

CITY OF COLUMBUS, OHIO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF POLICE



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Harry Jennings,
Chief of Police,
Toledo, Ohio.

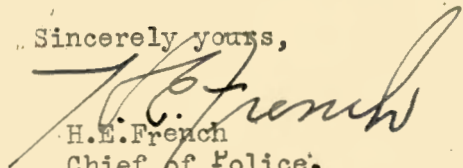
Dear Chief:-

You are no doubt aware of the efforts of R.E.Enright and other individuals representing the International Police Conference, to secure the passage of Senate Bill 1883 and thus undo the efforts of the International Association Chiefs of Police by the creation of a new Police Bureau to take the place of the one which is now functioning under the Directorship of J.Edgar Hoover, as a Division of the Department of Justice.

As soon as I learned of the introduction of Senate Bill 1883, I immediately wrote Senators Willis and Fess, voicing my opposition to the aforesaid Senate Bill 1883, but I was dumfounded to receive a reply from Senator Willis that he had received letters from several Ohio Chiefs endorsing the Bill and that I was the only knocker. This seems strange in view of the resolution which was adopted by the Ohio Police Association at Cedar Point, on the day you were elected President, in which the Ohio Association acknowledges the I.A.C.P. as being the parent body of this country and Canada and that we pledged our loyal support to its aims and purposes. I believe therefore, that the Ohio Police Association, if it means anything at all, should shake off its lethargy and a circular letter should be immediately issued over your signature, as President and Krauss, as Secretary and addressed to every Chief of Police in Ohio, opposing Senate Bill 1883, introduced by Senator Moses, seeking to establish a National Police Bureau and call attention to the fact that the International Chiefs of Police had already established a bureau in connection with the Department of Justice which serves every purpose conveyed or intended, by the provisions of Senate Bill 1883 and that copies of the circular be immediately forwarded to Chief Dickson of Toronto, to George Black, the Secretary and to Senators Fess and Willis. This will largely undo the mischief caused by some misinformed or disloyal Chiefs of Police in this state and I might add for your further information that the Peace Officers Association of the State of California, as well as other Police Associations are opposing Senate Bill 1883 and I think that the Ohio Association should be immediately placed on record.

Will you please advise me, what you think of the situation?

Sincerely yours,


H.E. French
Chief of Police.