I take pleasure in sending you a glossy print of Dr. Polanyi for publicity purposes.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed)

Mary L. Waite

Executive Secretary

MLW:B  
Enclosure

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

February 15, 1936

Professor D. D. McBrien  
The Arkansas State Teachers College  
Normal Station, Conway  
Arkansas

My dear Professor McBrien:

Thank you for your letter of the 13th sending me the schedule for Dr. Polanyi when he is in Conway. I am sending it to him at Park College where he will begin his visits next Monday.

I am sorry to be obliged to inform you that it is against the rule of the Institute to include a talk before the Kiwanis Club for Dr. Polanyi. We are paying all of Dr. Polanyi's expenses and sending him to colleges for a two-days' stay with the express purpose of giving an opportunity for the students and faculty to become really well acquainted with our lecturer. I would suggest that instead of a talk before the Kiwanis Club you give Dr. Polanyi an opportunity to get acquainted with the students.

Sincerely yours,

Mary L. Waite

Executive Secretary

M:LW:B

VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY  
Nashville, Tenn.

February 18, 1935

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

Dear Miss Waite:

I must apologize for the long delay in acknowledging receipt of your communication of February 5 concerning Dr. Polanyi's visit to Vanderbilt University on March 18. It happens that our entire Social Science Staff has been so deeply involved in carrying out the program of our Institute on Public Affairs, which was held during the last week, that I did not find it possible to take up the question of definite plans for his visit. I hope to be able to report to you before the end of this week concerning the program which we would like to have him offer. At present I feel sure that we will want him to speak briefly at a luncheon meeting of the faculty of the Social Science Division and that it should be possible to arrange for one formal lecture either at the morning hour or for Monday evening. I shall send definite information at the earliest possible moment.

I believe Chancellor Kirkland has written to you concerning his coming, and I merely wish to add that we are pleased to have this opportunity to hear him and that we are grateful to the Institute of International Education for including us in his itinerary.

Yours very truly,

W. C. Binkley

Department of History and Political Science

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THE COLONIAL  
EUROPEAN  
*Springfield,*  
MISSOURI

20 February, 1935.

My dear Miss Waite:

This is a minor SOS.

Yesterday we had our first mishap: The 11.20 from Kansas City to Springfield carries no Pullman car. The alternative was to go by day and be nine hours late, or by the next Pullman car and be there seventeen hours late. Finally I decided to go by coach. Having had arrangements on 18 and 19 th this meant risking a break down and a consequent incapacity of going through with my program for 20 and 21st. Indeed, I intended to cancel at least the morning arrangements on Wednesday 20th. However I could not brace myself up to disappoint these good folks here. They had arranged for a broadcast of my lecture and this had been announced in the papers. So I risked it and went through with my morning program. I am writing in the afternoon, with three items already behind me (a broadcast Student Assembly, a Luncheon Talk at the University Club and a talk with the International Relation Class of Professor Benton). A final talk (select students and faculty group) is still before me. After the physical strain of this night's journey I feel myself like a person performing on thin ice. I am avoiding a break down only on a very narrow margin.

margin. Will you please be so kind and go over the itinerary carefully again whether any mistake of this sort might possibly have found its way into it anywhere else. And will you please authorize me to cancel, in case a similar emergency should turn up again, any engagements straight away?

On the second point, I am afraid, not much can be done. It is this: the "Luncheon at University Club meeting" to-day turned out to be an entirely off the campus affair. The University Club is a gathering of former members of the College and other graduates. What I object to is of course not the luncheon, which was very good, but the talk they expected me to deliver, although another talk (International Relations Class) was to follow immediately (1.30). This talk was, by the way, inserted in the program in the course of the morning! If you find an opportunity to sound a warning to use me on non-campus arrangements, please try to make it as inclusive as you can.

I wonder whether I will be able to go through with this week's program. Anyhow it seems wiser to cancel one college intake, than to have to scrap half a dozen later. I shall expect a wire in case you have any urgent instructions for me.

I hope you will not be too much disconcerted about to-night's episode. But it certainly proved on how narrow a margin we are running this job. I decidedly feel that I should be safer with more detailed instructions to follow in a case of emergency like that of yesterday.

With the most kind regards,  
Yours sincerely,

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Miss Mary L. Waite,  
2 W 45 Street,  
N.Y.C., N.Y.

21st February, 1935  
Thursday,

My dear Miss Waite:

I had to cancel all my engagements to-day. Two classes and a banquet.

I am afraid the students were a bit disappointed as they seemed to be quite interested yesterday in what I had to say to them.

Please be very careful not to seem to reproach the Drury College people for this mishap. They left it quite to me whether I would attend the last arrangement yesterday (a two hour talk in the evening). Unfortunately, I did. It was my fourth talk that day after a very bad night. Now I am trying to recover sufficiently so as to be able to go through with Fayetteville. I am not certain yet whether my break down will pass by tomorrow. If not, I will cancel Fayetteville. For on no account do I want to risk a serious ill health which would jeopardize our whole program.

It is purely nervous overwork I am suffering from. Physically, I feel quite fresh and fit. Or with the German phrase: I suffer from a geistige -ge Überanstrengung, but feel körperlich quite all right.

Very heartily yours,

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February 23, 1935

Dr. Karl P. Polanyi  
c/o College of the Ozarks  
Clarkeville, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Miss Waite has just shown me your letters of February 20th and 21st. Naturally we are very much disturbed that your schedule has proven a little too strenuous. It so happens that I have traveled through most of the country that you are to visit on your present trip. The railroad connections are in many cases unsatisfactory and that was of course one reason why we were particularly anxious to have you visit this area. The transportation difficulties together with the financial status of the colleges and universities have prevented most foreign scholars from visiting the institutions where you are scheduled to appear. I have just gone over your itinerary very carefully with Miss Waite and find that the most difficult part of your trip is now behind you.

I think the number of engagements which you are undertaking in a given institution is entirely too large. You will find that generally speaking a number of arrangements will be made after your arrival at a given institution. You should limit these plans to one formal appearance in each place. I know very well from personal experience that feeling of impending collapse due to overwork and the constant strain of speaking, and I assure you that the authorities will not misunderstand your reluctance to take on additional engagements. I think that you will find the remainder of your trip less difficult from the point of view of travel arrangements and you will also find it less tiring if you will be very firm about undertaking additional engagements such as the luncheon at the University Club at Drury. I assure you that we here will understand and in fact highly approve of such action on your part. We have informed all of the institutions that you should be scheduled to give only one formal lecture and I think you should adhere to that program.

