

MARTIN J. CONNORS

Jailer of Jefferson County

LOUISVILLE, KY.

April 4h, 1965

Mr. McKay Reed,  
Chairman Democratic City and County  
Executive Committee,  
Louisville, Ky.

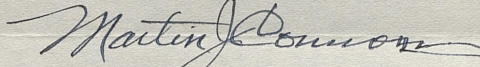
Dear Mr. Reed;

I am in receipt of the resolution adopted by the Executive Committee and published in the daily press, asking for my resignation. I regret that you and your committee were compelled to take this stand at this time, especially knowing that I would not resign. I have done no wrong. I have done everything humanly possible to avoid any trouble at this institution. I have worked from eight to sixteen hours a day--and there never has been an escape from the cell house while I was on duty.

If your committee would have manifested the same interest in the jail as you have done at this late hour two years ago--when it was apparent to every official of Louisville that we were having our troubles on account of shortage of funds, guards, etc., and that these same officials all said that there were nothing they could do to help the situation, I am certain the same good management that was prevalent here in this institution for nine years would have prevailed today.

Thanking, you, I remain,

Very truly yours,



Jailer of Jefferson Co.

R. D. MCAFEE

ATTORNEY

318 LOUISVILLE TRUST BLDG.

TELEPHONE WA. 3365

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

April 27, 1945.

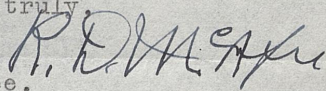
Mr. McKay Reed,  
Marion E. Taylor Bldg.,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Reed:

I am a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Commonwealth's Attorney. Knowing how busy you and the other party leaders have been in trying to iron out the difficulties in the Mayor and County Judge races, I have felt that you were not in a position to decide on the organization candidate for the coming election.

I feel that I am qualified for the office and that I would be acceptable to most, if not all, of the factions of the Democratic Organization. I will be indebted to you if you will give my candidacy favorable consideration when this matter comes up for your decision. I should like to discuss this matter with you at your convenience, and if you will grant me the favor of a conference in this matter I am yours to command.

Yours very truly,

  
R. D. McAfee,  
Attorney.

RDMcA/s

*Mail to Mr. J. H. Dyer*

FRANK HOWE DYER  
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5-4-1945

Mr. McKay Reed, Chairman  
Marion E. Taylor Building,  
Louisville, Ky.

Dear Sir:-

Yesterday I was advised by a fellow member of our party that your Committee did not intend to endorse the present incumbent of the First Magisterial District for another term of office. If my advise is correct I would very much like to make application for your consideration for this office, based on my long period of service to our party as a working member. My wife as you are aware of has also been throughout the years of our residence in the Highlands been a loyal party worker.

My qualifications for this office of Magistrate, are as follows:-

Member of the local & state Bar since 1928, during this period have engaged in the general practice of law. I refer you to any attorney at the local Bar, or better Mr. Edward Dodd of the State Bar, or Mr. Sam Stallings of the State and Local Bar Associations

Vice-President of the Highland Democratic Club, during the period of its existance. Hal Williams, President.

Commander of Highland Post 201, The American Legion.

District Commander #5 District, The American Legion.

Vice-Department Commander, The American Legion.

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Department Chairman of Americanism, The American Legion.

Member of the Department Legislative Committee

Member of the Executive Committee of Jefferson Post#15 at present.

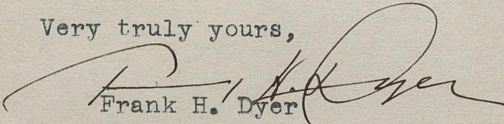
Chairman of Selective Service Board 71 (Highland Board) from the day of establishment until 1943. Government Appeal Agent following Chairmanship of Board 71, followed by appointment as member of Local Board 76 (Second largest Local State Board) at present serving on this Board. Please refer to Col. Frank D. Rash, for account of service.

I am a member of Willis Stewart Lodge of Masons. A life long member of the Episcopalian Church. A member of Council of Social Agencies and have always been interested in social welfare. In addition I conducted a weekly column in The Highlander for several years on the subject of Americanism. When Mr. Fred Grimm left the paper I discontinued the column.

