

August 2, 1963

Mr Mayor
The City of Atlanta
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The colored people
are reaching far beyond
their rights in their
strife for freedom.

Freedom is a mental
and spiritual experience,
but where are the negroes
looking for it? Do they
expect the whites to give
it to them? But most of
the white people do not
have it nor do they fully
understand the real
meaning of it. Those who
do understand it have
done much for the colored.

The negroes should

be reminded that they stem from generations of cannibals, barbarians and slaves, and still have a long way to go to match the status of the white man.

Those who were able to break through their mental barriers have done it for themselves and not for the entire colored race, but they must serve to enlighten their own people; and the colored must look mainly to them and not to the whites. If they are dissatisfied with their living conditions or neighborhoods, then why don't they strive to improve them? Is the grass greener or does the sun shine brighter else-

where? And who cheapened
and degraded their neighbor-
hoods in the first place?

For negroes merely to
cover themselves with
deception or borrowed
garments of superiority
and to try to claim higher
places in life will not
lift them out of their
state of inferiority. When
the sincere man recognizes
his shortcomings, he strives
to improve himself and
to come up to others rather
than cause others to come
down to him.

As far as government
issues are concerned
they have a right to claim
their part in them; but
when it comes to private
matters or enterprises,
they have absolutely no

right whatsoever & push themselves upon them.

This is being done in Communist countries, but free-loving people should not want this way of life. We cannot gain freedom by infringing the rights of others.

Freedom must come, not through force nor threats but through love and right reasoning. If the white people who allow themselves to be forced into obeying the demands of the colored then they are giving them the power to dominate them.

It is tragically wrong & close up colored schools and send their children & white schools. Schools,

churches and communities
must go hand-in-hand.
 If a few colored happen
 to live close to white
 schools then they should
 have the right to attend
 them. It seems that the
 colored, as soon as they
 begin to make progress,
 want to escape from
 their own people, yet
 they are trying to push them
 on to the whites.

A few months ago Nancy
 Dickerson told on her "One
 Woman's Washington" broad-
 casts that that city was
 terribly infested with
 rats and with crime.
 I have lived in Washington
 and I was disturbed to
 hear such things about
 that beautiful city. Well,
 I think I now understand

The reason for those problems and I will try to explain it.

My family and I once lived in a refined, clean and pleasant neighborhood that was located on one of the many lovely hills of our city. After the war started and there were plenty of jobs for all, colored people began to move close to our community, and many unpleasant things began to happen. Some of the streets became unsafe at night, and handbags were snatched ^{etc.}

I moved away from that city. When I visited my relatives in 1947 I found that colored people were already living

in the community. When I returned again, in 1950, I beheld a dreary sight. Most of the white people had moved away and the rest were looking for new places. My mother was very sad and reluctant to leave the home she loved so much. Since I love to walk, I ventured out a few evenings and I saw rats racing across streets. I was horrified. I had never before seen such things on my many walks.

The lower elements in the human nature are more active than the higher; and the colored influence is doing more

To drag down the whites
than the white influence,
to lift the colored. They
are greatly in need of
help and there is a way
out for them, but their
leaders are neither
qualified nor advanced
enough to advance them.
And from the way things
look, neither do the white
leaders know how to help
them.

I have the complete
solution to the entire
negro problem and I
am supposed to present
it only to President Nelson
Rockefeller. I am not
permitted to give it out to
anyone else. No President
Rockefeller, no solution. I
shall explain this in a ^{sincerely}
separate letter. (Miss) Ethel Akhaddo



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