Dr. Polanyi

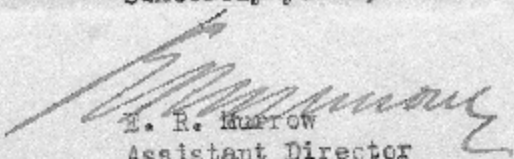
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February 23, 1935

I see from your itinerary that you are to have three days' rest in New Orleans. I wish very much that I might join you there for luncheon in one of those marvelous little cafés along Canal Street. I hope very much that by this time you have entirely recovered from the results of your initiation into the American tempo of traveling and lecturing.

Miss Waite joins me in sending all best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



E. R. Murrow  
Assistant Director

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YOU WILL FIND MAIL COLLEGE OZARKS BEST WISHES=

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Dr. Polanyi

February 25, 1935

Mr. J. P. Leach, District Superintendent  
The Pullman Company  
Kansas City, Missouri

My dear Mr. Leach:

Your letter addressed Dr. Karl Polanyi in  
care of the Institute has been received by me.

Dr. Polanyi is now in the South and I have  
mailed to him today by parcel post the package which has also  
been received and which I presume contains the pair of slippers  
referred to in your letter. I have signed Dr. Polanyi's name  
with my initials on the tag which you enclose and am returning  
it herewith. May I thank you in Dr. Polanyi's behalf for your  
kind attention in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mary L. Waite

Executive Secretary

MLW:8

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February 25, 1935

Dr. Karl P. Polanyi  
c/o Louisiana Polytechnic Institute  
Ruston, Louisiana

My dear Dr. Polanyi:

A letter has been received at the Institute from the Pullman Company and by the next mail there came a package addressed to you. I take it that this package contains the slippers referred to in the Pullman Company's letter of February 23rd from Kansas City. I am mailing the slippers to you today by parcel post.

I am enclosing a few letters which have come in from the colleges, which you may like to have. *no time to copy.*  
*Will send next letter*

Sincerely yours,

*Mary L. Waite*  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B  
Enclosures

ANNA B. LAWTHER  
JULIEN DUBUQUE HOTEL  
DUBUQUE, IOWA

February 25, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
c/o Institute of International Education  
2 West 45th St.  
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

I enclose a letter to President Walter A. Jessup of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching at his New York office, 522- 5th Avenue. I hope he will be in New York when you reach there after your tour of the South, as I am sure you can tell him many interesting about those institutions.

I have not been in Des Moines since February 13th, but plan to be there about the middle of March, when I hope to meet again, our friend, Miss Flora Dunlap.

Very sincerely yours,

*Anna B. Lawther*

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February 26, 1935.

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
c/o Institute for International Education  
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New York City, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

We have the address in question.

It is:--Howard Kester

1700 Edgehill Avenue

Nashville, Tennessee.

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Sincerely yours,

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February 27, 1935

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Your letter written from Clarksville came this morning. I have arranged with the New York Times to send you the February copies of the paper to the Edwards Hotel in Jackson, Mississippi. I am having the Times for the month of March addressed to you in my care here at the office and I will readdress them to you at the various colleges.

I think your idea is an excellent one that you make an outline or plan for your visit at the colleges. If you will send me such an outline, say after you get to New Orleans and have time to think about it, I will be glad to send it around to the colleges. I feel sure that this will be a help in getting down to the matters which you really desire to discuss with our students.

In a previous letter you spoke of having extra days in New York. We shall be very glad to have you here for the extra time so that you can write your report. I shall also keep in mind the fact that you would be willing to take a few lectures and I may be able to arrange something for you in or near New York while you are here.

This morning I had a letter from Dean Young of Cumberland University at Lebanon, Tennessee saying that they regret very much that it will be necessary to cancel your visit. They tried to make arrangements for you even though another man was to be at the college at the same time, thinking that perhaps your visits would not conflict. They find however that it is impossible to arrange this. I have been looking up colleges and am writing today to the Western Kentucky State Teachers College at Bowling Green, Kentucky and will ask them if they can take March 19th and 20th, the dates when you were to have visited Cumberland University. Bowling Green is on the railroad and you will have a direct connection from Nashville, and it will also bring you that much nearer to your next point, Danville. I shall send you word as soon as I have heard from this college about receiving you on those days and shall also send you an amended railroad schedule.

February 27, 1935

I am glad to hear that the College of the Ozarks seemed to be a promising contact. I am sure that after you have visited five or six colleges you will have a much clearer idea of what you can expect in the way of response from the average student and will therefore know better how to plan your visits. You must realize that your trip is in a way a "trial balloon" sent up by the Institute and that we will learn a great deal both by the successes and by the failures of this itinerary.

I mailed you yesterday a new map of your itinerary. Of course the change to Bowling Green does not appear on the map but we have numbered the colleges and it will only be necessary to keep in mind that instead of the engagement at Cumberland University you will go (probably) to Bowling Green; that to be determined later.

I quite understand how cut off you must feel from the world without any large metropolitan newspaper. I have mailed you a number of <sup>new</sup> newspapers and letters. I am trying to send them sufficiently far ahead to be sure that you will receive them. The batch of newspapers which will come to you in Jackson will perhaps keep you busy during your stay in New Orleans. Don't let it prevent you however from seeing this delightful old city which is perhaps more European than any other city in our country. *foreign*

I am sorry about the lack of interest at the University of Arkansas. I am wondering if there was a feeling of resentment there because of the letter written them saying that it was against the rules of the Institute to have our lecturers speak at outside organizations. Such a reply had to go to that institution and probably arrived just before you did. However, you will tell us more about that when you return to New York.

I am glad that the notebook seems helpful. If you need more sheets to use in it, let me know and I can send you an extra supply. I presume you have placed in the front of the book the sheet which I sent you in Des Moines on the type of observations we would like to have you make while at the colleges. Also, I have mailed and will continue to do so, sheets to insert in the book containing the latest news received from the colleges about your program or other items of interest about your visits.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Mary L. East*  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B  
Dr. Karl P. Polanyi  
Edwards Hotel  
Jackson, Mississippi



Mountain Inn

T. J. BRUMFIELD & SON - Prop.

Fayetteville, Ark.

Mar. 1935

Dear Mr. Polanyi:  
Thank you for this -  
I am anxious to buy the  
book when it comes out.  
If you will, please send  
your address, I will send  
you a copy of my papers  
with some photos. I did  
not get the picture from  
the museum. They said they  
did not have one.

