

A Letter to Russia . . .

MR. LINCOLN'S HOPE

(Sixth of a series)

Dear Ivan: Thomas Jefferson wrote our Declaration of Independence, and Abraham Lincoln interpreted it for all time to all the peoples of the world. "I have never had a feeling politically that did not spring from the sentiments embodied in the Declaration of Independence," said Mr. Lincoln on Washington's Birthday of 1861, standing in the same Hall where our Declaration was adopted in

1776. "I have often pondered over the dangers which were incurred by the men who assembled here and adopted that Declaration of Independence," said Mr. Lincoln. "I have pondered over the toils that were endured by the officers and soldiers of the army who achieved that independence. "I have often inquired of myself," continued Mr. Lincoln, "What great principle

or idea it was that kept this country so long together. "It was not the mere matter of separation of the colonies from the mother land, but something in that Declaration giving liberty, not alone to the people of this country, but hope to the world for all future time," said Mr. Lincoln, adding: "It was that which gave promise that in due time the weights should be lifted from the shoulders of all men, and that all should have an equal chance. "This is the sentiment embodied in the Declaration of Independence," said Mr. Lincoln. Our Declaration, as inter-

preted by Mr. Lincoln more than a hundred years ago, is a hope and a promise to you, Ivan, for today and for your children in all future time. To you people under subjugation, Ivan, the Declaration is a beacon of hope and also it is a promise that you, too, can know freedom and the right to govern yourselves when you have the courage and the determination to win those rights for yourselves. You have the examples of the men of 1776 — 1783 who had the courage and the determination to win those rights for themselves. You have the example of Abra-

ham Lincoln who had the understanding of what the Declaration of Independence means, and the courage and the determination to preserve those rights in Civil War for you and for me. The hope and the promise of the Declaration are twin threats to the continued existence of governments such as yours which oppose the hope and the promise of freedom. To be effective, those twin shafts must be aimed at you subjugated people of the world and fired directly into your minds in a way that gives them meaning to you people. In a war of ideas, our ob-

jectives are the minds of you who oppose us. We do not want to destroy you, we want to win you because we need you, history and humanity need us all. You are our friends, not our enemies. Your government opposes you as much as it opposes us. Your friend, Tom Torrance /Next: The Three Challenges) Western Profits Up Western Air Lines recorded January profits of \$612,000, 17 percent from the previous January high of \$522,000. The company earned \$379,000 in January, 1962.

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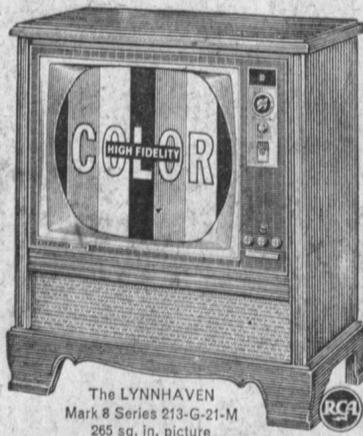
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