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Dear blessed Collie:

Received your letter Tuesday, & Dolph's wonderful book yesterday.

I havnt had time to read the book yet, but I HAVE read the two articles on England and France. Walter read the last pages too, before I got any of it read, because I was busy. But if I had known how wonderfully illuminating and ELECTRIFYING it was, I think I'd have been willing to stay up all night to finish it.

And now, I want to know what you are going to do with that book. Cant we BUY at least SIX of them? Walter wants to send one to each of his brothers & his sister. And I KNOW how Norma will "eat it up" and will want those people in Honolulu to read it.

That book should sell thousands and thousands of copies, to every American patriot in the United States.

If you can manage it, I hope we will be able to cover the USA with it. For it is not only factual, but DYNAMIC for every American at this time.

I thought I was a pretty good one woman army for Americanism, but this book rouses me to ACTION, because it is so simply told in plain American words, with a PUNCH in every line.

I suppose you have a copy of Norma's song, "Fellow Americans, Stand PAT, and in case you havnt, I want to send you some copies of it.

The chorus goes, "Stand Pat, Fellow Americans, For your country needs you more than it ever did before. Stand Pat, Fellow Americans, You've a heritage of Birth, Never equalled on the Earth. Stand Pat, Fellow Americans, And never let the whiners get you down, Square your shoulders, lift your chin, Be watchful every moment for the enemy within. Tell the world that we can finish any fight that we get in, Fellow Americans, Stand Pat." I've left a line of the refrain out, but you'll get the idea. ) This song was such a hit that the head of the band, Capt. Talbot, of the Marine Band in San Diego, liked it so well, he had a band arrangements msdt of it, & with Norma as the guest of honor, had it played while the Marines marched to it seven times that afternoon. And Capt. Talbot wasnt solicited to do it. He did it because he thought it was so timely. But if it ~~was~~ any more timely in (40 than it is now, I'll EAT it. And we have 10,000 copies & are going to try to do something with them. It has a peach of a tune, too; inspiring & so provocative, that anybody who hears it cant help playing it or whistling it over and over.

Now, I wish we could do something with that book. Has Dolph thought of it? It is too good to lie in "innocuous desuetude" as Cleveland said. And a "limited edition" isnt enough.

I could go on, like Tennyson's "Brook" but I must dress for dinner. Let me know what you are going to do with that book.

With much love and all my prayers for you and yours,

Your cousin & PLAYMATE(omve)

P. S. I loved your precious letter, and I will keep it as long as I live.

Collie