

Sept. 23

To the City Council  
Gentlemen:

Your tolerance  
toward the Senator Wheeler  
speech is just, reasonable  
and commendable.

Even if war existed, free  
speech must not be sup-  
pressed.

In World War I, when would  
the Allies have been, had  
not Northcliff led an aroused  
nation to oust faltering As-  
quith and Kitchener and re-  
place both with Lloyd George?

Or if Churchill had not re-  
placed Chamberlain in this  
war?

This life-saving act by Brit-  
ain was brought about by  
criticism which placed national  
safety above <sup>the</sup> personal feelings  
of inefficient ministers.

3675 Eagle St.

Respectfully  
Alice & Hor. F. Murphy

San Diego Calif.  
Sept. 23 41.

San Diego Councilmen  
Dear Sirs,

In respect to our President and his right-hand bowers Mr. Stimson and Knox and also all the entire Congress I don't think you should allow Senator Wheeler to speak here.

As we have some of the most intelligent men of our country at the head of our government and are trying to do the right thing for our country we should not allow any one to come to our town that will talk against what is being done and to the majority of the people are standing in unity for what is being done.

So many are opposed to what Wheeler stands for it might cause trouble. If we are so in need of the \$200,000 dollars I think every one would appropriate the amount.

Am R. S. Vaughan.

To The Honorable  
The City Council  
of San Diego Calif

DR. W. P. WINTERS  
601 WATTS BUILDING  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

9-26-41

Kindly accept my heartiest  
congratulations on your action in allowing  
the use of the Ford Bowl to Sen Wheeler and  
his gang. Wheeler and his gang  
are more a curse of a disgrace to our  
country and he should be recalled from  
his office as U. S. Senator, but that is up  
to his constituents.

Your action is in line with the  
fundamental right of Freedom of Speech  
and Freedom of Assembly which we  
Americans believe in. Again  
congratulations!!!

SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

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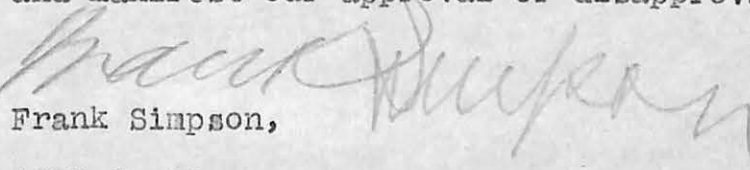
City Council,  
City,  
Gentlemen.

I want to commend you for allowing Senator Wheeler to speak in the Ford bowl. The senator has the conviction the honesty and the courage to defend the right as he sees the right, even though it be unpopular, and those are the qualities from which heroes are made.

The subject on which he will speak is controversial and like all such matter in a democracy, should be decided by a majority vote, but when the voting method is not available the applauding or booing of a speaker by his audience is an accepted and democratic method of determination, and this meeting will give a opportunity to employ that method.

Many people want to be on the winning side of a question, and a preponderance of plaudits or boos may be a greater factor in winning adherents to either side, than the oratory of the senator.

So let us fill the bowl and manifest our approval or disapproval of the Senator's ideas.

  
Frank Simpson,

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# SAN DIEGO LEAGUE for the DEFENSE of DEMOCRACY

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September 20, 1941

Gentlemen:

The Executive Council of the San Diego League for the Defense of Democracy has instructed me to write to you commending the regard you have shown for the constitutional right of free speech in allowing the "America First Committee" to rent the Ford Bowl for a speech by Senator Wheeler.

A heavy majority of the Executive Council is strongly opposed to the America First Committee and just as strongly condemns the behavior of Wheeler. Yet it feels that the maintenance of our constitutional right of free speech is of the utmost importance and is much pleased that here in San Diego we have a City Council which is not to be swayed from its duty to our American liberties even by its righteous indignation. We commend your clear sight and courage.

Respectfully,

*Louise Darby*  
Louise Darby,  
Secretary

The Honorable City Council  
San Diego Civic Center

1662 Shafter Street, San Diego, California,  
September 20, 1941.

The Honorable City Council,  
Civic Center,  
San Diego, California.

Gentlemen:

Now that the tea-pot tempest has subsided, I should like to express my opinion concerning the reactions of the City Council members to the request of the America First Committee for the lease of the out-door auditorium for Senator Wheeler's speech.

I congratulate Messrs. Knox, Weggenman, Boud and Hartley upon their decent regard for the constitutional rights of San Diego citizens. I also commend these gentlemen for their display of tolerance and sound judgment.

I consider Mr. Simpson and Mr. Flower presumed upon the prerogatives of their elective office when they attempted to bar San Diego citizens from access to their own property. In attempting to dictate as to whose voice we shall or shall not have a right to hear, they underestimate the intelligence of the citizens and over-rate their own. That the speaker in this case, is an eminent United States Senator, whose record for forthright and devoted service to our country over a period of eighteen years, is unimpeachable, does not lessen the censure their un-American act deserves.

No doubt there are millions of patriotic Americans who agree with President Roosevelt and his official family, that America should enter this war. But there are also millions of other Americans, just as patriotic, who are convinced that our strength will be greater, and the ultimate good of the world better served, if we keep out of war abroad.

Upon the outcome of this momentous decision, rests the destiny of 130,000,000 people. No one man, or set of men, are entitled to make this decision for us. And neither Fireside Chats or the exhortations of Messrs. Knox, Stimson, Ickes or Wallace, have been sufficiently convincing to sway that eighty percent plus of the American people, who still stand against war.

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September 20, 1941.

While I listen to the views expressed by these men, I hold it a great privilege to hear also, the sane analytical statements of former president Herbert Hoover, the clear and straightforward words of Alf. Landon and Senator Taft, the sincere and impelling oratory of Phil. La Follette, and many others who hold similar views.

Most certainly, the splendid group of Peace Mongers in Congress have a right to speak and to be heard. We grant the same right to their adversaries.

Free and open discussion is the American way, and to abrogate or even discourage free speech, unless war has been declared, is to promote National Disunity.

Let us beware, lest while engaged in this chivalrous adventure of toting the ark of the Four Freedoms all over the Seven Seas, and into the four corners of the earth, we do not become bogged down in the quagmire of fear, prejudice and intolerance, right here in San Diego.

Sincerely yours,

*Evelyn McMillan Einhaus*  
Evelyn McMillan Einhaus.

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To the Honorable Mayor and Common Council  
of the City of San Diego, California,

Honorable Gentlemen; I wish to endorse the  
attitude of Messrs Al Flowers and Simpson  
in the matter of Sen. Burton K. Wheeler, who  
according to his utterances, would seek to  
disorganize and bring confusion to the forces  
in our Nation who seek to unify our preparedness  
and defense program.

Our City Councilmen should not entertain  
the thought of profit in this matter, but should  
endorse Patriotic effort, leading our young  
people toward wholesome thinking and loyalty  
to our Government.

Yes we should cling to free speech, but some-  
times free speech borders on treason to a Nation,  
and then Public Officials should discourage  
it in every way possible.

Thank You.

Sept - 21<sup>st</sup> 1941

Lee R. Cass & May O. Cass  
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