

Kansas City, Mo.

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Dear Governor stark:

It seems a shame that law abiding, tax-paying citizens have to get under cover and write to their Governor in order to live in this town but that does seem to be the case.

There are sixteen people residing in this apartment and they are all 100% for your police clean up as they have been on your grand jury investigation.

May I say that we are all just good working people and none of us have ever had a political job from which we could have been fired or have any personal reasons for wanting to see this machine controled city set free. If the oppression suffered by the people in Europe at the hands of Hitler is any worse then we are here to accept proof, if any.

We discuss these matters very carefully and do not raise our voices as those of radicals, but we cannot help but feel that either some of the people you have investigating for you here do not reach the right people for information or else it sso hard to trust people. Of course the general opinion against Whitten and Joffee is that they got in with you by crooked methods as no one either your friend or enemy can see how they could do you any good when no one has respect for them.

This has turned out to be a battle between our local newspapers and while only those who were compelled to subscribe for the Journal read it they are surely making some nasty statements.

When we called the Journal to ask how Judge Long could appoint a relative to a \$300 a month job we got sat on. In the first place Mrs Ryan should never have been reappointed Jan 1st as she has then alrady been found guilty and the law prohibits a convist from

holding public office.

In writing this we wanted to bring to your attention one thing. You did a fine job getting rid of O'Malley and Fitzgerald in the Insurance and Liquor but why has one of the strongest Pendergast woman been held on by you. We are speaking of Mrs Nell Kinyon or Kinlon anyway she is head of the State Cosmetologist at about \$300 per month end expenses. She is in Kansas City this week supposedly sick at the Hotel president. but is really holding a meeting several times a day with T.J. and other high in the ranks. We had heard that you held her over because she went for Douglas instead of Billing but she told that T.J. told her too so he would have some of his people still in power in Jefferson City. The Beauty operators and Shop owners are being put on the spot right here every day as well as out state and they dare not open their heads but feel that someone should get to you with this information.

We called some of the Parent Teachers officers and several Church woman, who were interested in this Detention Home affair and they suggested we write to you. That detention Home is a deplorable situation but we well know that other County Institutions might be investigated also. We understand that aged people in the County Home for Aged have been knocked down by the employ -ees and killed but these employees are still on the payroll. We called the Star about this and they said they had the story but could not print it has some relative of one of the Star officials had been fired by Long and was now being blamed for much of the publicity that was out because she had worked at the County Home several years. I think your investigators here should find out about that and talk to her.

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We know of course that Judge Truman is your enemy and well so, because he is machine controlled but on the other hand he was interviewed by some of these women here last Monday morning and expressed the greatest of Contempt for Long and the things he was doing. Giving justice where merited will say that Truman did leave the

County in good financial conditions. He says Long is riding high over anyone's advice and the only salvation is you. That if you watch that jury pick and convict him that things will work out for the good of the taxpayers. We don't know whether Truman was trying to be so fair for his own future or because one of the women was of great influence in Kansas City and he dare not oppose her.

You have some real fine people behind you here but they dare not speak out. We understand that the Star is after Higgins and Judge McElroy both but went against you on the Police situation by their editorial in the Times because you refused some small favor they had asked of you rather indirectly. You really need their support as we have only them to depend on for the real news.

If you can get rid of the Kinyon woman and some of her underworkers you will get some of the real working people to stand up and breathe and be for you.

I trust you take time to read this and act on it.

Very sincerely,
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