

those interviewed think the rioting there helped their chances for equality in jobs, schools and housing. Only 23.8 percent believe the rioting was harmful to attainment of this objective.

The obvious inference from this is that the demagogue, the racist-in-reverse, will find his best opportunity in the ghettos and that this is why he makes his major pitch there. It should be borne in mind, however, that the ghetto is not synonymous with the Negro community in the United States. Many Negroes do not live in ghettos. The moderate Negro leader, however, has a responsibility to help alleviate the conditions in the ghetto. And he also has a responsibility to stand up and be counted in opposition to those who seek to exploit the distress in the ghettos for purposes of their own—from motives which are at best dubious and which in the long run can only retard the drive of the Negro for his equal and rightful place in the American society.

Here in Washington, the investi-

ample in cracking down on violence and incitement to violence, the country should hear before long from other moderate voices.

For if one thing is clear, it is that future progress in civil rights depends upon co-operation within the framework of law by whites and Negroes whose dedication to equal treatment and equal opportunity is genuine rather than opportunistic. If anyone doubts this, let him look at what is happening to the 1966 civil rights bill in the Senate.

There certainly is nothing to be gained in the future by following those who think or who pretend to think of progress in terms of black power, and who talk nonsense about burning down the city to get what they want.

An important thing for everyone to remember is that gains can be lost. And one way to reverse the national mood which has produced so many very substantial civil rights gains is to enlist an army under the racist banner of hot-heads who want the Negro to go it alone.

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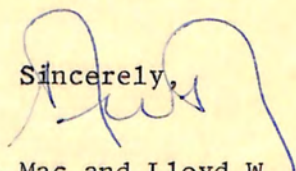
The Honorable Ivan Allen
Mayor
Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Mr. Allen:

We are disturbed to read in the news of the rioting and unrest in Atlanta. We are proud of your courage in the face of the mob but we are also concerned with your safety. You have waged an enlightenment campaign to better the plight of the negro in Atlanta. You have been recognized nationally for the job done. We are convinced your strong vigorous approach to violence is proper.

We can't vote for the Mayor of Atlanta but we sure support you.

Sincerely,


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