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Hon. Paul Williams, President
Young Democratic Clubs of Missouri
Tiger Hotel
Columbia, Missouri

My dear Paul:

I am writing you in deep appreciation and thanking you and your Organization of Young Democracy for that great showing you made in the following counties which were not visited by Major Stark. In that particular section of Missouri the Major asked me to have you and your Organization cover it for him during the last days of the Primary campaign and which was part of the state he and was unable to visit.

It is a most remarkable showing and a brilliant feather in the cap of Young Democracy when you carried each and every one of these counties through your fine cooperative work, the eleventh hour sledge hammer blows delivered through your office, the efforts of Joe Hansman, Camille Roesen, Mrs. Pinet, et al. The counties show an overwhelming victory for the Young Democrats.

The counties, McDonald, Newton, Barton, Cedar, St. Clair, Butler, Henry, and Barry certainly delivered the goods one hundred percent through you boys.

I shall always feel indebted to you and your fine Organization for this great work and I know our mutual friend, Honorable Thomas J. Pendergast, will be deeply appreciative himself to know that you are living up to ever expectation he anticipated of you. He is a lovable and appreciative man and he has told me more than once that he believed you to be a fine, conscientious, and sincere gentleman. He always enjoys a visit from you and your common sense talks to him.

I am going to hand a copy of this letter to Major Stark upon his return in order he may know his wishes were fully carried out. I know Major Stark will express himself personally to you and thank you for the splendid work you and your Organization did as an united Young Democracy in these counties.

I am sure with the sort of ideas carried on, the General Election will be as victorious as the Primary and the counties will again be one hundred percent Stark.

Again, I extend my thanks and best wishes to you and your Organization. I am

Your friend,

JAMES HURST

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