

MILWAUKEE DIVISION

- 1. Name: C. THATCHER SCHWARTZ, JR
- 2. Church: MT. LEBANON U.P. Church
- 3. Denomination: Presbyterian
- 4. Address: 6001 St. Marie St. Pittsburgh 6, Pa.
- 5. What area canvassed: Tipton, Pipers, Edna & area; Sheshta
- 6. Number of people visited: Approximately 30
- 7. General Response: Very encouraging. Many people make a definite commitment to go to the court house on the next day in the next - some of them needed transportation, so and I haven't checked back so I don't know how many actually registered
- 8. Did you have any contact with white community? Explain. Contact with pastor at Union St. Mt. Lebanon. Also attended mid-week prayer meeting at 1st. Presbyterians - meet Shannon, Jr and D. E. E.
- 9. Did you have any contact with police? Explain. No

10. Give your impressions of community, evaluation of your work, what you think can be done.

Generally speaking I find the black community one of fear - distrust, or at least one of rigidity regarding traditions. Spiritually the negro community has greater freedom. Physically the whites have slightly more freedom, but consciously restrict their activity in their social separation.

I have some reasons to believe that one of the central problems of the area that the State of Ohio, as well as the local area being over-patched by a central "machine" perpetuates itself as an entity apart from the United States. Biased news reporting - political maneuvering has been successful in promoting this widespread ignorance of the state of affairs.

11 These United States & in the world scene.

I feel that I was not able to contribute in a better way to the relief of the situation here, but I do not feel that my presence has been without effect. Contrary to my expectations, I am leaving with a feeling that "we are really getting somewhere." Contacts with the white community are more & more heartening and the state of the Negro has already improved in some ways.

Spiritually, the way in which I feel that I was most helpful was through the use of my tape recorder, which served not only to provide valuable information to the northern public & to the Church but which also provided an opportunity for the local Negroes to establish a line of communication with "the outside" and to speak truth concerning their deepest feelings about their present situation.

I think that much is being done which should be continued and I would suggest further thought in these areas:

1. ~~Visit~~ More contact with the white community, in ~~various~~ ^{white} commercial establishments to indicate in visible & concrete way that we are not here as ministers of Christ only to stand in behalf of the Negroes but also to identify with the injustices of the white citizen.

2. I think that more contacts should be made with whites which do not touch upon the racial problem so that local citizens, particularly church people can see that we are normal human beings.

My thoughts go with you work as you swim & tread through the mud.

P. Chester Whitworth