May flower Publications OF HOLLYWOOD WILLARD MURRIE July 12th, 1943 MANAGING DIRECTOR Mr. Arthur Beal, 827 Hyde Street, San Francisco, Calif. Dear Mr. Beal: I am in receipt of your letter of July 5th in which you make inquiry as to your song, " THE FLAG A MAN CAN LOVE ". Due to the chaotic condition in the radio and recording industry, caused by the ruling of Mr. Petrillo of the Musician's Union, we have not made as much progress with your song, or any of the songs in our catalogue, as we would have wished. As you know, Mr. Petrillo has refused to allow any of the members of the Musician's Union to make phonograph records or electrical transcription records for radio broadcasting. As a result of this ruling it has been impossible to secure recording or radio broadcast of your song. Due to the lack of this means of publicity and exploitation there has not been sufficient demand for your song towarrant the printing of so-called "commercial" copies of it, (the kind that are bought in music stores).
Am enclosing, however, some additional "professional copies" of the type which I originally sent to you. Yours very truly, WM/la