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Branchton, Pa. 16021

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Mrs. Helene Wohlgenuth

Harrisburg, Pa. 17100

Dear Mrs. Wohlgenuth:

What a colossal, unpardonable, irresponsible action you took ten days ago when you dismissed, with the snap of an ugly political finger, Dr. James McClelland as Director of Polk Institution!

Have you inherited the mantle of Herr Hitler? Your action bears a kinship to that heartless brute. Hitler held no trials for anyone who got in his way, and you have performed in the same manner. If one hair-width of fairness and justice dwell within you, you would have spent a minimum of two or three days at Polk Institution instead of a whirlwind back-door entrance and mere nose-poking game lasting two to three hours. Shame on you for listening to the rabble-rousing Sen Oesterling and Mike Levine, who also made a whirlwind tour of Polk last October.

Mrs. Helene Wohlgemuth

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You have made a "monkey" out of yourself.

Why don't you climb out of your entrapped theoretical and political "cage" and climb into one of the confinement "cages" with the violent institutional patients before all "cages" are eliminated? I'm sure you would emerge singing another song than the harsh and brutal one you sang to Dr. McClelland.

Some day along life's way, and it may be no more than two years away, you undoubtedly will share the experience of Dr. McClelland, that of dismissal without just cause. And who will care to extend you one word of sympathy?

Sincerely,

Adah M. Armstrong

C.C. Governor Shapp