

Dr. Louis A. Liffing

Toledo, Ohio

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Dear Chief Jammies.

I want to congratulate you
on the stand you take in
this Gene Tating matter.

I know from experience just
what it means. I have in-
tended to see you at
several times on this very
point, for my own safety.

Go to it and hope you
will act.

Sincerely,
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Louis A. Liffing.

Jennings In Favor Of Firearm Control

Toledo Chief To Enter Fight Against Small Gun 'Toter.'

Toledo's chief of police will go on record as favoring drastic legislation against "gun toting" when representatives from hundreds of middle western cities assemble in Chicago next Friday and Saturday for the meeting of the small arms regulation committee of the National Crime commission.

"Let the law-abiding citizen carry a gun for his protection with a permit issued by the police department is my view," Chief Jennings said, "but let's put some teeth in the law against the man who carries a gun without a permit—the criminal.

"Under the present Ohio law no self-respecting citizen will carry a gun, and as a result he is unable to defend himself against bandits. The bandits recognize no law. They, and they alone, carry the firearms.

The chief explained that the Toledo gunman is unable to buy firearms in the city because of a local ordinance, and that he must either steal them or purchase them in other towns. He deplored the fact that Ohio has no law against their purchase and said he would favor legislation similar to that in Michigan, where "robbery armed" is a charge with a much heavier penalty than "robbery."

Friday, the conference will hear chiefs of police. Saturday's session will be devoted to suggestions by prosecuting attorneys. Leroy Hunt said that he had been invited to send a representative, but that he could not attend and could not spare anyone from his office at this time.