

From Albert R. Norton to Harry S. Truman

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To The Honorable Senator Harry Truman.

Dear Sir,

I introduced myself to you in your office in the Federal Building here over a year ago so you will not remember me I am sure.

I was formerly a "Goat" precinct captain in the fourteenth ward here in Kansas City but two years ago the odor became so obnoxious I could not admit being a Democrat without hanging my head so I left the old organization and joined the United Democratic Club as their precinct captain. I was one of the three precinct captains to take their precincts away from the machine in the third District in the Primary Election this spring.

Shortly after speaking to you I took a clerical examination given by the city in which there were sixteen hundred contestants and passed fifth from the top.

I was given a job under a Republican

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My Mack Ballon, who discharged me April 30th for being disloyal to the City Administration. This is because I still am and will be an active Democrat.

I was working never less than ten hours a day and at least once each week from sixteen to eighteen hours. Went to work at 6:45 in the morning.

The Federal Government seems to think that, because I have a hernia which I received while loading six inch shells into an ammunition truck while under fire in the rain and while my loading detail was hiding from the shells, that I cannot do a days work for them in this war effort.

How do you feel about it? Doesn't it occur to you that there might be a place for me amongst the millions who are being placed. I have four sons and a wife at home who must eat.

Yours very respectfully

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