June 21, 1916.

Mrs. Elva Calkins, 1095 Minnesota Avenue, Fortland, Oregon.

Dear Madam: -

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I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 20th inst., inquiring as to why I caused the arrest of Mrs. Sanger or her helpers. In reply I beg to say that Mrs. Sanger was not arrested. Her helpers were taken into custody under a city ordinance which prohibits the distribution of obscene literature.

Very likely you are unaware of the contents of the book which was being circulated. Federal law prohibits the transmission of quotations therefrom through the mails, but if you are interested sufficiently to call at this office. I shall be glad to point out to you my objections to the book. If you wish to do so, kindly call the office by telephone and an appointment will be made at the earliest opportunity.

Yours very truly.

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There is no disposition upon the part of myself or the members of the City Council, who by our votes declared the book obscene, to interfere with free speech or the liberty of the press, but our desire is merely to safeguard in particular the rising generation.

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As to Mrs. Sanger's lecture, I will say that so far as it has been reported to me, as given at a local theater here, there is no particular harm in it; however, I will state that during her talk Mrs. Sanger said that she was unable to find a union printer in the City of New York, (where she claims to have labored so many years), who would publish her book; that it was necessary for her to locate a "so-called' ignorant foreigner" to do the work for her. That would indicate to my mind that there is something wrong in Mrs. Sanger's book,

Trusting that this information will clear up any idea you had as to marrow-minded actions or an attempt to suppress free speech or free press. I beg to remain

Yours very truly.

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July 6, 1916.

Miss Caroline Nelson, Secretary, Birth Control League, San Francisco, Cal.

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Dear Madam: -

Replying to your wire of the 5th inst. in regard to the sale of a birth control pamphlet here by Mrs. Sanger and others, I beg to say that we have no way of knowing whether the book sold here is the same as the one to which you refer, as Mrs. Sanger's friends have admitted it is not the same edition formerly sold.

Yours very truly,

HRA/C

MAYOR.

6502-51st Ave. So., Seattle, Wash., July 5th, 1916.

Mayor Albee Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:-

The outrages that are now being perpetrated in the City of Portland against free speech in the persecution of Margaret Sanger and others only go to show that inquisitions are not a thing of the past. Torquemada used force to quiet those who disagreed with the views of his masters; he could not answer their arguments. We must conclude that the prudes of Portland cannot answer Mrs. Sanger.

In accordance with the principles of liberty and justice I protest against these outrages and urge you to use your good offices toward the liberation of these worthy people.

Very respectfully yours,

Mrs. Howard Grant

July 6, 1916.

Mrs. Howard Grant, 6502 - 51st Avenue, South, Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam: -

Referring to your letter of the 5th inst. in regard to the "persecution" of Mrs. Sanger and others, I wish to say that I have written Mrs. Minnie Parkharst Rimer of your city, showing her where the communications from Seattle are based upon a misapprehension of conditions, as no one here has been arrested for expounding the propaganda of birth control./ is an entirely different matter and foreign to the subject.

Yours very truly,

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Mrs. Minnie Parkhurst Rimer, Secretary Seattle Birth Control League, Seattle, Washington.

Dear Madam:-

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Dr. A. Wottlieb, President, Birth Control League, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir:-

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I am in receipt of your telegram of the 6th inst., protesting against the arrest of Mrs. Sanger, and in reply am enclosing copy of a letter written in answer to a similar protest.

Yours very truly,

H. R. ALBEE, MAYOR,

By

Secretary.

7409 Tenth Ave. N.E.. Seattle, Wash., July 5, 1916.

To the Mayor of Portland, Ore., Dear Sir:-

JUL 6. 1916 As the good name of Portland, Oregon, rests almost ent in your hands. I wish to protest to you against any further prosecution and persecution of Mrs. Margaret Sanger and those arrested with her for the propagation of the idea of birth control.

