

Letters Received by William Jenner Regarding his February 14 Address

The next four letters are in support of William Jenner and his speech delivered in Dallas. Two of these letters are from his constituents, while the other two are from concerned Americans from Illinois and Texas. The authors express their agreement with the points Jenner made throughout his speech, as well as their eagerness to take action for Jenner's cause.

February 17, 1955

Hon. William E. Jenner,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of your address, "Let's Put America First," which you delivered in Dallas this week.

I wish to congratulate you upon your excellent delineation of a most vital topic. Your analysis of the Communist influence in our government, and its dire threat is brilliant and penetrating. Your speech is a call to action, and should be required reading for every American.

If you can spare a dozen copies of your address and send them to me, I shall see that they are placed in the hands of individuals who will give it wide circulation.

You will be interested to hear that there is a group of people in Westchester County who are actively engaged in arousing public opinion to the peril of the Communist conspiracy. This group is doing exactly the type of work which you have shown to be so necessary.

As an indication of our activities, I am enclosing a piece of literature which has been issued by the Rye unit to enlist support of our organization, and enlarge our influence at the local level.

Our group stands squarely behind you in your fight to preserve free America.

Very sincerely yours,

Robert A. Wright



Fort Worth, Texas
February 18, 1955

Honorable William E. Jenner
United States Senate
Washington 25, DC

Dear Senator Jenner:

The speech you made in Dallas on the fourteenth was a masterpiece. I never expect to hear a better one – and from all the comments I've heard, that seems to be the general impression you left. Although there were a number of people there from Fort Worth, I won't rest until some way, some day, we can arrange to have you speak in our city, too.

You stressed the need for a strong political action group to combat this powerful unseen force that actually operates and formulates policy for us outside the constitutional boundaries. You are so right! We know it exists – and we know it to be a weblike thing – woven in to every department of government – with heavy emphasis on the State Department – and working against the best interests of this country. This prompts me to say – ‘Move over Denmark – there's something rotten here, too.’⁹⁹

But seriously, how do you start a strong pressure group to fight this evil? What would be the most effective way to do it? I know there are enough people interested in saving our America to be effective if they band together. But it will take organization and co-ordination of effort to make our sting felt in the right places. I am wondering whether you have any ideas along this line.

This unseen force that governs us without the consent of the governed – since we don't get to elect any of them – must be stopped in their tracks before it is too late. Since we can't see them, don't know who they are in most cases we face a rather difficult foe to wage battle on. We can worry our own Senators and Representatives with letters when we disapprove of their actions. And sometimes they appear to listen because we do mean a vote. But what can we do to bring pressure to bear on dastardly (and I hate to spell that with a D – its too mild) outfits that don't depend on anybody's vote to stay where they are? This is a problem, isn't it?

By the way I am interested in finding out whatever happened to your S. Res. 247¹⁰⁰ which you submitted (for yourself and the late Senator McCarran¹⁰¹)

⁹⁹ A paraphrase of a quotation from William Shakespeare's Hamlet, "Something is rotten in the state of Denmark." Hamlet. Act I, Scene IV.

¹⁰⁰ The Senate resolution which expressed that the U.S. Senate needed to sever diplomatic relations with Russia as well as to organize an international conference to take action against communism worldwide.

¹⁰¹ Senator Pat McCarran (D.-Nev.) died in September, 1954. McCarran was known for being intensely anti-Communist.

in May 1954. The last I heard of it it was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. It probably hurt the feelings of some old foreign relation of ours so it was shelved.

Keep daring to tell the people truth. We have all too few like you.

My Best,

Mrs. Stella Lydick
A Texas Valentine



5020 Bryce
Ft. Worth, Texas

Feb 16, 1955
Senator William E. Jenner
Senate Office Bldg
Washington D. C.

Dear Senator Jenner:

I have just finished reading the speech you delivered in Dallas. There may have been a few people that were amazed at your revelations but not many. We have known for too long that this thing was happening to our country. Let me assure you that my following remarks do not mean you personally. I only wish we had 95 more senators with as much devotion to America, as much integrity and loyal patriotism as you have shown in the past.

Please do not put too much blame on the voters. We did the best job we could with the tools we had. Please do not excuse Congress, because you have the power in your hands to stop a lot of Congress argues [sic], but then they vote the huge appropriations to the big unnecessary agencies to spend at will. Big spending has not been reduced under the new administration in spite of pre-election promises. As for propaganda, Congress votes millions to be used for this purpose and although we pay the bill, we don't know what is being said. (Voice of America)

Although many of us have forgone a new formal for the New Years Eve dance and will forgo the feminine thrill of a new spring hat so we could add a few dollars and even nickels and dimes to pay for the paper and postage for the battle of the mimeograph machine to tell the other side of the story to our friends and neighbors, we can begin to compete with BIG money. I mean the Foundations.

