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Dear Tom:

A chilly, in fact icy, day here at 5 Beekman Street. We have a floor heater laboring, as it has all day, to make things a few degrees warmer, but with little apparent success. It makes me think of the Little Flower, though none of us look very holy on days like this. And as usual our desk tops are littered with small and large stacks of letters to be answered, memos and articles to be read, etc. The never ending task. I rejoice, however, that there is work for us to do, and also that we have at last arrived at that point in our lives when our few staff members survive as persons despite our "movement" framework. I remember your many letters to me in years past attempting to keep me from being totally lost in the work. Perhaps your efforts more than anyone else's have made the sanity that dwells within these walls. Others remark on it, and we admit it is true. We even boast of it. Here, in these two small rooms, personality survives. And because of it, the whole floor we work in benefits, the spirit seeps out.

We were happy to have a few copies of the freedom songs, despite the changed title and inadequate format. You as the Little Monk! Heavens, people do get funny ideas of you. "Ghastly," Tom Cornell comments. I remember the songs in mimeoed form two or three years ago. They are still good, very psalm-like.

I will try to get the negatives from Gethsemani dug up so that some prints of the pictures I took there can be sent down. I've meant to do that for quite some time, but like so many things, it just hasn't been done.

Your calligraphs are to be sold here at The Paraclete Bookshop next month to benefit the Poor Peoples Corporation, the group here on Beekman Street which is establishing coops in Mississippi. Actually, the headquarters is in the South, but the New York office is the fund raising, purchasing and public relations center. Linda Henry (editor of the local Charles de Foucauld Fraternity publication) is the New York coordinator -- in fact their only staff member here. Subsisting on \$60 a week for long and gruelling hours. Her lot is tougher than ours. Over Phil Berrigan's signature, we sent out a PPC fund appeal to the CPF list not too many months ago and the PPC received a substantial response. Father McCabe quoted from that appeal in a recent editorial in New Blackfriars and that too has brought in support. If you want more material on PPC, let me know and I'll put Linda in touch. This week, however, the office is closed as she is down in Mississippi trying to interest several foundation people. An uphill task, needless to say. But the enclosed article from the front page of the Wall Street Journal has helped.

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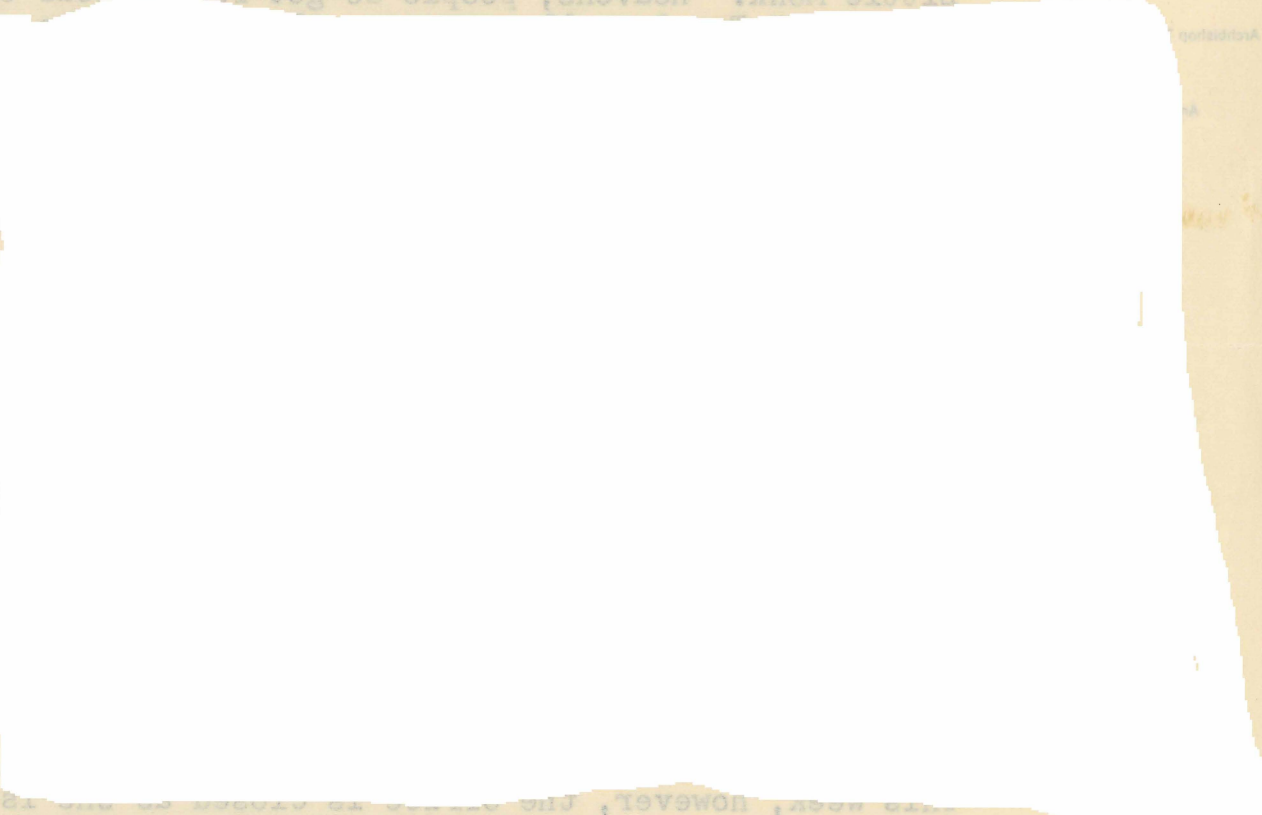
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It occurs to me once again that we might sell the calligraphs you sent to me so long ago, some of which hang on the CPF wall. It would of course in many ways help if you initialed or signed these, so that--if you are willing--we might return these to you for that purpose. It might be a good idea for us to have small gatherings in a number of places, not just New York, in our fund raising effort. I've discussed this with Dan and he is giving the idea thought. We expect the first effort would take place in the context of a party at Bill Stringfellow's apt, during which your calligraphs would be sold and Dan would read. Sister Corita will probably send a few prints as well. We'll see. Let me know your thoughts on this. Our problem is simply one of keeping the ship afloat. We have again had to borrow money to keep things going, which is not the best way to fuel up the CPF. Another appeal is in the mail now. We'll see how that does.

Thich Nhat Hanh's book is progressing. The manuscript is being typed by several of the Nyack FORsecretaries with Al x Hassler working as editor. It should be in Harper's hands (I think it is Harpers which is publishing; I may be wrong) in the very near future. The Jubilæ on Thich Nhat Hanh was a good beginning, I thought. We will publish a photo of the Thich with Pope Paul in our next issue of the CPF Bulletin if the print arrives in time.



Enough for now, Tom. Our October 4th observances went well.

Pax Christi, *Tim*