

Monday 6-22-70 a.m.

Dear Art,

Kathy didn't give you her letters to mail did she? Maybe that is why nobody has heard from her!!

Had a visitor Friday. Your old friend Charlie Kilbury who announced that he would like to listen to what I thought I could tell about the Co-op without violating my ethics etc. He said that George Meany was investigating you and they were working from this end.

I started with telling him how much Wayne Mayhan (who is an old friend of Charlies) had charged you for nothing, went on to how much the Co-op probably owed you for tabs you picked up that it couldn't, touched briefly on the very slow and sometimes painful progress that had and was perhaps being made, how I expected the Co-op to be in financial stress for years to come, but was nonetheless successful at the same time. Then when he said that Meany and the "people in Washinton" thought that you were an opportunist I told him that I hadn't realized until that very moment how much you and he had in common. As I said, both of you were dedicated, idealistic men who were able to see the long road, not just the local lane and when opportunity came you knew how to make it work for your goals. I enlarged on how much Charlie could accomplish if he were fortunate enough to have the opportunity you had and after that we talked of many things, but never came back to the original subject!
DEAR ABBY: Did I do right? Sighed, HAD A BALL.

Oh yes, nearly forgot that he mentioned they had uncovered evidence that leads them to believe you were once a Democrat. Imagine that!! Possibly they wish you were. Anyway, I enjoyed myself. Thought you probably already knew if something was going on, but even so, you might like to know what angles are being used.

Are you going to be the Under Secretary? Our dear old Herald had a small AP release on one of the back pages. What happened to you and Jack Briggs? This place is very small in the scheme of things, but I do wish we could get your old romance going again with the Herald. What could be done?

I'm enjoying a little peace (aren't you glad you're not 16 again?), but in a few more days I will have had enough and be anxious for Kathy to get home and tell me all. You live such busy lives, your having her is really an effort I know and I'm sure it's an experience she will never forget. Kathy has had a very miserable year I'm afraid, but one thing has finally come out of it. Someone else besides her mother now knows that the problem is and now perhaps we can get to work to see what can be done about it. When I told people that had Dad had brain washed her with the idea that her Mother didn't want her and the rest of that bit, I think they all thought it was just a bitterness I had left over from the divorce etc. Now they know. When she had that falling out with Her Dad, and the idea came out that now nobody loved her and all that line, then the pieces started falling into place, and now maybe her counselor can make some headway. How could you raise 5 without losing your own marbles?

When will you be our way again? Be sure we know.

Love and thanks,

Shirley