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REV. ALBERT B. CLEAGE RESIGNS FROM DCHR

The Reverend Albert B. Cleage Jr. announced his resignation from the Executive Board and the Conference Planning Committee of the Detroit Council for Human Rights following a special Board meeting on last Tuesday evening in the New Bethel Baptist Church. Mr. Cleage, who headed up the Planning Committee for the Northern Negro Leadership Conference stated that he could not accept the limitations which the Rev. C.L. Franklin, Chairman of the DCHR arbitrarily sought to impose upon the Conference and the planning committee.

The original conference plans, approved by the Board, authorized an "open conference" to which delegates from all Negro organizations in all northern urban centers would be welcome. It was agreed that any realistic attempt to develop a practical basis for Negro unity and cooperation in the North could only be achieved upon the basis of free and open discussion and decision by individuals representing all shades of Negro opinion.

Four basic areas of concern were selected for discussion because they offered possibilities for the development of a unified program of concerted action. Looking toward united political action for 64 the discussion was to have centered around an evaluation of the The Freedom Now Party. In the area of Economic Action the discussion was to have centered around a Selective Patronage against General Motors and the Christmas Boycott!

In addition, workshops dealing with de facto segregation in northern schools and methods of combating housing discrimination were to have been included.

At the DCHR Board meeting the Reverend Mr. Franklin voiced his fears that the Leadership Conference might be infiltrated by "black nationalists and other radical groups" from the East who would hold positions on social, political and economic issues with which he could not agree. "This must be prevented at all costs," he insisted. When inquiry was made as to the mechanics by which he hoped to control the actions of delegates to the conference, he had no answer, but replied that it must be done to prevent any conference endorsement of the Freedom Now Party, because as DCHR Chairman he "could not afford to be labeled a black nationalist like Marcus Garvey." Rev. Cleage pointed out that he belonged to the Freedom Now Party and had invited Atty. Conrad Lynn and William Worthy, national Leaders of the Freedom Now Party, to the Conference with the consent of the Board. Mr. Franklin insisted that the conference could not consider the Freedom Now Party nor could it criticize the philosophy of non-violence. Mr. Cleage pointed out that Negroes everywhere are questioning the practicality of a philosophy of non-violence which precludes the possibility of self-defence. The Rev. Mr. Franklin stated that he had been disgusted by an article in the Liberator Magazine criticizing Dr. King's philosophy and strategy. Mr. Cleage advised that the Editor

of the Liberator Magazine has accepted an invitation to serve on the Conference advisory committee.

DCHR Board members protested the sudden change in conference policy, and the meeting adjourned in general confusion.

In explaining his resignation Mr. Cleage stated that in his opinion the DCHR has already outlived its very limited usefulness. It lacked the vision necessary to maintain the fleeting spectacular June 23 Freedom March, and essentially the Freedom March itself was a hollow thing without substance.

The same fear of offending white people which crowded its first platform with white "Liberals," labor leaders and politicians, now forces it to repudiate the black revolution and the aspirations of black men and women who fight to be free.

The DCHR cannot stop independent Negro political action by forbidding discussion of the Freedom Now Party nor can the DCHR destroy the black man's new image of himself by calling it "black nationalism." The DCHR can only destroy itself in a futile effort to curry the favor of the white press and the white community.

The Negro revolt sweeps across the nation like a prairie fire Mr. Cleage stated. Everywhere the Negro masses are demanding FREEDOM NOW, and they are willing to march, to protest, to sacrifice, and to go to jail, if need be, in support of their demands. However much of it's energy is being dissipated in empty gestures designed only to dramatize the fact of protest.

The Detroit Freedom March in June and the Washington Freedom March in August each mobilized a quarter of a million Negroes, but neither was followed by any significant action. The leadership apparently considered "the gesture" an end in itself. Both of these empty marches can be seen in proper perspective when compared with the Chicago School Boycott which mobilized a quarter of a million people in a continuing program of action.

The Chicago School Boycott will secure better schools for Negro children, while the Detroit and Washington Freedom Marches accomplished very little.

