

Statement by Stokely Carmichael

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This is a message that my Black brothers and sisters will understand better than anyone else and that is as it should be.

Racist Mayor Ivan Allen of Atlanta is framing the Black people of this city and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee, SNICK. Allen is saying that we're responsible for the revolt of the black community.

The revolt was -- and is -- against the beastality of a racist mayor and his corrupt police department. The cop who shot Harold Prather in the back has neither been fired nor placed on trial. Mayor Allen has refused to deal with the rats, roaches and unemployment in the black community. Racist Allen has said that SNCC has run out of the black community.

We are here. Here, Baby!

We will stay . . . and shall keep on fighting racism, including the racism of Mayor Allen and his lies. Ivan Allen is not a white king and we are not his black subjects.

WE SHALL HELP THE PEOPLE ARRESTED. PLEASE CALL OUR OFFICE AND GIVE THE NAMES OF THOSE ARRESTED OR INJURED. WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A DEFENSE COMMITTEE TO AID OUR BLACK BROTHERS AND SISTERS NOW IN JAIL.

Ivan "Racist" Mayor Allen has gotten his white power structure to start a fight and is fighting. Black people serve notice that he who fights us . . . shall be fought.

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PLEASE PASS ON TO A FRIEND

SNCC CHAIRMAN STOKELY CARMICHAEL WAS ARRESTED LAST NIGHT AND TAKEN TO JAIL. HE IS CHARGED WITH "DISTURBANCE", AND "INCITING TO RIOT." LIKE THE 72 OTHER PEOPLE IN JAIL, THIS ARREST IS ILLEGAL. MAYOR ALLEN IS TRYING TO BLAME SNCC FOR THE ANGER THAT NEGROES FEEL BECAUSE:

HE KEEPS US IN BAD HOUSES

KEEPS OUR CHILDREN IN BAD SCHOOLS

WE'RE LAST HIRED AND FIRST FIRED

HIS POLICEMEN SHOOT US FOR NO REASON

SNCC GIVES "BACK TALK" TO MAYOR IVAN ALLEN. MAYOR ALLEN WANTS TO KEEP US QUIET, AND HAS LEARNED THAT HE CAN'T, SO NOW HE WANTS TO DESTROY US.

HE HAS ARRESTED OVER 70 OTHER NEGROES IN ORDER TO TEACH ALL ATLANTA NEGROES TO KEEP QUIET, AND THAT WHITE IS RIGHT. THAT'S WHY HE BROKE INTO HOMES TO ARREST PEOPLE.

WE CANNOT LET THIS HAPPEN ANYMORE!!!

BY SPREADING LIES ABOUT SNCC, MAYOR ALLEN IS TRYING TO KEEP NEGROES FROM STICKING TOGETHER.

1. HELP DEFEND THE MANY PEOPLE ARRESTED ON TUESDAY AND EVERY DAY SINCE THEN. SUPPORT THE DEFENSE COMMITTEE. CALL 688-0331. GIVE MONEY FOR LEGAL HELP.
2. CALL THE MAYOR, AT HIS HOME, AT HIS OFFICE. DEMAND THAT THE PEOPLE ARRESTED BE RELEASED, AND THE CHARGES DROPPED AGAINST THEM.
- 3 . COME TO THE TRIALS AT THE CITY COURTHOUSE ON SEPT. 15. COME TO GIVE SUPPORT TO ALL OF OUR PEOPLE WRONGLY ARRESTED.

WE MUST NOT ALLOW OURSELVES TO BE DIVIDED BY MAYOR ALLEN AND HIS "WHITE POWER". OUR FREEDOM DEPENDS ON BEING ABLE TO STICK TOGETHER!!