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The lawyer takes an oath to defend and uphold the Constitution. He is an officer of the court. He should be a leader in the matter of law enforcement. His voice should be the last to be raised against orderly legal process in defense of human rights. Intimidation of regularly constituted officers and incitement to mob rule should never be, by him, advocated.

I am informed that we have lawyers in this State who are going from place to place and advising the people to enforce their demands by violence, if necessary, where officers or individuals refuse to do their bidding. All this while our courts are open for the redress of every legal wrong. And yet, I dare say, if these same parties should have their own personal or property rights invaded, they would be the loudest to proclaim, and the first to invoke, the protection of those rights under the Constitution.

If the information that reaches me is correct, the Bar Association should not stand by without taking action. It will be appreciated if the members of the bar will give me any facts within their knowledge. Let no man in our profession publicly violate his oath and be permitted to go unpunished.

There never was a period in our history when calm thinking and sympathetic conciliation was more needed. I believe that our profession, as a whole, will be true to its most exalted traditions and not swerve from its highest duty.—PRESIDENT HUTCHINSON.