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Irish Question

Hon. Harry Pratt Judson,
President, University of Chicago,
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Dear Sir:-

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I feel impelled to write you in this matter, not in the hope of causing you to rescind your action, but to express regret that the University considers the aspirations of the people of Ireland for freedom a question unworthy of student understanding. Either the people of Ireland should have the right to determine their form of government, or they should not have this right. If their status be a question, as your statement would imply, then it is a question of a fundamental right, which should be justly settled in the interest of human welfare. In order to settle such a question, the facts underlying the question must be understood.

University students, as a rule, have open minds and a desire for knowledge. Their study enables them to discriminate and arrive at a correct understanding of causes. In this way they develop a rugged sense of right and justice, based upon knowledge, which enables them to add their strength to help mold the public conscience. The Irish cause can be profitably studied by university students, because of the unique position of the Irish people in history. They have for 700 years, in season and out of season, fought for the right of self-determination, which is the basis of our American liberty. They have, during all

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Hon. Fort William Henry
Lake George, N.Y.

July 5, 1914

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Harry Pratt Judson, Esq.,
President, University of Chicago,
Chicago.

Dear Sir:-

Your courteous reply to my letter was received and I thank you for giving it attention. I do not understand that we are allied to Great Britian, or that we must be loyal to Great Britian. Loyalty implies allegiance. The Senate of the United States, while we were at war with Germany, expressed sympathy for Ireland's rights and urged the President to obtain a hearing before the Peace Conference for the Irish Representatives, who were Sinn Fein leaders. Had it been a fact that Sinn Fein leaders were friendly to our enemy, Germany, the United States Senate would not have taken the action it did. The British Government, after arresting DeValera and others, was compelled to release them for want of evidence that they were friendly with Germany.

I realize that the greatest enemy to justice and liberty is conventional nicety, which forbids men in high places to inquire into acts of oppression and injustice, where the wrongdoer maintains an outward appearance of respectability. Ireland is a victim of this conventionality.

With very kindest regards, I remain

Yours very truly,

Francis O'Shaughnessy

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John J. Ryecraft
Physician and Surgeon

PETOSKEY, MICH., June 29th, 1919

President Judson,
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir:-

Irish

I saw by the Chicago Tribune where you were not permitting Padraic Colum to lecture in the University. Giving your reasons that his ideals were to nearly those of the revolutionists in Ireland. I am thankful that every body in this country has not bowed the knee to Baal nor run after strange gods. The precedent seems to be pretty well established in this country to get out and beat the big drum for the Irish. Even the United States Senate that should have known better. Whether they meant it or not was so indecent as to vote on a matter which concerned them not. Just as uncalled for would have been a resolution from the English House of Lords wishing the south to become free. I do not think it is necessary to tell you Professor that the whole cry along this line is simply a matter of hysteria amongst a certain nine tenths of a deluded people living in the Emerald Isle. A visit that I made in Ireland showed me that there was no trouble over there from misgovernment. In fact the Irish are the best governed people and have the best laws of any people in the world today. Really the very odd thing of it all is that when you get there you find nobody discontented, at least find nothing but prosperity on every hand. The laws are the epitome of goodness and helpfulness and those that you hear complain are what they call the flannel mouthed fellows, much the same as our IWW's. Where this source of discontent I cannot see, guess it came down from the siege of Drogheda. William of Orange I think helped start a little and it has grown luxuriantly since. When you get to England nobody there seems to know there is such a country as Ireland and when they do think about her it is not that they care to have her oppressed in the least, willing all the time that they should have every liberty possible. A few hours spent in Belfast and you will see why they do not wish for Home Rule. The Irish do not want home rule, they want complete separation which condition New York state might as well ask from the union. Take the Catholic clergy out of Ireland, stop outside agitators coming in or sending money and the necessity there is not great enough to keep the thing alive a minute. It pleases me greatly that there is one man in this country who has the stamina and backbone to do what you did, and you merit my everlasting approbation.

Sincerely,

John J. Ryecraft

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U. OF C. BANS IRISH LECTURER AND 'Y' SPEAKER

Colum Favors Sinn Fein, Judson Says; Si- lent on Humphries.

Two lecture engagements at the University of Chicago have suffered cancellation by the authorities of the university. Padraic Colum, Irish poet and playwright, will not speak on poetry on June 30, as previously announced. Nor will Wilfred Humphries, recently returned Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. war worker in Russia.

Friends of the Irish poet said yesterday the lecturer had been barred because of his sympathy with the Sinn Fein movement in Ireland. Mrs. Mary F. McWhorter, 5524 Indiana avenue, said Mrs. Colum, the poet's wife, who arrived in the city ahead of her husband, was notified by President Judson Wednesday of the cancellation of the lecture. Mr. Colum is in Colorado.

Says Lecture Is on Poetry.

"President Judson told Mrs. Colum her husband's ideals were too nearly those of the revolutionists of Ireland to permit him to the speak at the university," said Mrs. McWhorter. "Mrs. Colum was disturbed greatly over the matter, for Mr. Colum has been in America for four years and is not directly connected with the Irish revolutionary party, although his sympathy for the Sinn Feiners is well known. But the lecture was on poetry and not on a political question."

Mrs. Colum declined to make any statement last night. She is stopping with friends at 2970 Ellis avenue.

'President Judson canceled the lecture engagement with Mr. Colum because he did not want the university involved in the Irish question," said David A. Robertson, secretary to the president, yesterday.

Silent as to Humphries.

Mystery surrounded the refusal of the authorities to permit Humphries to speak. He had been invited to address the Current Events club, a radical student organization, last Wednesday night. On Tuesday Miss Mary Bolton, a member of the arrangements committee, says she was notified at the president's office that the "Y" man would not be permitted to speak on the campus.

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