

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 21, 1951

My dear Mr. President:

The shortage of newsprint in many nations of the free world, referred to in your letter of May twenty-ninth, is a problem which is causing much concern to all interested in the maintenance of a free, independent and democratic press. To maintain and strengthen democracy in the Americas and the entire free world, it is essential that a way be found to assist the democratic press of the American republics and other free nations to procure newsprint.

Increased production is the ideal solution to the newsprint shortage. Since it takes approximately two years to build a new plant, however, other means must be devised for making available at least a minimum supply of newsprint to the press of the free world at this time. The United States is not a net exporter of newsprint and depends on other nations for over eighty per cent of its supply. Therefore, any action to alleviate the situation created by the shortage of newsprint must be taken in cooperation with those nations which can supply newsprint for export.

The United States, Great Britain and France, at the beginning of this year, sponsored the formation of an International Materials Conference with which you are acquainted. The United States Government is also one of thirteen major producing and consuming countries of pulp and paper products which are members of the Pulp and Paper Committee formed by the Conference. This Committee has already undertaken a survey of the newsprint supply situation in seventy countries and has, I am informed, requested statistical information from Chile. The Committee is tentatively scheduled to meet on July 9 and will at that time consider the over-all newsprint situation and make recommendations to assist countries affected by the shortage of newsprint. It is expected that recommendations will be made to assist first those countries with the most urgent need.

I have been informed that the needs of the Chilean press, along with that of other countries of Latin America and the free world, will be given full and prompt consideration by the Pulp and Paper Committee in its deliberations. The United States representative on the Committee is aware of the situation in Chile and has been informed of your letter to me.

Carta de Presidente Harry Truman

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