I have tried in the past to be a good citizen, interested in my Country, State and City. I have never held public office of any kind. I believe my experience in civic affairs will give me the necessary background for the office I am asking your consideration.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Very truly yours,

  
Frank H. Dyer

R. D. MCAFEE

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LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

July 28, 1945.

Mr. McKay Reed, Chairman,  
City and County Democratic Committee,  
c/o Democratic Headquarters,  
Tyler Building,  
Louisville, Kentucky.

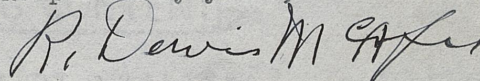
Dear Mr. Reed:

I have felt that you and the other members of the City and County Committee who endorsed Merit O'Neal for another term did so in ignorance of his terrible record in office. I have felt that you had the interest of the Democratic party and the welfare of the general public at heart. Now in view of the fact that I have told you about Merit O'Neal's record and you have had time to check those records, I believe that since you must have the welfare of the Democratic party at heart that you will not support Merit O'Neal.

It is not too late for you and the members of the committee to help me save the Democratic party from the burden of carrying Merit O'Neal in the fall campaign. However, if you are still of the opinion that Merit O'Neal will be an asset and lend strength in the November campaign to the Democratic ticket and if you believe that he is fit and qualified for another term as Commonwealth's Attorney, I think that you should tell your friends and the general public why you believe this is true.

I have arranged for time on radio station W-A-V-E at 5:00 o'clock P.M., Tuesday, July 31st., and I will ~~ask~~ you that time at my expense to tell me and the voters why you believe Merit O'Neal would be an asset to the ticket this fall and why he should be re-elected for another term, the only provision being that you agree in advance to answer five questions for me and that I may reserve five minutes of the radio time for the purpose of asking those questions and hearing your answers.

Respectfully yours,



R. Davis McAfee

RDM/s

cc: The Courier Journal  
Mayor Wilson Wyatt  
E. Leland Taylor

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*By J. Mackey*  
*Reed's*

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**MACKAY & MACKAY**  
KENTUCKY HOME LIFE BUILDING  
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

August 1, 1946

Mr. McKay Reed, Chairman  
Jefferson County Democratic Committee  
Marion E. Taylor Building  
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear McKay:

Another primary is to be held next Saturday, August 3, 1946. I urge you, as chairman of the Democratic Committee, to advise the voters publicly that the Committee has not endorsed any candidate for the Senate or for Congress and is not trying to dictate the nomination. It should be made clear that precinct captains and workers act in primaries as free and independent voters and not as part of the official party organization.

Just prior to the 1945 Primary Election, as the Democratic Election Commissioner, I sent you a letter addressed to the Committee. It called attention to the fact that, under Party and State law, the sole and only duty of the Committee in a primary is to submit a list of names from which election officers are appointed for each precinct. I am told that this letter was never read to the Committee and that it's meeting was postponed. The Party Organization slated candidates and paid workers were appointed. More than twenty-five thousand Democratic votes were counted and, in the contests involving the County Judge's nomination, it was charged that more than five thousand fraudulent votes were cast through collusion of election officers of both parties. As a long time Democratic worker and student of election law and procedure, having served for more than ten years as the Party's representative as Election Commissioner, I believe that the manner in which last years primary was conducted resulted in the defeat of most of the Democratic Candidates in the November 1945 election.

Everyone knows that the Republicans have hand-picked their candidates and I believe it is important that there be an official announcement that the Democratic Party wants its primary to be free and fair for all candidates.

Respectfully yours

*Lawrence J. Mackey*

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Copy to:

The Editor of the  
Courier-Journal  
Louisville, Kentucky

# Young Democratic Club of Jefferson County

"Official Youth Organization of Democratic Party"

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August 30, 1946

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CHAIRMAN  
ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE  
AND PROGRAM

Dear Mac:

I thought maybe you would be interested in the letter that has just been sent to some seven-hundred Young Democrats in Jefferson County. I am enclosing a copy.

Cordially,

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Encl.

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Marion E. Taylor Building  
Louisville, Ky.

MARTIN J. CONNORS  
Jailer of Jefferson County  
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Mr. McKay Reed,  
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Secretary