

February 5, 1957

Mr. Sydney Makepeace Wood
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Dear Mr. Wood:

The editors of Newsweek have passed along to me your note about my column of December 24. I appreciate your thoughtfulness in writing.

Sincerely,

Henry Hazlitt

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Gentlemen:-

It seems to me that in all the turmoil over the Middle East situation during the past few months your magazine has shown some really clear thinking in its editorial policy. Particularly impressive to me is the comment by Mr. Henry Hazlitt in his editorial on page 62 of your issue of December 24th. The first paragraph shows graphically just how appallingly bad has been our treatment of the two nations without whose help in the fateful years of 1914 and 1939 the whole world would now be a slave camp.

The reporters of the press gave our President a wonderful opportunity in August and September to come out with a plain, flat condemnation of Nasser and his theft of the Suez Canal. The insipid, do-nothing attitude of the President and his 'brink-of war' secretary gave Nasser and his Russian allies as clear a green light as any thugs of their class could wish for. It is all such a ghastly reminder of Wilson's 'neutral' nonsense when Germany smashed through Belgium. Just imagine it; in the face of this atrocity a President of a freedom-loving country asking its citizens to be "neutral, not only in thought but in act as well"!

All we need to know now is just when is Nasser to have his triumphal procession up Pennsylvania Avenue ?

Sincerely

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