If you will, please send  
an autograph for the book.  
I hope to see you later.  
Thank you -

Leslie Shingfellow Reed

325 Wash. Ave.  
Fayetteville, Ark.

Park College,  
Parkville,  
Missouri.

as from o/c University of Arkansas,  
till 23 rd Fayetteville,  
Arkansas.

[March 1955]

My dear Miss Waite:

This is to reassure you that I have received all communications i.e. air mail to Des Moines and via Dean Sanders at Park College.

Thanks for gorgeous ring-book. Will try to live up to it.

Your charming letter (air mail) came as a tremendous relief to me. Mr. Murrow's advice goes right to the heart of the matter. And how grateful I felt to you for trying to fend off peripheral invitations etc. Now that I know your interpretation of my task, and most heartily agree with it, I can go ahead with very much more assurance.

I am jotting down all my travelling expenses carefully i.e. all non-personal expense due to my travelling for you.

I am only half through with my first college and am therefore very careful not to form any judgement yet on our approach and methods. More about this from the next stage.

There is an important change in my personal arrangements: I shall not sail before the end of April; this leaves me some ten days at least in New York; this could be used by me in various ways, partly, perhaps, for more important lectures. Please, will you kindly accept for me the N.B.C. invitation I must try to improve the financial balance of my trip, anyhow. I thank you very much for taking care of this too.

With the most kind regards to you and Mr. Murrow

Yours in great hurry,

28th

11 o'clock.

[1935]

Feb. Ruston La.

Sorry to hear of your  
illness, inform us when  
you can be here. will  
change arrangements to  
suit you.

Gustaf Freden

Answer to above:

March 1st Telephone (Mr Keik Hamisson)  
for me

Paper day

- 1) Thanks 2) Unfortunately will be  
Kept in bed and must definitively  
cancel abandon plans for  
Ruston 3) I have informed  
the New York Institute of this fact  
4) Please, direct mail to Conway  
if any,
-

Entered  
New York City

Fell ill with flu on second day of my stay at Teachers College  
Conway Stop Have informed Ruston that cannot come Stop  
Hope to go to Millsapps Stop Nothing serious Stop Being taken  
good care of ~~Stop~~

Dr. Karl Polanyi

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Dean Gustaf Freden  
Louisiana Polytechnic Institute  
Ruston, Louisiana

Lying ill with flu State Teachers College Conway Stop  
Unfortunately cannot fill engagements at Ruston

Dr. Karl Polanyi

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STEPHEN P. DUGGAN, PH.D., LL.D., Director  
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MARY L. WAITE, Executive Secretary

Thursday afternoon

[Feb. 28, 1935]

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

So sorry to hear of your illness. I am rushing this to you at Conway hoping it will arrive before you leave. I am glad you cancelled the visit to Ruston. You must be careful not to get up too soon and get a relapse! The "Flu" is prevalent this winter and many people have been laid low. I am afraid it was those two dreadful night trains that laid you low. I feel rather responsible, for I suppose I should have known it would be too much for one not accustomed to our hectic American ways.

Be sure to write to Ruston for your mail to be forwarded. I am sure I have sent several things there and it would be too bad for you to lose any of your mail, especially letters from your family.

At Jackson - Edwards Hotel - I have written to you and the New York Times will await you there. Better not attempt Millsaps College unless you feel quite recovered, and then don't attempt a strenuous program. I am glad you have three days in New Orleans so you can have a chance for a real rest.

I am enclosing a schedule received today from Piedmont College. It sounds much too heavy, but I am sure you will re-arrange things and not give but ONE real lecture and let the other talks be most informal. If you send me the ideas you have for your schedule at the colleges, I will send a copy to Piedmont as well as to the others. The colleges really do not mean to overwork you, but they feel it is their duty to show they appreciate your visit by keeping you busy every moment. By this time I am sure you will know how to avoid doing too much.

All good wishes

Sincerely yours

*Mary L. Waite*

March 1, 1935

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Mr. Grigsby of Des Moines was here this morning and spoke most enthusiastically about your lectures. He also referred to the fact that you were ill while out there - a hang over from the war. I am sorry to know that you have this to contend with and is all the more reason why you must not let the colleges work you too hard. We certainly must try to work out a better technique so that they will not, in their eagerness to hear from the outside world, give you too much to do. You put too much of your nervous energy into everything you do, evidently, and instead of being able to enjoy your visits in an objective way, I fear you will go to bed every night completely exhausted. The Institute is not expecting you to expend so much on this trip, so please hold back, relax, and talk to the students with less expenditure of nervous force.

Please heed the above warning. You are traveling through very interesting territory not usually seen by foreigners. There is one character I wish you might meet in your travels, and that is Huey Long. He is a man to be reckoned with. The American people are making a great mistake when they think it is not necessary to take him seriously. Herr Curtius and Dr. Jäckh came over here before the Hitler regime and laughed when people asked anxiously about Hitler. They said nobody takes Hitler seriously in Germany! he is a joke! Long's "Share the Wealth" clubs are increasing every day and the effectiveness of Long, Coughlin and Hearst was amply demonstrated in the defeat of the World Court. I listened to Long over the radio one night. He has mastered the technique of effective radio broadcasting. He has a good deal of ability in talking economics, illustrating his points by quotations from the Bible and from the agreement of the Pilgrim Fathers. He is a very dangerous demagogue, and one we may have to reckon with. His power seems to be increasing. You are going to visit his state, and may be able to gain many interesting side lights on his character and influence. I wish you might meet him.

The first of March Times has just come this afternoon, Mch. 1st, and I am sending it to you at Hotel Roosevelt, New Orleans. Newspapers will not travel as fast as first class mail so it will be rather difficult to be sure that you will receive one every day, but I will do my best.

I have written you air mail to Conway, Ark. and I hope it reaches you. Mail has also gone to Ruston, La. and Jackson, Miss. I do hope you are feeling better.

There is a very delightful Englishman who is a Professor of Philosophy at Duke University. When he was in New York at the Holidays I told him about your visit South but said we were not sending you to Duke as that is a rich university. However, he said if you would have time he would be glad to have you come to Duke just as a visitor. It is only a few miles from Elon, Guilford, and Univ. of North Carolina, also from Greensboro, N. C. where you will spend a week end. I have no doubt that Professor Widgery would be glad to come over in his car and get you on Sunday, April 7th and drive you out to see Duke. You do not need to decide upon this until much later. You may prefer to rest quietly in the hotel, but if it is fine weather you might like an automobile drive and a talk with Professor Widgery. (I would warn him not to invite people to meet you as you need rest more than human contacts). Professor Widgery was at Cambridge before coming here and also lived in India for a time.

