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Remonstrance

OF

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vs.

allowing Elvis Presley to use Auditorium or proposed Civic Center.

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REPORT OF COMMITTEE

Mr. President:

Your

Committee

to which was referred the within

would respectfully report that we have considered the same and respectfully recommend that

CHAIRMAN

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Dear City Council Members:

I and most parents feel the same as the manager of our civic auditorium. We want no part of the singer Elvis Presley "Rock'n Roll" music at our auditorium.

Enclosed is a clipping from the morning Post Intelligencer about Elvis Presley actions yesterday in Memphis, Tenn.

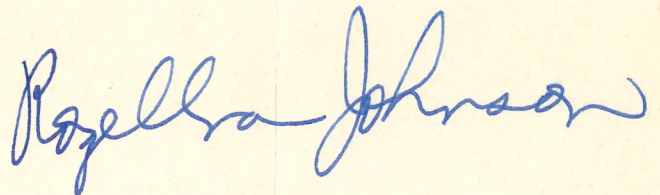
A large bond issue is to voted on next month, for millions to build a wonderful Civic Center. No parent or business person will vote millions for Teenagers to damage because of their craze for "Rock'n Roll" music and Elvis Presley.

Parents of Teenagers were the first to discuss the seriousness of this craze with me.

Sincerely,

Rozellna Johnson,
1631 Belmont Ave.,
Seattle 22, Wash.

Oct. 19, 1956.





The Winnah--Elvis!

SINGER ELVIS PRESLEY plays with his pup Sweet Pea Thursday night after his brief fist fight with two Memphis, Tenn., gas station operators. Presley came out unmarked, but one of his assailants got a black eye. (Story on Page 1.)

2d Man Glipped:

Rock 'N' Roller Elvis Bops Gas Station Manager

(Picture on Page 3.)

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 18.—(AP)—Teen-age idol Elvis Presley engaged in a fast fistfight with a service station manager today, leaving the latter with a black eye that "looked like a traveling bag."

Presley, manager Ed Hopper, 42, and a late-comer to the fight, Aubrey Brown, 21, were all charged with assault and battery and disorderly conduct. They made bond of \$52 each.

Witnesses said the trouble started when Presley, home from his rock 'n' roll tours, stopped at the station in his sleek, white Continental Mark II automobile and asked Hopper to check for gas tank leaks.

A CROWD, drawn by the side-burned singer and the \$10,000 car, began to gather. Traffic was blocked. Hopper finally asked Presley to take himself off so the station could get back to normal operation.

A witness, Harvey Huff, told police that Presley, seated in the car signing autographs, agreed to move on but delayed to oblige pressing fans. Huff said Hopper then slapped Presley on the head and said:

"I said move on!"

Huff said Presley, 6-1 and 185 pounds, leaped from the car and jolted Hopper (5-10, 175) with a right that cut a half inch gash at the corner of his left eye. He said the eye "looked like a traveling bag."

A POLICEMAN and a bystander moved in and broke up the flurry. Attendant Aubrey Brown, 21 and 220 pounds, came hustling out of the station and also drew a Presley fist.

"He just barely did hit me in the left eye," said Brown, who was unmarked.

Presley, fuming in the clutches of peacemakers, said:

"I'll take ridicule and slander, but when a guy hits me, that's too much."

"I asked him three times to move, in a nice way," said Hopper. "He'd say, 'I'm fixing to move,' but he didn't. The last time I told him he started to get out (of the car) and I shoved him back in. He started out after me."

Hopper said two men were holding his arms when Presley hit him.