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To His Excellency,

Governor Loyd C. Stark,

Jefferson City, Mo.

Dear Governor:- I am enclosing you an editorial, from the California Democrat of last week, which I think is timely. I notice there is an element, trying to get Mr. Miligan in the Senatorial race and it is not for the love for him but the hate for you, thinking they might defeat you.

I am writing Mr. Miligan this evening and enclosing a copy of this editorial and suggesting he keep out of the senatorial contest.

Now relative to the appointment of a Judge for this Judicial Dis't.

I signed a petition yesterday for Leon Embry, because he is a good man and a fellow townsman and I am for you regardless of who you appoint but I would like to see Embry or Roy Williams either one get the appointment.

Mr. Williams is well qualified, a good man and was one of the very strongest supporters of Judge Douglass, who got out and fought for him until he was nominated. However I am for you regardless of who you appoint and you have championed the cause of the honest people of this State and there is no honor in the gift of the State to great for Wishing you success, I am

Your Friend JR Proctor

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MILLIGAN WAITS;

A story out of Kansas City the other day was to the effect that Maurice Milligan was expected to announce shortly after the first of the year his candidacy for the nomination for United States Senator from Missouri on the Democratic ticket, which would put him in the race against Governor Lloyd C. Stark and Senator Harry Truman.

A day or two later Mr. Milligan came out with a statement that he had no intention of making any announcement whatsoever concerning this race for some time yet; either that he would enter or stay out of it.

It's hard to believe that as intellegent a man Mr. Milligan would risk the splendid prestige he has built up through his excellent record as district attorney in a race permeated with the uncertainties which would surround one between himself, Stark and Truman. There's reason at this time to believe that Truman would be an easy mark for either Stark or Milligan alone but a lot of uncertainties would be injected into the campaign between the three of them. If Milligan had the support of the remanent of the Kansas City machine, it would not set so well with thousands of rural Democrats who would otherwise have trouble making up their minds as to whether they preferred Stark or Milligan. And it seems under any circumstances the entry of Milligan in the race would improve the position of Truman.

Apparently the effort to get Milligan to run is due in no small part to a desire of friends of the Pendergast organization to defeat its enemy, the governor. Milligan, if he lives up to the record he has established, is going to be mighty slow about accepting this type of support.

We have a high regard for Maurice Milligan and feel that he is able to fill and worthy of holding the position of a United State Senator, but we hope, in the face of conditions, that he does not enter this race.