

November 6, 1941.

Hon. W. P. Lamberton,
Member of Congress,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

I have the four page copy of your radio address, also copy of Congressional Record with your address, and also copy of the history of Appropriations Committee. I appreciate very much your courtesy in sending me these documents.

As to the correctness of your position on current war legislation, I don't know. Nobody knows. At this time I am sure it is impossible to say just what a majority of Kansas people endorse among the so-called war issues. However, I am quite sure that fundamentally an overwhelming majority of Kansas citizens feel that Hitler must be defeated. After that, diversity of opinion ranges widely. Also, I believe people generally have not determined when or how we are to get full force into this war. Neither can they decide how or when we can stay out full force. I think it is true the average citizen does not realize we are in the war, which, of course, we are. Probably it can be proven we have gotten in by stealth. Stealth seems to be the modern method of getting into a war. We are simply following the method. I sometimes feel the failure of leaders to formally declare war is not so much a strategy of surprising the enemy as it is strategy for avoiding a formal proposition of war to their own people. I am pretty thoroughly convinced the latter idea has prevailed with our leaders up to this time. All over the world national leaders may feel people generally are sick of war, do not want to go to war, do not believe in war.

This attitude on the part of nations may come from two causes. First, that the world has become topsy-turvy. Increase of wealth, higher standards of living tend to increase selfishness and decrease devotion of the higher ideals of life. Consequently,