

2304 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
April 20, 1942

Dear Mrs. Clark:

I like what Freda Kirshway wrote about Dies.

I wondered just how this material might be properly used. You have covered the Accounts Committee, and those who voted from what we consider the correct viewpoint.

I thought the best use for the sheets sent me was to see that they reached certain executive and legislative leaders not already covered--the men who have the responsibility for the broad picture. I have tried to do that.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Freda Kirshway
The Nation
Fifty-five Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

2136 - R - Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
May 6, 1942

Dear Mrs. Clark (alias Kirohway):

Thanks for yours regarding the pamphlet. The war moves along. I question whether your effort may not be better spent on the positive and constructive at this moment.

I am sure the man you mention is stunned a bit and that it will be some time before any anti-social service comes from this source. I rather think that the swift movement of events will make him more and more obsolete, and that the boys on the payroll will sinner there.

Until we see the thing differently, I recommend inaction on him, and action everywhere else.

When are we going to be able to talk in a positive and joyous mood?

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Freda Kirohway
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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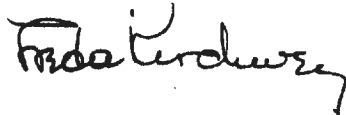
Dear Mr. Marsh:

I am awfully sorry I missed you in Washington. I hope we'll have better luck next time.

I see our friend Dies got a raise. Perhaps we had better begin now with the job of demolishing him so that we may have a chance next year. We oughtn't to let up on him, in any case.

What do you think of a pamphlet putting in everything we know about him - the answers to the questions I asked and a lot more besides? Birkhead and the Friends of Democracy could do such a pamphlet or The Nation could. But it would take some money and I don't know whether it is worth while. I spoke last Wednesday in Chicago and several people asked whether such a compilation could be made, so I would like your advice on it.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Charles E. Marsh,
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Washington, D. C.

2136 R Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C.
May 20, 1942

Dear Mrs. Clark:—*Miss Freda Kirshwey*

Between you and Ralph Ingersoll I am becoming submerged in my own estimation. You are both so active. You both carry through. Your "The People's Revolution" has the sincerity and flavor of yourself. Rockefeller's Girl Friday may be considered an overture in the elimination symphony of 1942.

Your father probably has told you that the best thing about selfish and unsocial persons is that they commit suicide as they revolve and evolve. The least common denominator of man needs information such as you produce as the mineral oil in the elimination processes.

We have two irritants against such a philosophic attitude. The time is short. Good writing is not sufficiently in demand at the present stage of the educational processes.

But since humanity has moved a bit in the few years we know it, we shall have to carry the cross of our own futility as we defend the truth.

At the risk of being banal, I say I believe Rockefeller's Girl Friday and "The People's Revolution" are more important and far-reaching in their ultimate effect than any two articles in the Daily News of New York of the same week. Truth crushed to earth may not rise again as the Pollyannas would have us believe, but I believe truth of even a seedling has an innate capacity for growth—also that the biggest lie on earth such as Hitler might express, has a way of dying from the date of its utterance.

The reason is not a moral one. The reason is simply that truth is the basis of action in health—that false information when put into action creates illness, and hence dies. So more truth to you, my dear Mrs. Clark. When you look at your circulation figures and see this seven figures statement of the Daily News, do not give a damn—not even a farthing. For those who see true in strength and purity are relatively rare, but they are tremendously effective. Your seeds are well sown.

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June 4, 1942.

Dear Mr. Marsh:

Thanks for your letter of some two weeks ago. I would have answered it before but I intended to come to Washington. So far I haven't been able to get there and I don't know when I can. So this is just to tell you that your good words were warmly appreciated but I wish just the same our seeds could be sown a little more widely.

Thanks for your subscription for the Vice-President. The echoes from his speech are still increasing — and people believe him when they don't Mr. Welles.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Charles E. Marsh,
2136 R Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.
June 15, 1942

Dear Mrs. Clark:

Your Borgese article on the Pope's neutrality is the finest and most accurate bit of reporting that I have read in months. The truth is so obvious that no one will read it, but the quality is there.

I really want to discuss this thing with you, and the next time Borgese is down, I want to avail myself of your offer to have your husband feed me.

When are you coming down without your husband?

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

P.S. What do you know about James O'Dwyer? He is an interesting personality. Your slant on him might reveal a liberal tendency to carry his people forward against the reactionary elements which seek to seize and use. C.E.M.

Miss Freda Kirchwey
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

The National Limited
En Route Fort Worth, Texas
July 3, 1942

Dear Clark (Alias Freda):

Because of the rush of time nearing St. Louis, I am sending you a carbon of a letter to PM giving the background of the Texas race.

I remember that you have a man named Stone at Washington who reports for both you and PM. I am taking the liberty of a non-paying guest to give you a carbon just to refresh your memory and possibly provide background in your morgue for your July and August comment.

