

Sacco-Vanzetti Memorial Committee

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My dear ~~Miss~~ Tarbell:-

You may have known that last year on the first anniversary of the execution of Sacco and Vanzetti, we held a meeting in Boston which was addressed by Dr. Alexander Meiklejohn, Dr. Horace M. Kallen, John Gwyper Powys, Robert Moses Lovett and others. This year on the second anniversary of the execution - August 23rd - we are again holding a meeting.

It seems unnecessary to go into any detailed explanation to you of our purposes in holding these anniversary Sacco-Vanzetti meetings. The attitude of mind which resulted in the spontaneous aspiration for justice for Sacco and Vanzetti in the summer of 1927 is an attitude that seems to us to be diminishing in this country. We deplore this development and hope by these meetings to stimulate the community to a continued consideration of the problems involved in this case and others like it.

We believe that this summer's meeting may have particular significance because of the widespread preoccupation with law and administration induced by President Hoover. There is an added specific impulse to the meeting in the publication during the past year by Holt & Company of the record of the case. In the fifth volume of this record there is disclosed the fact that President Lowell of Harvard omitted crucial evidence regarding Sacco's alibi, not only from his report advising execution, but also from the stenographic minutes of the investigation which he and his associates carried on. For this meeting we are preparing a special publication to contain paragraph comments on the significance of the case now that two years have elapsed in which to gain perspective. We have on hand already comments from Bertrand Russell, H.G. Wells, Rabbi Wise, and numerous other individuals of considerable prominence, as well as comments from those connected with the case locally. We very much desire a comment from you, and hope that you can find time to send us one soon, so that we may complete preparation of the publication.

The meeting this year will be addressed by Dr. Horace Kallen, Dr. Alice Hamilton, Mrs. Gertrude L. Winslow, and several others. It falls during the gathering here of the Interantional Congress of Physiology which will bring scientists from many corners of this country and Europe. It thus takes on an added importance. The special publication will be circulated considerably beyond the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Gardner Jackson