

REPORT: Luncheon with "AGNES WATERS", in the "Hotel Dodge", Washington, D.C. Date of luncheon, Monday, January 19th, 1948. Time: 12 Noon.

Alfred O. Tittmann does not like Agnes Waters, and Agnes feeling for Tittmann runs even stronger in the wrong direction. On January 1, 1948, Agnes penned me a letter and called Tittmann such choice names, as "idiot", "old fool" etc. For this reason, I must trace the events leading up to this luncheon, for this was hardly planned.

Visiting the Senate Office Building this morning, Alfred O. Tittmann and myself went to the room where the hearings on the "Marshall Plan" are currently taking place. Since Bernard Baruch was scheduled to appear before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, Alfred O. Tittmann was very anxious that we arrive early and get a decent seat. Tittmann is one of many in the extreme right-wing camp who consider Baruch, "the uncrowned ruler of the U.S.A."

The "Blue Star Mothers of America Inc", a legitimate Mothers group (not to be confused with the Brown-Parks-Gallagher group in Pa.) occupied the whole row in front of us during the Baruch hearing. The "Blue Star Mothers of America Inc" were one of the participating groups in the "Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense". Knowing very well this group's aversion to the phony "Mother's" group in America, I leaned forward and asked, loud enough for Tittmann to hear, "Are you people connected with the Blue Star Mothers of Pennsylvania?" The question was loaded, and the replies went off in a hurry. The mothers in front of us denounced Agnes Waters, and the phony Blue Star Mothers of Pa. in blistering language. This amused Tittmann at first, then angered him, for though he doesn't like Agnes Waters one bit, his opinion of Agnes has little to do with her political ideology, for Tittmann agrees with Agnes on most points. In order to impress my companion, I informed the Mothers in front of us that I knew Agnes Waters well, and would point her out should she enter the hearing room. This practically constituted a defense of Agnes Waters, and I could see that Tittmann was proud of me.

Agnes Waters did come in, but her entrance was timed a bit too late. The "Blue Star Mothers of America Inc" had departed. Agnes glared at Baruch, who was winding up his testimony. I noticed that the guard at the door quieted Agnes by politely resting his hand on her arm. I thought Agnes might suddenly pop off, but she was only in the room a few moments when Baruch finished up.

Agnes dislikes Tittmann for his obvious "pro-Nazi" leanings (Agnes' term, not mine) but she respects his brochure work and told Tittmann so today. Agnes has prepared copy for her testimony before the Senate Committee on Foreign Relations (she will oppose the Marshall Plan of course) and asked Tittmann if he would kindly read it, and pass judgment today. This is the incident that led up to our dining with Agnes today. Riding down in the elevator prior to passing into the street outside the Senate Office Building, Agnes sounded off about the "jews running the government". Some six people were in the elevator. Agnes managed to influence a small wiry little woman standing near her, and between the two of them, the ride to the street floor proved to be the most embarrassing elevator ride I've ever taken. Out in the street, Agnes remarked, "You see, I have lots of followers around here. Even that elevator man is a friend of mine".

In the "Dodge Hotel" restaurant, Agnes showed each of us a copy of her testimony in opposition to the "Marshall Plan". It is murder indeed! Agnes Waters calls for the death of Secretary of State George C. Marshall, the "uncrowned king" Bernard Baruch, Averill Harriman, and a score of others. Her statements are much like those she made before the same Committee when it was considering Bill S. 938 (Assistance to Greece and Turkey) Tittmann found her testimony just fine until he came across a passage calling the German, "heiniess". Agnes Waters is on a new kick these days. Unlike many in the right-wing camp, Agnes has suddenly decided that she doesn't care what happens to the Germans. "Let them all starve", said Agnes, "I don't give a damn". This is pretty strong language in front of Alfred O. Tittmann, and in short order, he was all but calling Agnes names. Both stuck by their guns ... Tittmann is interested in an American program of course, but it must include a rebuilding of Germany. Agnes Waters doesn't care what happens abroad anymore "take care of our own first"