

In the proposed allocation of funds resulting from the eighteen million dollar bond issue submitted to the tax paying citizens by the Board of Education in the early spring of 1966 an amount sufficient to build a Junior High School in Vine City formed a part of a contractual agreement. It was the impression that if the bond issue was successfully passed a Junior High School would be built in Vine City. In what appears to represent a breach of contract, the Board of Education has decided to build said Junior High School on a tract of land bounded on the east by Griffin, on the west by Chestnut, on the north by Thurmond, and on the south by Spencer streets, which area is approximately a mile from Vine City, and in a community where there are less than twenty-five school age children.

The citizens living in this area include many of whom are retired and unemployable, others are approaching the status of unemployability, and still others are beyond the long term age limit. These citizens have invested their life savings in what they had hoped to be their permanent homes. The amount of money offered them by the Board of Education for their homes will not enable them to relocate and purchase homes substantially similar to those they now occupy.

In the light of the situation described above, the citizens in the area under consideration have organized themselves into a Home Owners Resistance Campaign. They are calling upon and would welcome the support of organizations, and concerned individual citizens to assist them in this struggle to retain possession and occupancy of their homes.

Many organizations and public spirited citizens have joined them in this struggle by adopting unanimously resolutions in support of their effort, including the Atlanta Chapter of Frontiers International, The

Greater Atlanta Baptist Alliance, The A. M. E. Ministers Union, The Ministerial Fellowship of the C. M. E. Church, The West Side Voters League, The Membership of the First Congregational Church, and the Butler Street Baptist Church.

Dr. William H. Borders of the Wheat Street Baptist Church is the Coordinator of the resistance campaign and Resident Bishop P. Randolph Shy is Associate Coordinator.

In consideration of the alarming circumstances that these home owners find themselves in, it is being proposed that on this Anniversary occasion the members and supporters of the Atlanta Chapter of the NAACP adopt a resolution pledging their individual and several support to the Home Owners referred to above, and that the Board of Education be requested to revise its plan of uprooting these families and build a Junior High School in a community where the children are and in keeping with its contractual agreement.

Be it resolved that the citizens of the Metropolitan Atlanta area here assembled register their concern by approving the sentiments herein expressed.

Be it further resolved that a copy of the sentiments agreed upon be sent to the Mayor of the City of Atlanta, Chairman of the Board of Aldermen, President of Atlanta Board of Education, Superintendent of Public Schools, The Atlanta Inquirer, The Atlanta Constitution, and a copy placed in our minutes for the record.

Yours sincerely,

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