

I am glad that the former chairman of Atlanta's police committee and former member of Atlanta's finance committee has again had an opportunity to *vib/* voice his old objections to the building of the Atlanta Stadium and to the method of financing between the City of ~~Atlanta - Fulton County~~ ^{the County + the State} Recreational Authority.

Had Alderman Gilliam been able to prevail in the past against the unanimous approval of the Board of Aldermen, we would now be without a new stadium, the Atlanta Braves and the Atlanta Falcons. His judgement, constantly wrong in the past, still guides him.

I have complete confidence in the Authority and the members who compose it. They are able citizens who have been appointed by the governments of the state, city and county. They have done an outstanding and commendable job, and certainly have the full support of the great majority of all Atlanta citizens.

Full knowledge of the contractual relationship between the Stadium Authority and the Braves has been made public at all times. The news media have been offered complete copies of the contract, and it has received full and wide public coverage.

Alderman Gilliam's charges that there is any thing sinister about this contract is as absurd as his present efforts to injure Atlanta's fine success in major league sports.

He has made mention of the responsibility of the Stadium Authority to indemnify the Braves or the National League as to leggl costs in their move to Atlanta. I heartily concur and support our defense against Milwaukee and their Milwaukee County in ~~our~~ efforts to break our contract and take the Braves back.

Whatever money Milwaukee wants to spend to attempt to break our contract will be matched by Atlanta in offsetting such attempts. We have the Braves and have them for 25 years, and are perfectly willing to match dollar for dollar what Milwaukee is willing to spend foolishly to try to get them back.