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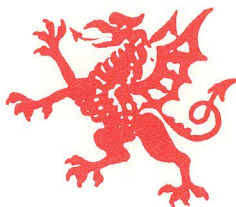
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Welcome you to St. Paul

For The 56th Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu, September 3, 4, 5 and 6, 1987

February 21, 1987

Dear Nelson;

David and I felt you should know first hand regarding a matter which has come up in the last week or so and which you will notice involves Mr. John Morgans the writer for Ninnau. Enclosed are copies of (a) a paragraph from his article in the January issue (b) a letter to the Editor of Ninnau (c) Mr. Morgans response to that letter to the Editor.

Upon reading, (a), which was certainly not a direct quote of mine or even the way I said it, several members of the committee felt that it was or could be interpreted as a slap at the Columbus committee and that we should do something as a committee to counteract it. David, who was in attendance at our January meeting as you will note in minutes of that meeting, agreed that a letter to the Editor was the way to do it with a copy to be sent to Tom Brownfield. So (b) was composed as carefully as possible in order not to step on Mr. Morgans toes. It was not printed in the February issue but a copy was sent to him and (c) was his response.

We feel very badly about all of this, however in talking with David and some of the committee we feel we have done nothing to apologize for and David feels ignoring it would be the best procedure. It will be unfortunate if Mr. Morgans carries out his threat regarding not doing anymore writing or promoting for this years Gymanfa because it will be the subscribers to Ninnau who will be the losers.

We will discuss what action should be taken at our next meeting on March 10th. Any input you might have would be welcomed. I have learned from this that anything I want printed in Ninnau I will submit in writing having kept a copy since this was a result of a telephone interview and certainly was slanted to suit the writer.

Also enclosed is one more name which arrived this week. Don is home again after his second hospital stay and is doing much better, getting stronger every day. Thank you for your interest in his well being.

Yours sincerely

Mae Howells Anderson



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January 12, 1987

Dear editor:

We express regret that a statement attributed to our chairperson, Mae Howells Anderson, was misinterpreted in the January issue of NINNAU. We are, indeed, pleased with hotel accommodations at the St. Paul Radisson but we want readers to understand that Mrs. Anderson in no way stressed that those accommodations would be better than those in Columbus.

We appreciate the hard work done by the Columbus committee for the 55th National Gymanfa Ganu. We hope all NINNAU readers will make reservations soon for the 56th gymanfa in St. Paul

Sincerely,

National Gymanfa Ganu committee



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February 7, 1987

Mrs. Mae Howells Anderson,
Chairman, ~~197~~ Saint ~~Paul~~ WNGG,
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Minneapolis,
Minnesota 55418

Dear Mrs. Anderson,

I have just received a copy of the letter addressed to NINNAU publications, apparently from your National Gymanfa Ganu committee. The writer demonstrated lack of intelligence in failing to accord the editor the courtesy of correct salutation, which is always expected and deserved. This also became evident, when the author neglected to append his/her signature to the letter.

This lack of expected manners is considered rude and impolite. For this flagrant breach of etiquette, alone, the writer should be severely reprimanded. There is no place for such an inconsiderate person in your organization.

In my story, I commended the Radisson Hotel St. Paul, and received a very nice letter from a management representative. When we mentioned the arrangements at Columbus during one of our telephone conversations, you stated your disappointment with what had happened there, and that such a situation would not happen in St. Paul.

A great many people are still bitter concerning the hotel arrangements in Columbus. I was one of the victims, being shunted from one hotel to another. When I tried to explain that I had been mainly responsible for bringing in so many customers, the response was not entirely acceptable. I had made reservations early in the year, and noticed people who had reserved much later were being accommodated.

The Columbus chairman did not offer any form of apology, and did not profer any word of appreciation for the enormous scope of public relations work I had exerted on behalf of the committee. For your information, I would like you to know that I do not receive one cent from NINNAU for my contributions or from the governing body of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association. I pay all my expenses, which are enormous at times.

Copies of ^{the} ~~this~~ letter will be mailed to members of the governing body and trustees of The Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association, including David E. Thomas, president, and Immediate Past President, Miss Gwenfyl E. Jones, from whom I have received several testimonial letters ~~from~~ my work on behalf of the association. Many of the members, who number among my staunchest supporters will be disappointed with what has emanated from St. Paul.

The medium for expression on behalf of the WNGGA and its sponsoring organizations gives me instant outlet to a readership audience in excess of 40,000. No other Welsh-American publication comes anywhere near that figure. I am also able to effect further awareness of the functions of the WNGGA through my direct associations with international publishers and editors. It had been my intention to utilize all these resources on behalf of the Saint Paul WNGG committee. I doubt at this time if I will have the inclination to continue the performance of public relations work on your behalf.

My files are bulging with the kind messages of many presidents and national officers, which have encouraged me to continue the work. One such message, from our national secretary, Mr. Nelson L. Llewellyn, arrived this week. I feel profoundly concerned and disappointed with the attitude of someone within your committee, who chose to write the unsolicited letter to the editor.

The proper course of action regarding any misunderstanding would have been to contact me first, and not resort to subterfuge, by first contacting the editor. In all my years in professional journalism, I have never been subjected to such inconsiderate and rash treatment. I never expected anything of this nature from a Welsh organization.

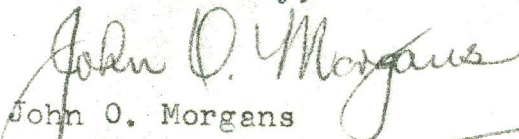
I hope the contents of this letter will be made known to the members of the committee. I will expect a proper form of official apology for the writing of the letter to NINNAU, which also calls for adequate explanation.

I regret that I have had to write to you a letter of this nature, because I was looking forward to working with you for bringing in a successful gymanfa festival to St. Paul. I believed we were embarked on a good working relationship, and it could have continued with many advantages and benefits for your organization.

Now, I have to inform you that I shall not be writing for the Saint Paul WNGG committee again. I don't need the pettiness or the aggravation. I refuse to be the subject for controversy, because of my affection, admiration and strong support for our Welsh National Gymanfa Ganu Association. I will always work for the organization.

I hope you will favor me with early response. Meanwhile, I very much hope that Mr. Anderson is making excellent recovery.

Yours sincerely,


John O. Morgans

3/26/87

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118 Johnson Street N.E.
Minneapolis, MN 55418

March 23, 1987

Mr. John Morgans
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Dear Mr. Morgans:

In response to your letter of March 21st, I am enclosing a paragraph from the minutes of the March 10, 1987, meeting of the WNGG committee to inform you of the committee's action.

I trust this will answer your question.

Sincerely,

Mae Anderson
Chairman

1987 NATIONAL GYMANFA GANU COMMITTEE MEETING March 10, 1987

"Mae Anderson read the letter which the committee had authorized be sent to "Ninnau" regarding our concern over statements attributed to Mae in the January issue of the newspaper. She then read two letters which John Morgans, writer of the article, had sent to her. Mae also read a letter written by David Thomas as President of the National Gymanfa Ganu Association to Mr. Morgans regarding this issue. It was decided by the committee that David Thomas' letter was the perfect answer to Mr. Morgans' concerns and that there should be no further response from the committee itself to Mr. Morgans. This decision was put into the form of a motion, seconded and passed."

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