

Cincinnati, Sept. 10, 1954

Mr.
Orville Simpson,
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Dear Mr. Simpson:

Your editorial Social Security is interesting because it seems to indicate that you are not aware of the fact that this is the 20th century and not the 19th,

that social security is simply an insurance, only administered by the State and that nobody has a right to tell you what or how much insurance you want to pay for or what insurance company you chose; in a matter which concerns so much the common welfare, - I know you don't care for that, you prefer the dog eat dog proposition in a time when we create facilities and automatic devices, which will enable man soon to produce in 2 days easily what our ancestors produced with 3 times more effort in 7 days; you belong to those who desire to make suffering a virtue, further

that a good man will, because of social security not stop producing, if he is able to. It never occurred to you that good men work not because they get money, - though they are entitled to a decent reward, but because they love it, get satisfaction out of creative work.

that good social care promotes peace and corresponds to christian morals. We give to an old horse free food, why not to an old worker? Not everybody has enterprising spirit and may be it is sound to live out a life without stress and some amount of security and joy!

that ambitious men need more than social security offers and that successful men never need to take it out, though it is their absolute right to do so,

that we must prove that our system offers better security than all others, that our wealth is well distributed,

I understand very well that you resent the loss of initiative and pressure, which results from any security; but as I said we live in the atomic age. You should, I believe try to understand the world trend better. I am sure that your way of thinking must result in a radical reaction, in genuine socialism, which you mix up with social-ethical methods and care.

It seems that you never felt with the people, that you don't understand the basic problems of this time and, though you might mean it good, just promote that what you try to avoid.

Best wishes from a

fellow citizen
(who wishes to remain anonymous,
because he knows you well).