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C H A R L E S R . B O W E N

Sunday Afternoon

Dear Hubert:

Was very glad to receive your letter of the 17th. As Ben says, we have certainly become "pen pals". Ben has that 1920 Hedda Hopper gift for expressing things so aptly. He is having a party this afternoon where I suppose I will see John and congratulate him on his and your good fortune in the May issue of Holiday.

It tickled me your thinking my not wanting to be in New Orleans on New Years was attributable to some mysterious "other engagement" in Memphis. Except for my dear parents and grandparents who are also in Memphis, I have few engagements. No, I was in NO on New Year's 1948-49 and it was such a madhouse that I tend to shy away from it. Of course I suppose I could persuade my folks to give me the time off and my weary nerves to bear up under the pummeling of so much loud Southern-Texan celebration.

After that New ^VYears and a couple Mardi Gras, I tend to prefer NO at its quieter moments. But maybe there are other reasons for being there over New Years that I know not of.... but that you know of. If so, I am certainly willing to be persuaded.

But why don't we plan on this - I will let you know once I get home what kind of a reception my family gives to my going down to the City of Sin (their opinion). In either case I will get in touch with you.

Should they assent, then why don't I take the train to Jackson where you could join me and then we could go on down to NO. Frankly New Years would be just as satisfactory with me if you know a lot that is coming off there. By the way, who is David Smythe that you mention in your letter? The name sounds familiar but I don't recall where or when.

New York is very sparkling over the holidays. Margaret and I went to hear a beautiful and simple work of Berlioz at Carnegie - Le Enfance du Christ. Then last night I took one of my editresses to hear Mabel Mercer who was in the rarest of moods under the most chi-chi Xmas mobile you ever saw - about a Xmas as Pontius Pilate. Adore Mabel.

Lots of good reading suddenly - "The Lonely Crowd", a marvelous sociological work in Doubleday Anchor Book..one that is really creative, as good as Benedict's work, only more extensive. Also about to read de Beauvoir "America Day by Day". Then I'll write satirical answer. That type of 20th century woman - brilliant, beautiful, sadistic, adolescent - fascinates and repels me. Ah, Freud!

See you over the holidays, then. My best..

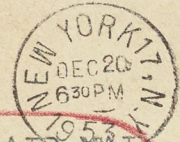
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By the way my folks read most of my mail that comes to 274 Angelus. !/??

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