

STATEMENT -----MARCH 5, 1960.

APPARENTLY IT IS THE DESIRE AND PURPOSE OF THE NEGRO TROUBLEMAKERS TO FURTHER INCITE THE TENSE SITUATION THAT EXISTS IN MONTGOMERY BY THEIR STATED INTENT TO CONGREGATE AT THE STATE CAPITOL SUNDAY UNDER THE GUISE OF A RELIGIOUS SERVICE.

NO ONE WANTS TO DEPRIVE ANY HUMAN BEING OF THE PRIVILEGE OF WORSHIPING GOD. HOWEVER, WE FEEL THAT THE NEGROES, LIKE THE WHITE PEOPLE, HAVE THEIR CHURCHES FOR THIS PURPOSE. FURTHER, IF THE NEGROES WANT TO HOLD A COMBINED SERVICE, THEY HAVE THE CAMPUS ATHLETIC FIELD AND FACILITIES OF ALABAMA STATE COLLEGE FOR SUCH USE.

IN VIEW OF THE SITUATION THAT EXISTS IN MONTGOMERY, IF THE NEGROES PERSIST IN FLAUNTING THEIR ARROGANCE AND DEFIANCE BY CONGREGATING AT THE CAPITOL SUNDAY THE POLICE WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE BUT TO TAKE WHATEVER ACTION THAT MIGHT BE NECESSARY TO DISPERSE THEM. THIS IS NOT A THREAT BUT A STATEMENT OF FACT AND INTENT ON THE PART OF THOSE WHO HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAINTAINING LAW AND ORDER IN MONTGOMERY AS WE HAVE NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER OF PERMITTING OUR CITY TO BE USED AS A SITE FOR THE RACIAL AGITATORS AND PREJUDICED NORTHERN PRESS TO FURTHER THEIR PROGRAM OF RACIAL STRIFE AND EXPLOITATION FOR FINANCIAL GAIN AND SPECTACULAR DISTORTED NEWS COVERAGE.

WE ARE NOT GOING TO HAVE ANY FURTHER DEMONSTRATION BY WHITE OR NEGROES IN THE CITY OF MONTGOMERY THAT WOULD TEND TO CREATE FURTHER RACIAL TENSIONS, TODAY, TOMORROW, NEXT WEEK OR HEREAFTER, AND ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY PERSON, WHITE OR NEGRO, TO DO SO WILL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDING TO LAW.