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Anie-boy:

Nats and I are most anxious to get across to you a sort of a warm handshake, and a hug around the shoulders, and proud-to-know-you feeling. We'd like to convey the thought that we 're not only with you in this but that the entire town, from our low echelon of observation, has finally decided it is with you too - and there are fewer except ions every day.

Production seems to have stopped here and at Warners, but in every department. Muscles are knotted in stomaches - the well-fed ones as well as our friends of the ulcer set. There is only one subject of conversation, no matter the setting or the occasion - and that's you, and the

guys with you, and the excellent nightly broadcasts.

Nobody is too upset or too disgusted with the inquisition. No, much more important, everybody is angry. Clean, soft-spoken American anger. And it's a good thing to see, this anger. It's the anger that made this country originally - and it's the anger that is now with you in trying to stop the bastardization of this country.

anger against - and there is no more common denominator cutting through every slice of life than an anger against. It's an anger that's dangerous, and is moving, and is going to roar. Around the world, if necessary, as it once

roared before.

You know all about Jane's work and the Houston and the Wyler etc. I was at the Gershwin home when you guys spoke via telephone to the group. You know all about our work in that end. But the anger in the little fellow is the one that counts. The anger that says "we can't be satisfied with a tire." The anger that is not satisfied meeting the runner at the line of scrimmage - hemust be met, bent back, and broken - for ever.

This is the feeling there is here now, Anie.

It's growing like a tidal wave. Nat Perrin and I are raising money at Metro. With very few exceptions, every producer, director and writer contributed. Even the secretaries volunteered to contribute and they and the messenger

girls arepouring in their lunch moneys.

When the realization hit...when thedanger was recognized...the anger went up and down the scale... money is pouring in. I can't tell you the amounts but I can tell you the numbers of dontributors is staggering. Repeats are in order after each tape transcription.

They're angry - and I think it's a healthy anger.



I wanted you to know about this, Anie. I wanted you to know how everybody realizes you didn't ask for this - but now that you're in it there's the feeling that this is fundamental, this is necessary - this has to be won - and each individual must to something now, or forget for ever trying to do anything. And they're together and we're all angry and we're moving.

Ed came back from his two-week honeymoon, took some of that wonderful-to-see stardust out of his eyes, and jumped

in to this with both guns blazing.

This by way of report that you and the 19 and the entire panel are not alone. We're not behind you. We're not supporting you. We're with you, brother - and we can not be satisfied with a tie.

Love to Annie, and a kiss on four cheeks to you.

Trs.

'tis pround I am to know ye.