

Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr.

Atlanta, Ga.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

We are not impressed with the letters you are getting agreeing with you on your stand on Civil Rights - and your testimony in Washington. We were not surprised at or will we be surprised at anything you do since you were elected by the negroes and you bought them to elect you. Another man was elected by the white people. All of this is facts and many of your friends know all this and will never tell you. You are like many people whose best friends won't tell them what they should know. You are not impressed with anybody but yourself. You belong to the group who does not know that you don't know. There is some hope for a person who knows he doesn't know everything and is willing to listen - but you are not in that class. You can't see your shortcomings. You will never see them - there is no hope for you. There is no hope for the white people in Atlanta for the negroes will continue to elect people like you.

Any City which will have its recreation department employ nice white girls and make them teach negro men to swim is bound to get worse before it gets better. The Recreation Dept. says that if those girls refuse to teach negro men to swim that they will not have a job. These girls need jobs. This must be Russia. Would you want your daughter, daughter in law or grand daughter to be teaching negro men to swim??????? What is going to happen is that Atlanta is going to get worse than Washington in less time than Washington got the way it is. Nine yrs. ago Pres. Eisenhower put out an Executive order that there would be no more segregation in Washington. Look at Washington today. Not safe for a white person to be on the street in the day time much less night. Atlanta will go faster and worse because

of a Mayor like you. The crime here is bad enough now - just give it another year under you and it will not be safe for white women to be on the streets alone here day or night. Negroes have been trying to buy real estate in your immediate neighborhood - they would have bought it if the owner had not taken the property off the market but that won't be for long - because they will send a white person to buy it who will be buying for the negro. Then will you stand up and say take your grief to the ballot box. Wait until some of your family is raped - will you say that the people of your area are unduly alarmed and you will do nothing about it. The tax payer under you has no choice except to accept your directive.

Some ~~of~~ of your so called best friends don't agree with you.

It will be just too heart breaking when you get a big family of negroes next door or across the street from you. Don't think it can't happen to you. You can't be for other people taking it and not be willing to have it in your section. You are not better than the people in the Payton Rd. area you just have more money and can buy more votes.

Wake up Mr. Allen before it is too late.

Mrs. John Paul Jones,
Atlanta's Northside