

The conditions you see here are not new. Atlanta has permitted landlords like the one who owns this building to flout the law year after year. Right here in Atlanta, equality before the law does not operate for the people of this block and similar blocks.

The representative of the city who has closest contact with the people of the ghetto is the policeman. The ~~the~~ type of law enforcement known by people of this block was displayed when a civil rights worker ~~was arrested~~, Hector Black, was arrested here for trespassing while distributing blankets to people who have no heat or hot water. Police attitudes were evident last night when police detectives, brandishing a shot gun, ~~stopped~~ ^{stopped} and questioned a SNCC worker ~~emptying garbage~~ in front of SNCC headquarters at 360 Nelson Street, SW. The police detectives questioned the worker about the "Bond" issue and what was going on inside the SNCC building.

But landlords, who are able to get adequate police protection, go on breaking city codes. Daily they collect rents on apartments violating housing codes. The law evicts those delinquent in rent, but does nothing about delinquent landlords. ~~It~~

How long can this continue?

~~We~~ ^{We} notify Mayor Allen, that I ~~am~~ ^{am} the people of my district will not cease to protest until ~~this delinquent landlord~~ ~~delinquent~~ delinquent landlords are forced to make thousands of ~~the~~ repairs the law requires of them.

We have seen in the past week that Mayor Lindsay of New York has set up an emergency housing inspection program. Dwellings found in violation of the law are repaired by the city and repair costs are billed to the landlord. New York gives grants to low income families enabling ~~them~~ ^{them} to live in middle income dwellings. ~~We~~ ^{We} demand that Mayor Allen do the same here in Atlanta.

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