

THE KNOXVILLE
ANONYMOUS WRITER WARNS ARKANSAS CARAVAN

Y Latest Student Group Will Be Beaten, Maybe a Couple of Them Killed.
Unsigned Letter Advises.

Pineville Ky March 31st, 1932.

The Editor The News Sentinel.
Knoxville Tenn.
Dear Sir:

If your paper is interested in saving the college students now on the way to Harlan & Bell Counties from death or bodily injury it would be advisable for you to have them not undertake to come into either of these counties on their mission.

The Harlan & Bell County officers and mine guards and citizens committee from both counties have already had a meeting and decided to give them a good beating and if they resist to kill them and the roads will be watched by scouts to report their coming.

In this meeting it was decided that they were communists and that a part of them were Jews and instructions were issued to handle them more severely than any others had been handled and some of those in the meeting suggested killing one or two of them to see if this would not stop these invasions. The courts and all officials up here have decided that if they were to kill one or more of them that they would not be convicted here in the local courts which of course is in sympathy with them.

In this meeting it was decided not to oppose any investigation of conditions by any authorized body that were not labor agitators or liberal writers or communists, but that they did not propose that any group representing this element be allowed to come in here now or at any future time. What they oppose or seemed to most was any group that two or three weeks before the time they were to reach here began to publish their coming in the news papers covering the two counties. This is the low down on it and you can warn them if you desire and if they do not heed then you will see that it turns out on this plan.

This anonymous warning from Pineville, Ky., to the small party of Arkansas students to keep out of Harlan and Bell counties, written on yellow paper closely clipped at top and bottom, was received Saturday by The News-Sentinel. The envelope in which it was mailed is shown.

A comparison of the letter with copy of Forum letters sent The News-Sentinel by George Brown of Pineville showed that the anonymous note was written on the same typewriter and with the same style. For instance, date lines on Mr. Brown's Forum letters are punctuated and written exactly as the line in the letter above.

