

4441 Music Street
New Orleans, La.
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Mayor Ivan Allen
City Hall
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Sir:

I am certain that the overwhelming majority of responsible Southerners shared my revulsion at your vicious castigation of Lester Maddox after his primary victory. The one transcendent lesson we should have learned during the past half-century is that an aggressor or "bully" cannot be appeased indefinitely. That holds true whether the pacification is made on an individual, city, state, federal, or international level. You have tried to "finesse" a solution to the negro excesses, apparently bemused by the spurious idea so widely propagated by the "pinks", "reds", and socialistic "do-gooders", that the negro unrest is due to discrimination, ignorance, and economic insecurity. THAT IS UNADULTERATED HOGWASH! During the depression here in New Orleans major crime in New Orleans was virtually limited to bootlegging, an occasional bank robbery, and murders committed within the Mafia itself. Now, as a result of the insane rulings of the Supreme Court and the coddling of inveterate criminals, no white woman can be secure in her home, in her automobile, in her office, in a hospital recuperating from illness, or even walking from the bus or street car to her home. The negro rapist is emboldened by the knowledge that he will receive the benefit of the best legal talents which such organizations as the American Civil Liberty Union can furnish and will probably be pardoned, even if convicted, because the jury did not have the precise mixture of whites and negroes. A friend of mine who owns a service station has been robbed by negroes fourteen times within the past five years and shot twice.

Whether such provocateurs as King, the lynx-eyed, fork-tongued Mounteagle alumnus, carries a Communist card, is academic. The point is that he is helping the Communist cause and will ultimately preside over the flaming destruction of this nation unless leaders, such as yourself, cease capitulating to his demands.

I enclose copy of letter which I wrote to one of our federal judges here six years ago. My views are identical today. I pray that the good people of Georgia are shaking off their lethargy.

Very truly yours,
Walter W. Gallop