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Dear Sir:

First, I agree fully with your statement in regards to the election of Mr. Maddox.

I write this to you in the interest of common sense, and a plea for sanity, if it can be obtained.

My background, ten years military, studied and practiced law - Navy, a discipline administrator and now an Accountant.

The Civil Rights movement and the racial riots are two complete problems, the first has been made into law and in time will work it self out, but push it, more problems will be created. The racial issue or riots are riots, a fair but firm stand through law enforcement plus some problem solving will element that ill.

But, it seems to me that the voting public has now let their emotions become inflamed, with that, their logical approach to the matter is hard to appeal to.

From all the material I have read, and it started coming out in early 1966. The choice of candidates was limited. The defeat of Mr. Arnold seems to be a defeat put-forth to President Johnson. As for Mr. Maddox, that is just inflamed emotional voting.

You know this as well as myself, I am fully aware of the growth of your state and the economic stability you now enjoy. The state of Georgia no longer has to depend upon the seasional income of the farmer. Cotton, peanuts, patotes, etc are of the past.

Georgia's economic condition, is known to you much better than myself, but I do know that it is much better than the state of Florida. We have our problems to, but Georgia has too much to loose. To myself, there is but one thing to do, protect the economic growth (money).

You now have Mr. Maddox and Mr. Callaway to be elected in November. As for Mr. Maddox, there seems to be a lot of doubt in his being an administrator. He has come out with a platform of the broken record of Guide Lines. That point even if voted into law, is doomed to failure and your state may well end up with a large deficit. Mr. Wallace's plain is going to end in the same results. Plus being in the RED. The law is the law.

Mr. Callaway, as I understand, is a man of wealth in his own right. He then should understand the laws of economics. Mr. Johnson violated them.

My main point is this, the national picture is not good at the present time, nor does it show any signs of getting better, before it gets worse. The balance of payments are lagging by ten years, more money is going out, than coming in. That account is out of balance. What is coming in, is for gold. Inflation is now a reality and will only increase. Next August will be felt hard. Then you will have a few measures to control these conditions, but at the other end there is deflation. One extreme to the other.

People are talking, writing, calling recession, depression and inflation. Their ideals of this condition are destorted. Its one extreme to the other, but the middle ground is the problem. The national greuch is the ill or symptoms, but the ill is the gold and balance of payments.

Please bear in mind, to fight a war on a long term basis, one needs money, not paper; but gold to back that paper up.

To save words and space, you are aware of the condition, if the people emotions are inflamed now, just waite until their pocket books hurt.

Looking at the national picture, one that understands it, can very easily focus it down to the state and local level.

There are two examples I wish to suggest. 1. In Europe from last figures, they hold 28-29 Billion in dollars. Gold on hand is 4 Billion for exchange, 10 Billion in reserve, giving a total of 14 Billion. That gold is dropping every month. Mr. Johnson has entered into agreements in this matter, and borrowed 4.5 Billion more. Total 9 Billion in liabilities. It is robbing Peter to Pay Paul, and is only a short term cure.

2. The construction business has had 4.5 billion dollars pumped into it, the interest rates have been leveled off, keeping them in line, but the banks are still short of cash to loan, plus their interest income is still high. This money has not been of too much help, because the contractors can not borrow the needed money to start construction. No construction, no mortgages. Their picture is not bright. No wonder it looked like deficit spending. In Atlanta there are 40 saving and loans associations. Their picture should not be any brighter than others.

If one is going to wind up with a deficit, lets not make it any bigger. Everything in the national picture will affect the states, down to the people.

Some how, some where - only you know. Put these issues before the people, not this emotional race arguement. To myself it is this, my stomach comes before pride.

My family argues the race issue, but not myself. When a client comes in to get the final results. If he has a profit, I am the good guy, if he is broke, I am the biggest SOB walking. The same applies to taxes.

If I can be of assistance through writing, having on hand much material and facts, plus sending out articles all over. Please feel free to ask. I take no sides, but bring out the issues, and never let up.

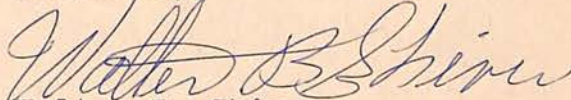
Just thinking out loud. We now have a backlash pattern. just what started it. Your riot could have been aimed at swing the public from one extreme to the other.

Your law enforcement agency couldn't be broken down, but the riots could enflame the emotions of the votes, making them swing to the other extreme. President Johnson is losing favor, so there is one way to look at it.

This pattern is not new, it is quite old. Hitler started these ideas and made them work. Recall he got into power using emotions.

Then he fought a war on others gold.

Sincerely,


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