

SUPPLEMENTARY OFFENSE REPORT

ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT
175 DECATUR ST., S. E.
ATLANTA, GA.

OFFENSE Press Conference SERIAL NO. 9-7-67
COMPLAINANT Ebeneza Baptist Church
ADDRESS Auburn Avenue at Jackson Street

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1. Dr. Albert Davis - President Local Chapter NAACP.
2. Mr. Jessie Hill - Coordinator Atlanta Summit Council.
3. Rev. J. D. Ward - Spokesman Operation Bread Basket.
4. Rev. Clyde Williams - Metropolitan Grass Root's Council.

Dr. Davis opened the news conference at 2:35 P.M. with a statement, "We the various organization leaders since the Labor Day weekend have been in close conference among ourselves and with Dr. Martin Luther King, concerning the problems in Atlanta. We have urged Dr. King in view of these problems to come to Atlanta and assist us in non-violent actions to alleviate them." Dr. Davis cited in series the problems that he felt was facing negro communities:

1. He stated that the Atlanta Board of Education is now holding double sessions in five negro schools and none in white schools. Further that office employment in the central office for negros in supervisory positions lagged.
2. Unemployment: Negros still remain in the larger percentile among the unemployed. According to Dr. Davis of the ten percent unemoloyed in a given group only two percent were white.
3. Housing: The Atlanta Housing Authorities are still practicing segregation and also maintaining separate office operation according to Dr. Davis.
4. Justice and the Police: Dr. Davis stated he feels sure that there was evidence of police brutality in the Dixie Hills area and a laxity of city officials in

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giving service to that community. Two recent decisions rendered by the Aldermanic police committee has shown that the committee was not represented. He further charged that the altercation between Officer Marshall and Mr. Hosea Williams added to the attention that Atlanta will get, but it is not a prime factor in their grievance against the police department. Oftentimes Dr. Davis would elude questions propounded by reporters concerning the Williams case. He did however relate that Williams had conferred with Dr. King and was still conferring with him about the matter.

Rev. Clyde Williams stated that a mass meeting would be slated at the West Hunter Baptist Church at the corner of Chestnut and Hunter Streets tonight, September 7, 1967, and the problems of inadequate housing, police injustice and other subjects would be discussed.

Mr. Jessie Hill when ask by reporters about the Marshall and Williams altercation stated that he had had a conference with Dr. King September 7, 1967, and he ask Dr. King to consider Atlanta the target for SCLA(Southern Christian Leadership Conference) action. Further that Dr. King revealed that he had been under pressure by several members of this congregation to come to Atlanta. " I do not feel that the Marshall incident hurt Atlanta as far as pressure is concerned and is not an outstanding factor but it helps to show the need for assistance."

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As far as what course would be taken by Dr King it would be his own decision according to Dr. Davis. Dr. Davis further stated that Atlanta is a city that will listen but fail to act. " We have detected an end to progressive action." Dr. Davis stated that if it was necessary to move the head of the Board of Education, Chief of Police or any other office it must be done so that progressive action might exist.

I talked with Dr. Davis after the conference and he stated that he expected some word from Dr. King within a few hours. Further that Dr. King could be reached in Cleveland, Ohio, at 851-4300, that he felt sure that some action would be taken by Dr. King determined from their conversation. No reason was given as to why Mr. Hosea Williams failed to attend the conference.

The conference ended at 3:05 PM.

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