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CORNELIA CRENSHAW; NAACP

On October 20, 1969 the NAACP leaders led a march to the City Hall plaza where a number of people spoke, one of whom was CORNELIA CRENSHAW. CRENSHAW talked about her fight with the Memphis Light, Gas and Water Division over the controversy of the garbage and sewer fees.

The following is a verbatim excerpt from CRENSHAW's statement on that date.

"I want the word to go forth today; may I use one of MR. EPPS' favorite expressions, let the word go forth to friend and foe alike, that the people you see here today are but a small segment of those who express our same opinion. We are going to stay on the case, we have no fear of jail, we have no fear of billyclubs, we feel that no man is superior to us. We fear God only, and we will be on the case."

"For the benefit of the officers who are under the shadow of the jail, which I inhabited a few days ago, I want to tell you to get all of your caps ready. Because we have another little deal we are going to pull over here this time."

"When the time is right, unless something is done I have no pains of conscious, no fear, no anxiety, I will sleep in HENRY LOEB's office or the City Council Chambers or any other place that is necessary to get the rights for these people. I think you know that I mean what I say."

"Let us be together, let us stick together. Pass the word to your people. Listen to your leaders."

The above statement of CRENSHAW and the statements of others at City Hall on October 20 were taped by this Bureau and will be retained in our files for possible future use.

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