There is where the secret government and vicious propaganda is coming from. You know the story of the I. P. R.¹⁰² Tonight Dulles¹⁰³ is telling the Foreign Policy club of New York, supported by the Foundations,¹⁰⁴ what our position will be in regards to Formosa¹⁰⁵. Reflect for a moment the number of educational (?) societies and leagues being supported by tax exempt foundations. Just look at the members of these same organizations. All of them with power, audience, and influence on our legal government with the weight of millions to use as pressure.

No matter how righteous is truth, we cannot compete with these evil men who control the millions. But Congress could equalize it by taking away the tax exemption and then investigating, no need to make reports and speeches about our two headed government. We know what happened to the Reece committee,¹⁰⁶ but if Congress cannot or will not put a check reign on the impudent destruction of our beloved country, God knows we will never stop it by agitating for an intelligent primary vote.

We have wasted too many years to try a program of political education now. We no longer have any choice at the polls as far as principles are concerned and very probably the next election or two we will no longer even have a choice of names. Our only choice will be between ballot or bullet.

Sorry this is so long. I have refrained from writing to you too often because there is no need to wear you out. There is too few of your kind left.

Don't ever think we out here in the sticks do not know what is going on in spite of the slanted press. We know we have a two headed government and we also know one head has two faces. We hear words about defending our noble ally on Formosa but we know it is in the picture to sell out our last remaining friend on this earth to the United Nations.

¹⁰² Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR). Established in 1925, the IPR sought to provide a way for discussion of the issues and relations between countries of the Pacific Rim to take place. Important figures of the IPR were prominent foreign policy experts on the Far East in the State Department. This area of the State Department was heavily targeted during the McCarthy accusations. It was widely believed that the IPR was composed of Communists, though there is speculation as to how many were involved.

¹⁰³ John Foster Dulles, Secretary of State under Dwight D. Eisenhower from 1953 to 1959.

¹⁰⁴ The Foundations refers mainly to the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation. These two foundations heavily financed the Institute of Pacific Relations (IPR).

¹⁰⁵ Current day Taiwan in East Asia off the coast of mainland China.

¹⁰⁶ The Reece Committee, 1953-1954, chaired by B. Carroll Reece (R.-Tenn.), investigated tax-exempt foundations. The committee looked specifically into the grant making policies of the Carnegie Corporation and the Rockefeller Foundation, among others.

This could go on for pages, please forgive my long and tiresome letter. It won't happen again.

Sincerely

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Ellenwalt Hotel,
Watseka, Ill
Feb. 15, 1955

Hon. Wm. E. Jenner,
Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington D.C.

Dear Senator:

Enclosed is a clipping from the Chicago Tribune reporting on your address at Dallas. If this speech is being printed I would like very much to have three copies. I would like one for myself and the other two for heads of the patriotic organizations with which I am associated.

Would you please do me a favor? I am enclosing a tear sheet from today's Chicago Tribune of a full-page advertisement of a book which has just come out. I ordered a copy of this book and have read most of it. I recommend it to anyone who is interested in the government.

Will you please forward this large clipping to the Chairman of the Senate Committee which is to pass on the Federal Budget. I think ever [sic] member of the Congress should have this book on his desk and use the material in it to combat pressure groups which are constantly asking for more money.

For example, I have a clipping here on my desk from the Christian Science Monitor (AP Report) concerning the USIA – United States Information Agency's budget for the next fiscal year. They are asking for \$88,500,000. which is \$11,386,000. more than they used last year.

In this book BILLIONS, BLUNDERS AND BALONEY pages 116 to 134 are devoted to the author's personal observations of this monstrous agency and its

appalling waste of the taxpayers' money. The advertisement says "This book will make you mad." I can testify to the truth of that prediction because, although I knew a lot of this stuff before, reading a summary of the whole sordid program of profligacy makes me sick at heart to think what the "SECRET CABAL" which you speak of, has been doing to us.¹⁰⁷ If you can get in a plug for this book on the Senate floor I am sure you will be doing great service for the long-suffering American taxpayer. This book is being widely publicized throughout the country and I feel sure that there is going to be an outpouring of righteous indignation which the administration had better listen to.

Kindest personal regards,
Yours truly,

Austin Mosher.



¹⁰⁷ Reference to Senator William Jenner's speech on February 23, 1954