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Mayor Juan Allen

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Mass Meeting: Mt. Moriah Baptist Church

We attended a mass meeting at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, corner of Ashby and Fair St. at 8PM this date.

The following was stated by Rev Boone as being necessary for the Board of Education:

1. That there is not enough Negro members in the Technical Schools
2. That there are not enough text books
3. That schedules must be ready by the first day of school and
3 and that not too many be enrolled
4. That a re-study of all text books be made, with no proper respect on race.
5. That no rule be issued denying freedom of speech
6. That a Negro Principal be put into the school and not only in Negro schools
7. That by Jan 1, 1968, a Negro superintendant is placed in charge of the schools
8. That departments be directed by Negroes
9. That children be removed from the double sessions

Rev. Boone spoke on the lack of decent housing, in the Negro sections, poverty and the failure on the part of power structure.

A Mrs. Dorothy Bolton came forward, speaking for the parents bringing back to mind that in 1964, the first march to Central High School. She spoke on how the parents must join together in order to take a stand for their children. She further stated that she herself had gone down to Dr. Letson's office and tried to appeal to him but that he only put her off saying that she had to wait until he had time to see her.

Mr. Thomas Harper, representing Youth Town, spoke on how his organization was designed to keep teens in line, meaning that they were trying to keep them from becoming juvenile delinquents. He too talked of the double sessions in the schools and on how he thought the Negroes were being cheated out of an education.

Three points that were brought out were as follows:

Slums must go

Dr. Letson must go

Double sessions in the schools must go

Mr. Hosea Williams came to the platform at this time speaking on the subject of proving ones manhood. He stated that this could only be proven when the black men come together in an organized fashion being on one accord.

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Dr. Martin Luther King spoke last stating that we are either together or divided but that there was no division in NAACP. He stated that dope victims and alcoholics are only caused by the lack of unemployment. He stated that Atlanta boast of having jobs for everyone but that when the Negro people go down to the city hall annex, they are turned away with the pretense of not being well enough qualified.

He ended by saying that the job of the Negro demanded unity and that we might be separated among ourselves but together against the white people.

At this time it was stated that each person present would march with the leaders down to the Washington High School. Dr. King advised the group to have numerous demonstrations, non-violently. He reminded them of the destruction of the previous riots and indicated by his speech that we did not need a reoccurrence.

Other guests were as follows:

Dr. M.L. King Jr.
A.M. Davis
Ralph Abernathy
Sam Williams
Joseph Boone
Hosea Williams
Leroy Johnson
Julian Bond

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Mrs. Linda Tucker

P.S. Dr. King stated that he had planned to make a speech, and had already written it out at this time, but that since everybody else had made such good remarks he would not speak, but that he would bring out points on their remarks. These are listed above.

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In Regards to the Mass Meeting:

Tonight upon completion of the meeting at the Mt. Moriah Baptist Church, Hosea Williams asked the entire group to accompany him in a march to Washington High School. He came to the outside at the front steps and again appealed to the group to march with him. He succeeded in getting approximately 300. They marched north on Ashby Street to Hunter St. During the march, approximately one half of these people dropped out along the way. The remainder continued to the front steps of Washington High School, where they sang two songs.

Hosea Williams greeted the group. He told them that we must demonstrate until superintendent Letson knows that we are not playing. We should turn this city upside down, I ~~mean~~ we should fill all the jails with adults and not send our children. He stated we must show the power structure of the school and of the police department that we ~~mean~~ business. He further stated that Chief Jenkins had sent his good guys out to be with them tonight, he knew that there wouldn't be any trouble.

This group remained on the steps of Washington High School for about 30 minutes. They then dispersed and went in different directions. This group at the church consisted of approximately eleven hundred.

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