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Dear Mr. Hazlitt,

May I add my wishes to those of many others for your speedy recovery of full health. Without your article Newsweek has lost much of its savor. Missing the weekly fortification of my sanity in a world still so drunk on Keynesian economics that it equates Conservatism with the policies of Senators McCarthy and Knowland, I have turned to your published works for refreshment. There, in both the fiction and the expository writing, I have found that same clarity and cogency of argument which gleamed in every line of your weekly comment. Still, I'm sorry it had to come to this before I made my personal discovery of a book as great as Economics in One Lesson. I go armed with it now. It's the heaviest if not the newest weapon in an arsenal which has always included your articles and the works of Clarence Randall.

To my mind the most saddening turn of events in America since the jubilation of November, 1952, was the disregard with which Republican party leaders rewarded the efforts of the Randall Commission. It sickens one to see how little faith they put in true conservatism. They ~~can't~~ won't believe that it can have any "political sex appeal," and all the time they're living among the accumulated blessings of



the world's most truly bourgeois society — the living refutation<sup>2</sup> of Marxist philosophy! So they go on treating you like a Cassandra and taking one leaf after another out of F.D.R.'s book.

When the Republicans learn to look to a man like you for decisions on economic policy — then, and not until then, will they prove that they have a real objective in their sights; and then, too, they may even stay in power when they no longer have the coat-tails of a popular hero to ride upon. They might even dare to be as forthright in their opposition to internal socialism as the Conservatives of England.

I sign myself your well-wisher and admirer and one who neither collects autographs nor expects replies from busy men sick abed.

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