

# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## COUNT APPONYI'S VISIT.

To the Editor of The New York Times:  
The motive of Count Apponyi's visit has been impugned, and this by one of his own countrymen. He is charged with the enormous impropriety of having come to plead the cause of his country. Has he, indeed? I wonder how a real full-blooded American citizen would have acted in his place. "But it is propaganda all the same." I beg to differ on this point. Propaganda means the wilful spreading of misleading information. A man of the type of Apponyi, with all his intense patriotism, would be incapable of stooping to such objectionable activity.

Were I to find any fault with Apponyi, it would be that he is too fastidious, too reserved; in short, not sufficiently practical. It could have been desired that he had had something of the strenuous Dr. Benes in him. The high regard in which his character and attainments are held all over the world Apponyi might have turned to better account in behalf of his country. That is my criticism.  
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