

1155 East 55th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois
July 14, 1949

Mr. Frederick L. Allen
Harper's Magazine
49 East 33rd Street
New York City 16, New York

Dear Mr. Allen:

I am somewhat disturbed by the lack of intelligent discussion of the German problem. This problem will probably be with us for a long time and its solution will clearly be very difficult even in the absence of Russian-American tension.

Enclosed you will find a manuscript (in the rough) which I wrote last summer. Entry 5 of this "diary" relates to the German problem, and I am rather anxious to have the considerations contained in it published somewhere. I wonder what you would think of the possibility of publishing perhaps the foreword (with some editorial changes and incorporation of part of the epilogue) and the first five entries of the "diary" or else some other selection that would include the fifth entry.

I would appreciate your letting me have your reaction at

Stead's Ranch, Estes Park, Colorado

where I expect to stay until the 15th of August.

Very sincerely yours,

Leo Szilard

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49 EAST 33D STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

July 20, 1949

Dear Mr. Szilard:

Thank you very much for letting us see "The Diary of Dr. Davis." It has been carefully considered, but I am sorry to say that the final decision was that it could not be made into a piece for Harper's. It is too long in its present state, and would, we feel, be difficult to cut effectively. We are therefore regretfully returning it.

Sincerely,

Anne L. Goodman

Mr. Leo Szilard
Stead's Ranch
Estes Park, Colorado

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49 EAST 33^D STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

February 8, 1955

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I read your letter in the New York Times of February 6 with considerable interest. If you should ever be interested in developing in more detail the line of thought expressed in that letter, might I have an opportunity to talk to you about the possibility of our using the resulting manuscript in Harper's?

Sincerely,

John Fischer

Dr. Leo Szilard
University of Chicago
Chicago, Illinois

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King's Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York, N. Y.
February 23, 1955

Mr. John Fischer
Harper's Magazine
Harper and Brothers Publishers
49 East 33rd Street
New York 16, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Fischer:

Many thanks for your very kind letter of February 8th. I hope I will be able to spell out, in some detail, in the near future the points of view, which in my opinion, are relevant to the problem of accomplishing a stable peace, but I won't know, of course, until the article is actually written, whether I have anything presentable.

In the meantime, I hope, however, to be most of the time in New York, after March 5th, and shall stay at the King's Crown Hotel, 420 West 116th Street.

Perhaps we can get together sometime and compare notes on this and related subjects.

Sincerely yours,

Leo Sallard

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49 EAST 33^d STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

February 28, 1955

Dear Dr. Szilard:

I was delighted to hear that you're going to be in New York for a time next month. If you would be good enough to call me on Murray Hill 3-1900 soon after your arrival, perhaps we could arrange a luncheon appointment.

Sincerely,

Dr. Leo Szilard
King's Crown Hotel
420 West 116th Street
New York, New York

John Fischer/ns

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49 EAST 33D STREET
NEW YORK 16, N. Y.

October 11, 1960

Dear Doctor Szilard:

Aside from the problem of length -- which is formidable -- we don't think that the enclosed manuscript could be made into an article for us. The basic trouble, it seems to me, is that your argument in this form is still beset with the difficulties which it had in its non-fiction form; it is ingenious, but it raises a great many more questions than it answers. I remain unconvinced that people think or behave in the way you postulate here.

Thank you nevertheless for giving me a chance to read the manuscript; and I was glad to hear that you found your meeting with Albert Wohlstetter worthwhile.

Sincerely,

John Fischer

Dr. Leo Szilard
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*If the world were populated
entirely by Szilards, I'm
sure your plan would work
splendidly --*

John Fischer/jp