

only one instance of hundreds I could tell you of tonight. Light and fuel have not dropped in price—poor man's necessities.

President Hoover called your crowd together a few months ago and you all faithfully promised to keep wages up. Papers were out in heavy type. How you all made such promises, and it was only same old story. Not even worth a scrap of paper. You capitalists are up against it this time. And this good old U.S.A. is going to get down to the real facts, that this Government is really meant for a rule by the people, of the people, for the people.

C. M.

Check

P.S. If I could listen to your talk over the radio you might be game enough to read this letter.

Double check.

Mr. Secretary: Dare you give this to the boss.

Triple check! As I have a lot of "Hoover Time" on my hands, would like to improve it. Please let me know where I can get some Socialist literature.

10. This is a radical letter but the time is here to be radical

Detroit, Mich.  
September 29, 1931

Mr. Walter Gifford  
Dear Sir:

You and Pres. Hoover shows at times about the same degree of intelligence as Andy [of the "Amos & Andy" radio show] does. The other night Andy was going to send a fellow a letter to find out his address.

You have told us to spend to end the slump, but you did not tell us what to use for money, after being out of work for two years you tell us this, Pres. Hoover on the other hand tells the working man to build homes, and in face of the fact nearly every working man has had his home taken off him, "some more intelligence." This is a radical letter but the time is here to be radical. when an average of two a day has to take their own life right in the City of Detroit because they can not see their way out. right in the city where one of the worlds riches men lives who made last year 259 000 000 dollars. where hundreds of peoples are starving to death. . . . Mr. Gifford why not come clean. and stop bluffing us tell us the truth. remember you have the all seeing eye of God over you. Tell us the reason of the depression is the greed of Bankers and Industrialist who are taking too great of amount of profits. . . . The other day our Pres. Hoover came to Detroit and kidded

the soldier boys out of their bonus. Pres Hoover a millionaire worth about 12 000 000 dollars drawing a salary of 75 000 per year from the government asking some boys to forgo their bonus some of them have not 12 dollars of their own "Some more nerve."

Am I right when I say you and he shows the same degree of intelligence as Andy.

J. B. [male]  
(unemployed tool & die designer)

[The following was written on the front of the letter by a POUR official: "no use answering"]

11. Oh for but one statesman, as fearless as Abraham Lincoln, the amancipator who died for us

[Oil City, Penna.  
December 15, 1930]

Col Arthur Woods  
Director, Presidents Committee  
Dear Sir:

. . . I have none of these things [that the rich have], what do they care how much we suffer, how much the health of our children is menaced. Now I happen to know there is something can be done about it and Oil City needs to be awakened up to that fact and compelled to act.

Now that our income is but \$15.60 a week (their are five of us My husband Three little children and myself). My husband who is a world war Veteran and saw active service in the trenches, became desperate and applied for Compensation or a pension from the Government and was turned down and that started me thinking. . . . [There should be] enough to pay all world war veterans a pension,\* dysabeled or not dysabeled and there by relieve a lot of suffering, and banish resentment that causes Rebellions and Bolshevism. Oh why is it that it is always a bunch of overley rich, selfish, dumb, ignorant money hogs that persist in being Senitors, legislatures, representatives Where would they and their possessions be if it were not for the Common Soldier, the common laborer that is compelled to work for a

\*In 1924 Congress had agreed to pay World War veterans a bonus in 1945. During the Depression the demand grew for the immediate payment of that bonus. The pressure reached its peak in the summer of 1932 when some 20,000 veterans took part in a "Bonus Expeditionary Force" that converged on Washington. Although the Bonus Army was hardly revolutionary, General Douglas MacArthur drove the veterans out of Washington. The job of removing the peaceful campers was accomplished with tear gas, bayonets, and six tanks.

People driven to other ways as New Deal did not help everyone.

rich people