

STYLES ASSAILS KLAN ACTIVITY IN QUEENS POLITICS

Former Kleagle Deserts
Hooded Order; Attacks
Intolerance, Bigotry.

Harry J. Styles, former Kleagle of the Ku Klux Klan, will no longer have anything to do with the hooded order, he said today, in explaining the reason for having tendered his resignation as president of the South Jamaica Republican Club, which he charged is comprised of klansmen and fanswongers.

"The club is torn by considerable dissension in the ranks of its members," said Styles. "The squabbles are the result of factional disturbances in the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and the membership of the South Jamaica Republican Club is comprised largely, if not wholly, of members of the Invisible Empire.

I refuse to tolerate any of this petty bickering and resigned rather than become involved in any factional fights.

"Organization Bigoted."

"In fact, I want no connection or association with the Klan. It is the most intolerant and bigoted organization that ever was created," he said.

Style's attack on the Klan came as a surprise, for as a witness at the trial of Al Levin and Frank Berg, who were convicted in Queens County Court of an attempt to bribe Boro President George U. Harvey, the former klansman boasted of his affiliations with the hooded order.

At his own trial on a charge of perjury, alleged to have been committed during the Levin-Berg trial, Styles imported high ranking officers of the Klan in an attempt to prove Boro President Harvey was a member of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Members Fight.

"The Klan is the most restless organization in the world," he said. "They have made one great mistake of constantly fighting among themselves. And when any members of the Klan join any other organization, they carry their grievances there. That is the trouble with a good many other Republican clubs in Queens County."

Styles said that he formed 14 Republican clubs in Queens County during the last election campaign. All these organizations supported George U. Harvey in his fight for election, and are still functioning, the former Klan leader stated.

"They are all functioning with Klansmen at their head. When I formed them originally, the nucleus of the membership was comprised of klansmen and klanswomen. They still belong to these units, but all continue to wage their petty quarrels on the floor of the clubs instead of at their meetings in robes.

"All are trying to forget their Klan affiliations. That is, they don't want it publicly known they are members of the invisible empire. The result is they are always threatening to expose one another."