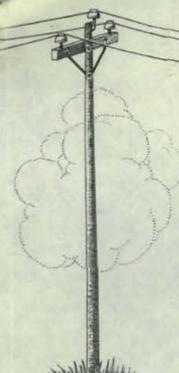


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Mr. Henry Hazlitt
Newsweek Building
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New York 36, New York

Dear Mr. Hazlitt:

This letter is to sincerely compliment you on an excellent article entitled TRUTH MUST BE REPORTED in the February issue of Newsweek.

I am a power line contractor and 95% of our business is secured by competitive bidding. We operate in 18 states, and happen to be non-union. Our men enjoy bonus and pension and profit sharing plans, incentive, freedom of action, opportunity and production. We recognize the good and bad points of Unionism and we and our men appreciate the freedom of choosing for ourselves.

I am 31 years old, World War 11 veteran, 5 European campaigns, spent summer of 1947 traveling Europe. In 1953 I took off from work for about a year to study in Europe, returning home last June. I attended the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, and to say the least, I met a lot of people connected with, and interested in various political philosophies. By-the-way, this stay in Europe was financed with my own money, and I didn't finagle around so I could call it a business trip. I paid income taxes on every penny spent.

I was amazed at the way so many Americans defend Capitalism, on primarily a materialistic basis. Our apologies are sometime sickening.

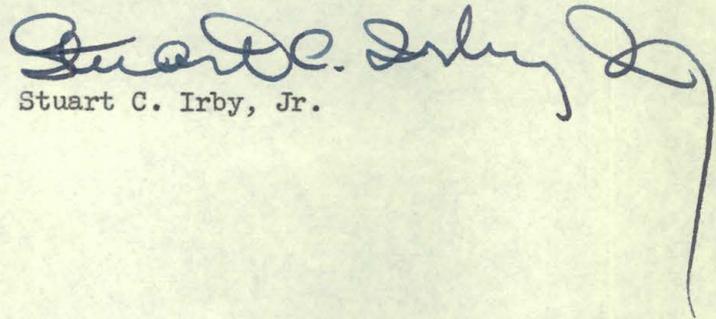
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Surely there is selfishness among men - that is bad - we want to improve the individual (we mustn't forget that it is always best to start with ourselves). Under our system, a man is free to change, and free to receive the Christian message, which will give him strength and a sound basic moral concept.

Let me close now as I intended only to write you a short note telling you that I appreciate your efforts and clear thinking in presenting the article.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Stuart C. Irby, Jr.", with a long, sweeping flourish extending downwards and to the right.

Stuart C. Irby, Jr.

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