It is only those whose brains are befogged with superstition who oppose the dissemination of knowledge which would forever do away with degeneracy, poverty, vice and all its resultant human misery. Birth control has been practiced by the well-to-do and educated women on society for years with the result that the death rate among the children of that class is almost nil. Let us spread the same doctrine among the women of the working class and reduce the death rate there: give them the knowledge that will allow them to give birth only to such children as they can properly provide for. Stop the reckless breeding of derelicts and there will be no necessity for Insane Asylums. Homes for Incurables nor Poor Houses.

Trusting that Portland will not put itself on record as being so far behind human progress that it would punish any man or woman for advocating birth control which would insure the world a better and more intelligent race of men and women than has ever before been known. I am

Very truly yours,

Mrs. Marie Smith

(Added in my reply to the above in first paragraph, "and those arrested were given their liberty on bail.")

RECITER a. JUL 6. 1916 M. R. ALBER MAYOR BR. 45 Yassav St. East Cleveland, Q. July 3, 1916. Mayor albee, Portland, Oregon. Dear Sir:-as a firm believer in the birth control leader, Mrs. Margaret Sauger, and in the humane principles for which she stands, I desire to jurge her release. Careful study of the value of this movement in the various fields of social work cannot but lead to a favorable attitude on the part of earnest people. Very truly yours. Educa B. Fish.

MUIPE CONTROL Seattle Central Council of Social Agencies,

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Mayor Albee

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Portland, Ore.

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University of Washington conscience and of speech. Even in New York, I understand DEPT. II. RELIEF AND REMEDY hat the charges brought against Mrs. Sanger were dropped and in no other city, I believe, has action been brought Anti-Tuberculosis League Big Sisters' Association Catholic Social Betterment Leaguesgainst her. Charity Organization Society Florence Crittenton Home Hadasseh Club luncheon given at the Women's University Club, at which Juvenile Court were present prominent representatives of the Mothers Congress, the Medical Women's Club and similar Lebanon Rescue Home Medical Women's Club Orthopedic Hospital organizations. She is a woman of rare refinement and Salvation Army

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Agreement with her views is not, however, the question here. The question is whether access to Charities Endorsement Committee of Cientific knowledge shall be made a class prerogative, given only to those who cap pay well for it. I can well understand how Mrs. Sanger's subject, treated by a certain type of person, might be an unpleasant one for a public audience; but no one who has ever seen Mrs. Sanger handle a large mixed meeting, and noticed the Women's Commercial Club tact and refinement with which she meets all questions, Young Men's Hebrew Association can easily believe that any progressive city will consider her a proper subject for prosecution.

Very truly yours,

Anna & Strong



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July 7, 1916.

Anna L. Strong, Executive Secretary, Seattle Central Council of Social Agencies, League Bldg., Seattle, Wash.

Dear Madam: -

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I have your letter of the 5th inst. regarding the arrest of Mrs. Sanger, and am enclosing a copy of my reply to a similar protest, which I believe will help you to understand why such action was taken here.

Yours very truly.

MAYOR.

Seattle Central Council of Social Agencies

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LEAGUE BUILDING, FOURTH AND UNIVERSITY

Thank you very much for the information

SEATTLE,

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Very truly yours, anna & Strong

July 11, 1916.

Dr. Frederick R. Charlton, Hume-Mansur Bldg., Indianapolis, Mad.

Dear Sir:-.

I am in receipt of your letter of the 5th inst. and note your suggestion that I have a talk with Mrs. Sanger in regard to her work. In reply I wish to say that I told Mrs. Sanger's friends that I would be pleased to talk with her, but she did not cell.

I would also state that neither Mrs. Sanger nor anyone else was arrested here for advocating the doctrine of birth control. The arrests were made because of the promiscuous sale of a book called "Family Limitation" which contains pages having no bearing on the subject, and which were adjudged obscene.

Yours very truly,

MAYOR.

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M. F. BETKOUSKI, Chairman. PUBLIC SERVICE Water, Light and Power and Aqueduct Departments.

