



City of San Antonio

Police Department

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February 11th., 1938.

Hon. James V. Allred,
Governor of the State of Texas,
Austin,
Texas.

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My dear Governor Allred:-

I know that you have received many complaints as to how the Pecan Shelling Strike is being handled, therefore I wish to set out the situation as it really stands.

There are some 12000 people engaged in this industry who are very poorly paid, and living under very poor conditions this situation as it always does leaves a very fertile field for Communistic Propaganda.

A Union exists among the shellers with membership in the neighborhood of 300 members which in my opinion is responsible for the present trouble.

. The President of this group is Willie Garcia an outspoken Communist. The Secretary and Organizer is Minnie Rendon also an admitted Communist. The President of the State group " Agricultural Workers " is one James Sager Secretary of the Communist Party. They elected as Honorary strike leader one Emma Tenneyuca Brooks head of the Communist Party in San Antonio, who at different times has caused Riots, and all forms of disturbances in this city.

Now one Donald Henderson Pres. of the Industrial Agricultural Workers arrives on the scene from Washington D. C. in personal direction of this so called strike. He has now announced that he has removed Sager, and Emma Tenneyuca Brooks, but says nothing in regards to other Communists who belong to, and lead this group.

He is demanding closed shop and raise in pay. If he would succeed in this closed shop deal it would compel 12000 workers and their families to unwillingly ally themselves with the Communist Party.

Mr. Henderson would than depart for Washington D. C. leaving these people under the domination of the Communist Party which would result in demonstrations of all kinds headed by the well known Emma Tenneyuca Brooks.

I am writing you this letter for the sole purpose of giving you the Police Department angle of this bad situation. I do not wish to be placed in the light of denying anyone their Civil Rights. What I am doing seems to be the only solution, and proper thing to do under the present circumstances.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,
Yours respectfully,

Owen W. Kilday
Owen W. Kilday,
Chief of Police.

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*John
(You called about
this yesterday)*

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Hon. James V. Allred,
Governor of the State of Texas,
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My dear Governor Allred:-

I am sure that you have received many complaints as to how the Texas Building Trades is being handled, therefore I wish to set out the situation as it really stands.

There are some 18000 people engaged in this industry who are very poorly paid, and living under very poor conditions. This situation as it always does leaves a very fertile field for Communist propaganda.

A Union exists among the builders with headquarters in the neighborhood of 200 members which in my opinion is responsible for the present trouble.

The president of this group is Willie Davis an outbroken Communist. The secretary and organizer is Charles Hanson also an admitted Communist. The president of the State group "Industrial Workers" is one James Carter secretary of the Communist Party. They elected an honorary strike leader one Sam Tennessee brother-in-law of the Communist Party in San Antonio, who at different times has caused riots, and all forms of disturbances in this city.

Now one Donald Henderson vice-president of the Industrial Agricultural Workers exists on the scene from Washington D.C. in personal direction of this so called strike. He has now announced that he has removed Carter, and has Tennessee as his representative in regard to other Communist who belong to the local strike group.

He is demanding a local shop and trade union. If he would succeed in this closed shop deal it would employ 18000 workers and their families to unwillingly ally themselves with the Communist Party.

Mr. Henderson would then report for Washington D.C. leaving these people under the domination of the Communist Party which would result in destruction of all rights headed by the well known Sam Tennessee brook.

I am writing you this letter for the sole purpose of giving you the Police Department angle of this situation. I do not wish to be placed in the light of carrying anyone their civil rights. What I am doing seems to be the only solution, and proper thing to do under the present circumstances.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,
Yours respectfully,

Walter W. Rife,
Chief of Police

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