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EVENING STAR JOURNAL
MORNING AND SUNDAY TRIBUNE

Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey
Mayor's Office
City Hall
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear Uncle Hubert:

(How else can Uncle Ray address a fellow radio comic reader?)

On Saturday afternoon, September 14, our newspapers are going to produce a fourteen minute radio show congratulating the people of Minneapolis on their level headedness and good sense during the time of the voluntary polio quarantine. Announcers from all the stations, an orchestra from the union, and Gideon Seymour from our newspapers will be on hand. The show will be run by each of the Twin Cities radio stations during a fifteen minute period on Sunday, September 15.

We are stressing in Mr. Seymour's copy the fact that newspapers and radio stations released all the information they had without dramatizing or playing up or down.

We would like very much to have you do a cut-in of about two or three minutes. This might include the mention that the quarantine goes off today, the cooperation of all agencies during the weeks of the polio crisis, and the fact that continuing interest and help will be needed in our hospitals.

We are trying to keep the show moving and avoid any Chatsaugua. We will not, however, ask you to read the funnies because I hope you and I are both out of that business for good.

The recording will be made in the early part of the afternoon of September 14 at the Schmitt's Music Center studio on ninth off Nicollet. It would be helpful if your piece of copy could be on my desk by Wednesday, September 11 for inclusion in the mimeographed script.

Will you let me know if we can count on you for this show?

Cordially,

George Crim

George Crim
"I Like It Here" Columnist
Morning Tribune

(1) Apppt Polio Emerg Comm
to give direction to all
Polio work

(2) Polio Center

(3) Polio Research

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Today marks the end of the Minneapolis voluntary quarantine. I want to express my sincere appreciation to the thousands of mothers and fathers in our city for their splendid cooperation during this dreadful polio epidemic. I think particular mention should be made of the grand spirit in which the children have accepted their responsibility. I realize how difficult it has been for all of you to stay home and away from the theatres and bathing beaches. My own ^{children} Skipper, Nancy and Bobby have many times wondered why they were being kept so close to the house or in the back yard. Now we are all grateful that the epidemic has ended and we can enjoy ourselves freely once again.

In behalf of all the people of Minneapolis and in behalf of the city officials, I want to publicly thank all the members of the Polio Emergency Committee that I appointed. This group of generous citizens and officials gave magnificent direction to all activities in polio work. The Polio Center in the Public Health building worked on a trying 24-hour-a-day schedule and handled literally thousands and thousands of inquiries and various duties. As a matter of fact, in this whole siege the various civic organizations and public spirited citizens gave of their time, money and energies without consideration for themselves.

I believe that full credit must be given to the man who coordinated all the activities of all the agencies concerned with the polio epidemic. Doctor E. J. Huenekens, chairman of the Emergency Polio Committee, was the steady faithful hand that kept firm hold of the reins during this frightful scourge. The medical profession, working with the Board of Public Welfare, and the Commissioner of Health, and Sister Elizabeth Kenny, have devoted themselves untiringly in the endless attack on this disease. Now that this

epidemic has ended, I want all the parents of our community to know that the valiant work is being undertaken by the Minnesota Polio Research Commission. I appointed this Commission in the latter part of this summer in an effort to attack this disease in an all-out coordinated campaign. The members of the Commission are now working long hours every day with the hope of finding answers to the many questions concerning this disease. The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis has given our community much needed financial assistance. It has agreed to sponsor the entire program of research to be conducted under the guidance of the Polio Commission. I cannot at this time make any promises that the answers will be found, but at least every possibility will be studied.

I appreciate this opportunity of bringing this brief message to you, and I again want to thank each and every one of you for the grand cooperation you have given so freely.



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