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September 10, 1941

President Lewis W. Jones
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My dear President Jones:

One of the major and most important sessions planned for the Inter-American Week of Troy, New York, as referred to in the enclosed leaflet, is scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, October 9, at Music Hall.

At this session, the subjects of education and social welfare in the various Latin-American republics will be presented by authoritative speakers. Mrs. Concha Romero James of the Pan-American Union will discuss the philosophy and practices of education, and Dr. Ernesto Galarza, also of the Pan-American Union, will present a discussion on the problems and programs related to social welfare, in the various South and Central American republics.

The Inter-American Week Executive Committee has requested me to extend a cordial invitation to you, your associates, and a representative group of the student body to attend. It is needless to emphasize how far reaching would be the promotion of a better understanding of the educational and cultural characteristics of our southern neighbors. There are few if any more important groups in which these discussions would be of more lasting value than among those associated with our educational institutions. With this in mind, it is hoped that you may be able to have a representative group come to this meeting.

It would be particularly helpful to the cause of inter-American understanding and relations if the members of your faculty and the students who may attend could be prepared to

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report back to the student body some of the highlights of these discussions. If you will be kind enough to let us know the number of faculty representatives and students who are expected to attend, provision will be made for adequate reservations.

Sincerely yours,

Robert E. Plunkett
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