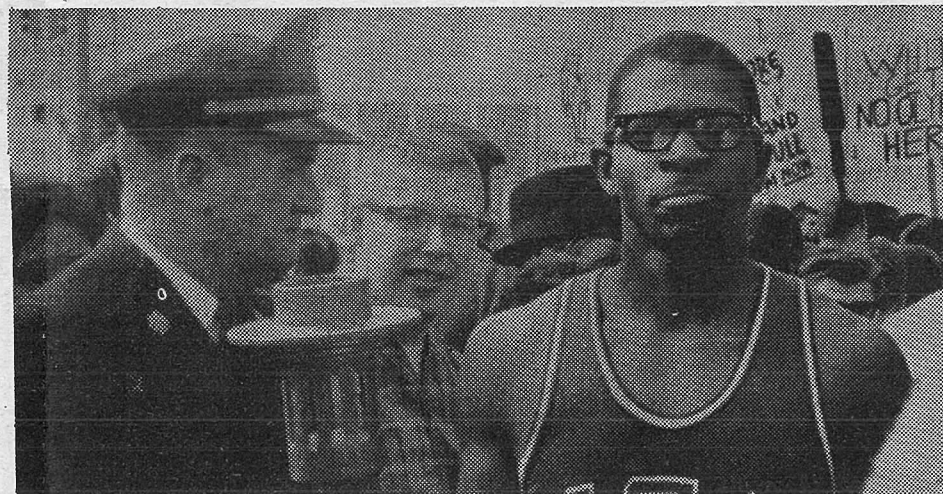
Conditions in the nation were certainly not improved by the Washington Freedom March. John Lewis was forced to change his speech to satisfy the white liberals who refused to appear on the program unless their demands were met. Negro leaders talked about their dream for America, and everyone went home. The brutal persecution of Negroes throughout the South continued. The Federal Government still refused to protect the civil rights of Negroes protesting and trying to register to vote. Thousands of Negroes have continued to be arrested each week for peaceful assembly, and for attempting to petition their government for the redress of grievances.

WHITE COMMUNITY FORCES NEGRO "LEADERS" BACK INTO LINE

NAACP HITS NEW LOW IN OLYMPIC FLIP FLOPS

By Rev. Albert B. Cleage Jr., Contributing Editor

Surprisingly the leadership for this rather startling maneuver came from the Detroit Branch of the NAACP. The NAACP Housing Committee called the Olympic Torch Demonstration following the defeat of the Open Occupancy Ordinance. Every picture of the demonstration shows hundreds of signs stating that Detroit is unfit for the Olympic Games and signed by the NAACP and the Negro Preachers of Detroit and Vicinity. During the ceremonies the NAACP pickets sang "We Shall Overcome" and in other ways did everything possible to register their protest. Arthur Johnson, the NAACP executive Secretary, was present and apparently in charge of protest operations. When Prosecutor Olson threatened to hold the sponsors of the demonstration responsible under some peculiar interpretation of a law never before used in this connection Art Johnson and Ed Turner of the NAACP blustered a little but readily capitulated and repudiated the protest, saying that their pickets were nice and quiet and the bad noisy pickets must have belonged to somebody else. They permitted a member of CORE (alleged) who had been present as a representative of the NAACP and five college students who had also participated in the NAACP demonstration to be arrested. While these six individuals who had participated in a demonstration called by the Housing Committee of the NAACP were still in jail, the Executive Board of the NAACP hurriedly went on record as favoring the Olympic Games for Detroit. The NAACP Legal Redress Committee took no steps to secure the release of the six NAACP pickets who were being held for participating in the NAACP Demonstration. GOAL (The Group on Advanced Leadership) which did not participate furnished Bail Bond for the student group and furnished them legal council.



This irresponsible NAACP Action, however, did not end the Olympic incident, The Housing Committee of the NAACP met and decided to send letters to the members of the International Olympic Committee in Baden Baden protesting the selection of Detroit for the 1968 Olympic Games. Each member of the Committee accepted responsibility for contacting the Olympic Committee of a particular country and for encouraging other people to send letters to the Olympic Committee. This letter writing campaign sponsored by the NAACP spread throughout the city. Thousands of letters were written. All participants were participating in an NAACP protest.

When the letters showed up in Baden Baden and the Detroit Committee was informed of the campaign. The Detroit Committee cabled back to Art Johnson and Ed Turner demanding that the letter campaign be repudiated by the Detroit NAACP. Again, with full knowledge that the entire letter campaign was an NAACP project, Art Johnson and Ed Turner made another flip-flop and wired back a resolution endorsing Detroit's bid for the games. This marks a new low in double talk. The NAACP endorsed both the Olympic Protests and the Olympic games for Detroit. No wonder the Negro people of Detroit do not enthusiastically support the NAACP.

The story behind the story is the simple fact that Art Johnson and Ed Turner were caught way out in left field at the very moment the "White Folks" decided to put our discarded old guard Negro leaders back into power. Through a comedy of errors they were almost left out in the cold as "irresponsible militants" until they ate crow and talked their way back into the good graces of the king-makers. They may have looked foolish to the Negro community, but that's just the price a Negro "leader" must pay for the support of the white community.



**IS DETROIT'S
SEGREGATED
HOUSING
READY FOR
OLYMPICS?
NEGRO PREACHERS
AND NAACP**

Despite efforts by frightened old guard Negro leaders to play it down, the Negro had an important part in blocking Detroit's bid for the 1968 Olympic Games. Thousands of letters from Negroes to the IOC following upon the heels of the Protest Demonstration at the Olympic Torch ceremony which was reported through out the world served to convince the Afro-Asian block that Detroit is no place for an international event which is to be attended by dark people who might be mistaken for Detroit Negroes and shot down like Cynthia Scott. The thousands of letters merely pointed out the facts about Detroit; the failure of the Open Occupancy Housing Ordinance, and the growing incidence of Police brutality. The International Committee used its own good judgement in deciding that Detroit is not ready to host the Olympic Games.

