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Mr. Gerald F. MacMullen,
c/o The Evening Tribune,
San Diego, California.

Dear Jerry:

Things have progressed a pace or two since I last wrote you. I had another letter from Seaborn, in which he states that he wants the South to buy its boat, suggesting the "Star of Italy." He offers her for $15,000.00. I do not know whether or not this is a high price, but it does not seem very much for a vessel of her size, if she is in good condition and would not need too great a repair bill to put her in shape for the race.

In the mean time I wrote to Cecil B. De Mille, suggesting that he enter one of his boats. Along with my letter I sent your article. De Mille was very enthusiastic, and stated that he would be glad to let the yachtsmen have one of his boats for the race. His exact words are:- (Through his assistant (!) secretary) "Mr. De Mille is very much interested in a race such as you mention, and asks me to say that he has two ships- the INDIANA and the BOHEMIA, both of which are in splendid condition and ready to sail around the world, and if the yachtsmen of Southern California will bear the expense he will provide the ship, without cost, to make the purchase of another square rigger unnecessary."

So there's that to moil over. Now, then, Bill Warmington is going to call a meeting of the Woofel Birds within the next ten days to consider whether they would like to help with this plan, either individually or as a body, and I suggested that perhaps you might be willing to come up and talk to the boys. I will help too, and we'll see if we can't get them back of it.

I also wrote to Lubbock, but can't expect a reply for about six weeks I suppose.

Let me know what you think of the above.

Sincerely,

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