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Klan Leader Plans Organizing Crusade

TEXARKANA, Tex., Nov. 17 (UPI)—Robert M. Shelton, imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, emerged from a nine-month stay in prison today and said he would lead a white crusade to free the country from the "infested black carcass that's dragging us down."

Shelton was released from the Texarkana Correctional Institution after serving nine months of his year's contempt of Congress sentence for refusing to disclose Klan membership rolls.

He met with newsmen in a back room of a restaurant.

"I'm organizing the Normans, the Celts and Anglos, the Saxons, the Huguenots, the German martyr-blood people into a bond of unity," said Shelton.

"A silent majority has realized that it is no longer a question of bad government.

"It's a question of impossible government, and we are chained to the infested black carcass that's dragging us down to the low morals and disruption that's in this nation today.

"I'm going back into the field again as head of the Klan organization and we're going to start one of the largest crusades this country has ever seen."

Warden L. M. Connett said Shelton's release came three months early because he got the normal allowance for good behavior and he received an additional 15 days award "for good work." Connett said he had no authorization to discuss what sort of "good work" Shelton performed.



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Imperial Wizard Shelton outlines Klan recruiting drive.