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Ms. Robin Topping
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People v. Vilella
64,177

Dear Ms. Topping,

1a. Enclose please find copy of the motion of this date in the above matter.

b. I strongly suggest that some telephone calls to the persons mentioned on the last page of my affidavit (§9a) and it should result in a Pulitzer Prize.

2a. No newspaper person should ever forget that upon the arrest of Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, a New York newspaper dispatched a reporter to investigate the matter, and that reporter wired back "There's no story in it. Just a couple of wops in a jam"!

b. The 1920-1927 story of Sacco and Vanzetti is found in many books, one published as recently as last year by Francis Russell; at least five (5) plays including two (2) by Maxwell Anderson ("Gods of the Lightning" and "Winterset"); thousands of poems, songs, short stories, law reviews, and other articles, including the famous one by Felix Frankfurter, published in the "Nation" in March of 1927, and which eventually sent him to the bench of the Supreme Court of the United States.

c. In the end, there was practically civil war in this, and many other, countries.

One half of the Harvard Law School Faculty was not speaking to the other half, including Dean Williston who refused to speak to Dean Wigmore, and there were also some fist fights that broke out between the two faculty factions.

d. Vanzetti, "the fish peddler", had a town and a naval destroyer named after him, and there were and are thousands of statutes, portraits, and posters of them, all around the world.

e. The "no story", became, as one book title called it, "The Case That Will Not Die", or in the words of another book title, it was "Justice Crucified"!

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f. No sex, no drugs, no passion, just a robbery and murder in South Braintree, Mass., in April of 1920.

3a. It is one thing, Ms. Topping to repeatedly incarcerate an attorney, disbar him, and issue orders breaking into his home, "seizing all word processing equipment and software", for not remaining quiet about judicial and official corruption.

b. It takes a depraved sense of values when someone like Dennis F. Vilella, totally unassociated with such matter, is deprived of his attorney, on serious felony charges, as a result thereof.

4a. Why did a jury convict Sacco and Vanzetti, when their was clearly reasonable doubt, or why do the police arrest, the prosecutor prosecute, and jury convict when there is no doubt that the crimes for which Vilella was charged were never committed?

b. Those secrets you will find by examining documents, listening to testimony, and thinking, not by publishing statements made by the prosecutor's office in the "halls of justice".

5a. Incidentally, the last attorneys disbarred in New York for criminal contempt were two (2) of the attorneys who defended Peter Zenger.

b. As such, I am truly honored by my repeated incarcerations, my disbarment, the "break-in" orders, notwithstanding what you and your newspaper might publish.

c. If I cannot practice law, I can, like Zola, write!

Very truly yours,

GEORGE SASSOWER

cc: Hon. Joseph Harris
Hon. Denis Dillon
Mr. Dennis F. Vilella
(unidentified)