No letters today about you that need any attention. I hope you can enjoy New Orleans.

Most sincerely yours

c/o The State Teachers Coll  
Conway, Ark.

March 4th, 1935.

Mr. Edward R. Murrow,  
Assistant Director,  
Inst. of Internat. Education,  
2 W 45th St, N Y C, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Murrow:

It was very nice to have your reassuring letter of February 23 rd. Pardon me for answering it so late; I was in bed with flu. Now I am improving steadily thanks to the good care of President McAlister, Prof. McBrien and Mrs Torrysen, widow of the late President. The college authorities have refused to accept any payment whatever for my weeks fare with them. I have thanked them for their generous hospitality, personally; if you followed this up by a few lines from the Institute, they would certainly appreciate it. But, clearly, they need this room, and so I will move to the hospital for another day or two; it is quite close to the college, and seems to be preferable in this case to the "down town" hotel. Anyhow I hope to be up and off in another two or three days.

The most effective way of stirring up genuine interest has proved to be this: Two consecutive full-dress lectures before the same audience, preferably the broadest audience available at the college. Subject: Central Europe in World Politics and, following that, an analysis of England's policy in the Pacific. The two lectures culminate in a convincing exposition of the close mutual interdependence of the two actual political storm centres on our globe: Central Europe and the Far East, the Danube and the Amur regions. Once you get the students to realize that Central Europe is not so much across the Atlantic as across the Pacific, for every move in the Danube Basin naturally reflects (via Russia) instantaneously in Manchuria and Northern China, their total attitude toward it changes. The plan is to have a series of small sessions start on some concrete suggestion e.g. how to study Current History with the aid of news papers. This is supplied in the course of an informal talk on the general day. Special subjects are waste of time

The one essential thing therefor is this: to start as soon as possible with a student assembly, preferably in chapel. They are so used not to listen to the speaker in chapel, that the mere fact that this time they do so, strikes them as the foretaste of something entirely novel.

from our point of view.

Next day.

Certainly, I tried to get up a day too soon. I suffered a slight relapse and am lying now at Faulkner County Hospital, Conway, Ark. I hope to be all right in a week. I am informing college myself. Please go ahead with preparations for the continuation of the tour.

Many thanks to Miss Waite for her letter and for mail via Jackson, Miss.

Yours very sincerely,

My doctor's name is G.H. Dickerson, M.D. Conway, Ark.

MILLSAPS COLLEGE

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY  
JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

ROSS H. MOORE  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

March 4, 1935.

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
State Teachers College  
Conway, Ark.

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

I was very sorry to learn that you are ill and will be unable to visit us at this time. I trust that you will have a speedy recovery and am especially anxious to have you pay us a visit when you are well.

I realize that your itinerary will probably make it impossible for you to come to us immediately but we are desirous of extending a most cordial invitation to visit us at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely yours

*Ross H. Moore*

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March 4, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
c/o Hotel Roosevelt  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Not hearing from you today I take it that you have gone on to Millsaps College in Jackson, and that at the end of this week you will arrive in New Orleans. I am therefore sending this letter to you there and also the New York Times as it is received. I am afraid you will have a large amount of mail to look over in New Orleans but don't let that prevent you from seeing something of the city.

The colleges are continuing to send in schedules which call for lectures on your various subjects, but please do not take this seriously and remember that you are expected to give only one formal lecture in a place.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary L. Waite*  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B  
Enclosures

Columbus Miss.

Sorry to hear of <sup>your</sup> ~~last~~ illness; Wire collect  
if possible ~~the money~~ for you to come later.  
Wishing you a speedy recovery  
V. L. Parkinson.

Arr. 5,30 p.m. March 4 taken to hospital at 5,30

5 March  
[1935]



5 March 1935

Hotel Savery III  
Des Moines, Iowa

President Parkinson State Teachers College for Women  
Columbus Mississippi

cannot come stop lying ill with flu Jackson County  
Hospital Conway, Arkansas stop must cancel engagements  
with you stop very sorry

Dr. Karl Polanyi.

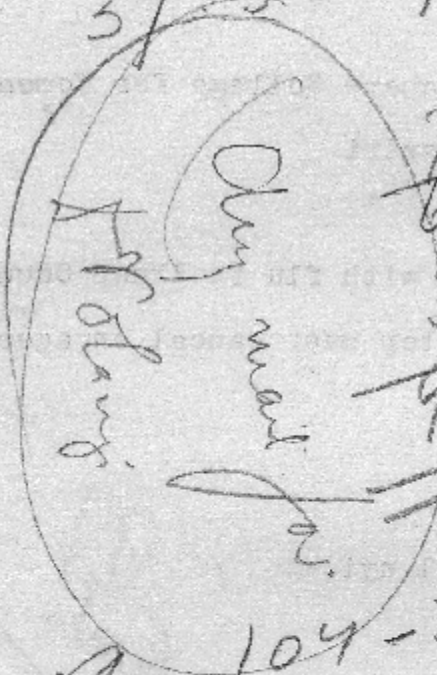
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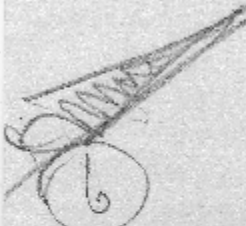
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March 8, 1935

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
Faulkner County Hospital  
Conway, Arkansas

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

I have received your telegram saying that you are improving and this is very welcome news indeed. I hope that you have given yourself time enough to recover and will not try to resume the itinerary until you are really able to do so.

I note that you expect to leave Sunday for Montgomery and I have just sent an air mail letter to the Hotel Roosevelt at New Orleans requesting that your mail be forwarded to you in care of Dean Williams at Tuskegee. I presume it will be there when you arrive.

Letters have been received from Vanderbilt University and Huntingdon College containing information which you will want, and I am enclosing copies.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Mary L. Waite*  
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Dr. Karl Polanyi  
Faulkner County Hospital  
Conway, Arkansas

My dear Dr. Polanyi:

Mr. Murrow has had to be away from the office for a couple of days and I am therefore acknowledging your letter to him of March 4th. We are of course tremendously sorry to learn of your illness and especially of the relapse which you write you had by trying to get up too soon. Let this be a warning to you not to try again to get up before you should. It will only spell disaster a little later. Just remain in Conway until you are well on the way to perfect health.

Mail has been sent to you in care of the Hotel Roosevelt in New Orleans and I am writing the Hotel today to ask them to forward your mail to ~~Conway~~ <sup>Montgomery</sup>. It seems to me you would do well to cancel all of the engagements which you have for next week and as many more as are necessary in order for you to remain in Conway until you feel quite yourself again. I am sending the New York Times to you now at Conway and shall continue to do so until I hear of your plans later on.

