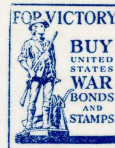




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1507 Fort Worth National Bank Building
Fort Worth 2, Texas
November 10, 1945

Mr. Amon G. Carter, Publisher
The Fort Worth Star-Telegram
400 West Seventh Street
Fort Worth 2, Texas

Re: Wainwright Day, Monday, December 17th

Dear Mr. Carter:

The following plans for General Wainwright's visit to Fort Worth are presented for your suggestions. It is hoped that you will find it possible to carefully study these so that any changes deemed necessary can be made now in the hopes that everything can be brought to a definite head one day next week. If this can be accomplished it will permit us to proceed with the multitude of details essential to the success of this undertaking.

GENERAL: General Wainwright and party will arrive some time Sunday afternoon, December 16th. We have requested him to communicate with us Sunday morning, giving us the approximate hour of his arrival so that we might arrange to meet him at the outskirts of the city and escort him to the Fort Worth Club. In the General's party there will be Mrs. Wainwright, his aide, Colonel Holman and daughter. In addition, another of his aides, Colonel Dooley of McKinney and Master Sergeant Carroll, who lives in Paris, are expected to be in Fort Worth in time for his arrival. Proper reservations have been made at the Fort Worth Club for Colonel Dooley and Sergeant Carroll. It is our understanding that you have kindly extended General Wainwright use of your suite in the Club while he is here.

We have also asked General Wainwright if he would like to have dinner with a small group of local citizens or would he prefer to have dinner with his own intimate associates. In either event, it seems to us that we should arrange for a place for the dinner, and since Rivercrest has a buffet supper scheduled for that night, it occurred to us that we should reserve the special dining room at Colonial Country Club for this purpose. Will you advise me of your suggestions in this connection.

SPECIAL: Since we are planning to release our first publicity on Wednesday, November 28th, the period between that date and December 17th, approximately three weeks, will permit us to build a spirit of enthusiasm among the local citizens so that our Series E Quota can be made prior to his arrival. To do this we hope to call a meeting of all of

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our active workers, outlining our plans so that we might enlist their cooperation in getting this job done before December 17th. In other words we will direct all of our efforts towards that end.

In this connection, we are preparing to ask the Governor to proclaim December 17th Wainwright Day in Texas; in addition, we are preparing a proclamation for the Mayor to issue on November 28th, declaring December 17th Wainwright Day in Fort Worth. We also expect to ask the School Board, the Retail Merchants Association and the Fort Worth Clearing House to issue similar proclamations. In this respect we thought we could ask the Retail Merchants Association and the Clearing House, as well as all municipal bodies here in the city to declare a half holiday Monday afternoon, or in the event that this can't be done, ask these organizations to close their offices or places of business from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Likewise, we will ask the Mayors of Arlington, Mansfield and Grapevine to declare half holidays in their respective communities. The School Board has already assured us that they will declare a half holiday for the schools, and we do not anticipate any difficulty in getting the colleges and parochial schools to do the same. Mr. Roach of the County Schools has assured us that all county schools will be closed for the afternoon.

SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS: In addition to Governor Stevenson, we are planning to invite the Commanding Officers of all Military and Naval Installations in Texas. This list is being prepared now and should be in fairly good form by the end of next week, at which time we can review the names and invite those decided upon. Also, we expect to have as our guests a group of former Japanese prisoners, who will take part in all events scheduled.

PARADE AND REVIEW: Plans are being perfected for an all military parade to take place about 2:30 P.M. along the lines followed for General Eaker. We believe that the proposed parade will be somewhat longer than our parade on October 29th. We shall follow pretty much the plans used for General Eaker, in which General Wainwright would be in the leading jeep until he reaches the Reviewing Stand, at which time he would dismount and take the review. It is quite likely that we will ask the wives of all visiting guests to take the review likewise.

DINNER: This is the one activity that is causing us concern. We would like to honor General Wainwright with a \$1,000,000 (minimum) E Bond dinner. To do this it will necessitate quite a bit of work on our part as it will require contacting individuals able to buy at least \$1,000 or more Series E Bonds. While we feel that this can be accomplished all right, a place to hold the dinner is creating a problem. The State Chamber of Commerce Managers are holding a convention at the Hotel Texas and have arranged for the use of the ballroom that evening. The Blackstone Hotel does not feel that they could take care of more than 350 for dinner. From previous discussions with Tom Carvey, he does not feel that the Fort Worth Club is capable of

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handling such a dinner. Possibly we could use Rivercrest Country Club in this respect, or it may be that we can work out something with Mr. Holden so his group could use the Den, which will accommodate some 250 people. It is my belief that we will have approximately 600 present for the dinner, or possibly a few more, as many of the individuals who would buy the E Bonds would not necessarily want to attend the dinner. It is our thought that we should not give too much publicity to the dinner as we would not want to discourage those extra purchases of \$25, \$50, and \$100 bonds, all of which are necessary if we are to attain our E Quota. On the other hand, we can work out the details of the dinner on a satisfactory basis providing we can have a suitable place to hold it.

MASS MEETING: Because of weather conditions at this time of year we have about decided that the Coliseum will be the most desirable place to hold this meeting. We can probably crowd some fourteen or fifteen thousand people in the Coliseum, and since we would probably have most of our population on the street during the parade and since the Coliseum is the most desirable place as far as any speaking is concerned, we feel that we could end the day's activities then in a manner that would be very fitting to the occasion.

In order that the meeting, whether held at Farrington Field or the Coliseum, can be started promptly on time, we have in mind using buses to transport the people from the dinner to the place of the meeting, where seats would be reserved for them. This will materially aid in getting the dinner group to the meeting as we can arrange special parking space, etc. Of course, we would probably use a number of Army Staff Cars to transport the General's party and a few of the military guests, who of course would be just ahead of the buses in the procession. Likewise the buses would arrange to take the people back to the dinner location afterwards where they could get their own cars.

MISCELLANEOUS: It has been suggested that we plan to give the General something while he is here that would typify Texas. In addition to such a gift, we have arranged for the purchase of a beautiful four star flag, which can be presented to him either at the dinner or at the meeting. While the programs for the dinner and the meeting will be prepared, the General has requested that we keep his speaking appearances to a minimum. With this request before us we have in mind asking him to make a formal address at the meeting with possibly some remarks at the dinner. Within the next two weeks we will have the details for the events of the day in fairly good shape so that we can prepare a tentative outline of the program for your consideration.

As the matter now stands, it is necessary that some decision be made on the following:

1. Dinner, Sunday, December 16th.
2. Place of dinner Monday night, December 17th.

Mr. Amon G. Carter

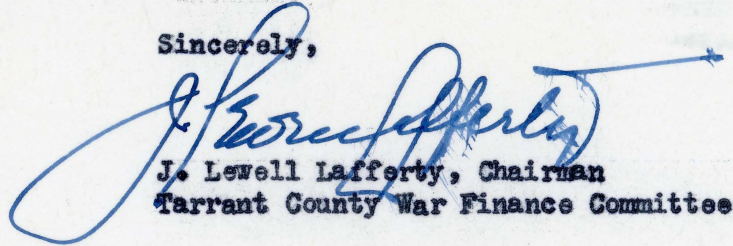
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3. Location of the mass meeting, either the Coliseum or Farrington Field.

Your kindness in looking over the above and giving us your suggestions promptly will be of much assistance to us. Thanking you for your co-operation, I remain

Sincerely,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "J. Lowell Lafferty". The signature is written over the typed name and title.

J. Lowell Lafferty, Chairman
Tarrant County War Finance Committee

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