

May 20, 1947

Colonel R. R. McCormick
Tribune Tower
Chicago 11, Illinois

Dear Colonel McCormick:

We have your kind invitation for myself and wife for the reception to be given on the eighth of June. We should be very happy to be present, but it will not be practical for us to do so.

The Tribune is a great paper.

The Journal-World, published by The World Company, of which I am president, succeeded two papers, each published once in 1854 and published regularly after January 1, 1855, with the exception of the times when it was destroyed; first by Sheriff Jones, a Missourian, and in 1863 by Quantrill, a guerrilla. Over forty papers have been consolidated to make the Journal-World of today, and the World, which accounts for the hyphenated name, was established March 1, 1892 - fifty-five years ago. We too, look forward to a centenary edition in 1955.

Respectfully yours,
THE WORLD COMPANY

W. C. Simons
President

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