

Saturday, March 4, 2017

Dear Mr. Byerman...

I received your letter of notification to permanently ban me from the third floor of the Capitol Annex. I am sincerely sorry for this terrible misunderstanding. I was engaged in a conversation with several women from Salyersville. We were discussing Medical Marijuana and the originations of the prohibition. I was quoting an argument given to our congress in 1937 by our first drug czar Harry Anslinger. I was actually showing how appalling the statement was and how it has affected millions of African Americans. I am an advocate for African Americans and have been fighting the unfair numbers in African American marijuana arrests. This is the statement that I quoted:

"There are 100,000 total marijuana smokers in the US, and most are Negroes, Hispanics, Filipinos and entertainers. Their Satanic music, jazz and swing, result from marijuana usage. This marijuana causes white women to seek sexual relations with Negroes, entertainers and any others."

Quote by:

[Harry J. Anslinger](#)

(1892-1975) Assistant Prohibition Commissioner in the Bureau of Prohibition, first Commissioner of the Treasury Department's Federal Bureau of Narcotics (FBN) (1930-1962, 32 years), US Representative to the United Nations Narcotics Commission

Source:

testimony to US Congress supporting Marihuana Tax Act, 1937

I remember the staff assistant asking me for my card after i spoke to the ladies. I thought she wanted my contact information so she could use me to educate others.

Please know that I was not using these comments in a hateful way. I was showing just how hateful this testimony was. This is a Huge misunderstanding and I hope that you and the Staff Member who was affected by this comment will give me the opportunity to express my deep concern.

Sincerely,

Dan Seum, Jr

CC: Jeff Hoover, House Speaker
David W. Osborne, House Speaker Pro-Tem
Jonathan Shell, House Majority Floor Leader
Rocky Adkins, House Minority Floor Leader
Kevin Bratcher, House Majority Whip
Dennis Keene, House Minority Caucus Chair
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