

IN THE FACE OF ATTACKS AGAINST THE NEGROES OF SELMA, ALABAMA, WITH TEAR GAS, CLUBS, HORSES, CATTLE PRODS, WHIPS, AND GUNS, RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS CAN NO LONGER SIT IDLY BY WHILE THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DOES NOTHING. ABSTAINING FROM EFFECTIVE ACTION IN THE FACE OF SIMILAR DEEDS IN NAZI GERMANY RESULTED IN FASCISM. WE DEMAND THAT EFFECTIVE ACTION BE TAKEN NOW TO STOP THE TERRORISM AGAINST NEGROES IN SELMA, ALABAMA.

WE DEMAND

1. WE DEMAND the arrest of Sheriff James G. Clark and his deputies, of Director of Public Safety Al Lingo, and of Governor George Wallace for
 - (a) violating the First Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S., which guarantees the right of the people peaceable to assemble and to petition for a redress of grievances; for
 - (b) violating the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S., which guarantees protection against cruel and unusual punishment; and for
 - (c) violating the Fifteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S., which guarantees that the right of citizens of the U.S. to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of race or color.

2. WE DEMAND the disarming of the Selma Police Force and of the Alabama State Troopers, both of whose activities are directed by illegally elected state officials.

3. WE DEMAND that the Negro freedom fighters and their white allies of Selma, Alabama, be armed by the Federal Government to defend themselves from terrorist attacks and that these freedom fighters be constituted as the legal police force of Alabama, as provided for in the Second Amendment to the Constitution of the U.S.

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