I know what a great disappointment it must be to you to have fallen ill so far away from home and at a time when it interrupts your plans, but these things happen to all of us and there is only one thing to do and that is to be quite resigned and take things as they come one day at a time. If there is anything that I can do for you, please be assured that I shall be more than delighted to carry out your wishes.

Sincerely yours,

*Mary L. Waite*  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B



Early 1935

420 Riverside Drive  
N. Y.

Liebe Datas Stölper,  
liebe Frau Toni,

Ich bin vor zwei  
Tagen angekommen - wann  
können wir uns sehen?  
Ich bleibe wahrscheinlich  
nur bis Dienstag in New  
York; hoffentlich geht  
sich das Ihnen aus.

Hona und Karl habe  
ich wohlbehalten in Kent

hinterlassen. Müß, von dem  
ich mich in Liverpool ab-  
abschiedete, sendet seine  
wärmeren Grüsse.

Meine Nummer ist  
MO 2-8132.

Auf Wiedersehen.

Es grüßt Sie herzlich

Ich

Karl Braugi.

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TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY

Knoxville, Tennessee

March 11, 1935

Dear Miss Waite:

I have written Mr. D. F. Folger of Crossville, that I will be glad to do anything I can to help Dr. Polanyi see and understand the Tennessee Valley Authority project on his visit here March 26.

I suggest that Dr. Polanyi be requested to stay at the Farragut Hotel rather than the Andrew Johnson. It is closer to headquarters and more congenial. Ask him to telephone me as soon after 8:30 on the morning of the twenty-sixth as is convenient for him.

Might any groups at Norris make use of this opportunity by planning for Dr. Polanyi to speak while here? I do not have any specific engagement in mind but no doubt there are organizations or departments which would appreciate the opportunity which Dr. Polanyi's presence would afford if this would be agreeable to him.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) E. B. Shultz

Associate Director of  
Labor Relations



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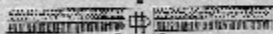
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WORTHINGTON JEFFERSON DAVIS HOTEL  
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7:45 P.M.

Mon. 3/11 '35.

Dear Mr. Polansky: — here at the hotel  
I have been waiting  
some time hoping to have  
the pleasure of meeting  
you. I am sorry to miss you.

Some one will call  
for you tomorrow at  
9:30 O'clock A.M. to take  
you to the College to speak  
at ten O'clock.

Very truly yours,

Walter Dagniew  
Huntingdon College.

there has been an arrangement what ever  
has cleared up  
advised  
K.B.

March 12, 1936

Mr. John Dillingham  
Tenn. A. & I. College  
Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Dillingham:

I am writing you respecting Dr. <sup>sinking</sup> ~~Karl~~ Polanyi who made a very contribution to our student group assembly and a college group here on yesterday as a traveling representative of the Institution of International Relations. He is to be in Nashville at Vanderbilt on March 13. He has neither Tennessee State nor Fisk on his itinerary. I talked with him about you. He is especially interested in making contact with you. He is interested in making contact with as many of the Negro intellectuals as he can on his trip.

I did not make note yesterday of the party through whom we might be contacted at Nashville. However, I am sending him a copy of this letter to Tuskegee and hope he may find it convenient to drop you a note before he gets to Nashville in order that you will know where to contact him.

I hope it may be possible for you to have him at Tennessee State and possibly have some contact with a student group there. You will find him a very interesting man personally and one whom you would enjoy knowing.

Yours very truly,

E. Connell Trenchum

HCT:S  
cc-Dr. Karl Polanyi  
Tuskegee Institute  
Alabama

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

March 12, 1935

President Charles J. Furck  
Centre College  
Danville, Kentucky

Dear President Furck:

Since writing you last, there has been a slight change in Dr. Polanyi's itinerary. It turned out to be impossible for Cumberland University in Lebanon to receive him on the dates scheduled, and we are therefore writing to Asbury College at Wilmer, Kentucky, to find out whether or not it will be convenient for them to receive Dr. Polanyi on March 19th and 20th. If it is, he will go directly from Nashville to Wilmer, and come to you after his visit there. As I understand it, Wilmer is only about twenty miles from Danville so there should be no trouble about his arranging to make the trip. As matters stand, it is impossible for me to tell you when he will arrive in Danville, but I think Dr. Polanyi will either telephone you or write about his plans after he has heard from President Akers of Asbury.

We are getting very enthusiastic letters back from the Colleges which Dr. Polanyi has already visited, and I hope his stay with you will be equally satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

MLW/MHA

SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

(Copy also sent to Shorter College, Rome)

March 12, 1935

President L. R. Akers  
Asbury College  
Wilmore, Kentucky

Dear President Akers:

The Institute is planning to visit southern Colleges this winter, Dr. Karl Polanyi of Vienna. He has been ill for a week with influenza and a change has had to be made in his itinerary. This makes it possible for us to offer you the opportunity of having Dr. Polanyi visit Asbury College on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 19th and 20th, if it will be convenient for you to receive him. The colleges visited by Dr. Polanyi are not asked to pay any honorarium for his lecture, but merely to offer hospitality during his two days' stay.

I am enclosing a multigraphed sheet which will give you information about Dr. Polanyi and the subjects which he is offering. From among these subjects you should choose one upon which you would like to have him speak. The Institute is paying all of his travelling and other expenses and is paying for one formal lecture at each institution. Dr. Polanyi will be coming to you from Nashville. We cannot give you the exact time when he will arrive but if you would like to have him visit you, I will ask him to let you know in advance. From a study of railroad guides and bus schedules we are not quite sure whether he will be leaving Nashville in the morning by automobile to go to Wilmore, or whether there is some bus connection he can take. So far as I can see there is no railroad line from Nashville to Wilmore. If it will be possible for you to have Dr. Polanyi on the dates mentioned, I wonder if you would write him a letter in care of Shorter College, Rome, Georgia, where he will be on March 15th and 16th, telling him just what would be the best way for him to come from Nashville.

Dr. Polanyi's visit will be quite informal. He would like if possible to have an opportunity of speaking before the

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President L. R. Moore

March 12, 1935

entire student body either at chapel or wherever you may designate, and after that he would like to meet the students and faculty informally for discussions that will grow out of his talk to them. In addition to the subjects mentioned on the enclosed sheet, he suggests:

Central Europe in World Politics, and  
England's Policy in the Pacific.

