

July 27, 1963
Clover, S.C.

Mayor Ivan Allen Jr.,
Atlanta Ga.

Dear Sir:

In regards to your speech that was in the Charlotte Observer this morning Sat. July 27, 1963 that stated you work closer with the public.

I know and understand that being Mayor is no easy job, even in this small town we have many problems that is the Mayor's duty to try to solve.

Let me bring this race problem even closer at home than your position.

I am a waitress in a restaurant and we never turn away any customers black or white, but we do serve our negroes at the side entrance they receive the same service and the same consideration as anyone
over

2

The only difference is when a waitress waits on a negro that lives around here she has to fill their order as fast as she can and get out for some air. There are some white customers that are not any better but when a bill is passed that we have to eat side by side with the negro then that is shoving all of them down our throats. I know there are exceptions because we have two good ones that work at our place, but some of them don't get baths even once a month sometimes.

Mr. I can't believe that you gave much thought to your statement. If a negro is qualified to hold a job equal to white men then he should be given the chance to prove himself. Who knows there may be one that could run your job.

over

3

or even run for president of U.S.
but I can't believe ~~God~~ God
intended for us to mix and white
many black.

If the Courts have their way
that will be what we will have
to face in the future with
our children.

Southern Waitress