

White House Courts 'Pro-America' Writer

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Terry McGinnity, a Philadelphia real estate agent who recently urged in The Bulletin that "real Americans" overthrow the "radicals," is receiving hints that the White House may want to harness his talents.

He said in an interview yesterday that he spent Monday at the White House, and met with four of President Nixon's top aides, missing the chief executive "by a whisker."

He also has heard from Mr. Nixon. Indirectly, at least twice. McGinnity's article appeared June 7. In it, he wrote in part:

"Internally, the nation is at war. And the anti-Americans are slowly winning. Maybe not so slowly. We Americans are confused, disorganized, frustrated, maligned and exploited. Almost every political development goes against us..."

Outnumber Oppressors

"Our first step toward political potency is to realize that we outnumber our oppressors. Yes, oppressors. That is not too strong a term. We Americans are oppressed by the

anti-Americans who dominate the media, the universities and — to a large extent — our government..."

"...we need a revolution of our own. It is we, the workers, the savers, the taxpayers, the family-raisers, the church-supporters, the quiet, productive, creative, positive people of the United States — in a word, the Americans — who are exploited most outrageously."

Many Letters

The response was instantaneous. The Bulletin received many letters, most of them favoring McGinnity's position. He has received, he estimated, about 50 phone calls and 30 letters, all but two calls and one letter backing him.

Shortly after the article appeared, one of the President's tailors, Achille Mongelli of Upper Darby, was at the White House, and gave a copy of the article to the President, saying, "This is what I think of America."

A short time later, at the President's request, H. R. (Bob) Haldeman, assistant to the President, phoned the author. He congratulated

McGinnity on the President's behalf and said Mr. Nixon was passing the article around among White House staffers.

A week later, McGinnity received a letter from Haldeman. Then he sent Haldeman copies of other pieces he had written.

"Last week," McGinnity said yesterday, "another man on the White House staff contacted me, and Monday I spent the whole day in Washington, with lunch at the White House, at their invitation."

"I was taken in to meet the President, but he was tied up, so I went to meet Haldeman first. He's one of four assistants to the President, but regarded as the closest one to him. I had four interviews dur-

ing the day, then taken back to meet Mr. Nixon, but he was tied up again and so I missed him by a whisker."

Letter from Agnew

Yesterday, The Bulletin received a letter for McGinnity from Vice President Spiro T. Agnew. It read:

"Your Evening Bulletin article of June 7th has been brought to my attention. I congratulate you on a well-reasoned and much-needed expression of opinion regarding the fundamental values that have made our country great."

McGinnity said that shortly after his article appeared, Dean Clarence Manton, constitutional lawyer and former dean of Notre Dame University law school, asked him to record it and another article

he had written in a local studio.

Combined, they were aired nationwide over the Manton Forum, a radio program which McGinnity said is heard coast to coast although not in the Philadelphia area.

Getting a Response

"I'm getting a response to that, too," said he.

The Manton Forum, heard weekly over more than 200 radio stations in 40 states, was organized by Manton and other conservatives and anti-Socialists. Described as a right-winger and in 1962, a member of the executive committee of the John Birch Society, Manton was chairman of the Commission on Inter-Governmental Relations, by appointment by President Eisenhower in 1953.

McGinnity said that among other letters, he has received one from Lady Malcolm Douglas-Hamilton, American-born widow of a "strongly pro-American Scotsman who," she wrote, "was about to become an American citizen when he was killed in a plane crash" July 22, 1964 on a flight over Cameroon in Africa.

His widow invited McGinnity to join her organization, the Committee to Unite America.

Plans for Future

Asked about his plans, McGinnity said:

"The main thing is whether the White House intends in encouragement or find a place on a staff for me.

"Haldeman asked me, 'Can you write more of these things?' He said, 'We need someone who can articulate what many feel but can't express.'"

"I said that if I had time to read and write and think and I could turn up many more. He said they would see if they can get me some help.

"No commitment was made. But something may come from that."

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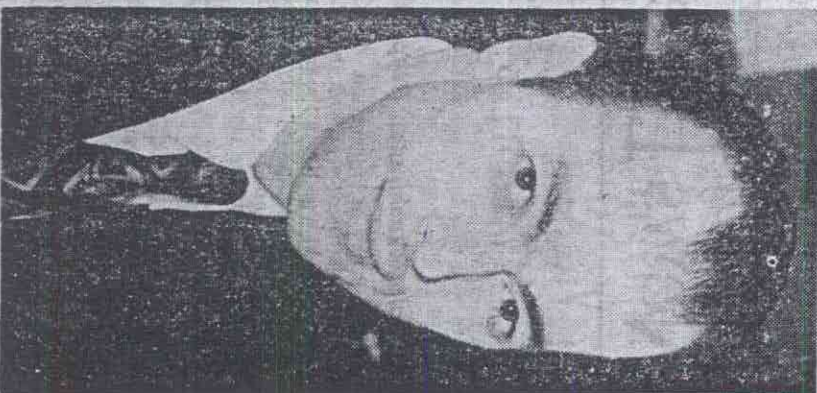
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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Spiro T. Agnew".



TERRY MCGINNITY