

COPY OF LETTER SENT TO STATE RECREATION CHAIRMEN

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ALL ABOARD!!!

Last year we carelessly used the heading "ALL ASHORE" for our Annual Report letter. Some of you forgot you were crew signed up for the voyage and went ashore. In other words, you sent in no Annual Reports. Hence the call this year of ALL ABOARD, and the fervent hope that every one of you will send in a report no matter how meager it may seem to you. In the broadest sense, what the national chairman is interested in is very simple, that is, What are the evidences of parent-teacher participation in recreation growth and advance in your state during the year? No matter from what source you get the evidence. Are there any human interest stories that would inspire other states? What are your problems, and what helps do you need? If you just write an informal report on that simple basis it will enable us to present a picture to the National Board. For those of you who like to check or to have suggested topics I am enclosing a list of these. You will recognize them.

THE NATIONAL REPORT IS BEING ASKED FOR EARLIER THIS YEAR
SO MOVE HEAVEN AND EARTH TO GET YOUR REPORT IN BY APRIL 15.

DEFENSE

It seems to your national chairman that probably the most difficult and the most needed job that we have to do in all this talk and preparation for defense is defense of the spirit and morale of our children and our homes -- an everlasting alertness to leave nothing undone that will contribute to emotional stability and sanity. At the same time there are definite needs that are arising, and definite jobs in which we have a real stake. This has been set forth in the Statement on Defense of the National Congress Executive Committee which I beg of you to read carefully and to use as your guide. One word of warning: Don't rush off and begin making surveys until you find out what others are doing; don't waste strength in duplication.

There is one other point I would like to make, and that is, the importance of teamwork. In parent-teacher work we are accustomed to "gang up" with each other and other agencies in the community for the common welfare of all. It seems to me that one of the rich things we should get out of this preparation for defense is a new, real democracy of spirit, a fresh sense of the intrinsic worthwhileness of each individual, and a sense of interdependence and cooperation and a unified approach to this whole job.

You will be interested in a bulletin prepared by Miss Bernice Moss, former Utah Recreation chairman. This and the Defense Statement are being sent direct from headquarters.

Do not hesitate to write your national chairman for help you hope or feel he should be able to give you. HE WILL BE WAITING FOR YOUR ANNUAL REPORT ON APRIL 15. Best wishes.

Sincerely yours

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