I shall try to send you something original and direct from Fort Worth.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Freda Kirchway
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

August 11, 1942

Dear Miss Kirohway:

I see "The Nation" prints a paragraph this week indicating a merger with the "New Republic."

A few weeks ago your Texas correspondent indicated a personal choice for Moody, who was eliminated. The vicious thing about Moody is that his probable \$100,000 a year legal fees come essentially from large oil. Large oil believes Moody preferable and safer than O'Daniel, and hoped he would get in the runoff with O'Daniel. It is the old game of playing safe by having a monopoly of candidates. The big gang knew that O'Daniel would be in a runoff, and that Moody could hold down Allred, if he could not get into the runoff himself. Moody's frank campaign was: "You don't have to vote for O'Daniel if you don't like Roosevelt, and don't like O'Daniel."

The biggest upset in my newspaper polling was the first primary result. I expected 800,000. We got about 950,000 total votes. On the basis of articulate votes, Allred had a clear majority by fair newspaper and telephone polls. O'Daniel had about 33 per cent, and Moody the balance. So the polling resulted in three votes for Allred to two votes for O'Daniel and one vote for Moody. Results were three votes for O'Daniel, two votes for Allred, and one for Moody. The upset was that the vote from the extreme rural sections could not be polled, and 10 per cent of the state which is of German blood kept entirely silent, as did the 5 per cent of Roosevelt haters and the economic satellites in the top income brackets.

We are going ahead with relatively little chance on August 22 on the theory that a give-up campaign would benefit Fascism. We are largely in the position of the Russian army.

O'Daniel will come back to Texas two years from now with increased vote-getting prestige and continue to follow the rough pattern of Huey Long in his Southern appeal. He will name a personal supporter for Governor on a prohibition plank, and at the same time will run for the Democratic nomination for President.

There is a curious new ring in his voice. It is insolent and bitter at the same time. He is working like hell for the biggest possible vote.

Also it is a curious bit of new material which he added to his radio broadcast this morning. He points out (it is marked in the news story attached) that his Texas Guard had its rifles taken away. I remember Talmage in Georgia had the same complaint some months ago. I am not able to trace this beyond these two demagogues, but the similarity is interesting. Hitler had a private army financed from the top at about this relative time in his career before he took over. We seem to have

our American way of doing things, even if they are not more directly suggested than through mere imitation.

It seems a long time since I have seen you. We shall carry on until August 22. I shall then go to the West on neglected affairs and for rest. Probably early in September I shall be seeing you.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Freda Kirshwy
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55 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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September 17, 1942

Dear Mr. Marsh:

I was awfully sorry I couldn't get in the other day before you left. I couldn't because I had no way of heading off a man who was to call on me at the office nor could I catch another editor to talk to him in my place. I hope I'll be in Washington soon - before you leave for California. When I know for sure what day I'm coming, I'll drop you a line.

Now for the Dies issue. It's just about to go to press and looks good. What I'd like to have you do in Texas is to arrange for the sale of 1,000 copies on the newsstands there. If the man you spoke of could buy that number, total price \$50, and distribute them himself, he might even make his money back by selling them at ten cents a piece! Anyhow, if you'll tell me whom to send them to and what to tell him to do with them, we'll tend to it right away. I'm really extremely anxious to get a good sale in Texas. I imagine it would be worth while also increasing the number of copies of the regular issue distributed in Texas. Any advice on this will be gratefully received.

I. F. Stone, our Washington man, whose special passion, as I told you, is patents and monopolies, is doing a piece on oil. He will call on you within the next day or two. He's a little deaf so talk about three times as loud as usual! I know you can help him; he wants particularly to check some facts regarding Standard's dealings with Russia.

My greetings to your wife.

Cordially,

Freda Kirchwey

Mr. Charles Marsh
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Washington, D. C.

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Washington, D. C.
September 18, 1942

Dear Miss Kirchoff:

Mr. Marsh has already gone to California, and should have returned to Texas by now. He will be at Scott-White Clinic, Temple, Texas, until approximately the twenty-fourth.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Mr. Marsh, together with the information that I shall be able to get a list of approximately a thousand names of people in Texas who should receive the special supplement. He will probably then let you know from there how to function on that.

When Mr. Marsh returns to Washington I am sure he will be happy to see Mr. Stone. He has read some of Mr. Stone's things and liked them very much.

Yours very truly,

Secretary

Miss Freda Kirchoff
The Nation
55 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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AIR MAIL

September 23, 1942

Dear Miss Glass:

I know Mr. Marsh who has been addressing Miss Kirchwey is out of town. However, could you, by return air mail, inform me which is Texas' best New Deal daily paper? We want to put a small advertisement in this paper, advertising the Dies Issue, out next week.

Your kindness in this matter and prompt reply will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Hugo Van Arx
Hugo Van Arx

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Miss Mary L. Glass
Secretary to Mr. Charles E. Marsh
2136 R Street, N.W.,
Washington, D.C.

