

City of Detroit

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Mr. Marks

DATE November 30, 1967

FROM: V. Stoner

SUBJECT: Meeting CCAC, 11-29-67

We attended a meeting of CCAC at Rev. Cleage's Church. Alger F. Quast was present at the meeting to tell about the co-op plan of rehabilitating run-down apartments in the 12th Street area.

Rev. Cleage mentioned Mr. Quast by name and stated that he did not agree with the plan, as Mr. Quast had not contacted people in the Black community to solicit their ideas and/or approval. Rev. Cleage mentioned the Virginia Park organization specifically and stated that he is willing to recognize any legitimate black organization. He told the crowd of about 200 that the approval by the Black community of any plans offered by the white community should be one of our major goals.

Mr. Edward Vaughn is to take over the working leadership of the organization effective immediately. Mr. Vaughn will be on a leave of absence from his regular job. Rev. Cleage also discussed political action and told the meeting that we should be attempting to register all voters and once again reiterate black control of the black community. We noted that some of the youngsters involved in the McMichael incident were in attendance and appeared to know their way around quite well, as they were greeted by several members at the meeting.

Mr. Vaughn told the meeting that a co-op will be opening soon in the Linwood-Grand Boulevard area. Shares will be \$45 each, plus a \$5 membership fee. The co-op will be primarily interested in food stuff, but if it works, will move into other areas. It appears that Rev. Cleage has some idea of what is going on in the negotiations between the Police Department, Fire Department, and City Hall as he dwelled on the idea of people outside of Detroit being able to govern Detroit. He was strongly opposed to any ideas of this type. It appears also that Rev. Cleage is attempting and succeeding in unifying the black community across class lines. He spent some time in dealing with the Negro middle class and discussed the professionals, teachers, lawyers, doctors, and others and indicated that the movement needs them, and that they are black people rather than bourgeois' Negroes, and that they can be of help. We noted that there were several professional people in attendance.

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