

Salt Lake City, Utah,

July 5, 1922.

Hon. Charles R. Mabey,
Governor of Utah,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

My dear Governor:

I feel impelled to address you by reason of the request of one Gust Zaharopoulos for the termination of his sentence, imposed at Price, Utah.

A few years ago this same Gust Zaharopoulos killed his wife and was sentenced to life imprisonment. After he had served a little more than two years, I, as President of the Greek community and on its behalf and because of the pleadings of his widowed mother, petitioned Governor Bamberger for a commutation of his sentence and pursuant thereto the sentence of Mr. Zaharopoulos was commuted to five years.

At the time we believed that his incarceration had made him repentant and that he would be a good man and a worthy citizen, but to our disappointment he has been worse, if possible, than before. Zaharopoulos is one of a few bad men among our countrymen whom we believe to be a disgrace to our community and who bring us in reproach and disrepute among our neighbors. On this account and because it is the second established offense of which he has been justly convicted, we feel that the law should take its course and that he is not entitled to any leniency by the Board of Pardons. Our community desires to cooperate with you and with the officers of the law for a strict observance of law and the bringing to justice of men who live in violation and defiance of the law.

We believe that the conduct of Zaharopoulos justifies an absolute denial of his application for leniency, and that wilful violation of the law as established against Mr. Zaharopoulos merits the full penalty imposed.

Yours very sincerely,

G. A. Pappas