Dr. Polanyi hopes by his talk to arouse sufficient interest on the part of the students to make them want to meet with him informally afterwards to discuss various matters which he will take up in his talk. Another subject which he might discuss informally with students after his lecture, is "How to Study Current History with the Aid of Newspapers".

Dr. Polanyi speaks English very well and I am sure you will find him a delightful guest.

Will you please let me know as promptly as possible whether you would like to have Dr. Polanyi schedule to visit you on the dates mentioned.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary

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March 12, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
Atlanta Biltmore Hotel  
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

As I think I wrote you earlier, it was necessary for Cumberland University at Lebanon to cancel your visit. I wrote to Western Kentucky State Teachers College, Bowling Green, but it was not convenient for them to have you at the time scheduled. This morning, I am writing to Ashbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. This is a small Methodist College, co-ed, which has an International Relations Club. It is about twenty miles north of Danville. I am enclosing a copy of a letter I have just written to the President. It may be that you will hear from him telling you the best way to come from Nashville to Wilmore, if the dates are convenient for them. The time is getting so short that if Wilmore cannot have you, I think probably it will be best for you to spend the two days in Nashville, perhaps giving Vanderbilt an additional day and using the other for seeing the city.

You will remember that this is the spot in your itinerary which has been debatable ground as to the best way of travel. Cumberland suggested that you take an automobile to Danville and it may be that this will be the best way to go the twenty miles farther, to Wilmore. I think you will find in your loose-leaf book full information about various methods of travel which have been suggested and probably you can inquire at the Andrew Jackson Hotel in Nashville as to the best way of making the journey.

I am enclosing a sheet for your book about Elon College which I think you have not had before.

I think it might be well for you either to telephone or write to President Turck of Centre College, Danville, that you are coming to them not from Lebanon, but from Wilmore, if it turns out that this is the fact, as it may be that they will offer to come over to Wilmore and bring you back to Danville. Centre college is one of the

Dr. Karl Polanyi

March 12, 1935

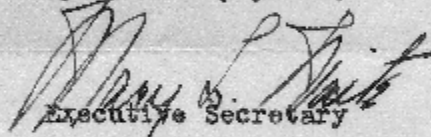
colleges that seems very enthusiastic about your visit and I hope that it will be entirely successful.

Mr. Murrow thinks that the best way to adjust your program in each place is for you to talk the matter over immediately upon arrival, making such suggestions as you care to about your lecture subjects, etc. You will probably find that the college authorities will be only too glad to fall in with your plans and after discussion you can probably arrange a schedule more satisfactorily than if we were to write about some set plan. Anyhow, I wish you would try this in the next few places and let me know how it works.

A few days ago I sent you a copy of the letter written by Mr. Folger to S. B. Schulze of the Tennessee Authority in Knoxville. I take it from that letter that someone will call for you at the Andrew Johnson Hotel and take you to see the development which the Government is building at Norris. It may be a rather hard day of sight-seeing, but I believe it will be worth while from what I hear from those who have visited it.

Spring should be opening up in the South by this time, and I hope you will thoroughly enjoy the rest of your trip.

Very sincerely yours,

  
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March 13, 1935

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

I am enclosing another sheet for your loose-leaf book, to file under Tennessee Valley Authority. You will note that Mr. Shultz, Associate Director of Labor Relations of the Tennessee Valley Authority, with headquarters in Knoxville, suggests that you stop at the FARRAGUT HOTEL in Knoxville, instead of the Andrew Johnson, which is the hotel indicated on your itinerary. Therefore I would suggest that you go to the Farragut, and I will use this address in sending mail to you there. He will see that you have an opportunity to see and understand some of the aims of those who are working on this huge project. I believe it will be quite worth your while to see this and to confer with those in charge. You will at least see one phase of the New Deal which may interest you.

Mr. Shultz then asks whether any groups at Norris could make use of this opportunity by asking you to speak while there. He writes: "I do not have any specific engagement in mind but no doubt there are organizations or departments which would appreciate the opportunity which Dr. Polanyi's presence would afford if this would be agreeable to him." I am replying to this portion of Mr. Shultz's letter by saying that you have a very full schedule, and the day you take off to see the TVA will be in the nature of a rest day and that therefore I do not think you should be asked to give an address at Norris. After all you are not a machine that can open your mouth and a ready made lecture will roll forth! On page 4 of your itinerary, please cross off (Andrew Johnson Hotel) and write in Farragut Hotel, opposite Knoxville.

Today you are seeing a large Negro institution. In Nashville you will see another of the larger universities of the South. I am so glad to note that your mail is reaching you all right. It is a bit difficult to calculate with precision just how long it is going to take for mail from here to reach you. It will be so exciting to hear all about your experiences when you return. I hope the note book is proving useful, also the new map I sent you.

Sincerely yours

Mary L. Waite

*I am now forwarding mail to Hans Lietz in Middle West - to Kenon Barthett on Pacific Coast - to J. B. Condliffe on his way East - and Prof Malinowski & London arrives next week. Quite a family to look after!*

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March 20, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
c/o Centre College  
Danville, Kentucky

Dear Dr. Polanyi:

Your letter of March 18th written at Nashville has just been received. It seems to me for a man just getting up from the "flu" that you are taking on a pretty heavy schedule trying to lecture at so many institutions in Nashville. However I telegraphed you yesterday that it was all right with us if you wished to give so many lectures while in Nashville. Of course Peabody Teachers College and all of the other large institutions in the South will tell you that they have no money and that therefore they are in the same class as the colleges to which we are sending you. We however do not consider that this is the case and for our purpose we prefer to limit your talks to smaller colleges. We did make two exceptions in taking on Vanderbilt and the University of North Carolina. It would rather spoil the effect of what we have in mind in connection with this trip if you were to take on any other large colleges and therefore I would suggest that you confine the rest of your lectures to the places on your itinerary. We did think of sending you to Peabody Teachers College instead of to Vanderbilt but the dates which we looked up for Peabody seemed to fall within their vacation period and therefore we sent you to Vanderbilt. However no harm has been done by your speaking at Peabody unless you harm yourself physically by taking on such a heavy program.

I am very glad to note from your letter that you are evolving a technique in giving your lectures and in saving yourself from too heavy programs which will probably help you through the strain.

