

Paul Noble
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July 24, 1966

Mr. Paul Noble
The Alan Burke Show
WNEW-TV, 205 East 67th. St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noble,

It is now 4 p.m. From the three hours I have spent on the phone since three a.m., I can imagine what your show did. The people who phoned me have been wonderful, magnificent, and deeply concerned. Even a lawyer from East Orange who will supply any legal services I may require free and wants to establish a foundation to continue my work. And the mother of 13 who saw the listing in TV Guide and heard your plugs and organized her neighborhood to stay home and awake to see the show (Baby, you got guts. I wish you was in my house). And the German refugee who wept while he spoke and said he had to go out and walk for an hour before he tried to sleep.

What an emotional outpouring from people in different walks of life all of whom agree that the show was tremendous, the lawyers a disgrace (especially the lawyer was severe on this) and have an obviously sincere concern. As I recall it, you gave my address but not my phone, so besides spending their money, these people went to some trouble.

I am anxiously awaiting the sound tape you promised, as I am to hear from you about the show. May I also ask you the names of the lawyers, all of whom Mr. Burke asked to identify themselves? I believe one gave his name as Stanlet Danzig but I do not recall the others. If a suspicion that is growing in my mind is correct, there may also be something else exciting for you in this. If it is not too much trouble, will you please send me their names?

Should the press treat this at all, copies could be important to me. Early this month the book started to go. The 5,000 copies are gone and the first 500 of the next 5,000 are promised for Tuesday. One of the distributors, in phoning his re-order, asked that I get up some literature to include in his monthly mailings to his customers. Any such comments could be very helpful.

Again I must say how fine all you people were. Perhaps the long pull had unhinged my judgement, but I am beginning to feel as though the breakthrough is near. Whether or not this is so, your show may have served a valuable national purpose. With all the sincerity I can muster, I do thank all of you.

I am even looking forward to reading the letters you promised to send.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Weisberg

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July 17, 1966

Mr. Paul Noble
WNEW-TV
205 East 67 St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noble,

I might just as well have stayed and viewed the tape Friday morning, for I was so keyed up I couldn't sleep anyway. I left for home about 4:30 a.m., wasting your due bill, except for the wash-up. And I really would like to see that tape, for I believe it will be quite exciting.

You people were wonderful and thoughtful, from Miss Copernick who led me to refreshment to Alan Burke, who was as kind and decent, as fair and responsible as I believe it is given to man to be. To all of you I want, I feel with inadequate words, to say how much I do appreciate your helpfulness and willingness; and to express the belief that by taking the content of the show to your tremendous audience, you have rendered a service to our democratic society.

Of those programs on which I have participated, there is no doubt in my mind that you have by far the most dramatic, exciting and informative. Before long, I believe, there will be a measure of this. I am looking forward to the copies of the letters you promised, and to getting a tape of the sound track so I can hear it.

All the way home I was wide awake, thoughts about the probable impact of the show mingling with your great format. It is rough on the "guest" for anyone to at any time have an open mike and total freedom, but how far this concept goes back in our tradition. It is today's closest approximation of the town meeting, hence it is important as a means of public expression and discussion.

If the show is as exciting as I think, is there any possibility you might make it available elsewhere? On other Metromedia stations? Perhaps, if there is demand, even in England? This subject is opening up there. BBC was here Wednesday the 13th. When I got home there was a letter from their Washington correspondent saying of BBC, "They liked it very much." They aired it the next night, indicating to me they may have sent it by satellite.

There are a number of new friends in New York I'd like to tell of the show. Do you still plan to offer it on the 23rd?

My expenses were: 575 miles @ 8¢, \$45.60; tolls, \$8.10; and, if they are included, two meals, \$4.60. Total \$58.30.

Especially to Alan Burke, but to all of you, my really deep appreciation.

P.S. Did you tip off those lawyers
or were they somebody's claques?

Sincerely,
Harold Weisberg

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August 10, 1966

Mr. Paul Noble
WNET-TV
205 East 67th. St.,
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Noble,

Only shortly after your phone call today I realized not to accept your offer would be to abdicate, and that I will not do. I'll be waiting to hear from you. As best I can recall, I have only one specific date for September, to speak in Philadelphia. Others are tentative and can be shifted. That one date, I believe, is the 20th.

Persuant to our conversation, I have already written my agent in England, Mr. Gordon Harbord, 33 St. Martin's Lane, London W.C. 2. I believe Mr. Bailey will soon hear from him.

As you reflect, the climate is changing, and I would encourage you not to be too modest about it. Many fine things have happened to WHITEWASH, to me, and what we hope to accomplish. None has been as kind, as important, and as effective and influential as what WNET-TV did. As you realize, I believe you rendered a conspicuously significant public service. My astounding mail is, I am certain about it, an emphatic reflection of this.

It is helpful when you inform sellers where the book can be obtained. We must have had 100 letters that said the bookstores did not know. Of the major wholesalers in the New York area, Bookazine and Diamondstein both stock it and report it is selling very well.

Kindnesses,

Thank you for your call, your previousness, and for the tape I'm looking forward to hearing.

Sincerely,

Harold Reisberg

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