ROBT. T. BRAIN. Chairman. PUBLIC SAFETY Police, Fire, City Prosecutor, Police and Fire Alarm, and Receiving Hospital Departments.

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July 11, 1916

Los Angeles, Cal.,

Mr. H. R. Albee, Mayor, Portland, Ore.

My dear Sir:

n. 11, 1916. H. JUL TA DE D MAYOR CR Replying to your favor of July 7th. I regret that I had not at hand one of the pamphlets which Mrs. Sanger sold here in Los Angeles at the Clubs. I have. however, taken steps to secure one /and will forward it to you as soon as possible.

We here have understood that the City Council of Portland hastily passed an ordinance designating the distribution of any literature and obscene. If this is true, control" as lewd, lascivious and obscene. If this is true, health and morality of the race at heart, should raise her voice in protest. Such actions on the part of any City Council, it seems to me, are in this age, archaic, reactionary and unpardonable. Understand, I am as much opposed as any one possibly could be to anything that is lewd or obscene in reality, but it seems to me that the day has come when it is necessary to separate a clean, scientific discussion of the human body and its natural functions from the sewer of

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obscenity. The human body is not obscene, and its functions are dignified, natural, and worthy of study and intelligent attention. It was in this spirit and in this belief that I sent the wire to you protesting against the arrest of Mrs. Sanger. I, myself, delivered a talk at Mrs. Sanger's great mass meeting here at Blanchard Hall. Also, I heard her address and it was to the last degree dignified, intelligent and earnest. I consider her message the most vital for the masses of any message that has been delivered in the last half century.

In the years that I have been in public

work, I have noted with horror and terror the increasing army of imbeciles, weak-minded, criminal and diseased that are being thrust upon the shoulders of useful members of society through stupid laws, both State and National, that prohibit the dissemination of knowledge that will enable men and women to control their own fertility and regulate their own domestic affairs. And I address you as the head of a beautiful City in an advanced State, and ask you in the name of the welfare of the human race to lend your support to Mrs. Sanger's work and to accept it in the spirit in which she is giving it. M. F. BETKOUSKI, Chairman. PUBLIC SERVICE Water, Light and Power and Aqueduct Departments.

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I shall send you the pamphlet as soon as

I can secure it.

Thanking you very earnestly for the prompt

courtesy in which you replied to my telegram, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

P. Ludsey Cotable

ELL:M

July 7, 1916. ,

Mrs. Estelle Lawton Lindsey, City Hall, Los Angeles, Cal.

Dear Madam:-

Your telegram in reference to Mrs. Sanger is received. In reply thereto will say that there were no arrests because of the propaganda of birth control nor for anything said by Mrs. Sanger in her lectures. It was entirely on the question of the pamphlet sold here and which is admitted by some of Mrs. Sanger's friends to have been different from those sold in other places. In fact, one woman who stated that she had come direct from Mrs. Sanger, stated that Mrs. Sanger herself had not known of some of the passages in this edition of the pamphlet and that she (Mrs. Sanger) further stated that had she noticed them, the book would not have been offered for sale.

In view of this statement, I beg to ask you to kindly send me a copy of the pamphlet you refer to in your message in order that I may compare same.

Thanking you in advance for an early reply, I am

Yours very truly,

MAYO R.

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Aug. 21, 1916.

BIRTH CONTROL MEANS

A welcome and a fair start in life for every child

Protection to the mother's health

The family burden adjusted to the father's strength

Voluntary instead of accidental parenthood

An increased sense of parental responsibility

Better education for the children

Happier homes and stronger family ties

Fewer paupers, criminals, degenerates, and inefficients

Healthier and happier men and women, better citizens and a stronger state

Mayor H.R. Albee, Portland, Oregon.

Dear Sir:-

Your courteous letter of July 7th, in replyto my telegram re the arrest of Mrs. Sanger and others in connection with the birth control movement, was duly received and would have been acknowledged sooner but for my desire to await an opportunity to express suitably my appreciation of your detailed reply to my communication. Pressure of work in connection with the organizing of this league and a shor z absence from town have prevented my writing until now.

