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Mr. Harris K. Randall
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Dear Mr. Randall:

Your kind note to the editors of NEWSWEEK of June 28th arrived in my absence from the office. I appreciate very much your most generous reference to my work.

Sincerely,

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Gentlemen:

Does it never occur to those who plan such prideful treatments as the "Spotlight on Business" (July 1, page 57) that it might be more interesting to have the inflation situation surveyed by writers who--if they are really convinced ("The government, of course, has used all of the not-too-formidable weapons at its command") that the writer of "Business Tides" on page 63 is crazy ("inflation is nothing but a great swindle ... practiced... by nearly every government in the world)--would at least feel moved to offer some evidence to that effect, rather than merely to assume it?

And did somebody forget to add these two writers' names to the "Signed Opinion" list on page 77--or merely to remind them that they are still supposed to be working on the other part of the magazine?

This kind of thing is nothing new, of course, to those of us (and I suspect they are many) who take Newsweek for the Hazlitt and Moley "columns" and maybe for the smart movie reviews. Nor do I care a hoot whether you print any of this in your "LETTERS"--nor whether anybody politely acknowledges receipt of it, "for the editors." But unless some honest regret is expressed in print, for this lamentably misnamed "Spotlight" or at least for the amazing "of course" allegation, I can conclude only that Newsweek itself doesn't take too seriously its vaunted editorial pretenses.

Regretfully,

Harris K. Randall

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