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About 4:00 p.m. on the 26th of October, 1964, I gave several students leaflets about a mass meeting to distribute. In about a half-hour one of the students was picked up, and he told the police and Mayor Burke that a "white girl" had given him the leaflets. Some staff people told the mayor I'd come by and talk with him about it.

When I went to the City Hall, Mayor Burke demanded to know why I hadn't obtained a permit before distributing the leaflets. I told him that I understood that this was unnecessary - that this was an unconstitutional ordinance. Mayor Burke started raving that, "You people always seem to decide for yourselves what's unconstitutional." He said if over 25 leaflets are printed, a permit is required - I disagreed. He also mentioned that if a permit is given and consequently violated, persons may be arrested. Mayor Burke said that they didn't have enough evidence to arrest me this time, but that they'd find evidence in the future.

Mayor Burke spent about 15 minutes "discussing" C.O.F.O. - said the Negro community didn't want us, that "they" (power structure) could "do more" for the Negro community than we ever could, that Negro voter registration had dropped since we came to town, that we thought we "knew it all," etc. He also mentioned that we were all here for a lark and because we could not possibly get a job other than C.O.F.O.

When we left, Mayor Burke again warned me that if leaflets were again distributed without our having first obtained a permit, he'd find evidence and arrest us.

"One Man, One Vote