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Dear Fellow-Writers:

The Connecticut Chapter of the League of American Writers is sponsoring a Conference of Connecticut Writers, open to both League and non-League members, to be held in New Haven, Conn., on Sunday December fourth.

You are cordially invited to attend as a delegate.

There will be two sessions of the Conference.

The afternoon session, open only to delegates and fraternal observers, will deal with writers' problems and more general problems related to the cultural needs and possibilities in Connecticut. There will be a brief presentation of each point by a well-known writer or guest of the Conference, after which the floor will be available for general discussion.

At the evening session, open to the general public, the principal speakers will be Heywood Broun, Malcolm Cowley, Jerome Davis, and Matthew Josephson.

This will be an outstanding event in the cultural life of our state. We have a real opportunity here to stimulate an active interest among Connecticut writers in the problems of their state -- and among the Connecticut people in the literary and cultural possibilities now open to them as never before.

Enclosed you will find the Call for the Conference, which also contains an application for delegate credentials. There is a small fee of one dollar, with which we hope to defray the expenses of the Conference. Please send us your application and fee in the enclosed stamped and self-addressed envelope immediately, as we must know how many delegates will be present.

Don't hesitate to make any suggestions which occur to you that might make this Conference a truly outstanding success. Above all, please reply immediately.

Yours for a successful Conference,

Van Wyck Brooks
Chairman, Connecticut Chapter,
League of American Writers.