

JULY 12, 1963

REPORT ON: MEETING AT TULC

GROUP: ONE-OPERATION NEGRO EQUALITY

DATE: JULY 11, 1963

THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY 150 PERSONS PRESENT. RICHARD AUSTIN, 15TH DISTRICT CHAIRMAN, PRESIDED. THE MEETING WAS PUBLICIZED BY THE DAILIES AS AN ATTEMPT TO UNIFY NEGRO LEADERSHIP.

AGENDA ITEMS:

THE APPARENT PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO PROVIDE PROGRESS REPORTS OF ONE'S ACTIVITY AND THE ACTIVITY OF THE GROUPS INVOLVED IN ONE:

1. COMMITTEE REPORTS BEGAN WITH THE READING OF A STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (ATTACHED)
2. CORE REPORTED A CONTINUATION OF ITS BOYCOTTS AND PICKETING OF KROGERS. LITTLE WAS SAID OF FREE PRESS NEGOTIATION.
3. WILLIE BAXTER REPORTED ON THE BREWERY SETTLEMENT. THE BREWERS AND DISTRIBUTORS HAVE AGREED TO HIRE DRIVER-SALESMEN, UP-GRADE EXISTANT NEGRO PERSONNEL, CONSIDER NEGROES FOR ALL NEW JOB OPENINGS AND ALLOW ONE TO PERIODICALLY SURVEY BY HEAD COUNT BREWERY EMPLOYMENT PROGRESS. BAXTER ALSO APPEALED FOR COMMUNITY SUPPORT OF THE OPEN OCCUPANCY ORDINANCE BEFORE COMMON COUNCIL.
4. REV. SPOTTSWOOD OF THE NEGRO MINISTERS' SELECTIVE BUYING COMMITTEE REPORTED THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST A & P WAS STILL IN EFFECT DESPITE GOAL'S SETTLEMENT. ACCORDING TO SPOTTSWOOD, GOAL WAS INTERESTED IN LOCATING NEGRO PRODUCTS ON CHAIN MARKET SHELVES WHEREAS NMSB WAS INTERESTED IN JOBS.
5. BUDDY BATTLE INTRODUCED A MOTION TO SUPPORT THE AUGUST 28 MARCH ON WASHINGTON, WHICH WAS APPROVED. INQUIRY IS BEING MADE REGARDING BUS AND TRAIN SCHEDULING.
6. ART JOHNSON OF NAACP STATED HIS UNREADINESS TO REPORT ON NAACP NEGOTIATIONS WITH DOWNTOWN HOTELS
7. SHEFFIELD REPORTED ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE BUILDING TRADES AND THE IMPENDING SUCCESSFUL TERMINATION OF THEIR TALKS.

OTHER DISCUSSION

ERNEST SHELL REQUESTED COMMUNITY SUPPORT ON THE OPEN OCCUPANCY LEGISLATION.

REV. CLEAGE STATED PICKETS OF GOAL AND UHURU WOULD , BEGINNING ON SATURDAY JUNE 15, PICKET THE PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE AT 1300 BEAUBIEN. CLEAGE REFERRED TO UHURU AS "MY YOUTH GROUP." (UHURU MEMBERS WERE FORMERLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE NEGRO ACTION COMMITTEE. SOME ARE STUDENTS AT WAYNE STATE UNIVERSITY WITH A PHILOSOPHICAL LEANING TOWARDS SOCIALISM AND NATIONALISM. THEY ARE ARDENT AND SOMETIMES MISGUIDED ACTIVISTS. THEY ARE DEVOTED TO CLEAGE ALMOST TO THE POINT OF BEING FANATICAL FOLLOWERS. THE INDEPENDENT VOTERS LED BY JAMES HURST IS ALSO VERY CLOSE TO CLEAGE, THIS GROUP IS LED BY JAMES HURST WHO WORKS CLOSELY WITH GOAL.) CLEAGE STATED FURTHER THAT THE DETROIT COUNCIL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS WAS INTERESTED IN THE PROSECUTOR'S DECISION TO EXONERATE THE OFFICERS WHO RECENTLY SLEW A PROSTITUTE ON JOHN R. THE WRITER KNOWS ALSO THAT REV. BRUCE AND THE METROPOLITAN CIVIC LEAGUE IS ENERGETICALLY PURSUING THIS QUESTION. BRUCE LED A GROUP AT OLSEN'S OFFICE TO

DISCUSS THE MATTER ON JULY 10.

