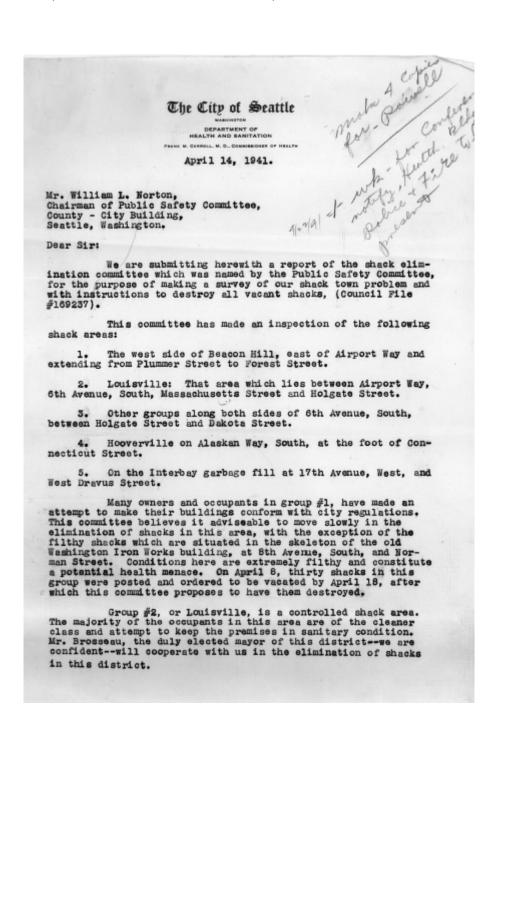
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Group #3 consists of about 365 shacks extending along both sides of 6th Ave.,S., from Holgate St. to Dakota St. Most of these shacks are filthy and objectionable. A Shack town in this area is particularly objectionable to the city, as it may be seen from all passenger trains coming into the city from the south. Because of the large number of shacks in this area the committee does not consider it practical to attempt an immediate total elimination, but deems it adviseable that a small number should be notified each week to vacate; after which the shacks vacated will be destroyed.

The shacks in group #4, or Hooverville, have been served with notices from the Port Commission to vacate by May 1. About 150 of these shacks have already been vacated and destroyed.

Many of the occupants of group #5 are workers on the Interbay garbage fill. Some of those living in this area can afford to live in better homes. Those in this class should be asked to vacate at once and their shocks ordered razed. The others in this group should be given a little time in which to readjust themselves, and we believe they will vacate without difficulty, and this shack area could soon be eliminated. At the time this committee made its inspection, one vacant shack was found and immediately destroyed.

As the 465 at Hooverville, and others, are ordered vacated and destroyed, your committee is concerned regarding other shacks being constructed in new locations and it is recommended that a full time man be employed for the purpose of preventing any new shack construction.

There are other groups of shacks in the city, such as those along the Duwsmish water way and on the beach at Smith's Cove, which are not included in this report. Buildings in these areas have existed for many years and are owned and occupied by fishermen and other part time workmen, who have a small annual income.

In view of the numerous suggestions that have been made relative to shack elimination, we wish to know at this time if you desire that our committee continue and if so, along what lines?

Very truly yours,

Commissioner of Health,

Superintendent of Buildings,

Chief of Police,

chief of Fire Department.