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## Letter From Frank E. Gannett to Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson, October 9, 1939

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*Assinine!*

# The Gannett Newspapers

Frank E. Gannett  
President

October 9, 1939

Executive Offices  
Rochester, N. Y.

*Fool!*

Mr. F. M. Huntington-Wilson  
Woodbury, Conn.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Thanks for your letter of the 4th and the leaflet that you enclosed. I am glad to get your views on this question. It was good to hear from you again for it has been a long time since I have seen you.

You certainly present forceful arguments in favor of repeal of the embargo. Because our National Committee is divided about fifty-fifty on this question, I have decided not to take a public stand on the issue, for fear it would split our Committee in half and destroy its influence.

*W* As a matter of fact, I feel that altogether too much importance has been put on this question. The real issue is how to keep us out of the war. Whether lifting the embargo or not will increase or decrease the likelihood of getting involved in the war, is a question on which there are honest differences of opinion.

I am amazed at the intensity of feeling on this question. I hope it will soon be disposed of so that we may talk about more important subjects and be making progress in the promotion of America's best interests.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

*Frank Gannett*

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