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Letter: Mrs. William Brown Meloney to Ida M. Tarbell, August 19, 1933

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Dear Miss Ida:

In conference with an Advisory Council of representative club women, Mrs. Ogden Reid and I had planned to hold the 1936 New York Herald Tribune Sixth Annual Forum on Current Problems after the election. We felt that it would be easier at that time, to approach national questions in a strictly non-partisan spirit.

In the last few weeks, however, there has been a demand from organized women who represent the reactions of large numbers of voters of every shade of political opinion, that the Forum be held before the election, and that it be a definition by the leaders of all political parties appearing on the ballot of how they stand on the principal issues of this important campaign. Such a presentation of all sides of the question, seems the ideal approach to any great decision in a democracy.

We are, therefore, holding this year's Forum on September 22nd and 23rd, at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City, and building the discussions during the second day, September 23rd, around the general subject: "The Political Issues Which America Faces in 1936".

President Roosevelt will broadcast to the Forum from the White House. Governor Landon's message will come from Topeka. Herbert Hoover, together with other leaders of both major parties and one from each of the four minor parties, will speak from the platform. Allowing for a margin of human frailty, I think we can feel reasonably sure that all the speakers will try to follow the rules we have laid down, and that the discussions will be in keeping with the temperate and orderly conduct which has distinguished all previous Forums. I know that the women delegates who attend will receive the addresses in this spirit.

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This year's Forum will have two subjects. In addition to the political discussions of the second day, there will be two sessions, on September 22nd, devoted to "The New Way of Living", and marking the twentieth anniversary of the Herald Tribune Home Institute. A number of leading American authorities and a few from abroad will describe some of the material steps which lie immediately ahead of the American people as they enter into a new and better way of living.

I am enclosing a copy of the tentative program, together with a card of request for tickets. We are hoping that you can be with us. I urge you, however, if you plan to come, to return this card at the earliest possible convenience. The demand for tickets to each year's Forum has always been very great but we shall do our very best for you.

*Respectfully
Murray*

Miss Ida Tarbell
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