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COMMITTEE TO FREE JOHN LENNON



CHARTER

We are a group of concerned Americans raising our voice in protest of an injustice. We would like to see the American People given the opportunity to a free election to vote on the option of deporting Elmer Beattie, John Lennon, or allowing to remain within the boundaries of the United States.

We recognized the unconstitutionality of incorporating a double jeopardy into the legal working of the American system of justice.

We challenge the honorable Gerald R. Ford, President of the United States, The Secretary of State, The Secretary of Interior, and the U.S. Supreme Court to show cause why the American people have been denied the right to decide the disposition of John Lennon.

We challenge the press (Hearst Publications, Strigitt Arrow Publishers, Inc., ect. to show cause why it has continued to ignore this miscarriage of justice and allow this crime against the American People to go unanswered.

We challenge the disc jockeys of the United States to expose his Political move against the music arts.

We challenge the people of the United States of America to exercise their right to an election and to consider the evidence fairly. If we are not allowed the simple, basic right, then as John Lennon said, we'll be Now here Man.

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 MEMBER of COMMITTEE to FREE JOHN LENNON	
TO SHOW CAUSE: Why the American people have been denied the right to decide John Lennons deportation by the U.S. Gov.	
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JACK ANDERSON

Beatle John Lennon Got 'Dirty Deal'

In a case with Watergate overtones, ex-Beatle John Lennon is being hustled out of the United States on a six-year-old hashish charge while more than a hundred aliens with similar or worse drug records remain.

The singer-composer's major problem does not appear to be his 1968 guilty plea in England to unwitting possession of a small amount of "hash." Rather, his offense seems to be outspoken opposition to the Vietnam war and false rumors that he was going to lead a demonstration against Richard Nixon at the 1972 GOP convention.

We have learned that Lennon's serious troubles with the Immigration and Naturalization Service, a branch of the Justice Department, began after Sen. Strom Thurmond, R-S.C., began to find him troublesome.

In early 1972, Thurmond wrote a note about Lennon's activities to his friend, then Atty. Gen. John Mitchell. The cantankerous but candid Thurmond conceded to us he wrote to Mitchell but explained it was an "informational" letter about Lennon, not one calling for action.

Nevertheless, action swiftly followed the letter. Leon Wildes, Lennon's lawyer and former president of the prestigious Association of Immigration and Nationality Lawyers, told us:

"I intend to prove the letter resulted in instructions to then District Director Sol Marks (of Immigration in New York) to disregard Lennon's other equities and to scuttle any applications he might file until after he had been deported."

The record indeed shows that within days of Thurmond's letter, a stay for Lennon was revoked and strict deportation proceedings began.

Other records at Immigration show

that more than 100 aliens with drug records have, unlike Lennon, been granted "non-priority decisions" which permit them to stay in the United States indefinitely.

Our investigation turned up aliens not only with heroin and marijuana convictions, but rape, murder, robbery, burglary, auto theft, perjury and even bigamy. All have been allowed to stay in the United States for "humanitarian" reasons.

In one case, an alien had six different convictions, including drug violation and rape and seven other arrests. Another was described in Immigration files as one of "the largest suppliers of marijuana and narcotics" in his area. At one time, an alien himself admitted to a "heroin habit costing \$60 a day."

Compared to these, Lennon looks like a choir boy.

Unlike many other foreign stars who make big money in the United States and run, Lennon has begged for permission to remain here. His musical enterprises have generated some \$50 million worth of business and brought untold tax revenues to local, state and federal collectors.

The legendary singing star has summed up his feelings about the immigration mess and his love for the United States this way:

"... Nobody came to bug us, hustle us or shove us, so we decided to make (the U.S.) our home. If the Man wants to shove us out, we gonna jump and shout, 'The Statue of Liberty said, 'come!'"

Footnote: A spokesman for Immigration chief Leonard Chapman said the Lennon case is being handled in a "routine way." Retired District Director Marks declined comment.

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September 12, 1974

The Honorable
L. F. Chapman
Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chapman:

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Enclosed is an explanatory letter from [redacted]
pertaining to the case of Mr. John Lennon.

I would welcome your comments and any information which would
be helpful in formulating an appropriate response.

Sincerely,

Robert Taft, Jr.

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September 12, 1974

Mr. James F. Greene
Acting Commissioner
Immigration and Naturalization Service
119 D Street, N. E.
Washington, D. C. 20536

Dear Mr. Greene:

Enclosed is a petition which I recently received from
Mr. Richard L. Lanzano regarding the deportation of
John Lennon.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Lowell Weicker, Jr.
United States Senator

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Enclosure

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