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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Goerge:

A copy of your "Open Letter to the Federal Communications Commission" has this day come into the office here. I think the spirit is marvellous, but directions therein weak.

I thought I informed you, as did Mr. Patterson, that the F.C.C. is anxious to act, but cannot. If you got everyone in hearing of the Station to write them, (the F.C.C.), the latter still could probably do nothing. That is why, as an initial step, this office advised that the efforts of those interested be directed straight into the Station itself, with a copy to be mailed to F.C.C., and then to the legislators. Don't forget that we can't pick the committee in either the House of Wheeler's committee in the Senate which would handle a Congressional investigation, which in turn would force F.C.C. to investigate. It would be much better all the way round to have the Station switch back because of Public Pressure. You've got all the machinery working on this matter. I hear it's wonderful the way people turned up for the Hollywood Roosevelt protest meeting. If you want to see results quickly, make the people write to KFI. The Radio people want a show-down fight on this. Knock them out in the first round, cause they'd love a long, slow battle to show them in the right, by law, which would set a terrible precedent. If one of them gets away with this, every lousy station and net-work will follow suit. The F.C.C. knows it, and is counting on us and you to help stop it,

The guys at the F.C.C. think the idea of the meeting is swell. If you want the whole damned legal report on 'why the E.C.C. can't act' I'll send it to you. It's so senseless to batter away at cross purposes over a span of three thousand miles. If you have more dope than we have, send it to us. We want material to put in the Record. Reporters come in every day to ask what we want to send out on the KFI story. If you get us on a thing, follow through. We can't listen to the Station here. I'm being my old excited me, now, but George, you know I love the HDC, you and the whole Board..(also the BWDC which incidentally won't even put me on the mailing list..at last I got that off my chest), you've practically got a Washington office here, and you don't let us know what the .... you want done.

Another thing, if you wanted stuff printed on the KFI deal..write it up and send it to us to be inserted..be careful it isn't too libelous, and we'll have it sent to our mailing list, and yours from here. We want to educate people too, but it takes time and money. If we have to drop everything, as has happened on KFI, our voluminous mail doesn't get answered, we fall behind in all our other duties; mainly because we haven't had the facts on the case, have to get them from newspapers five days old, have to run all over the lot getting material ready, telephone FCC constantly, recheck when someone gets false info, etc, ad infinitum. We could probably have sent out more copies of the KFI lit, and in better form..but the expenses here are tremendous. \$10. for a printing doesn't sound very big, but we've had five of them in the last week. A big Labor speech, a newsletter that is going to get wide circulation, a letter on OPA's Maximum Average Price Ruling, we have hundreds and hundreds of Postal Employees Raise (HR2071) letters to answer just in the past three days, and the KFI junk which necessitated two printing jobs. No one else but me would ask, but if you want some jobs done, and I think it would be good in the future not to distant, let us have it, but enclose a couple of bucks. Pat won't let us kick-back a penny, and he can't afford all this out of his pocket. Please do not tie this in with the KFI matter..I feel talky now, and am off on another subject. We would have appreciated material on KFI, and can still use it, but the dough on what we've done has been written off already.

This is turning into quite a thing. You see, we sort of count on the HDC for what's what in the District. There are many things like KFI that could stand publicity emanating from here. We are very anxious to get things out of this office, and can always sell them down the corridor, on all important issues. We have received a great number of appreciative letters on the Bretton Woods material. I think it would have been marvellous to have sent them to every person all the liberal groups have on their lists, and as many other lists as we can get ahold of. We didn't have the Precinct lists at the time, or might have used them as best we could. If I had known last year, what I know now, the whole BWDC list would have been in Will Rogers file. (I can see the Board meeting at which I would have brought it up!) Guys pay fortunes to use this service, and its in our laps to no avail. Maybe a little enclosure, Mr. Rankin's will make you realize how important it is to use your Congressman. I assure you that doesn't all emanate from Rankin's brain or pocket! I saw one mailing for a N.Y. Congressman going out to 300,000, I don't want us to have anything that big..no thanx, but it's good. How can we all expect to elect decent representatives, educate the voter, make them force or back up a man to vote right if they don't know what's what. We 've got the means of learn'in them..let's use.it. None of us here pretend to be writers. You know the issues better than we do, cause we're too close and too busy to see them. If you have anything to say to the people, write it up and mail it down. Use all of these offices..they'll appreciate the material. H. Douglas had to hire someone to research and write for her, she hasn't time to do up her speeches herself and can afford to hire. Your idea about us sending you stuff from here was good, but I must say this, George, it's impossible to cull out the many, many issues that are all important. The daily services I mentioned can't be given to you..no one that isn't a member of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce can get their Legislative Daily. It's practical for us, but only because we haven't time to read the RECORD. If you want material on a subject however, we can send you pounds of it. Everything that's ever been said on the subject, whatever it is. As to issues that are important, as I said, you know them as fast as we do. One thing...which you may not notice, is the terrific wave of anti-semitism

also enclosing the ~~the~~ proper letter  
Pat wrote to KFI today -  
PEPPER LETTER

that is going to spring up again, if the Jewish clothing manufacturers do not stop pounding Congress with complaints about 'going out of business' every damned time a new WPB or OPA order comes out. You have no idea how its working. The Reps here, no matter what anyone thinks are extremely conscientious hard-working guys. They know that there is a war on, above all else. They are cooperating with the Administration to win it. How would you feel if you got 50-75 wires and letters in a couple of days all crying about businesses failing, just because the Administration is trying to get them to price their articles at reasonable levels...and, if they're all signed by Jewish names..you can imagine the subtle anti-semitism it is going to arouse. When the same thing is repeated within two weeks over another similar order..you're really going to get sore over seeing those same names. Pat, thank God, doesn't know what anti-semitism is.. but I've seen a lot of good guys around here get good and sore, and not limit their resentment to just the persons who signed the communications. Personally, I had a tantrum when I saw the last display, and I do think it is a job for the Council for Civic Unity. This may seem far-fetched..but look at the Aidlin opposition literature..and where is Bob Reynolds and the American Nationalist Party? Why allow the men who signed these communications to go along, unmindful that they have a debt to this country..they know it won't close their business doors to cut back to 1942 average prices..or be limited in the articles they must produce. What if it does close their doors..they've got sons overseas who are seeing to it that they'll be able to open them again..and not in Ghettos. I'm sorry I'm writing this way..all this is what Pat wouldn't let me say, (for obvious reasons) in a letter answering the manufacturers communications. I know several secs. who wanted to write separate letters to the guys, telling them what they really thought. Pat will make a speech soon on the importance of National Unity Postwar, I can see that. There are so many things that can be done.. but about 100 letters are waiting for my gentle touch tonight, til I mail this to you. God what work we have to do here. Washington is interesting, and yet frightening. One realizes the first day, what little power the Federal Government has..which leads me right back to KFI..And this is where I came in. How's Joy, George, Give her my love. And all the people who still talk to me deserve a Kind regards too...

Best wishes..and good luck in your Ind.Comm.Arts & Sciences.  
(Is that the name?) Hello Edith. Kiss California for me.

Love

Ruth

P.S. I can't find a copy of Rankin's Franked Speech - 1000005  
are going out however - you will find it on Page A1252  
of the March 13th Record - Substitute Antisemitic Betrayed  
I've changed reading it!