

151616

HAMLIN, HUBBELL, DAVIS, HUNT & FARLEY

60 BROADWAY  
NEW YORK 4, N. Y.

FRANCIS R. STODDARD  
FRANCIS B. HAMLIN  
GEORGE L. HUBBELL, JR.  
EMERSON F. DAVIS  
LAWRENCE HUNT  
VINCENT W. FARLEY

ALBERT E. JAMES  
OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BAR

ROGER M. GILDERSLEEVE  
RENWICK W. HURRY

DIGBY 4-6200

Sept. 18, 1946

The Rt. Hon. Arthur Meighen  
320 Bay Street  
Toronto, Canada

My dear Arthur:

Your letter of September 16th warmed my heart. You are in my thoughts a great deal and if my letters have been a little infrequent lately it is because the sheer pressure of work has kept me from writing even to my best friends.

There is no doubt that the Truman-Wallace affair is, of its kind, the most grotesque as well as tragic blunder in American history. I feel too sick at heart to make any extended comment at this time. However, I do believe that Mr. Truman must now demand Wallace's resignation.. Since your letter was written, Mr. Wallace has released his long communication with the President written last July. This has added fuel to the fire. To be sure, if Wallace resigns he can pose for a little while as a martyr, but he could do much less harm outside of the Cabinet than in it. Moreover, his resignation would be clear cut notice to the world that this country stands behind the policy which Mr. Byrnes appears to be following.

Wallace's utterances simply confirm what I have said now for many years - that it is the so-called "liberals" and left wing intellectuals who have been and are doing the greatest damage to our sense of justice and freedom, and to the efforts of wise men to achieve a reasonable degree of international peace. Certainly they are doing all they can to create suspicion and ill-will between the two great branches of the English-speaking peoples. Their policy of appeasement toward Russia is as morally and politically shocking as the old appeasement policy toward Nazi Germany. I think the fundamental reason is that these "left wing" people lack any moral standards. They are materialists in mind and heart, and believe that man wants "security" more than freedom. We are now approaching one of the supreme climaxes of history, which will determine for many generations whether in the English-speaking world at least men will remain free. I hope that, despite the tragic blunder of the last few days, my country will play its part in upholding that freedom which it has done so much to create and share with the world.

Thank you for the copy of "The Letter-Review" of September 16th. I thoroughly enjoyed reading it, and the comments on foreign affairs on

MEIGHEN PAPERS, Series 6 (M.G. 26, I, Volume 229)

PUBLIC ARCHIVES  
ARCHIVES PUBLIQUES  
CANADA