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THE OLYMPIC GAMES AND THE NEGRO LEADERS

The so called Negro Leaders returning from Baden-Baden have wasted no time in telling Negroes in Detroit that the rest of the world does not concern itself over the racial discrimination in our city.

They insist that the letters to Baden Baden had no effect upon the voting.

I know better than that, sitting right here. The several thousand letters sent to the various delegations could not have passed unnoticed even in Jackson Mississippi.

We fail to follow Patrick's logic when he states that it sits badly for a group to write such letters - and goes on to liken such a campaign to anarchy. A Negro automatically tends to think that any lack of cooperation with white people is either blasphemous or anarchy. The true anarchy is of white origin - police brutality, segregation and discrimination. There was less concern over the life of Cynthia Scott and less talk of anarchy than over the Olympic Games. The Negroes are blamed more by Patrick and McCree for describing the racial injustice than the city fathers are for allowing it to exist. Oh consistency, thou art a jewel. Diggs also fell into the trap of being for all things the white folks want, and not knowing why.

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President Kennedy has made no move to put increased pressure behind his token Civil Rights Bill, but has rather moved to weaken the bill.

Conditions in Detroit certainly were not improved by the Detroit Freedom March. Police Brutality increased as evidenced by the slaying of Cynthia Scott by Officer Speicher. The Detroit City Council rejected a token Open Occupancy Ordinance which did little more than express a hope that racial discrimination could be removed from the field of housing. The Detroit Board of Education has made little effort to equalize educational opportunity for Negro children. The open resistance of the white community to Freedom Now for the Negro has increased.

The DCHR faces the basic decision which must be faced by every Negro civil rights organization. The empty protest of the Freedom March and the Mass Rally must be replaced by independent black political action, and by regional and national economic action by united Negro communities. Effective united action must also be taken in the areas of school and housing discrimination. The instruments for effective action are ready at hand but Negro "Leaders" are being frightened by a concerted campaign in the white community to make the Freedom Now Party appear dangerous and subversive. Independent Negro political action threatens the political status quo which offers the Negro no hope for the future. The white man must fight this kind of effective action. Slater King's candidacy in Albany Georgia frightened the entire South. Gloria Richardson's refusal to support a referendum on constitutionally guaranteed civil rights for the Negro also frightened the white community as does the Detroit Negro's opposition to Millage until Negro children are given equal education opportunities in the Detroit Schools. The empty protest of the Freedom

The bland statement that the Olympics would be beneficial to all means nothing. No Negro could take part in the building program because of bias in the unions. The Olympics was lost on the race issue and race issue alone.

The fact that several thousand letters were sent, and Patrick and McCree did not hear of them, indicates that there was method in their being passed around and considered. As long as Negroes resent discrimination and second class citizenship and resent it with all their might and reason; they will be independent of Negroes who are used to keep the Negro in his "place." Patrick was well pleased about the way he and McCree worked with the "group" in Baden Baden. He cannot remember 4 or 5 days before when he stood alone fighting for Negro justice. Any Negro can work well with white people as long as he is helping to make race discrimination work. Racial injustice will persist as long as the white man can get away with it.

It was time someone showed Detroit how the rest of the world feels about racial injustice - and we are grateful they did. Detroit did not deserve the Olympic games and Mexico City did!

March must now be replaced by the such effective economic boycotts as the proposed national Christmas Boycott. All of these effective instruments for Negro liberation are lumped together and called "black nationalism" and Negro "Leaders" are cautioned to avoid them at any cost. But the Negro masses have learned that they have the power to force concessions in those areas of American life from which they are excluded or in which they are denied equality of opportunity through the use of political and economic sanctions. Negro organizations must recognize this power and be willing to use it for the accomplishment of Negro objectives.

"In renouncing the independent black political action represented by the FREEDOM NOW PARTY and the new Negro image which is called "black nationalism," the DCHR has renounced any reason for its existence," Mr. Cleage concluded.

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THE BATTLE-SCARRED YOUNGSTERS

There is a constitutional rock to which the Executive branch can tie its lines and then smash, with all the power at its command, every Wallace, every Barnett, every Chief Pritchett, every Commander Lingo, every Bull Connor, who ever begins to lift a billy club at an American citizen exercising his constitutional rights. That is the Supreme Court's statement in the Debs case of 1895: "The entire strength of the nation may be used to enforce in any part of the land the full and free exercise of all national powers and the security of all rights entrusted by the Constitution to its care."

