

From A. Ross Hill to Ewing Young Mitchell, Jr.

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A. Ross Hill, General Manager

Dear Mr. Mitchell:

I attended the first Milligan meeting in K.C. last Tuesday night. It was awfully hot and the audience was small, but Col. Whitten and Bill Kemp made vigorous speeches and the audience was responsive.

It is said that many here are for Milligan but are afraid to show their colors. A goodly number of your men, mostly former students of the University of Missouri, are working openly for him. Of course Gov. Parks appointees are for Truman and the K.C. machine men generally, while those Democrats who supported the Citizens Ticket last March are for Milligan.

The shooting of Lazia makes the situation tense in the north end; but Lusco his rival in the past is said to be worse than Lazia but affiliated with Cas Welch, not with Pendergast directly. [Marion] Nigro, a Pendergast Italian temporarily succeeds Lazia as President of the

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North End Democratic Club but that solves nothing except for the moment.

The contest for the Senate grows in bitterness from week to week, and Truman stands out as the Machine candidate. The only effective speeches against Truman have been made by Bennett Clark, but he hasn't come into Kansas City yet, so the local situation has been relatively quiet. I expect lively debates right here in K.C. before primary day.

Cordially yours,

A. Ross Hill