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Mr. Oscar Phillips National Editor American GI Forum Victoria, Texas

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The arrival of the News Bulletin is always a much anticipated item in my home and in the home of my fellow members. The News Bulletin is a vital organ in this organization. So vital, that it could very well be the core or the heart of the Forum, because the News Bulletin carries the trials and tribulations of our organization. A magnificent image in print is reflected to the membership of what the GI Forum stands on and of what ground is being gained.

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The already established factor and the potentialities of this carrier of not mere news but of achievements, that undoubtedly will be recorded in the annals of a people seeking social equality, have prompted me to make a few remarks.

As newly appointed National Editor, you must realize that nobody has the right to call himself well disposed towards society until he has grasped the elementary fact that the only way to improve society is to improve one's self.

In other words, Mr. Phillips, before you take the liberty to tell your readers that there is no period after the "G" and "I" in the name of our organization, you should first cease and desist from using the period in the two emblems that appear in the heading of your newspaper. I am sure the readers will follow suit. (Incidentally, the origin of GI is linked with the "Government Issued" stamp used on all government property issued during World War II.)

May I further suggest that you proof read the material before you approve it for printing. This will eliminate errors in grammar, spelling and somewhat ambiguous statements such as; "In Albuquerque we see the Kingsville Forum deep in South Texas" and "Setting up scholarships for a deceased member." The former is a case of inserting a semi-colon in the wrong place and the latter was perhaps a case of imagination. I cannot visualize a dead person using a scholarship. Nothing, however, was more disgusting than to see the misspelled statement "PAY YOUR PALL TAX" in big print in your last issue.

My remarks are not of a malevolent nature but are those of a member who wishes to keep a most important news bulletin from being marred by simple mistakes

Sincerely,

Arnold Carrillo District Chairman

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