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Dr. Jay B. Nash,
President, American Association for
Health, Physical Education and
Recreation,
1201 16th Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Dr. Nash:

I am happy to note that your Association is devoting its Convention time to a "National War Fitness Conference." It is right and fitting that the attention of the Nation should be directed to those organic powers and spiritual qualities necessary for survival in this world crisis.

We are facing an enemy on the East where systematic physical training pointing to this war, has been going on for twenty years. The enemy on the West has, for fifty years, engaged in systematic body training with astounding results, using war as an incentive.

If we are to meet these foes successfully, and conquer we will, we must have strength, agility and endurance -- we must have teamwork and a belief in the purposes for which we fight.

Your efforts and those of your associates in preparing the "Physical Fitness Manual for High Schools" and supplying the trained personnel to make it function as a part of the "High School Victory Corps" will be appreciated by all thoughtful citizens in the Nation.

I trust that the school administrators of our country will see fit to release key leaders to attend the discussions and demonstrations of this national meeting at Cincinnati on April 13-16. This Conference with its challenging theme of "Victory Through Fitness" should do much to arouse our people and to direct their attention to gigantic tasks ahead.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed)



J. W. Studebaker
Commissioner.

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