ANALYSIS OF INTENT AND PURPOSE

AUSTIN PRESIDED WITH GOOD HUMOR AND LIBERALLY, SHEFFIELD WAS LIBERAL WITH HIS DESTRUCTORS. THE KEY WORD SEEMS TO BE "UNITY." THIS GROUP FIRST MET ON JUNE 5, 1963. IT IS AN EXPANSION OF TULC AND THE COTILLION EFFORT TO BREAK DOWN EMPLOYMENT DISCRIMINATION. ITS INITIAL MEETING COINCIDES WITH EFFORTS OF THESE TWO GROUPS TO GAIN A SIGNIFICANT ROLE IN THE DCHR; THIS MOVE WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. THE COORDINATING COUNCIL, HEADED BY REV. BUTLER, WHO, PRESUMABLY IS SPONSORED BY SHEFFIELD HAS ALSO FAILED TO MAKE REAL INROADS INTO THE NEGRO MASSES OR IN BRINGING TOGETHER A NUMBER OF GROUPS FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION. ONE IS DOING THIS AND MIGHT BE A SIGNIFICANT COMPETITOR TO THE DCHR FOR MASS ACTION AND COORDINATION OF LEADERSHIP GROUPS. WE BELIEVE THIS ALTHOUGH MANY STATEMENTS INDICATE ONE IS TO BE TEMPORARY. GRADUALLY WE ARE SEEING MORE STRUCTURE EMERGE. LAST NIGHT, A MOTION WAS PASSED TO AUTHORIZE REQUESTS OF \$15.00 FROM EACH PARTICIPATING GROUP TO COVER EXPENSES.

PERHAPS, MORE IMPORTANTLY, WAS THE INVITATION TO ANY GROUP, LARGE OR SMALL, TO BECOME A MEMBER OF ONE, WITH THE MEMBER GROUPS REPRESENTATIVE HAVING A POSITION ON THE STEERING COMMITTEE. CHAIRMANSHIP OF THIS COMMITTEE WOULD ROTATE. THESE PROPOSALS SOUND A GREAT DEAL LIKE THOSE MADE BY JOHN CONYERS, BUTLER AND OTHERS TO THE DCHR PRIOR TO THE FREEDOM MARCH.

THIS GROUP WOULD HAVE DEEP ROOTS IN THE NEGRO COMMUNITY ENABLING IT TO QUICKLY MOBILIZE FOR EFFECTIVE ACTION AND DISSEMINATE A CONSTANT FLOW OF INFORMATION TO ITS CONSTITUENTS. COMMUNICATION SEEMS AT THIS POINT TO BE THE PRIMARY OBJECTIVE. LITTLE EMPHASIS IS BEING PLACED ON COORDINATING ACTIVITIES.

STEERING COMMITTEE

- RICHARD AUSTIN , 15 DISTRICT DEMOCRATS
- ROBERT BATTLE, TULC
- REV. CHAS. BUTLER, COORDINATING COUNCIL
- LEWIS WINSTON CARTER, SOUTHWEST DETROIT HOMEOWNERS
- JOHN COPELAND, B.T. WASHINGTON BUSINESS
- HERBERT DUDLEY
- O'FIELD DUKES, YOUNG ADULT NAACP
- JAMES GARRETT, COTILLION
- JAMES HURST, INDEPENDENT VOTERS
- ART JOHNSON, NAACP
- DAMON KEITH, DCPE
- BARNEY MOSELEY, YOUNG ADULT NAACP
- ERNEST SHELL, PIONEERS
- REV. DARNEAU STEWART, NEGRO MINISTERS
- EDWARD TURNER, NAACP
- E. J. WATSON, NEGRO REALTIST
- C.W. WHITE, NEGRO REALTIST

JOINED 7-10-63

- JAMES BROWN, SOCIAL ACTION, PLYMOUTH CONGREGATIONAL
- AMOS WASHINGTON, GLYNN CT., CALVERT IMP. ASSN.
- FORREST JONES, TIREMENT IMP. ASSN.
- KATH KEITH MONTGOMERY, EASTSIDE CLEAN UP ASSN.
- DAISY ELLIOTT, MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE
- LINDSEY SHEFFIELD, VOICE OF PEOPLE
- JOE WILLIAMS, WEST GRAND IMP. ASSN.
- C.L.FRANKLIN, DCHR
- NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD, GEORGE CROCKETT
- ARETHA BAILEY, FELLOWSHIP OF ALL PEOPLES

GOAL, RICHARD HENRY  
UHURU