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FLORENCE E. McCONNELL, EX. SEC. DECATUR, ILLINOIS
COMMUNITY CHEST

February 1, 1935.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 E. 19th St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Our local leaders are ardently desirous of having you come to us for a Youth Today Conference, followed by a large meeting at which you would be the only speaker.

Dr. J. A. Melrose — Philosphy and Psychology at our Millikin University — is chairman of the interested group, composed of Character Building Agency executives and others.

We realize that we are asking largely, but we are in the center of Illinois, an agricultural, industrial and mining community of 57,000. We have 4300 families on relief, and we need your inspiration to focus attention upon our greatest problem — The Youth of Today. Hence our S.O.S. We are only 36 miles from Springfield, and 53 miles from the University of Illinois.

We feel if this conference can be carefully carried through, we may be able to inspire some careful thinking.

If possible for you to consider this request, may we have your reply and the expense as soon as convenient. At date this month, or the first half of March, would be better for us. However the date will be made to suit you.

Hoping for a favorable reply, we are

Yours very cordially,

Florence E McConnell

Executive Secretary.

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Reply