

# 3 Negro Leaders Ask Allen for an Apology

The Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference (ASLC) has called for Mayor Ivan Allen Jr. to apologize for a "slur" against the president of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The Rev. Sam Williams, Jesse Hill Jr. and Ald. Q. V. Williamson, co-chairman of ASLC, were referring to remarks by the mayor about Dr. A. M. Davis, local NAACP leader.

Davis wrote the mayor for a meeting on the public housing situation here and later issued a statement that he had not "received the courtesy of a reply." Davis went on to say that he had asked the federal government to cut off funds for local housing and urban renewal programs because of discrimination.

Davis specifically mentioned a proposal for a housing unit in the Skipper Drive-Harwell Road-Bankhead Drive area which he said would further saturate the already saturated area."

When it was pointed out that Davis lives in that neighborhood, the mayor said, "I wonder if that might influence his position." It was that remark that drew the ire of the three Negro leaders.

Allen said that he had written Davis and said he (Allen) would be glad to talk with the NAACP leader, but suggested Davis first familiarize himself with the current public housing situation.

Allen said that the city is looking for possible low-income housing sites all over the city, but that most of the vacant and available land is in the west and southeast. He encouraged the NAACP and other such organizations to find sites and develop them under such federal programs as "221-d(3)."

As to the latest ASL charge, the mayor had no comment.

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