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Gentlemen:

The editorial captioned "Whom the Gods Would Destroy", written by James P. Sullivan, appearing in your issue of June 1936 is not only a scurrilous and cowardly attack upon me, but it is also an intentionally false report of the St. Paul proceedings of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, and, further, the reference therein to the General American-Missouri State Life Insurance Companies and the \$100,000 purchase consideration is a serious indictment of every state supervisor who was represented in the recent examination of both of these companies.

The members of the Association, to each of whom I am sending copies of this letter, will realize, I am certain, that if they are to protect themselves from libelous attacks and the institution of insurance from racketeers, they will at the next meeting of the convention at Hot Springs in November, take proper action regarding Sullivan and your paper. Speaking for myself, I will not remain in a session of the convention if Sullivan is permitted to be present as I abhor the stench emanating from a skunk.

(Signed) R. O. O'Malley

REO:KH Superintendent of Insurance