

Hon. H. Joseph Hepford
House of Representatives
3408 Canby Street
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Dear Sir:

I am very happy that you are looking into the solicitations, by the Philadelphia Police. They have the gaul to tell me if I give a large add I will receive a large card to place in my window, saying "This establishment is protected by armed guards. I have donated to the Philadelphia Police Home Fraternal Order of Police"

After reading the newspaper about each of over 200 policemen getting \$600.00 each to go to Las Vegas to a convention. This burned me up and I spoke to the policeman on police car that works my area about it. Much to my suprise he was mad about it also. He told me, it only cost \$170 to go on a Charter plane, hotel room and ground transportation to and from the airport. This left \$430.00 to spend. Some who went with Secretary John Quinn went first to Hawaii and then to Las Vegas by a Charter Plane this only cost \$270.00 and left each \$330.00 to spend or gamble.

I further learned from this Officer that not only did the F.O.P. conduct a Show and Dance and an Ad Book, they also while all of them were in Las Vegas had a solicitator run a Circus in Northeast Philadelphia from which they received another \$85,000.00.

The mayor wont do anything to stop the F.O.P. president from doing this type of hold-up. Do you know why? Well I'll tell you. When he ran for mayor the F.O.P. bought lots of \$50 and \$100 tickets to his dinners. Now the F.O.P. president is running himself for re-election and I am told he is giving \$1,000 bonds and gold cards to certain lodge members so they will help him be elected.

Here is the best of them all, Mayor Rizzo wanted to show how much he was doing for the re-election of Nixon and Agnew. Well the Democate council wouldnt pay to wine and dine V.P. Agnew because Rizzo wanted it done. The Republicans didnt have to spend any more money to have Nixon and Agnew elected the day before the people voted so Mayor Rizzo made the F.O.P. pay for a big Dinner at the F.O.P. Hall. It cost over \$40,000.00 Agnew and Nixon were given gold cards. There was champagne, steak the works. All paid by the F.O.P. because Rizzo wanted to be a big man and said do it.

If I give a big ad I'll get a sign saying I'm protected by ARMED GUARDS. In the Observer a small newspaper in Philadelphia it said the President of the F.O.P. just bought a \$125,000 tap room for cash will he be giving a big ad, I wonder. Please protect us from the F.O.P. or else we will need an armed guard.

I am only a small business man. If I sign this letter I'll be put out of business by either the Mayor or the Police. You know that.