

## Information re: Mr. F. Kettner

From two sources I learned that a group of Mr. Kettner's students left the group accusing Mr. Kettner of misappropriation of funds and influencing the personal lives of some students tearing them away from their homes, interfering with filial obligations to parents and even forcing certain marriage. This group demanded of Mr. Kettner \$4000 of monies to be returned since Mr. Kettner used the funds for other purposes than that for which they were given. I understand that \$2000 was used for furniture for the apartment and office of Mr. Kettner and the young people feel that Mr. & Mrs. Kettner have been unnecessarily extravagant on their funds which they contributed for other purposes.

Mr. Kettner had conferences with Mr. & Mrs. Horch telling about the attack of this group who threaten lawsuit and complaints to the District Attorney. Of course Mr. Kettner told the story in a veiled way not revealing his methods of finances. Mr. & Mrs. Horch urged him to consult a good attorney and also stressed the need of telling the entire truth to the attorney. In our relations with Mr. Kettner we have found him inclined to subterfuge, shiftness and untruthfulness.

In the meantime I have learned from Mr. Pines of the very shady past of Mr. Kettner in the old country with serious moral and financial implications of which Mr. Pines has actual documents to confirm. However Mr. Pines has not spoken of



this before as he did not wish to harm Mr Kettner in his work here and Mr Pures even offered cooperation to him in his magazine which Mr Kettner rejected since Mr Pures demanded that all financial accounts must be kept strictly to be shown openly at any time.

Mr Kettner conferred with Mrs Horch again and said that his one great worry is that if this affair be taken to court he does not know how Mr Pures will testify since he will be an important witness. Since obviously there is no reason why Mr Pures should be brought into the case which is entirely between the boys and Mr Kettner, this confession showed that Mr Kettner is afraid of Mr Pures and has some past to conceal. B advised Mr Kettner to go openly and talk over the matter with Mr Pures since I gathered that Mr Pures did not wish to harm him but rather to help him out of difficulties. Mr Kettner requested me to first find out more definitely Mr Pures' feeling in the matter and if he bears no malice then Mr Kettner would go to him.

In the meantime I had a talk with Mr Pures who said that his principal interest is to protect the museum from being unnecessarily and undeservedly drawn into a scandal, saying that if the matter is brought to courts the newspapers would try to drag in the museum and involve it, even tho' the museum has no part of this scandal. Mr Pures said that he would do everything in his power to help



to hush the case and have Mr Kettner and boys settle it out of court.

Mr Kettner did a long talk with Mr Rines from which Mr Kettner emerged elated and most encouraged. Mr Rines recommended his own lawyer to help Mr K. and said he (Mr R.) would see each one of the boys and try to calm them to settlement. Mr Ket. visited lawyer and told him further facts which he did not reveal to Mr Rines or to Mr Horch. Mr Ket. took \$10 membership fee and only put \$5 into accounts and the other \$5 used personally without accounting for it. He also used money for his furniture without consent of his Society + Com. The lawyer informs that he does not believe it is a criminal suit but the boys could win a civil suit. The lawyer is giving advice and asked to see the books and made appointment. Mr Kettner changed the appointment before showing books. Mr Rines is also worried that Mr Kettner will not be entirely truthful with the attorney and complicate the case.

Mr Rines said lawyer will try to settle every thing out of court.

Mr Rines also feels that the boys will continue to harbor resentment (as was already definitely expressed) that Mr Kettner lives in extravagant way at Museum on their money, and that he should move to East side.

Mrs Horch asks Name Rines's advice and suggestions about future relationship with Mr Kettner