

April 11, 1957

Mr. William H. Boyd
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Dear Mr. Boyd:

Thank you very much for your kind remarks of my column and for sending me the clipping on Senator Clark.

Apparently the less a man knows about a subject, the more intolerant he becomes of those who disagree with him.

Sincerely,

Henry Hazlitt

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Mr. Henry Hazlitt
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Dear Mr. Hazlitt,

For several years I have regularly read your comments in Newsweek. Your crusade for sound business principles and economy in Government is to be admired, and I am one individual who believes in such principles.

Unfortunately, not many people, particularly politicians, agree with this conservative position. One of the outstanding opponents of economy in Government is our newly elected Senator Clark of Pennsylvania.

Last evening I read in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin the attached report on Senator Clark's comments before the United Rubber Workers. This, I believe you will agree, is a typical stupid statement such as can be expected from some of our so-called modern liberal politicians. The old story - spend, spend - tax, tax !

As I recall the election returns, the Senatorial race in Pennsylvania was pretty close. Clark won by a slim margin due to the large vote piled up by the Democratic machine in the city of Philadelphia. The rest of the state didn't want him. If you look around the city of Philadelphia, you will conclude as I have, that there are extremely few areas where an intelligent and reasonably successful business man would care to settle down with his family. Hence, Senator Clark's comment about the "economic illiterate" is ironic, as it was the illiterate - and only the illiterate that elected him to the Senate.

Probably it is against your policy, and the policy of Newsweek, to comment editorially on individuals, but knowing your ability as a writer, and your position as to sound business principles and economy, I hope you can at least make some reference to this stupid comment of our new Senator in one of your editorials.

Very truly yours,

William H. Boyd