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## LADY ASTOR LETTER TO SENATOR CARTER GLASS 1938

A letter from Lady Astor, 4 St. James' Square, London, to Senator Carter Glass inquiring about Glass' grandson studying under "Professor Laski, a Non-Aryan Communist." Harold Joseph Laski was professor at London School of Economics, 1926-1950. Although the name of the grandson is illegible, it is presumed to be Powell Glass, Jr., who attended the London School of Economics and New York University School of Law before joining the Marine Corps in 1940.

## NANCY WITCHER LANGHORNE ASTOR

Nancy Witcher Langhorne was born in Danville, Virginia, 19 May 1879, the daughter of Chiswell Dabney Langhorne and Nancy Witcher Keene. She became the wife of Waldorf Astor and was the first woman seated in the British Parliament. In Parliament, she championed temperance, women's rights and benefits for children. During World War II, she worked with her husband to boost public morale. She retired from office in 1945.

Nancy Witcher Langhorne Astor died on 2 May 1964 and was buried at Cliveden on the Thames.

## **POWELL GLASS, JR.** (1917-1979)

Powell Glass Jr., was born 21 February 1917 in Lynchburg, the son of Powell Glass, Sr. and Anne Elizabeth Cleghorn. He was twice married. His first wife was Marianna Rhett DuPont Glass Hanckel and his second wife was Joan Marilyn DeSardon Glass.

He was graduated from Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tenn., Washington and Lee University and the University of Virginia School of Law.

He also attended the London School of Economics and New York (N.Y.) University School of Law before joining the Marine Corps in 1940.

Glass was publisher and editor of The Sea Coast Echo, a weekly newspaper in Bay St. Louis, Miss. During that time, he spearheaded a successful federal court suit to reapportion the Hancock County Board of Supervisors. He also helped found the local United Way agency and was president of the local Chamber of Commerce.

He returned to Lynchburg and served as fiscal partner and assistant managing partner of The News and The Daily Advance from 1947 to 1955. He served as general manager of the corporation from 1970 until 1977.

In addition to serving during World War II, he helped organize Lynchburg's first Marine Corps reserve and was on active duty during the Korean Conflict. He was released from active duty as a lieutenant colonel.

Powell Glass, Jr. died 6 February 1979 in Lynchburg and was buried in Spring Hill Cemetery.

4. St. James' Square London, S. W. 1.

18th October, 1938

[Typed section]

Dear Senator,

I am sorry your grandson is studying under Professor Laski, a Non-Aryan Communist - it is as bad as that. I will get hold of him as soon as I can.

[Handwritten section]

Know I wish [illegible name] were coming near. Don't let them be hard on the Land of [illegible name] Fore fathers - Neville C[hamberlin]. saved us from war but it may not be forever.

With kindest regards Love

Nancy Astor

Still a Red Hot Rebel