You may be overwhelmed with the amount of mail which you will find at Centre College in Danville but you must realize that not being sure as to what your movements would be after you arrived in Nashville it seemed wise not to send mail to you there. I have sent you information about the Tennessee Valley Project. The request came that you should speak for them and I replied that it did not seem wise for you to do this as that particular time was in the nature of a day off for you and it seemed to us that you should not be called upon to speak. You will probably be rather

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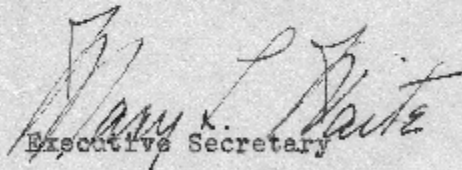
fatigued from going about all day in just seeing what they have to show you at Norris.

Unfortunately Dr. Condliffe's itinerary and yours do not cross at any point. Monday he was in Cincinnati, Thursday he will be speaking at Haverford, Friday at Princeton and he will be in New York on Saturday and Sunday of this week. He then goes to Harvard and Washington and sails for home at midnight on Friday, the 29th.

You ask about your photograph for publicity purposes. We are mailing to the colleges, whenever they request, a glossy print made from your photograph which you sent to us. As you are so nearly through with your trip, it would not seem necessary for you to go to the trouble or expense of having another photograph taken and glossy prints made. We have already mailed out a number of glossy prints to the colleges and have others on hand here which can be used. I suppose as you were staying several days in Nashville that there was a special demand there by the papers for your photograph.

We are of course looking forward very eagerly to your return to New York when we can hear about your adventures.

Sincerely yours,

  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B



SENT FOR THE INFORMATION OF

Dr. Polanyi

March 21, 1935

Mr. E. B. Shultz  
Associate Director of Labor Relations  
Tennessee Valley Authority  
Knoxville, Tennessee

My dear Mr. Shultz:

Thank you very much for your letter regarding Dr. Polanyi's visit. I have written suggesting that he stay at the Farragut Hotel rather than the Andrew Johnson as you propose and I have no doubt that he will telephone to you on the morning of March 26th as you suggest.

You ask whether it would be possible for Dr. Polanyi to speak to some of the groups at Norris during his stay there. I am sure that Dr. Polanyi would be very glad to accede to this request. However, he has been in the hospital ill with the "flu" for two weeks and has a very strenuous program. The day he will spend in seeing Norris is in the nature of his rest day and I do not think it would be quite fair for us to ask him to speak before any group. I think he will be quite tired enough from the physical exertion of seeing what you have to show him without adding any mental exertion necessary in giving a talk. For these reasons I fear we must decline your invitation on his behalf.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Mary L. Waite

MW:R

Executive Secretary

c/o Institute of International  
Education, Inc.,  
New York City, N.Y.  
2 W 45th St.

22nd March, 1935.

My dear Jack:

I have just discovered that you are on your way back to Geneva by the States, and there is just a faint hope that this letter might reach you in New York, anyway, this side of the Ocean. I air mailed to New York to find out whether there was any chance of meeting you all, but Miss Waite of the Institute of Int. Educ., just informs me that our itineraries will make this impossible for me.

I spent the first six weeks of this year as resident Forum Leader with the Des Moines, Ia., Public Forums, lecturing on Central Europe. This invitation came to me by the way of Walter Kotachnig, formerly with the International Students Service, at present Director of J. Macdonald's (High Commissioner for Refugees) in Lausanne. He had accepted an invitation to Des Moines and passed it on to me when he left the I.S.S. and was prevented to go to Des Moines. The other resident Forum Leaders were Carroll Wooddy (Chicago) and Prof. Odgaard (Columbus, Ohio). The Director of the Des Moines Forums, R. H. R. Grigsby seemed to think that I had done well. Personally, I felt my contact with the American audience was as good as you could wish for. The Des Moines Forums are an experiment run under the auspices of the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and initiated by J. W. Studebaker, Superintendent of Education in Des Moines, at present Commissioner for Education in the Roosevelt Administration. There is some talk of the extension of this plan to several towns next year with the help of government appropriations.

Since the middle of February I am engaged in another mission. The Institute of International Education has asked me to make a tour of the smaller Southern Colleges of the States for them. This is very hard work, countless lectures, talks and round tables have to be gone through. My task is to interest the students and the faculties of these institutions in foreign affairs. Financially Des Moines was a very favorable proposition; the Southern visiting tour is not. But it was an immensely interesting experience in many ways. The strain of this tour was quite exceptional; I stood it only by a very cautious technique of avoiding exhaustion in spite of the necessity of giving of my best. Edward D. Murrow of the Institute of International Education is my "boss" on this job. He has asked me to make a report on my experiences to the Institute after my return to New York.

It would be certainly very interesting to know what ~~my~~ <sup>my</sup> impressions of my tour are. If either the Des Moines Public Forum ~~or~~ <sup>the</sup> Institute of International Education (by the way, they are personally closely related) should make it possible for me to spend a few months in the USA every year, this might make it much easier for me to face the insecurity of my present situation in England. In any case there is almost no chance whatever for me to be able to get a job in England, even if the provisional grant of a scholarship for one year should be made final. I have now passed entirely into the field of politics in my work, a field in which I am certainly more hopeful of making an original contribution than in any other. My series of six lectures in Des Moines was on Central Europe. Eight other lectures which I prepared for the Institute were also mostly on political themes.

Dear Jack: I should have been just happy to meet you and Olive, and probably not only Margaret, but even one of the boys(?). You were all very very kind to me at a time when I needed it in many ways, even if you did not know it. Ilona is back in Vienna finishing her research work at the University, trying to make her doctorate. In the autumn Karl is doing very well at the London school, which she frequents together with Wendy. Perhaps you will see her in London now! How happy she would certainly be.

With many kind thoughts and good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

as from c/o Institute of Inter-  
Education, 27 45th St.  
23rd March, 1938. N.Y.C.

Dear Miss Waite:

Both Pick and Agric. and Industr. State College, Nashville were very much worth while. President Jones of Pick was, unfortunately, absent, but Charles S. Johnson, Head of the Social Study Department arranged contacts and meetings with his faculty. At A. and I. Prof. Joan Dillingham took care of me, but also President Hale (politician type) was very much interested and made me deliver a second chapel talk. I believe that both Dr. Johnson and President Hale will gladly give you a report on my visit, if you ask them for it.

I wonder whether you could do something for the students groups which would gladly subscribe to the New York Times for study purposes, if they could do so at preferential rates. Are there any funds available for this purpose? Or would the N. Y. T. consider to grant such preferential rates themselves?

I suggested a new glossy print, because the one I sent you is, as far as I can remember, hideous. But certainly it might be late in the season now.

