

Mencken "Underdeveloped Mentally"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING SUN—Sir:

The article of Mr. Mencken in your issue of 14th inst. shows conclusively that the gentleman is underdeveloped mentally and in consequence has a vision of narrow compass when dealing with mass events.

The men of the Eastern Shore are God-fearing, red-blooded men. What has transpired did not transpire haphazardly. Every effect has a cause, and if we would know the effect we must first know the cause. The State of Maryland without equivocation, therefore, is responsible for what has happened here.

To a thinking person a remedy against acts of the kind in the future is apparent. First, an enactment by the Legislature of a law forbidding prosecuting attorneys and detectives from examining traversers and publishing their confessions in advance of trials in open courts. Second, a code of ethics among attorneys teaching mercenary lawyers that it is bad manners to enter the homes of other lawyers without invitations to do so.

Then and not until then will courts function normally and blind justice be seen without a noose fashioned by the hands of determined men. JOHN M. SAVIN,

Snow Hill, Md., Dec. 15.

More Men Like Mencken Needed, He Thinks

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING SUN—Sir:

Mr. Mencken does not need any "seconds" to assist him in his literary battles. I also know that he does not allow his spirit to become depressed, nor even perturbed by the red-hot broadside of the enemy guns. Yet, in spite of his self-reliant attitude enabling him to meet and beat all comers single-handed on the arena of constructive criticism, I find it hard to suppress my approval of the fundamental, moral and social principles he exposes in his writings. I am not joining hands with Mr. Mencken in his public utterances affecting the character of any individual or group of individuals, for in this particular case he is supposed to be the only judge and lord; but I do agree with him and appreciate his manly attitude, undaunted courage and humanistic principles in condemning those acts which every normal human being thinks condemnable, but which only a few have the nerve and ability to condemn. That we need more men like Mencken and more papers like *The Evening Sun* is an irrefutable fact, for then and only then will the wheels of justice grind finer and faster.

JOHN D. PASTRANA,

Annapolis, Dec. 15.

She Never Heard Of "One Mencken"

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING SUN—Sir:

Why all this furore about one H. L. Mencken? Why, I never even heard of him until I came to Baltimore, and I'm sure very few people north of the Mason and Dixon line know there is such a "critter," or, like myself, think his articles are huge jokes. Maybe he is just another one of those "American Mother" myths! I decided this some time ago when I read an attempted criticism (?) of his on the Bach Choir of Bethlehem, Pa. Anyway, he now seems to be putting *The Sun* on the map and "pepping up" business in general.

A DAMNED YANKEE,

Baltimore, Dec. 16.

Sara R. Barcus.