Dr. Frank Herron Smith, 2816 Heligass Street, Berkeley, California.

Dear Dr. Smith:

Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness in sending me a clipping from the Berkeley Daily Gazette as of December 18; also the squib of the 13th which caused you to defend old man Allen from Lawrence, Kansas.

I appreciate all the nice things that you had to say and trust that if and when the time ever comes that you need any defense that I will be as chivalrous and daring as you and rush forward to defend my friend.

Many of these youngsters who are more potent with the pen than they are with any athletic material often write about things of which they know little.

We would certainly like to have you at Rotary and have you sing the song, "The Man Who Played on the Big Bass Viol";

I trust that you and your family are well. And may I wish for you a very happy and successful New Year, although I realize that the Japanese situation is causing you many distressing moments.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,