

THE ST. AUGUSTINE AFFILIATE CHAPTER  
OF THE  
SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE  
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Dear Fellow Citizens:

A copy of the speech made by State Attorney Dan Warren (of the ~~Fifth~~ Judicial District which includes St. Augustine) at Boston University in January 1965 is enclosed.

As interested local citizens of the Nation's Oldest City, we realize that a city divided against itself cannot stand, not to mention thrive and prosper. There is little doubt that the former wonderful name and image of the Nation's Oldest City has been besmirched and smeared by a small Anti-Democratic, Neo-Fascist control element.

With the Holy Easter Season upon us and the city's many Anniversary Celebration events approaching, let us ask ourselves this question; How can I contribute toward making our city (a city sharing in the Great Society; a city thriving in the main-stream of American Life; a city of Peace and Prosperity) a living symbol of democracy? With this question in mind, we ask you to let your conscience and your better sense of judgement be your guide.

If the necessary steps can be taken in the next couple of weeks to help the Negro of St. Augustine exercise his constitutional rights and participate in the many activities of the city government and the Quadricentennial Celebration, there will be no grounds for renewed demonstrations and civil rights activities that would possibly spoil the plans and operations of the Quadricentennial Celebration. To this end, we of the St. Augustine Southern Christian Leadership Conference Chapter feel that we can quote Chancellor Edward Litchfield of the University of Pittsburgh, a member of the Quadricentennial Commission that, "The significance of the St. Augustine quadricentennial celebration is not measured alone in its years. It is important, too, as a symbol of the spread of Western Culture into this hemisphere. An essential part of that culture in our belief in the value, the dignity and therefore the quality of all men."

"It would be a repudiation of that culture a reflection on that symbol and a mockery of that event were this nation, through the sponsorship of a presidential commission, to hold a national and even international celebration in a community in which any of our people are denied the unmistakable full measure of their citizenship."

May Divine Guidance be with us.

Yours for a more Democratic St. Augustine,  
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