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#### WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEANS, SENATOR EASTLAND?

People in M.F.D.P are very disturbed about the recent press attacks on SCLC, its President Dr. M.L. King Jr. and the purpose of the SCLC convention to be held in Mississippi next week, by Senator Eastland. People are deeply concerned because, historically, when Miss. politicians and high governmental officials attack people and causes, violence, intimidation and harrassments are sure to follow, both from officials and non-official sources. As has been stated before, much of Mr Eastland's information to the public is false, especially as it relates to timing and motive of the Conference convening in Miss.

The site of the convention is always selected many months in advance <sup>by</sup> and invitation from the host city. So the fact the Jackson invitation was accepted bears no relationship whatsoever to present or past SCLC activities in other sections of the country.

Some of the cities most recently hosting the SCLC Convention are Birmingham, Ala. and Atlanta, Ga. There have been no reports of violence or any other of the imaginary ill-effects which the Senator constantly concerns himself with. Unfortunately, this is not the case when Mr Eastland and colleagues visit and speak out against the people and their activities in this state.

Our concern is not what will happen in Jackson, Miss. because of the SCLC presence, but what will happen to people participating in the Convention as a result of Mr Eastland's attacks. If history offers any answer, Miss. will be in the headlines again as a result of what we consider the "GO" signal from the Senator to his official and unofficial keepers of "Peace" and "Order"

Anyone who kept up with civil rights activities in this state from the beginning of the freedom rides in 1961 to the Merideth Miss. March in 1966 knows that waves of violence followed verbal attacks by the senators and Congressmen of Mississippi.

How many time have these gentlemen attacked the KKK or the WCC who in fact are the known administrators of brutality?

Other cities and officials have welcomed the presence of the SCLC convention, it is very unfortunate that Jackson and Miss. officials can not do likewise.

What are you afraid of, Mr Eastland? You have the troops, weapons, ammunition and GAS; we have only ourselves, our cause and our determination to become First Class Citizens. And Mr Eastland you cannot take that away.

Negroes in Mississippi will not be fooled by these false accusations on an organization they know have provided some educational assistance, financial assistance when, perhaps no other source for such aid was available.

If SCLC can not assemble in Jackson, Miss. and carry on its business as any other organization without police brutality and other harassments, the officials who respresent law and order in Mississippi as in the past must bear sole responsibility for disrupting the community. And Mr Eastland, you will be the author!!

The Negro people of Mississippi have invited SCLC to convene here, We look forward to, welcome and support their presence in Jackson, Mississippi.