

January 16, 1942.

Mr. G. D. Mott,
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University Drive,
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Dear Mr. Mott:

I appreciate your letter of January 12th, and fully appreciate your desire to have more students enroll in equitation. For the present, however, we are going to have to follow exactly the courses as already outlined. There is no chance to change that now in the light of the recent reorganization of the physical activity classes.

You mentioned that you have lost several students due to the war, and I am afraid that you are going to lose many, many more. I would be glad to talk with you, but from all the advice that I get things are going to be tougher and tougher. I am a poor one to offer advice, but if I were offering any advice I would advise you to get rid of all your horses at once at the best possible figure. In another six months the students are not going to have money for equitation and a lot of other so-called (by their parents) luxuries.

Whole industries are about to be curtailed and some of them done away with entirely. The plan is to force people into war production as a substitute for a vacuum. They will force them to quit making things for civilians and they will force the shift to war. They will force every business and individual to convert, conserve and curtail. Much temporary unemployment is inevitable and it is even intended so as to compel men to scurry up new jobs in the war industry. This means shifting of workers and their jobs on a wholesale scale.

Vital changes are ahead in all of our personal lives, in our living and in our jobs, and this drastic change in business will mean that there is more than a fifty-fifty chance of a less basic change and a one hundred per cent certainty of some sort of dislocation for all of us.

The authorities state that half of the workers will be shifted to war work in due time. There are now five million persons on war production and it is estimated that in eighteen months there will be twenty million. Half the workers,