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Mr. C. B. Lartz
c/o Sharon Herald
South Dock Street
Sharon, Penna.

Dear Claude:

This is not a "letter to the Editor" but a personal note. The written word I believe evokes more thought than the spoken word, therefore this letter instead of a personal talk.

The majority of the Jewish people in Sharon and Farrell are greatly perturbed at your Page one editorials. During the heat of a political campaign many things are said that later are forgotten. That is an American institution--fight hard--may the best man or team win--shake hands and cooperate for the good of all.

Your editorials, however, we believe are different, there is a note of anti-semitism, anti-foreignism and anti-laborism in the way you handle the phrase Sidney Hillman and Communism. Need I say that the latter is as distasteful to me as it is to you. However the tie-in and inferences give the connotation that you must not realize it does. This highlighting and coupling-in of a Jewish name and Communism, night after night, is an anti-semitic gesture breeding ill-will. Sharon once had in its midst, Spencer Warwick, Pelley's Silver Shirt organizer that said the same thing.

You, I think, and the Herald, I hope, seek to do no harm, so why not fight the Democratic Party as hard as you like, but do not defame an entire segment of the population. I have known you to do many kind things and feel that you desire, as all thoughtful and intelligent Americans do, a helpful hand to those that first suffered so terribly at the hands of Nazism.

Claude, I am not writing this at the request of any group, it is merely my own attempt to counsel a friend. As the years creep up on us, you must feel as I do at times--how good to recall the positive, kind gestures instead of wounds afflicted.

Sincerely yours,