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Mr. Henry Hazlitt
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Dear Mr. Hazlitt:

Greetings from Brockton High School! You may be mildly interested in the fact that we are at present studying ECONOMICS IN ONE LESSON in one of our good college-preparatory senior English classes.

As you may remember, I have always agreed with the N.Y. TIMES comment, that while there can be no required reading in a democracy, a reading of your book would be a valuable thing for every American citizen. At the time the book first came out, I appointed myself a committee of one to aid in the circulation. I gave away several copies and was delighted when, sometime later, the book appeared in a paper-covered edition selling for only twenty-five or thirty-five cents.

This fall, I ~~asked~~ inquired from our local distributor of pocket books and was most pleased to learn that he had a supply. Fortunately, I have one excellent senior class-- some of the members should be the leaders of tomorrow-- and we'll trust that a few lessons on the fundamentals of economics may help and assist clear-thinking in that field.

Although I have never been able to use the entire book before, I have given as assignments a chapter here and there. You may be interested in a comment one of the lads made a year or so ago. He remarked, quite seriously, that you must be wrong even though he could find no flaw in your reasoning because so many famous people just didn't agree with you. This term, so far, we've covered the first six or eight chapters in the book, and (although I haven't test 'em) I feel reasonably sure that practically all the students understand the reasoning. (We've just completed a unit on Thinking and Propaganda; that's why I consider this an excellent time to spend a week or two with your book.)

I suppose you are still doing missionary work through the pages of NEWSWEEK. Best o' luck!

Sincerely yours,
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