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Dr. Edgar Wayburn, President
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Dear Ed:

The editorial censorship you have been exercising over the content of the Bulletin is neither unbiased nor equitable. You have been using the prerogative granted to you by the Board of Directors to serve your own ends and ambitions, and not impartially for the greatest good of the Sierra Club. You have failed to apply to your own actions the high standards of performance you expect of other officers of the Club. You have by your decisions played up to the efforts by a present minority faction on the Board to reverse the prevailing growth and influence of the Club. As President, with the power of your office at your disposal, you should be especially conscientious to maintain a position of non-alignment, but it appears that your decisions are becoming more and more weighted in favor of this group. Through diligent propagandizing of the California Chapters and Chapter Executive Committees by this group a very disagreeable situation has arisen, founded on incomplete information and recrimination, over which you have not exercised the restraining influence you could have brought to bear. I cannot help wondering whether your forbearance has not been tempered by consideration of the direction of the political wind.

Yours sincerely,


Eliot Porter