

# KU-KLUX WORKER DARES HARVEY TO PROSECUTE HIM

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Will Ignore Whole Matter,  
Boro President Says  
in Reply to Hoage.

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William J. Hoage, former **Klan** organizer, who testified in the Queens County Court to Boro President George U. Harvey's alleged membership in the American Crusaders, yesterday declared that he had distributed copies of the alleged membership application and defied the Boro President to prosecute him.

A letter addressed to Harvey and defying the Boro President to take action against him was sent to various newspapers and was signed by Hoage, who gave his address as 19 E. 10th st., Brooklyn. Harvey said he had not received the letter, and upon being told of its contents declared he would ignore it.

According to Hoage's letter, a quotation ascribed to Harvey appeared in a newspaper threatening the person circulating copies of the alleged application with prosecution "to the full extent of the law." Harvey denied having made any statement in reference to the photostatic copies.

"It is impossible for me to get after every fellow who is making attacks on me," the Boro President declared. "If I were to answer all attacks and fight everyone who is attacking me, I'd have no time for anything else."

## Renews Old Charge.

Hoage's letter reiterated the charges that the alleged membership application is a "bona fide, genuine application blank for membership in the American Crusaders, which you signed, and for which, despite your previous threats, you have never prosecuted anyone for producing what you termed a 'forgery.'"

Hoage was escorted from a political meeting in the Flushing High School on Friday night when he attempted to challenge Harvey from a balcony perch. The disturbance was branded as "heckling" and was partially attributed by Harvey to Frank Berg, who was convicted on a charge of attempting to bribe the Boro President.

Announcement was made yesterday by Paul Winters, one of the organizers of the **Klan** in Queens, that he had been called into a deal with John Theofel, Democratic leader, and Joseph DeBragga, Republican leader. The "deal" was said to have been for Winters to secure petitions nominating a **Klan** man to take enough votes from Harvey in order that County Clerk Edward W. Cox's election would be assured.