

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Mr. Braucher:

The stated purpose of the War Recreation Congress - to mobilize the recreation forces of the nation for more effective war service - is an admirable one. I earnestly hope it will be successful.

The inventive genius and organizing power of our people gave us the economic freedom that made possible the wide-spread development of recreation for all the people. Now that we are at war we are fortunate in having this rich resource of recreation to give us physical, mental and spiritual power for the titanic task at hand. You who have devoted your lives to this movement well know that unless its full resources are geared to the war effort till victory comes, all that you hold dear may be lost for generations.

I rejoice in the fact that the strength of the recreation movement in America stems from a deep feeling of community responsibility, and I am greatly encouraged by the reports received of what communities are doing through their local governments and voluntary community committees.

The recreation services being provided for the armed forces, for the workers in war industries, and for the morale of civilian groups are very definitely contributing to our war effort.

As a long time member and supporter of the National Recreation Association, I am happy in the thought of the significant war recreation service being rendered through this great cooperative effort.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Howard Braucher,
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