

ETHYL GASOLINE CORPORATION

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Dr. Robert A. Kehoe.

Dear Dr. Kehoe:

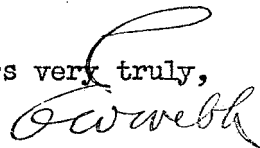
I have been advised that the Surgeon General intends leaving on March 23rd (I do not know whether this is the leaving date from Washington or San Francisco) to meet his wife in Honolulu. Their son, who is employed by the International Banking Corporation was recently very seriously injured in the Far East and Mrs. Cumming went to China where he was taken to the Peking Hospital, and is probably bringing him back with her. If the Surgeon General does make this trip I should not think he would be able to get back much before May 1st.

I was wondering, under the circumstances, if any good purpose could be served in your filing even a preliminary report with the Surgeon General prior to his leaving Washington. The thing I have particularly in mind is the fact that conditions are apt to get rather critical in reference to the ordinance against the sale of ETHYL in the City of New York: this due to the fact that in all likelihood by May ETHYL will be sold at all City limits, and the cars buying it will, of course, in some instances if not a great many, operate in the City of New York. Then too, some of our customers have stations just outside the city and have also a number of stations inside, and it is making the law against us in the City stand out like a sore thumb. I should think that if your report is entirely favorable and it was in the hands of the Surgeon General, who might be able to give it his stamp of approval, to some extent at least, we would then be better justified than ever in taking the matter up with the Health Department here and see what could be done about the lifting of the ban,

I should think this additional report of yours would be very helpful in this direction and I am afraid that if we do not do something about it before the Surgeon General gets away we will be embarrassed to have to wait until May to take it up. Of course, it may be that the actual presence of the Surgeon General will not be necessary but I am rather inclined to think that Dr. Leake and Dr. Thompson might be unwilling to take any unnecessary responsibility in the absence of the Surgeon General.

I am presenting these facts to you so that you may know what the situation is and thereby draw your own conclusions as to what should be done under the circumstances.

Yours very truly,



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