

U.S. EMPLOYEES ASKED TO GIVE TO G.O.P. FUND

Letter Points Out Party Is 'Badly in Need of Funds'
—Law Recalled.

Federal employees have received letters from the Republican State headquarters at the Sevierin, soliciting funds for the committee, according to information today.

These letters, Federal employees state, solicit \$50.

The letter read:

"You are no doubt aware that the Republican State committee in Indiana is badly in need of funds for the campaign, now begun, we have to appeal to our friends. We expect your check for \$50 to be sent to me for the committee as soon as possible. If you are unable to pay the full amount at once you may make it in two installments. I will expect to receive your check for \$25 by return mail."

New Method Used

According to political leaders this is the first time any State committee has solicited campaign funds from Federal employees by mail. According to some interpretations, the action may be construed as a violation of the statute which prohibits solicitation of campaign funds upon Government property.

Some department heads have expressed concern over financial condition of the State committee. According to statements, expense of keeping up the fifteen bureaus and their scores of employees occupying almost the entire third floor of the Sevierin and four or five rooms on the ninth floor, is approximately \$3,000 a week, to say nothing of the cost of carrying on the campaign.

Klan Aid Fades?

One leader declared today that the expected contributions from Ku Klux Klan sources had not materialized in amounts expected and help had not yet been received from the national committee, financially.

Five of six department heads are living at the Sevierin with an unlimited expense account.

Willis Bye, Kokomo, is head of the finance bureau.

PETITION LIFE OF CHICAGO YOUTH

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vantages of two rich youths, is too young to hang.

"All I ask is for simple justice for this poor boy."

The Chicago Tribune printed an editorial saying it would be unfair to hang Grant and Walter Krauser, 20, who confessed to the Souders killing.

"With Richard Loeb and Nathan Leopold installed in the State institution at Joliet, it would be grossly unfair to hang either Krauser or Grant," the editorial said in part. "They had no means to make a spectacular fight to escape the penalty fixed by law for such an offense of theirs. Cold logic might support that the full law be fulfilled in their cases without regard to any other case."

"But there is a higher logic which protects against such inequality in punishment."

"It would be unfair to hang young Grant and Krauser while Loeb and Leopold escape the penalty for a worse crime."

Crowds Visit Home

Crowds of curious persons gathered daily for a glimpse of the weather-beaten little frame house in the back-of-the-district occupied by parents and a brother and sister of young Grant. The bare, unpainted structure presents a startling contrast to the palatial homes of Leopold and Loeb, also on the South Side, but in front of the stockyards.

Bartley Grant, father of the youth, with both legs off at the knees as a result of a railroad accident fifteen years ago, is appealing to his friends to help save Bernier.

"I know he is innocent," Grant said. "But we didn't have the money to fight the case in court and we haven't the money now for this fight."

"But a lot of people tell me they won't stand to see the boy hanged while those two rich boys are alive."

"My boy had to leave school when he was born—he hadn't passed the seventh grade yet—to help support us. What did he have to teach him to keep away from bad companions? Nothing but hard knocks, hard work and no spending money to speak of, not a thing that most boys have to give them a decent start in life."

Local American Legion officials announced they would take part in the fight to save Grant from the gallows. Attorney Jay J. McCarthy has been retained to help in the fight. Officials of the Legion said they would call Grant's case to the attention of the national convention of the Legion at St. Paul.

GRANDMOTHER IS HELD

Father Says He Is Refused Permission to See His Child.

Juvenile court authorities will be asked by police today to unravel the mix-up that resulted in the arrest Saturday of Mrs. Nettie Baker, 45, of 808 Tecumseh St., on a charge of detaining her grand child.

Glenn Scherling, 105, Harlan St., a son-in-law, entered the arrest after he alleged Mrs. Baker would not allow him to see his child. Scherling said that the custody of the child was not determined recently when he obtained a divorce from his wife now at the Sunny Side Sanitarium. Mrs. Baker has had the child since she was few weeks old.

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