With some of my colleges, (especially girls and negroes) I am including two themes to my repertoire: Fascism and Ideals and the Youth Movement in Europe. The latter is rousing the audience to a pitch of enthusiasm which is quite extraordinary (so at Shuster College, Rome, Ga., A. and I, Nashville, as well as Centre College, Danville). "Fascism and Arian Ideals" I first used as a chapel talk at Parkville, Mo., the second time, I believe, rather appropriately, at the A. and I. negro College, Nashville. A really "high level" theme suited for faculty members only is The International Aspects of the so-called New Nationalism. It was most appreciated at Conway, Ark., less at Parkville, Mo., and Vanderbilt University, Nashville. At this latter place as with all the other places I put Central Europe in World Politics first. It is a Bird's Eye view of World Politics adapted to Hitler and the Far East etc. In one form or other suggestions about the study of Current History with the help of news papers follow this up. Of course my approach is different with every audience. With one or perhaps two exceptions I have left every campus with the feeling of having opened up new horizons to the young and even sometimes of having started them on a new trail in their studies, if not, with a few of them, in their future activities.

A frenzy of isolationism is carrying the country away. I get my best hearings by formulating the problems of the foreign policy of the States almost exclusively or rather primarily, as a problem of neutrality. It is relatively so easy to show that isolationism leads not to neutrality but to entanglement into wars in which the USA are not interested, that I prefer this argument to any other at present. In the two most important instances in her history the USA went to war because she could not remain neutral, and not because she had a preference for one side or the other; in fact both in the World War as a hundred years earlier it was almost a matter of chance on which side she would come down. The public seems to have a very high degree of understanding of this sort of approach.

Although the papers are full of Europe, the actual interest of my audiences is everywhere and in all cases the isolationist phrase has turned out such success with them as my formula that for the USA Central Europe is not across the Atlantic but across the Pacific. Half sympathies are mostly on the German side as against the French. Nobody seems to know for certain here (the same as in the Middle West) whether the Japanese issue was primarily commercial competition camouflaging as race antagonism, or the other way round; a fundamental race issue covered over by the pretence of commercial antagonisms, which the real do not constitute the insoluble problem.

I hope to meet Mr. H. W. Studebaker as well as Mr. Henry Wallace in Washington. I should certainly appreciate it very much if the Institute could provide me with letters of introduction to Mr. J. W. Studebaker.

With my kind regards to Mr. Harrow all best wishes to you,  
Yours sincerely,

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April 8, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
c/o King Cotton Hotel  
Greensboro, North Carolina

My dear Dr. Polanyi:

You have nearly come to the end of your visit, and I hope that you are not entirely exhausted. I was sorry that you did not have Saturday and Sunday for rest in Greensboro after a rather strenuous week, but no doubt you received a good deal of inspiration from your visit to Washington, meeting Mr. Studebaker, etc.

I have tried to warn the young student at North Carolina not to press you too hard for engagements at Chapel Hill. He is very enthusiastic and may ask you for any number of addresses. I hope however by this time you have grown a bit wary and will be able skillfully to turn aside his suggestions and arrange a program at the University of North Carolina to suit yourself. I wrote Mr. Bahnsen that you had been ill with grippe and had had a very strenuous week without any rest because of being called upon to go to Washington and that I thought one formal address was all that you should be asked to give.

Please let me know where to address you in Washington, so that mail can be sent to you. The subscription to the New York Times expires on April 10th, as by the time you reach the University of North Carolina you will undoubtedly be able to get hold of the Times.

We are looking forward very much to your visit in New York. Please let me know on what day you are planning to sail so that we will know better how much time you will have here in the city.

With all the best of wishes,

Sincerely yours,

*Mary L. Waite*  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B

as from c/o Institute of International Education,  
2 W 45th St.,

14th April, 1935.

Professor Peter Odegard,  
Des Moines Public Forums,  
Des Moines, Ia.

My dear Odegard:

I feel a perfect blackguard. Almost certainly these notes will no more be of any use to you. Anyhow, I have recovered my trunk which contained them, and so I make my suggestions for what they are worth.

In view of his position in the movement and his post as the spiritus rector of practical National Socialist education, Alfred Rosenbergs books must be regarded as a chief source of Nazi educationalism. Cf. especially Rosenberg on Ernst Krieck in "Mythos des 20. Jahrhunderts".

Ernst Krieck: Nationalpolitische Erziehung. Leipzig, 1933. This book seems to be the most influential and, certainly the most scholarly adaptation of National Socialist philosophy to pedagogic practice.

A Catholic version, but of course far from authoritative is D. Dr. Anton ~~Styger~~ Stonner: Nationale Erziehung und Religionsunterricht. Regensburg 1934. Cf. pp. 122-125 and 136-137. The same line is followed by the author in: Germanentum und Christentum. Regensburg, 1934.

Wilhelm Stapel: Der Christliche Staatsmann. Hamburg, 1932 is one of the standard works of National Socialist political philosophy.

M. Heidegger's famous Rektoratsrede (University of Breslau) is perhaps the best sample of the new method of organizing the Universities into military training camps of the body, the soul and the mind (in this sequence, please) and producing a metaphysics suited to this emergency.

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April 15, 1935

Dr. Karl Polanyi  
c/o Houston House  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Polanyi:

We have engaged room and bath for you at the Hotel Webster, 40 West 45th Street, just a few doors from the Institute. I have told the hotel clerk that you will probably arrive in New York sometime on Wednesday. The room is on the ninth floor, southern exposure. I hope that it will meet with your approval. If you do not like it, of course you can make a change. The bill for the room will be sent directly to the Institute.

The mail that is coming in today I will hold for you. I am enclosing however a cable which was received this morning.

*We look forward keenly to your return.*  
Sincerely yours,

*Mary L. Waite*  
Executive Secretary

MLW:B

*I shall try to find paid lectures for you but the chances are not bright.*

Karl Polanyi,  
Hotel Savery,  
Des Moines, Iowa.

*[January 2]*

11th December, 1935

My Dear Miss Waite,

Thank you ever so much for your kindest letter.

The circular letter to the Colleges about me is just the nicest thing I have ever seen in this line. I am very grateful to you for the most understanding manner you are putting the matter to them.

The lectures here go off ever so much better than I had expected. I found the audience distinctly intelligent, keen and responsive. The Director of Adult Education, Mr. Grigby, seems to feel very happy about the position. I can't agree to the implications of the warning addressed to me by my English friends that there is a lack of educational background in the USA etc. There isn't. There might have been twenty years ago, but the position is now clearly different from what it was.

My Chicago friends suggest that I should deliver some two or even three lectures in Chicago at one of the week-ends. I will probably accept in one case i.e. for one week-end.

Most sincerely yours,