I heartily agree with you that the movement for family limitation in this country is suffering much harm at the hands of ultra-radicals who join to it other questions or who adopt sensational tactics which only prejudice unfavorably many whose support could be won by a more rational mode of procedure. It is the fate of most reform movements to be hampered, particularly at the start, by those who have no conception of the way to put through really constructive measures for human betterment, and this must naturally be especially pronoflyced in the case of a movement related to the delicate question of sex.

We have succeeded here in Cleveland in keeping our organization same and rational but it has required some effort and much watchfulness. We have officially condemned the indiscriminate distribution of printed matter giving information which, we feel, should be preferably giv fen by the medical profession - but given by them as freely as is any other sort of instruction in matters of health and hygiene. You will find our stand on these points indicated in the enclosed leaflet, which perhaps you will be interested to read, in view of the openminded attitude your letter shows toward the fundamental guestion of limitation of offspring.

rederick H1 Blason

"The rational limitation of offspring is not only a right but a duty; the state should recognize that right and teach that duty." Verytruck

yours

Objects of the League

First — The modification of existing laws in such a manner as to allow physicians, nurses and other competent persons to give information concerning methods of preventing conception.

Second — The extension, under proper auspices, of the practice of family limitation as a means of reducing poverty, immorality, crime, physical and mental defectiveness and other human ills. *Extract from Constitution adopted June 23*, 1916

Not more babies but better babies, better born and better reared.

The reckless breeding of children condemned to poverty, ignorance and neglect is one of the surest forms of race suicide.

The undesired child too often makes the undesirable citizen.

Motherbood will never be truly sacred until it becomes conscious and voluntary.

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MAYOR H R ALBEE 417

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ARREST OF MARGARET SANGER DR EQUI AND, OTHERS IN YOUR CITY FOR DISTRIBUTING BIRTH CONTROL PAMPHLET A DISGRACE I SOLD THIS PAMPHLET TO CLUB WOMEN AND OTHERS LOS ANGELES SAN FRANCISCO FOUR DIFFERENT MEETINGS WITHOUT COMPLAINT THIS MAKES PORTLAND RIDICULOUS CAROLINE NELSON

SECY BIRTH CONTROL LEAGUE SAN FRANCISCO.

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RECEILS 1. JUN 21 1916 5 mayor albees Portland On. By what authority - I as a voled want to know you would cause the arrest of mis Langer or her helper - during last nights lecture or immediately after Noave you a family of babees at your skirts and one under your aprove that you are in a position to decide a question that is strickly a wondie pains and burdens? Her leterature is not obscene unless you have an obscene mind I most empholically prostest your trying to be the Raiser & Portland, and dictating what one should or should not read, and I you havit released me Sanger by now, you as a mere faible servant. It is four duty to do so mis Elva Calkins June 20. 1916: 10.309-m 1095 minn- av.



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WE THE UNDERSIGNED RESPECTFULLY CALL'YOUR ATTENTION THAT THE ARREST OF MARGARET SANGER FOR DISCUSSING THE ADVANTAGES OF THE BIRTH CONTROL' MILITATES AGAINST FREE SPEECH TRUE FDUCATION AND PROGRESS WE BEL'LEVE RACE QUALITY IS MORE TO BE DESIRED THAN RACE QUANTITY AND THAT ALL' KNOWLEDGE SHOULD BE OF EASY ACCESS WE SOLICIT YOUR COOPERATION AND HELP

ELBERT HUBBARD FELIX SHAY WINIFRED SACKVILLE STONER CAPT JACK CRAWFORD.