But to act on that dictum calls for certain traits which the Administration has thus far not shown: imaginativeness in the use of the courts; boldness in the exercise of Executive power; the courage to set new precedents in federal relations; the willingness to by-pass Congress on an issue about which Congress spoke its mind in 1866 — when it passed the Fourteenth Amendment.

Above all, it means changing to the offensive. Up to now the Administration has simply reacted to every racial crisis. Southern officials have thrown thousands of people into jail, and then put the burden on the civil-rights movement to get them out. The national government needs to act, and then put the burden on Southern segregationists to revoke the action; let them wrestle with courts, raise money for trial, plead for toleration.

The "equal protection" clause of the Fourteenth Amendment, the Supreme Court's statement in the Debs case, the declaration of Section 242 of the U.S. penal code that any official who deprives a person of his constitutional rights has committed a federal crime: these are the already-existing legal bases for Executive action. That action requires, first, stationing all over the South hundreds of federal agents (replacing the F.B.I., which is incompetent in the field of civil rights) to protect the constitutional rights of Negroes. These agents would have the specific assignment, and the authority granted by the President, to jail any local official who violates the Constitution.

At the same time, the President must begin filling—as he has failed to do so far — the federal judgeships of the Deep South with persons committed to the principle of equality, regardless of the wishes of the region's Senators. Among the outworn political institutions of this nation is that of "Senatorial courtesy," which requires Kennedy to consult Eastland in the appointment of a federal judge in Mississippi, Talmadge and Russell in Georgia. The shattering of precedent can start here. Then, a combination of quick-acting federal agents and determined judges can begin to rivet into the mind of the Deep South, and into the mind of the nation, not that Negroes are equal (that will take time), but that if they are not treated equally

the consequences will be swift and harsh.

When ten CORE and SNCC people, white and Negro, walked into Alabama to try to establish what Bill Moore, at the cost of his life, had failed to establish — the right to walk safely on a public highway — a cordon of federal marshals should have surrounded them. And when Alabama Safety Director Al Lingo showed up with his electric prod poles and guns, he should have been taken immediately into federal custody.

The needed initiative is not likely to come from a government whose dedication to racial equality is as circumspect as that of the Kennedy brothers. It took a series of explosive crises throughout the nation to force from them words of moral concern that became part of the Constitution a hundred years ago. It took something close to a revolution to bring forth a moderate civil-rights bill, which will be further moderated by Congress, and by segregationist federal judges, and by a cautious Justice Department.

Basic changes are needed in the social structure of the nation before meaningful racial equality can be established. But in the Deep South, a prerequisite for such changes is the establishment of the right to vote, to organize, to speak, write and assemble freely and without fear of violence. That requires a radical new use of initiative and power by the national government. And because the Administration — and inherently, any administration — lacks the internal motivation for such a seizure of initiative, it will have to be prodded by the increased use of nonviolent direct action.

Right now, those who see this most clearly, feel it most intensely, and are best prepared to move on it, are the young people in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.



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we dont have to want everything "they" want.
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 They been acting like they were doing something cute.
 After all, we didnt shoot Cynthia, they did !!
 They've been acting like discrimination was all right. Why get so upset then, when the world finds out about it ?
 They said we had to stay in the Ghetto but now - they say that was our little secret.
 If they are ashamed to hear about what they been doing - they ought not do it !
 Negroes know the address of Baden Baden just like they do.
 They naturally weren't going to tell it all anyhow. There aint no law that says just white folks can tell about Detroit.
 We got something to say too !!!!
 None but the Lonely Heart Can Know our Sorrow!
 --Like Cavanagh in Baden Baden...
 Thats how we felt when we asked him to do something about Cynthia Scott.
 The Olympic Committee treated him better than he treated us anyhow !!
 And besides, the Negroes carried Cavanagh into office on their backs anyhow.
 "They" dont want anything we want - but they think-I mean they thought - we gotta want everything they want.
 There aint no joy in Mudville, cause mighty Casey has struck out.
 But he had two strikes on him before he condoned Cynthia Scott's illegal arrest.
 The Negro does not resent second class citizenship at the convenience of the white folks. We resent it at inconvenient times as well.
 It will slowly come to them that we are all citizens of Detroit - swimming together or sinking together.
 Not some swimming and some sinking !!!!
 All that Olympic building was gonna go on with no Negroes in the building trade unions anyhow.
 They persist in police brutality.
 Edwards has assured us that we have no right to resist an illegal arrest in spite of recent supreme court decisions.

Our schools are a mess too !!!
 There aint no reason in the world, for a Negro to care whether or not they got the Olympic games.
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For 100 years Negroes have wanted "them" to be happy and have rejoiced in the white folks triumphs. It didnt work !!!
 If race bias can keep a city from getting the Olympics Detroit will be lucky to get it in 6868.
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