

December 10, 1945

Mr. Geo. A. Levy
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Dear Mr. Levy:

I am in receipt of your letter of December 6, in which you state that the whole tenor of our letter to you of December 4, is that you have taken a stand which is in opposition to the public good. You further state that in the second paragraph that you are apparently threatened with exposure in the national press under the urgings of the Veterans Administration and Legion posts throughout the country and then add that in the last paragraph of my letter there is a threat that your local office might be deprived of handling any cotton by fire inspectors, grand juries, city council, or exasperated legislators.

Such is not the case, as you probably did not read the last sentence of the second paragraph to which you refer. In this sentence I wrote you to "picture" such a situation. This situation I was trying to impress upon you is that the very day several thousand students and injured and crippled veterans move into the building it would become a state institution for their purposes and that anything that conflicted, such as inflammable cotton, would have to be removed, not as a matter of days and weeks, but on the very day these several thousand students by their presence qualified the building as an institution where different fire codes and other protective measures are so rigidly enforced in order to protect the public.

Any lease that anyone might have whose business it was to deal in inflammable material, even if they could continue such a lease, could not continue to handle such inflammable material the very day it became an institution housing several thousand people including these returned veterans whom the government has obligated itself to rehabilitate physically, and the State mentally.

According to the builders now employed by the State to convert the building, it will probably be sometime in February before any of our classes are moved into the building, maybe a few weeks later.

Cordially yours

GEO. M. SPARKS
Director

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