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SEPTEMBER 25, 1942

HUGO VAN ARK
THE NATION
FIFTY FIVE FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK

BEST NEW DEAL PAPER AUSTIN AMERICAN IN STATE CAPITAL. ABOUT
THIRTY THOUSAND CIRCULATION ~~XXXXXX~~ CORRESPONDINGLY LOWER AD*
VERTISING RATES AGAINST REACTIONARY DALLAS NEWS HUNDRED THOUSAND.

MARY LOUISE GLASS

2136 - R - Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
October 5, 1942

Dear Freda:

I think your Dies business is just what I suggested to you in conversation—it tends to accelerate the death of a doomed hypochondriac.

Probably the tone was a little too personal on the man instead of the principle, and he will come back with a martyr defense. But at the same time, journalistically speaking, you have put it in black and white for a reference work.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

Miss Freda Kirshway
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New York, New York

2136 - R - Street, N.W.
Washington, D. C.
October 5, 1942

Dear Miss Kirchway:

I have been hearing some nice things about Stone. What I have read of his work in PM and The Nation has added to the general report.

I think of Lippmann and Clapper and Dorothy Thompson as high people in clear statement of correct opinion. A Stone is something else. He puts in his framework a very great deal of documentary detail, containing people and dates and figures.

His brain and files may constitute a most useful instrument in the days ahead. I see the opening date as around December. This country will review the year behind and look into the year ahead. The elections will be over. Certain Senate committees will publish their investigations. Whether or not the Democrats win the November elections will make no difference.

The crust of bureaucratic aristocracy was so thick December 7 last year that even Pearl Harbor did not blow it off. It has, however, heated from below as the people and the men in the services of Government and the military have been at work. I see an explosion ahead which will:

- A. Re-make a Cabinet
- B. Vitalize the legislative branch into true expression of what the people are saying and feeling
- C. Demand of the President that he act from above in streamlining this war effort, regardless of whether he likes an Admiral or a Secretary of Labor.

Personally I am on a big high, thanks to Timoshenko, and because the Axis is showing greater evidences of fatigue than we had any right to expect last spring. Certainly our war effort is better this October than it was last January. I do not believe the inventive genius of the German will equal that of America, and I do not believe the productive capacity of the ultimate winning arm (air) will over-balance ours next year.

The war to date has minimized the Navy, as the German Land forces have found themselves unable to accomplish on schedule the necessary distance.

Next year indicates a grand strategy wherein the Allied air arm will be less hampered, and will be used for what it really is--the instrument of annihilation and the first instrument in the front line of battle. I foresee a Germany wounded at the heart wherein the land conquest will be the mopping up, and probably will come out of Russia, while the Navy and the Allied shipping preponderance acts merely as a transportation machine.

Unfortunately the President has had his military experience warped by his Navy career. But fortunately he is probably, second to Churchill, the world's greatest opportunist, and his capacity for skillful and rapid shifts is great. I have faith in Roosevelt's shifting and improving as the people press from below so that the above paragraphs may occur.

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There is a very great secondary problem which should now be prepared for—the internal problem of America in 1943. The competitive battle for men and material among the armed services and the split up of the air strategy and authority among the bureaucrats heading Army and Navy are the two points which offer the greatest possibility of improvement. Some progress has been made by the Manpower set-up and the Byrnes and Elmer Davis moves are getting our thought and our formulas for work in slightly better order. But progress to date is only surface, and due to public pressure from below. We are still aristocratic and bureaucratic in Washington. It takes a year to get a Corporal into a Captaincy, also a year to take a Boatswain into a Lieutenant Commander due to the Washington paper tangle. And yet, at the same time, 53,000 civilians are commissioned into the Navy alone. In Russia a Timoshenko can move from a Private to a General faster than we can paper-work a Private to Captain.

In the civilian production field aristocratic military concepts simply joined up with the big corporations, the banker mind, and the legal fraternity.

The big thing is to get manpower (and woman-power) and material into formulas which recognize time and unity, shortage and need.

Down here this week we are taking doctors as an example of 1942 mis-management of a single group of manpower. On the woman front alone we have thirty million Russian women at war work, five and a half million English women, and in America we have one million seven hundred fifty thousand. Considering British and Russian populations, America should have twenty million women on the job.

I will stop here because the examples ought to be enough for your mind to see the internal job as one of classification and assembly in present civilian life for prompt allocation to war needs under a single directive authority as the services and industries requisition; also an over-all material control subject to the same formula. The country is now lousy with manpower grabbed by the competing services under force selling and blackmail, held practically idle in preparation for a ten million Army, which probably never will be used, and which cannot be equipped before 1944, and which could not be transported and maintained for two years. This will, of course, greatly hinder the productive ability of this country in 1943 unless by January we have some sanity and less competition among parts of the whole.

When you are able to come down to Washington, have Stone and you and I get together.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Marsh

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