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Dr. Leo Szilard The Quadrangle Club 1155 East 57th Street Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We are happy today to learn that Max Wood had completed arrangements for you to address our fifth annual meeting to be held in Spokane, Washington, April 22, 23, 24, 25, 1947.

We are curiously and sincerely interested in the fascinating story of the atom and we are deeply concerned about the consequences of late developments.

A large percentage of the farm leaders of America will be gathered at our meeting. We shall look forward to your address with great anticipation.

Confirming Mr. Wood's further statements to you, we shall be happy to make available to you an appropriate suite in the Davenport Hotel at Spokane for such time as you may require - as our guest of course. We shall reimburse you for your traveling and other expenses incident to your appearance on our program. There is no way by which our organization can make a contribution as such to the Emergency Committee of Atomic Scientists. However, as we told Mr. Wood, we would be happy to give you a check in a small amount for the lecture and you can do with it as you see fit. We would appreciate a note from you confirming this arrangement.

Yours sincerely. 0lin Clyde T. Ellis

Executive Manager

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P.S. We have made a hotel reservation for you for Monday, April 21st. We have you tentatively scheduled on the program for the late afternoon of April 23rd.



February 5, 1947

1155 East 57 Street Chicago 37, Illinois February 10, 1947

Clyde T. Ellis, Executive Manager National Rural Electric Cooperative Association 1711 Connecticut Avenue N. W. Washington, 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Ellis:

I am writing to thank you for your letter of the 5th of February, and to confirm the arrangement outlined in it. I note that you have tentatively scheduled me on the program for the late afternoon of April 23. Any of the dates 22 to 25 would be equally convenient to me, but do let me know if you prefer to shift the date.

I propose to go to Spokane by way of Portland, Oregon, and if I am to speak on the 23rd, I would leave Portland by air on Monday the 21st of April in time to be able to take a train if the plane should be grounded, and still get to Spokane in time for my talk.

Yours sincerely,

Leo Szilard

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Dr. Leo Szilard, The Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Dr. Szilard:

We have completed our program for the fifth national convention of this Association.

Your address is scheduled for Wednesday evening, April 23rd. We trust this will be entirely satisfactory with you. However, if for any reason it is not will you kindly call me collect immediately.

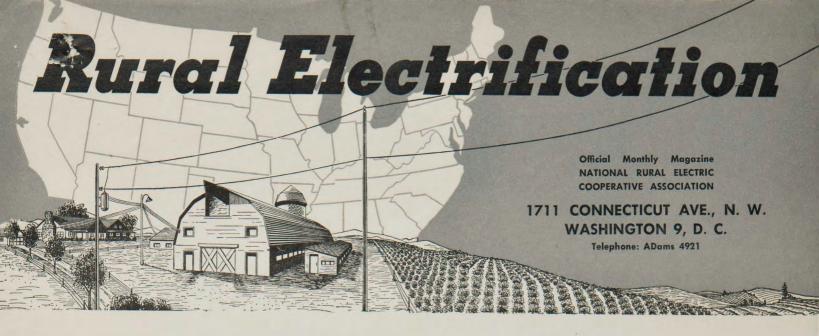
We had previously scheduled you for the afternoon of Wednesday, April 23rd. However, yours is the featured speech of the whole meeting and we decided to make it an evening address for this reason.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours, Vie T. Ellis

Executive Manager.

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April 4, 1947

Dr. Leo Szilard, The Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th St., Chicago, Illinois

Dear Dr. Szilard:

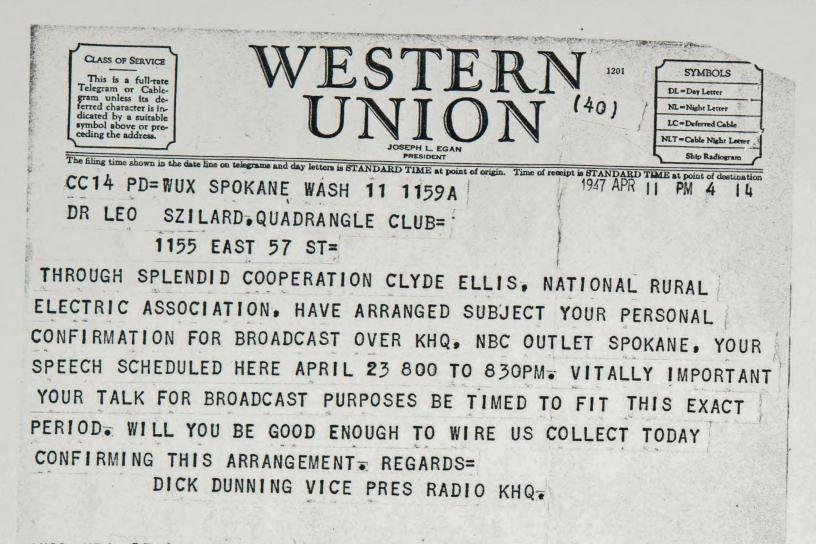
We are putting forth every effort to assist in making the fifth annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association April 22-25 at Spokane a successful affair. In our advance planning we want to set up the best possible facilities for relations with the press and radio services at Spokane.

One of our vital meeds at the present time is to secure copies of all the addresses which will be delivered at the convention. We anticipate that representatives of the mewspapers and press services will desire advance copies in order to give us the best possible publicity.

We will appreciate your cooperation very much if you can send us a copy of your address as soon as it is prepared. We will make arrangements for having mimeographed copies made before going to Spokane, and will take care of distribution of these copies to public information media.

Thanking you in advance for this assistance,

Very truly yours,



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THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

April 15, 1947

Mr. William S. Roberts Rural Electrification 1711 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington 9, D. C.

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Referring to your letter of April 4th, I am enclosing the galley proof of an article, the text of which is essentially identical to the speech which I am giving in Spokane. This article will appear in the "Saturday Review of Literature" and the "Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists" at the end of the month. You may release it as an advance copy of my speech.

Actually I will have to cut some passages in order to shorten it and also I shall make some remarks at the start on the peacetime applications of atomic energy which are not included in this article. If I should write down these introductory remarks I shall send you a copy, but I am not sure that you will receive it in time since I am leaving town tomorrow to go to Portland. Perhaps you could let me know in Portland at the Arlington Club to what address in Spokane I can send you further material if there should be any further material send.

Very truly yours,

Leo Szilard

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Thomas B. Fitzhugh, Little Rock, Ark.

ASSOCIATE GEN'L COUNSEL R. D. Tisinger, Carrollton, Ga. April 16. 1947

Dr. Leo Szilard Arlington Club Portland, Oregon

Dear Dr. Szilard:

This will acknowledge your letter of April 15. Your address will be in the auditorium of the Masonic Temple on the evening of April 23. All of our other meetings are also being held in the Masonic Temple.

We will change your reservation, as per your letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Clyde T. Ellis Executive Manager

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