

JNO. N. GARNER
UVALDE, TEXAS

March 9 - 55.

Dear Susan - I'm bringing the enclosed advertisement in Times weekly
to get your permission to put
in the Ectis Garner Museum
& Library the last hat you gave
me and brand it as "given to me
by my dear friend Aaron Coster"

Well Susan I am in much
better health than I was on
my last birthday - It looks like
now that I might make it to 93
years - 46 yrs in office and
46 as a "free citizen" - I still
"strike a blow for liberty" at
5 O'clock and out of your battle
if no one is here, but if I have
company out of another battle -
I promise you or in good health
and enjoying life,
John Garner

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issue. "Disobedient," "broods," "lazy," "never plays!"—Poppycock! At my present age of six years I will . . . outpull any team of horses—in proportion to my weight. As for not playing, my master says I wear out toys more quickly than any other dog . . . If by "unsociable" you refer to a certain digestive peculiarity that results in a sort of double-barreled halitosis, I may concede that point, but I still should like to "get hold" of your reporter right where it would do the most good.

LUCKY CAVALIER

(per Alvin J. Wolff, Master)

New York City

The Wages of Fear

Sir:

I should be interested to know how your film critic discovered that the central idea of Clouzot's film *The Wages of Fear* was "hate America" [Feb. 21]. I know this idea circulated in some limited circles here . . . but none of the serious critics ever believed it was so. There is an unpleasant oil company in the film; it so happens that most oil companies are American, but your critic is not justified in saying that it stands for America. To us, here, it was just an unpleasant oil company. What should we say, then, when we see your movies, where all Frenchmen are ridiculous, and most French women are prostitutes? . . .

OLIVIER MICHEL

Paris

Sir:

The review of *Wages of Fear* is one of the finest pieces of writing I have read in many a moon. I had the misfortune of seeing this motion picture before reading your review, and I must agree that . . . its message is clearly "hate America" . . .

FLORENCE MACKLER

New York City

A.M.A. & the Veterans

Sir:

Re your Feb. 21 report on the VA: Thank God for the U.S. Veterans Administration. If it had not been for it, I would have been dead of cancer over a year ago. Two operations by their grossly underpaid doctors saved me . . . You speak of a 1,000-bed hospital with only 385 beds in use; every day men who fought for their country are turned away to perhaps die because these beds are not being opened to them. How callous can people get? Everyone should know of the surgical wards in some VA hospitals where one lonely nurse and one attendant watch over and minister to the needs of 80 to 100 men through each night. Name any public hospital that would try to cut corners like that.

W. T. FULLWOOD JR.

Southport, N.C.

Sir:

While the A.M.A. so actively damns the VA medical program, I'd like to mention that there are plenty of us who are most grateful for it . . . In this we feel the A.M.A. should be taking the lead to correct a situation rather than condemning the one way out of serious difficulty for some, *i.e.*, Government help . . .

CAROLYN C. WOOD

Alhambra, Calif.

Sir:

Whenever my father and I would pass the vets' home in Sawtelle, he would point to it, smiling, and say, "That's going to be my home some day." I shuddered, with the typical horror of a child imagining her father living in some strange, disconnected place. But when the hospital on these same grounds ultimately did become my father's last home, that horror gave way to a permanent peace of

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JOHN N. GARNER
UVALDE, TEXAS

March 9, 1955.

Dear Amon:

Seeing the enclosed advertisement in TIME, reminds me to get your permission to put in the Ettie Garner Museum and Library the last hat you gave me, and brand it as "given to me by my dear friend Amon Carter."

Well, Amon I am in MUCH better health than I was on my last birthday. It looks like now that I might make it to 93 years -- 46 years in office and 46 as a free citizen. I still "strike a blow for liberty" at 5 o'clock out of your bottle if no one is here, but if I have company out of another bottle.

I hope you are in good health and enjoying life.

Your friend,

/s/ JNO. N. GARNER