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Professor Dr. David Martyn
Vice President
International Scientific Radio Union
c/o The Observatory, CANBERRA, A.C.T.

Dear Professor Martyn,

I approach you on the occasion of the forthcoming General Assembly of the International Scientific Radio Union, because my work is the direct outcome of my employment as a science worker in electronic industries, and because I can prove that it is of fascinating interest to any radio scientist. You may or may not have heard of my name. As it is often the case - my work is more known in scientific circles abroad than here, I beg therefore to mention a few instances. I follow closely any mention of any scientific activity in Australia, and I believe that the honours which I have received so far, should put me in the forefront of Australian scientists and Australian scientific achievements.

In the United States of America

my work is featured as "An Australian Attempt" made by "An Australian Inventor", and having world-wide ramifications. These words are used in an article, featured on the editorial page of a world paper of world repute, The Christian Science Monitor (May 17,) written by Albert Norman, Chief of Bureau for Australia and New Zealand.

The august American Association for the Advancement of Science listened at its recent annual meeting in Philadelphia "Operation Knowledge" (December 30, 1952) to an exposition of my work given by Professor Oliver L. Reiser of the University of Pittsburgh in a paper titled UNIFIED SYMBOLISM FOR WORLD UNDERSTANDING IN SCIENCE in which Reiser used such words "Bliss heroic work... a powerful stimulus and aid... Bliss realized the ambition of the great mathematician Leibnitz." etc.

A number of enlightened librarians in different parts of the world have realized that a lone scholar in far-away Australia battles for a new world-embracing idea and they have begun to collect all my writings, my leaflets and lectures, my brochures and books. THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, Washington, D.C. has given a standing order to a prominent Sydney bookshop to acquire anything I write and care to offer and be it a typewritten sheet only.

Efforts are now being made in the United States to organize for me a lecture tour through the Colleges and Universities of the U.S.A. and the President of one of America's foremost Universities has been approached (after the above mentioned article appeared) that his University should sponsor this lecture tour. Even before this article appeared, I have received such invitations.

But British Scientists have sung the praise of my work

even before the Americans came in, I mention only Prof. G. Patrick Meredith, University of Leeds, a physicist who turned psychologist. He wrote a review of my work and classed his review as next to an "unconditional eulogy." (The New Era London, November 1950). He used such words: "Semantography is such an important creative advance... sheer fascination," and he said too: "Wilkins, Hogben and Bliss have this in common..." Hogben is the celebrated author of "Mathematics for the Million" "Science for the Citizen", etc. and a great supporter of my work ("fascinating, ingenious"). Wilkins however, was chairman of those men who founded the Royal Society and who commissioned Captain Cook and Joseph Banks to observe the passing of Venus before the Sun, and then to explore the South Seas.

My greatest stroke of luck came, when Bertrand Russell visited Australia, and this approach to you is made in the hope that you, Dr. Martyn, will do as Russell did.

When I informed Earl Russell about my work, his interest was immediately aroused. He wrote to me from England, and in Sydney, he invited me to his hotel room, and tested my work with the rigour and logic which it deserves, and Russell is the world's foremost authority to judge my work. He then studied my 3 books and wrote afterwards a letter for publication in which he said at the end, that the men who will make my work known "will be performing an important service to Mankind."

I ask you, Dr. Martyn, to do the same, that is to give me a personal hearing to test my work, and then to give me an opportunity (inofficial and informal) to make it known to the radio scientists who will gather in Sydney in August.

The foregoing paragraphs contain quotations from eminent scholars .

and a man must be allowed to quote praise for his work in order to attract attention. I have only cited what others and prominent scholars said about my work. Indeed, throughout the 10 years on my work, I was careful that others should write about it and that others should praise it. As one instance I beg to mention the fact that two great men, Prof. Carleton Washburne of New York and Prof. Joseph A. Lauwerys of London have personally approached the Director General and the Deputy Director General of UNESCO Dr. Jaime Torres Bodet and Dr. John W. Taylor. But Unesco is bound by decisions of 59 member states - until all of them have heard about my work and its advantages for mankind, I shall be dead and gone for good.

Sometimes, I believed that my handicap is that I am not a professional professor. But now, having won many friends among professors of many a country, I know that professional professors are facing the same handicap with regard to their work - if they have the misfortune ^{of} not belonging to the "Great of the Month" Club.

In Australia

I have received all consideration so far. The University of Sydney has given me the Wallace Theatre. Students and Scholars have written in enthusiastic terms about my lectures there and to the Physical Society and other bodies. Honi Soit: "You cannot forget having heard Bliss lecture on Semantography." Prof. V.A. Bailey Professor of Experimental Physics, Sydney: "deserves every encouragement by private or public means." Prof. A.G. Mitchell as Chairman: "We have been charmed and fascinated...but we have also stringly felt in Mr. Bliss a sincere devotion to an earnest purpose." And this purpose is: to get rid of this idea, which torments my mind for the last ten years, to hand it over to younger minds, to pass it on before I pass out. I am 55 years of age, and I have had all the honours I wanted. All Sydney papers have brought at one time or another an article about my work, yet... I cannot achieve my purpose. The Germans have a word for it: "totschweigen" It carries a more terrifying meaning than "silencing into death". "Totschweigen" in the scholarly world, means the virtual death sentence, a psychosomatic sinking into depths of desperation. Often I cannot sleep. In the silence of the night I look out through my window to the starry sky, to the bright diadem of α Centaurus, so near to us and so near to the symbol of Australia, the Southern Cross. I think of the Radio Astronomers: "So they are now investigating the noises coming from Cygnus and other constellations. How about investigating the noises coming from eminent scholars about my work?" Well, Dr. Martyn, now that you heard of my work, how about it? I assure you, it will cause nothing short of a sensation among the radio scientists, because they, more than any other scholars, will understand it.

I am an industrial research chemist, specialised in electronics.

Already in 1922 I was instrumental in the manufacture of electronic tubes. I worked in a Research Laboratory of the General Electric Co. I assisted in the change-over to the Wehnelt cathode with barium oxyde. I experimented with the highly explosive BaV_6 as a means to improve the vacuum, far above the one achieved with the mercury diffucison pump, I fought ^{and won} terrific legal battles in the Patent Courts of many a European country, facing unafraid such giant concerns as Philips and Telefunken. And I maintain that it was exactly the "meaningful writing" (Greek semantography) of chemical symbolism and of the pictorial symbolism of electronics, which enabled me to solve a logico-mathematical problem, considered impossible for 300 yeears, the great mathematician Leibnitz's idea of a Symbolis Universalis.

Your mind, Dr. Martyn is high up in the rarified atmospheres of our world.

You have now an opportunity to show me and posterity (and humanity today) that your mind is high above the lows of human jealousy, and human annoyance. Let all this sink in and wait for my next letter with samples from my work.

Yours Sincerely
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