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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, John Bell Williams, May 7-June 2, 1948

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Vicksburg, Miss., May 7th 1948  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]

Hon. John Bell Williams,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Hon. John Stennis,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

*Thanks for thoughtful  
letter, etc.*

Gentlemen:

I am in receipt of speeches delivered by our Worthy Congressman from the Seventh District and appreciate it very much, relative to THE PRESIDENT'S INFAMOUS CIVIL RIGHTS PROGRAM.

We would not be in the predicament that we are if we had two strong parties in the South instead of one. As long as the South votes solid Democrat - what has the National Democratic Party got to lose by sponsoring measures which are harmful to the South - just as long as it get's votes in other places.

We should have a strong Republican Party in the South as well as a continuous strong Democratic Party. Whenever you give the Democrats strong competition - you make them remain up at night. Another thing that our Legislature recently had enacted in law was just because a man voted the Republican ticket in former years he could not ever support or vote the Democrat ticket - this was changed.

Anytime Chairman Howard J McGrath and his aides find that there is strong Republican support in the south - they'll pedal a lot of measures which seem to disrupt the gravy train in the south.

I don't agree with the Honorable John Bell Williams insofar as the Ku Klux Klan being organized on a strong basis all over the country. Frankly, I think what the Honorable Howard J McGrath and his board of strategy is doing is building up the Republican Party in the South - and if they will remain on the job long enough - we'll probably have a Republican President in the White House commencing January 1949. The south won't get anything from the National Government as long as our representatives stand up in the Halls of Congress and try to do the impossible. The only thing it appears to me to do is for every one not in sympathy with the policies of the National Democratic Party is to go to the polls in November and vote for the Republican ticket. I hope the Democrats continue their present policies i.e., the leaders because they can't turn back now.

Yours very truly,

K B Menger - 7

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# United States Senate

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THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

May 13, 1948

Mr. [REDACTED]  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter of May 7th regarding the so-called Civil Rights Program. I have read this communication with a great deal of interest and am very glad indeed to have your views on the situation.

With kind regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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Vicksburg, Miss., May 28th 1948  
P O Box 294

Hon. John Stennis,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Mr Stennis:

I was very much amused to read the attached clipping, which I am sending on to you for your perusal which appeared in yesterday's Times-Picayune of New Orleans, La., relative to what Police Commissioner Connor of Birmingham, Alabama has to say about Senator Glenn Taylor - D - Idaho.

Yours very truly,

K B Menger - ds

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THE TIMES-PICAYUNE, THURSDAY, MAY 27, 1948

## Birmingham Police Chief Snipes at Taylor for Idaho Segregation

(The Associated Press)

Birmingham, Ala., May 26.—Police Commissioner Eugene "Bull" Connor criticized Senator Glen Taylor, D., Ida., last night on the segregation issue. He said the senator should start putting over a civil rights program in his own state of Idaho.

Connor said Taylor, vice-presidential candidate on the Wallace ticket "had better sweep around his own door before coming South and trying to tell us what to do."

Taylor was arrested in Birmingham May 1 on a disorderly conduct charge. Police officers testified Taylor was attempting to enter a meeting of the Southern Negro Youth Congress through an entrance reserved for the Negroes.

The Idaho senator was fined \$50 and given a suspended six-month jail sentence.

Connor made his criticism of Taylor in an address before the

Alabama Sheriffs and Peace Officers' Association convention.

"Article 6, Section 3 of the Constitution of Idaho," the commissioner said, "provides that no Chinese or persons of Mongolian race, nor Indians not taxed can either vote or serve as a juror or hold any civil office."

"No whites or Negroes can marry in Idaho," he added.

Connor also sharply criticized President Truman for his pro-

posed civil rights program. The commissioner was elected May 1 as a delegate to the Democratic national convention on an anti-Truman platform.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

June 2, 1948

Mr. [REDACTED]  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]  
Vicksburg, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your letter of May 28 and for the clipping from the Times-Picayune. I, too, found it amusing. It was thoughtful of you to send it to me.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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