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Mayor Albee

Portland Ore

Portland should set the nation an example by liberating Mrs Sanger and others accused of distributing birth control literature such literature not obscene as law charges. Limitation of offspring is a right and a duty the state should recognize that right and teach that duty

Frederick A Blossom

President Ohio Birth Control League





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PORTLAND UNREASONABLE FOR ARRESTING SANGER AND FRIENDS HOPE

DISMISSED CASE.

MRS L H MONTGOMERY.



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Z Seattle Wash July 5 1916

Mayor Albee

City Hall Portland Ors

Sir what ails Portland when she arrests such women as Margaret Sanger, Dr Equi, Mrs Greetwood and Miss Bowmer or any humanbeing for giving "Birth control" information intelligent people have long since decided this is socially beneficial work. Such disgusting prudery and ignorance on part Portland intolerable to all thinking men and women. Yours for speedy awakening

> Minnie Parkhurst Rimer, Secretary Seattle Birth control league, our entire membership joins in protest.



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MAYOR ALBEE

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I URGE YOU TO DO ALL IN YOUR POWER TO LIBERATE MARGARET SANGER IN CUSTODY IN PORTLAND FOR DISSEMINATING INFORMATION WHICH IS FREELY AND OPENLY GIVEN IN ENGLAND FRANCE GERMANY AND ALMOST EVERY OTHER CIVILIZED COUNTRY

ERNEST POOLE.



BY-NEW YORK JULY 6-16

MAYOR ALBEE

PORTLAND ORE

WE EARNESTLY URGE THAT THE PERSECUTION OF MARGARET SANGER FOR CONDUCTING A MOVEMENT WHICH EVERY INTELLIGENT PERSON REGARDS AS A SERVICE TO CIVIL-IZATION SHOULD BE DROPPED

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MAYOR OF PORTLAND 418 PORTLAND ORG

MARGARET SANGER SPOKE IN LOS ANGELES BEFORE MANY REPRESENTATIVE WOMENS CLUBS AND WAS INDORSED FROM THE PLATFORM BY MRS LINDSEY MEMBER OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL WE ARE SURPRISED AT PORTLAND SINCE IT/IS THE ONLY CITY ON THE COAST THAT HAS INTERFERED WITH THIS SOCIALLY BENEFICIAL WORK

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BIRTH CONTROL LEAGUE OF LOS ANGELES GEORGIA KOTSCH SECY FRANCES NOEL MARY THOMPSON CLARA PACKARD CYNTHELIA KNEFLER.



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MAYOR ALBEE

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WE PROTEST AGAINST THE ARREST OF MARGARET SANGER AND OTHERS FOR CIRCULATING BIRTH CONTROL LITERATURE AND HOPE THAT YOU WILL USE YOUR INFLUENCE TO SECURE AN ACQUITTAL

FREE SPEECH LEAGUE OF NEWYORK

LEONARD D ABBOTT PRESIDENT

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PERSECUTION BY PROSECUTION AND FINE OR IMPRISONMENT FOR SPREADING ANY KNOWLEDGE INCLUDING METHODS OF PREVENTION OF CONCEPTION ONLY SHOWS THE DENSE IGNORANCE OF OFFICIALS AND JUDGES IN PORTLAND THIS INFORMATION IS GIVEN FREE IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES AS HOLLAND AND IN NEWYORK AND FOR A PRICE IN ALL ENLIGHTENED COMMUNITIES SUCH AS SEATTLE SPOKANE LOSANGELES AND FRISCO AND WITHOUT ATTEMPT AT CENSORSHIP OR SUPPRESSION WAKE UP IGNORANCE HAS CEASED TO BE A VIRTUE READ CURRENT LITERATURE SUCH AS FORUM JAN 1915 PHYSICAL CULTURE SEPT OCT AND NOV 16 PICTORIAL REVIEW FEB AND MARCH 16 BIRTH



