

Dear Jim,

3/28/75

I did get the invitation to the NYU symposium tonight. From Ted Gondolfo, by phone.

The auspices are by no means clear even if it is to be at the NYU downtown auditorium. (Greenwich Village, which he describes as a flakey place not fit to be at night.)

The Pacifica station and the municipal FM station seem to be involved.

He knows I'll say exactly what I think and that I think ripping peoples' minds off is not good. I was explicit enough.

I stipulated travel expenses in advance, a modest hotel room and a small food budget. I told him I could ill afford the time free but I would not put out any of my actual expenses simply because I couldn't. It is all agreed to

He spoke to Lane to ask Lane if he would appear with me. (Lane refused to appear if Mae Brussell is there.) Lane said sure but I wouldn't. His "secretary" said they'd just love to have me.

I must be getting insensitive not to be aware of all this love of me.

Shame on me!

The dates, the real reason I'm writing, are 4/22-4/75. The 24 is the last day, not as you thought, the first.

It comes out a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, which would leave a Friday for other purposes besides what there might be time for those three days.

Spragus does seem to be one of the sponsors. I think a good subject for him would be the real history of the tramp pictures.

If the "kolnicker" are there I'll need more than Botto's bullet-proof vest. I'll need that kind of hat, too.

Latest from Orestes: CIA still has mail cover on in N.O. post office. Only now supposedly not opening. Just recording. States-Item 3/24. It even managed to editorialize against the practise. Ah brave new world!

Heraldo Rivera (from Jerry Rivers) is to be at NYU. His story is that he fought, kicked and screamed all the way through the cutting room floor, as Gondolfo tells it. I'm promised a tape of the chief ABC censor explaining it all. Also a tape of the Boston AIB things. I'm supposed to understand that this is the living end.

If the Bostonian include a Michael McGee, he, too, is a sponsor.

Seems like everyone except NYU is a sponsor.

After you suggested that it might be a good thing for me to go to this symposium I did get to the paper and I was surprised at how short George Lardner's non-by-lined piece was. He didn't have to spend two hours on the phone with me, aside from anything else he did, for so short a piece. So, it seemed to me that it might be a good ~~diag~~ idea to let him know the Gregory gang was down to the Rockefeller turf again. He was surprised. If he learns what they "testified" to other/athan appears in a story he is supposed (sic) to let me know what. That Belia or another didn't leak it makes me a little uneasy. Last time they fed the NYTimes....Whatever, better sooner than later and ex parte entirely. Besides, if they have really cleaned everything up for us, we'll then be able to get to other things, won't we. And no need for Gregory to miss out on what he called the Times story on the "tramp" pictures, a "Media event."

Best,