March 12, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Beverly Wilshire Hotel
Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear First One:

I believe that the enclosed criticism of the new School Theatre Experiment will interest you. It would seem that we have started off well.

Yours,

[Signature]

John Golden
Library Group Fine In 'Paths of Glory'

By ROBERT COLEMAN

"Paths of Glory," selected as the second Equity-Library Theatre production for high-school students, was given afternoon and evening performances yesterday in the Central High School of Needle Trades Theatre.

Capacity audiences filled the huge auditorium and gave the play and players merited applause.

"Paths of Glory" was dramatized by Sidney Howard from a novel by Humphrey Cobb about World War I. It is a protest against war and vainglorious, incompetent commanders.

It was written at a time when many American authors were in a pacifist mood. Some of them reversed their opinions later, becoming staunch advocates of World War II.

Villain of "Paths of Glory" is Gen. Arrogant, who sends an exhausted division into a crucial battle, to better his chances for promotion.

When the tired men falter, he charges them with cowardice. Victims are arbitrarily drawn by lot from the regiments of his command and shot.

The script, for all its age, still packs a wallop. It is good theatre, though Howard's message is often open to debate in view of the events of the past 12 years.

Howard's speech is earthy and adult. Personally, we should have trimmed a couple of suggestive passages from the play before offering it to youngsters.
February 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Secretary-General:

Mr. John Golden, who is a well-known play producer in New York, and who organized the committee which distributed free theatre tickets to millions of service men during the war, is very anxious to help Mr. Eisenhardt on the theatre side of his work.

This would, of course, be on a completely voluntary basis and his contribution to the work of the United Nations...

Very sincerely yours,
A 'Dream Center' for Recreation
And Rest Planned in U.N. Capital

By GEORGE BARRETT
Source to The New York Times

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Feb. 11—His proposal for a separate "recreation zone" with its own facilities and buildings has been accepted by some of the advising architects as a reasonable suggestion.

The center will rise around a skating pond, which is in the summer may be used as a riverfront tea garden for the employees. In a special building Mr. Eisenhardt plans to install the swimming pool. Standard-size gymnasium to provide basketball facilities, a "health chamber" having sun lamps, massage equipment and steam baths in the Finnish style, a theatre seating 600 persons, music room, bars and snack bars and other work-relaxing aids.

He has scaled his requirements so carefully that he is asking for one lounge for non-smokers to seat 200 persons and another lounge for smokers, to hold perhaps 100 persons. In the theatre Mr. Eisenhardt plans to produce

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U. N. DREAM CENTER IS PLANNED AT SITE

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plans in French and English and show movies.

The director emphasized that if his project were incorporated as part of the basic architectural design of the world capital the expense would be a minute fraction of the total cost. He estimated that out of 3,000 employees who would be working in the six-block international zone about 50 percent would use the athletic facilities alone.

Plana Athletic Fields

In a six-acre tract of land between Marcus Avenue and Northern State Parkway, owned partly by the Sperry Gyroscope Company and the Long Island State Park Commission, Mr. Eisenhardt plans to construct an athletic area consisting of a soccer, football and field hockey and a tennis court, two swimming pools, a running track and a 100-yard straightaway and facilities for archery, bowling, handball and other sports.

Mr. Eisenhardt brings twenty years of recreation experience to the United Nations. He was superintendent of recreation for the city of Vancouver for two years and director of physical education of the Province of British Columbia for five years. In the Canadian Army Mr. Eisenhardt was in charge of all physical training until 1944, when he was appointed director of physical fitness for the Dominion of Canada.

Coast Guard to Start Ice Patrol

BOSTON, Feb. 11 (C)—The Coast Guard reported today that it would resume its international ice patrol activities Feb. 17, "well through June," with two cutters and airplanes based at Argentia, Nfld. The active ice patrol was started again last year after a wartime lapse. The cutters will be especially equipped with ice-cutting screens, Mr. Eisenhardt plans. Materials, long-range radio and radar for the detection of icebergs, a soccer, football and field hockey, a tennis court, and finally two swimming pools, a running track and a 100-yard straightaway.
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 18-A
29 Washington Square West
New York City

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you very much for forwarding the original letters from the President and Secretary of State Byrnes. Your generous intervention will undoubtedly result in another great honor being conferred upon John Golden, one that he deserves so richly.

The Golden dinner was a happy occasion, and your sincere tribute capped an evening in which friends expressed their admiration and affection for John.

With affectionate regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON
5 June 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Apartment 6-A,
29 Washington Square, West,
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letter of May 20 in which you suggested the award of the Medal for Merit for Mr. John Golden.

It seems to me that such an award might properly be the concern of both the Army and the Navy. I am having the possibility of this investigated, and will forward the resulting recommendations to the President's Medal for Merit Board for final consideration.

Sincerely,

James Forrestal
WAR DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D.C.  

JUN - 6- 1946  

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square, West  
New York 11, New York  

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:  

I have your letter of 20 May 1946 in which you express interest in an award of the Medal for Merit to Mr. John Golden.  

A recommendation made by Major General Irving J. Phillipson, retired, 510 Park Avenue, New York 11, New York, for award of the Medal for Merit to Mr. Golden has recently been received in the War Department and is now being processed. I am happy to place your letter with the official data, where it will be given proper consideration as part of the recommendations in behalf of Mr. Golden.  

Your interest in having official recognition given to Mr. Golden's work during the war is deeply appreciated by the War Department. You will be advised further when final action on the award has been taken.  

Sincerely,  

[Signature]  
Secretary of War
February 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Browning:

Denny, son of Mr. John Denny, who
is a well-known film producer
in Hollywood, and who organized the committee that distributed free
theatre tickets to millions of
service men during the war, is very
active in helping raising funds
for the entertainments of his type.

This would, of course,
be an excellent way to volunter,
and his contribution is the work
of the United States.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York, N. Y.

Dear First One:

You won't believe it, but those two or three glimpses and a present from you have cured my illness.

This morning I found a beautiful box of plums from you, a few minutes later saw my doctor, and he told me to throw away my walking stock for I'm well and a young fellow again.

Thank you, dear, thank you!

Yours,

John Golden
Saint James Theatre

June 24, 1947
John Golden  

June 27, 47

Dear First One:

Well now— you know —!!
(as Hobar Fields used to say)
"You mean is enough!"

How do I rate that
Beautiful Gift? = and
How I'll treasure it!!

God knows it's years
since I've pieced. (How
do you spell it?) — but
Here's Where — in my
clotage I'll start again
& go after it in a big way.

— I maybe you'll
love one - or two with
me. Truly— dear First

Love— grateful

[Signature]