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THE UNDERSIGNED CONVINCED BY OUR PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF MRS MARGARET SANGERS HIGH IDEALS AND PURPOSES IN HER ADVOCACY OF BIRTH CONTROL AND SYMPATHIZING THOROUGHLY WITH HER VIEWS DESIRE THROUGH YOU TO APPEAL FOR THE DISMISSAL OF THE CHARGES AGAINST HER WINTHROP D LANE MARGARET LANE J H BERKOWITZ GEORGE F UNGER HIRAM MYERS WILLIAM H BRIEN ANNA M BRIEN SOPHIE P FOOTE HALLE D WOODS HARRY LEE WILLIAM H MATTHEWS FRANK A MANNY D D BYERS J A RAWSON JR LAWRENCE P MOOMAU

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MRS. SANGER, ARRESTED, WANTS WOMEN JURY

Special to The Free Press. Portland, Ore., July 2.—"A jury of women should try this case. It

of women should try this case. It is women who are vitally concerned in birth control—not men." Mrs. Margaret Sanger, of New York, under arrest on a charge of "dis-tributing obsence literature" in the form of phamphlets on birth control, made this statement in an 'n-

trol, made this statement in an net terview. Mrs. Sanger spent one night in jail. She had refused to give ball. "Portland is the first city to in-terfere with my work since I left New York," said Mrs. Sanger. Mrs. Sanger was arrested at a meeting of protest against the ar-rest of three men for selling her nomblets.

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PECERE Buth Conv Portland Ore. July 2: 2019 Le. Mayor Albee; Cile of Portlande My Leear Sir! Gesterday & attended the Trial at the police Court-where Illes Sanger and others were being defended. I had not realized before the great-good, you, as mayor of the City had done for the people of portland. As I sat there listening to the defence - I knew that we were greatly blessed - in our afficers - and I Take This early opportunity to speak a shord of fraine. It is so easy to criticine or Condemn-bfat me too often are indifferent - and posthon a shord of praise.

our words of price 2 and esteen Nothing could have elevated the City more than the fact that in the moulding of the minds our girls, that the "pearl of great price" may be the jewel in their noman hood. The Judge in a stranger 15 me, but I am sure he could see the weakness in the defense Comparing the contents of Miss-Sanger's booklet with the Bible stary of lands sin and punish mant; together with other Hebren history of sin and the conse-quence, It was said by the Sefence - that Partland is behind the times and not so wise in the mays of the world as Seattle and other cities. I hoped the Judge would note the Compliment. I thank you far the interest you have taken. Very Respectfully 11125 g. E. Basson 1420-Eest 52 St



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Mayor H R Albee

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Protest against Sanger's arrest in name of future better race

A Gottlieb M D Prest Birth Control League DR. FREDERICK R. CHARLTON HUME-MANSUR BLDG. INDIANAPOLIS

July 5, 1916.

Mayor Albee, Portland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

I have just learned of the arrest of Margaret Sanger in Portland, in connection with her propaganda of birth control, and have been informed that there will be an early trial. I respectfully wish to protest against the sort of persecution that she is being subjected to. If you will sit down with her and talk the sit-Lold her na incolar Guation over, you will be surprised to find how talk much her sane and generous and philanthropic are her motwo madig nuttives. The opposition to her is the oppocaan sition of entrenched conventions. often enough cruel and commonly based on entire absence of free thinking. She is not seeking to do harm in the world but guite the contrary, and there is no self aggrandizement in her campaign. Please see if she cannot be heard instead of being prosecuted.

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THE MAYOR OF PORTLAND 726 PORTLAND ORG

I CONSIDER MARGARET SANGERS WORK OF THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO SOCIAL WELFARE PROGRESS IS ACHIEVED ONLY THROUGH INTELLIGENT CONTROL OF THE FORCES OF NATURE MRS SANGER WAS GLADLY RECEIVED BY THE BEST WOMENS CLUBS IN LOSANGELES AND HER PAMPHLET FREELY DISTRIBUTED HERE TO CONVICT HER WILL BE A BLOT UPON PORTLAND

MRS ESTELLE LAWTON LINDSEY MEMBER LOSANGELES CITY COUNCIL

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