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Dear Tom Thompson and Freep,

Your story on my new book in the 12/9 issue is good and fair but it omits the one thing that could have helped me and your readers to whom getting the book remains a futility.

You had promised to include the price and the address. Even the commercial radio stations have done this much.

Over the years I have been a non-person to the Freep. Thus your readers do not know me or my work and have never seen my name in your paper. They have no way of knowing how to reach me. Your meeting of the "where" was in saying that I live in Maryland. Even AP and UPI gave the city.

The "underground" Freep thus is the one paper to give no clues at all, something no single radio station did. To an "underground" book that it helped keep entirely underground.

I'm sorry you did not keep your promise. It does not help get the truth around.

There is, I hope you will agree, much in the book that the people should know. Much that the best reporting can't include in any kind of newspaper. All have space limitations.

You made no mention of the old debt. The interest alone that I have paid on this now amounts to a significant sum for me.

How about asking your people if they'll pay me back with ads for the book? They can use the ads when it is convenient for them; when they are tight on ads. If they agree, as I hope they will, if I am told how much space I'll prepare copy.

Without digging into old records I don't recall the exact sum due me for books bought and never paid for. It has to have been about \$200, ^{or} may more. Certainly more with interest.

I don't know your rates, but more than one ad would probably do us more good than a single, larger one.

Best,

Harold Weisberg