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July 28th 1957.

Mr James Silver,
Professor of History,
University, Miss.

My Dear Professor,

It was noticed awhile back that you made a talk "against" the abolition of segregation but said we know it is coming any how. That was hardly a talk of a man who was going to fight it to the last ditch.

A few days back, a roughneck drove his car into a filling station right in my rightaway and I asked him to back up so I could get out. He replied asking how about me backing out.

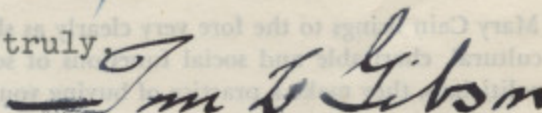
He was a much younger man than I am for I am 75 years old but had the edge on him as to size. I got out of my car and did not say to him, "you are a younger man than I am and I do not think I can lick you but will make a feint try at it!" But I will promise you that he backed up with out any more questions.

The enclosed? Would like to have some of your students try to earn 25 dollars and digest the bit of history down to about 600 words, so that I can run it in my column in our local paper. Will get you as many copies as you think they might need.

Of course 25 dollars is not much but it would take some boy out for one night some where.

Think the line of thought might interest some, enough to realize that our government, is not a Santa Claus.

Yours very truly,



Tom L. Gibson.

MARY CAIN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Communistic administration has told Mary Cain, publisher of the *Summit Sun* of Mississippi, that as a self-employed person, she will either have to pay life insurance to the government, or have her plant confiscated and go to jail. She has told them she will not pay this demand, as she considers it as unconstitutional as the Blue Eagle "law" that was so absurd. The citizens of the state have rallied to her cause and formed the Mary Cain Advisory Committee. We feel that incentive dies when government controls and robs.

When the government does something for you, it does something to you. It takes away your priceless liberty.
—Gov. Joe Hanley

These welfare programs of the administration are nationally sponsored cash prizes for idleness and ineptitude and have been developed for political reasons.—Mary Cain.

The so-called Social Welfare, where the employer has to pay half of the employee's welfare, is, of course, popular, because there are many more employees than there are employers, but a government must be based on justice and not on pity, or otherwise we get down as a nation.

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This statement is submitted by friends of Mary Cain, candidate for Governor of Mississippi. They feel there must be some recognition of the ever-increasing expenditures of the State, which have been *increased* almost 1000 per cent during recent administrations. Mary Cain is the only candidate for Governor who is fighting for a severe reduction of taxes right down the line.

She wants to consolidate the hundred or more bureaus which operate the State (and employ some 15 thousand people) to some 25 and reduce the number of State employees, WHOSE WAGES ARE PAID BY THE TAX PAYER. Of course this meets with opposition by the myriad of office holders.

Mary Cain wants to put the Sales Tax back to two per cent in place of the present new tax of three.

Mary Cain wants to abolish the one eighth of one per cent tax that has to be paid by all merchants on all goods brought into the State. This can easily be raised to one per cent unless abolished. She feels that the average merchant is simply a TAX COLLECTOR, FOR THE STATE.

Mary Cain wants a uniform Auto Tax of 3 dollars.

Mary Cain is a most staunch defender of States' Rights and will not lead the forces of States' Rights into battle and then bewilder them by "Throwing in" with New Dealers — as was done.

Mary Cain would repudiate Federal Aid as far as possible, feeling that the said Federal Aid is like having a Doctor take blood out of your right arm and give you a transfusion into your left arm and charging you for both operations.

Mary Cain wants Mississippi to be *one State*, where the Government is the servant, not the MASTER of the people.

She wants the people to understand that the genius of Communism is that the State will direct you and take care of you, by force if necessary. She is not opposed to Social Security for those who want it but is fiercely against throwing you in jail if you do not take Government insurance, which is now the Law.

Mary Cain wants to get it across to you that the only real threat to a person's life, liberty and property is the Government under which they live.

Mary Cain brings to the fore very clearly as she speaks and writes that when the cultural, charitable and social functions of society are put in the hands of the politicians, they make a practice of buying your votes with tax payers' money.

One of the most important of all, though, Mary Cain explains, is that the growth of centralized power has developed a squanderlusting gang of bureaucrats, whose motives will wreck our people unless the people realize the gravity and danger of the situation.

Are YOU interested enough to SUPPORT such STATESMANSHIP?

The Commission...
 When the Government...
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August 3, 1957

Dean Robert J. Farley
University of Mississippi Law School
University, Mississippi

My dear Dean Farley:

Recently I received a letter from that fine and courageous Mississippian, Captain Tom Gibson of Friar's Point. Captain Gibson, as you may know, was and may still be the chairman of the Mary Cain Advisory Committee, dedicated to the eradication of Social Security.

In any case, Captain Gibson sent to me a twelve-page mimeographed study entitled: "How Freedom Vanished in the Ancient World by Popular Vote," with some observations on the imposition of modern day forms of dictatorship such as Communism and Socialism by popular vote. Captain Gibson has asked me to have one of my better students digest this work and put it into six hundred words, so that he can use it in his column in the Clarksdale paper. He is willing to pay twenty-five dollars for this service.

As you know, I am now teaching in the summer school at Emory University (in order to bring my Ole Miss salary up to a living wage). I do not have access to enlightened Mississippi students who might be able to do this little chore for Captain Gibson.

So I thought that you, of all people, would see the significance of such a work as this, and that you certainly would be able to find a law student anxious to earn twenty-five dollars in such a worthy service.

Of course it occurs to me that you may think this worth while to the point that you will be willing to lay aside your own work to do it yourself. I realize that you would not feel able to take the money, but, if I may be bold enough to suggest it, you could certainly take it and pass it on to some worthy charity, such as to that dedicated group of faculty members who meet each Saturday night to foster ways to improve social conditions in Mississippi. This, of course, would be up to your own judgment.

In any case, I think that you will see that this is something that must be done, and that you will leave no stone unturned until it is done. As I am leaving here soon I think it would be preferable for you to carry on further correspondence directly with Captain Gibson. I am sending him a carbon of this letter.

Yours in the faith,

James W. Silver

You might give the money to the local unit of the Citizen's Council. I understand that they do have a reasonable dearth of cash.