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Mr. Harold Weisberg 313 H Street, N.W. Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I didn't want to bother you during your stay in the country, consequently, I am addressing this note to you at this time so that you'll have it when you get back on Monday morning.

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With respect to the yarn on army generals: Major General Haskell turned us down. When I spoke to Major Mason about this, he said that he'd get another man to byline the story and that he would call me today. However, it is now 4:30 and he hasn't called, so I don't expect to hear from him.

I don't want to call Mason from here at this time because I think it would be much better if you handled the matter on Monday morning. I want you to call him the first thing—but before you call him, please get in touch with me so that if anything does develop over the weekend, I can inform you.

This army general yarn must be here in the office by the end of next week. But I want to know definitely just as soon as possible if we are going to get it in order to plan space.

I should like you to start working immediately on the Parran story. Incidentally, I have decided to use this yarn for the fourth issue and not the third as originally planned. Since we're already working on the fourt issue here, however, I'd like you to get busy also so that I won't have to wait until the last minute for it and worry about whether it's coming.

Remember that I don't want a story on gonorrhea or syphilis--but a human interest story.

A check for \$25 will go out to you next week to clear up the various odds and ends in expenses that you have incurred.

I am sending you herewith a semi-corrected and rather messy proof of an article we are running in the second issue--a symposium on WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH HITLER AFTER THE WAR? (This was the only proof we had available, and you don't have to return it.)

I'm sending you the proof so that you can get an idea of what this thing is all about. Naturally, it's not a paste-up and we're running pictures of all the participants in the dummy.

For the third issue I want another symposium—this one on CAN WE DO BUSINESS WITH RUSSIA AFTUR THE WAR?

On this end I expect to get Allen Wardwell and Joseph Davies through the Russian War Relief, and a couple of radio commentators. But can you get me Phil Murray and William Greene? Also, one senator and one congressman?

About Murray and Greene: Max Zaritsky of the Millinery Union told me that the fellow to see in the AFL is Philip Pearl, and the fellow at the CIO is Len DeCaux. Both of these guys are very friendly with Zaritsky and he said that you could mention his name.

I hope I'm not reaching for the stars in this matter--but I really would like these guys.

Now, about the senator and congressman. I don't give a hoot in hell who they are just so long as they were not isolationists before Pearl Harbor and they're not SOB's. Also, I don't want Mark.

Incidentally, Chuck Schwartz was perfectly marvellous in the matter of proofs for the Morgenthau yarn. And you may be interested in knowing that when I thanked him, his remark was laconic and to the point: He just said: "We're always glad to do anything for Harold. We like him around here."

By the way, here's an interesting situation that I heard about the other day. A girl who is a member of a union here in the city was applying for a civil service job. She was summoned to the civil service commission offices for questioning and grilled there for seven hours straight.

The reason she was grilled (and the people who did the grilling made no bones about anything) was that she was told that she was a Communist because she had signed petitions calling for the lifting of the embargo on Spain, as had her union. Het union was at the present time calling for a second front. She had also attended, she was told, Russian War Relief rallies - (one of which had LaGuardia as a speaker, incidentally.)

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All of these things showed that she was a radical. Also, she was told that she was a member of a Red union—and the reason was that Eugene Lyons in his book, THE RED DECADE, mentioned this union as being Red. The questioners told this kid that they and the civil service commission (1) used Lyons as their source.

This seems to be a pretty bad state of affairs, and I wonder if there's any Congressman who would be interested enough in this sort of thing to raise a stink about it—or who might like this information.

It appears that this is the second such instance members of this union have experienced—and the two affidavits are on file at the union.

I'd be interested in having your reaction.

Best regards,

Sincerely,

Al Whynman

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