

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC (157-1067)

DATE: 6/20/69

FROM : SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE

SUBJECT: INVADERS
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On 6/6/69 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] orally advised SA WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE as follows:

BELL is now working part time at Black Arcade, 241 Linden Avenue, Memphis, a black art shop where they make and sell dashikis. It is operated in part by YVONNE BONHART, wife of Commercial Appeal reporter, male Negro, RICHARD CHARLES BONHART, and her mother, name not known. The mother or uncle owns or leases the building.

Others working there are VERNELLE "GAMALA" JONES, ex-girlfriend or wife of the phony ANTHONY BAILEY, aka Antraibin Shadad, and one SHARON (LNU).

- 1-157-1067
- 1-170-1190 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1168 - Racial Situation in Tennessee
- 1-157- [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1804 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1258 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1647 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1516 - AFSCME
- 1-157- [REDACTED]
- 1-170-1114 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-166 - SCLC
- 1-157-1380 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1629 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1563 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1230 - [REDACTED]
- 1-157-1626 - [REDACTED]
- 1-66-1687-Sub - Dissemination

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LANCE "Willie Wine" WATSON, Chairman of Invaders, is a sort of "front" and "public relations man" for Black Arcade. He takes orders for dashikis.

"WINE" is now in John Gaston Hospital with chest and facial cuts resulting from being stabbed on the morning of 6/5/69 by a Negro prostitute.

BELL and DONALD PIGFORD, business agent of Invaders, saw "WINE" at the hospital on the night of 6/5/69. He hopes to be out of the hospital in a few days.

Black Arcade has five sewing machines. They make about five to six dashikis a day.

Now that Invaders are in the state of disorganization and confusion, being unable to pay rent, many of the Invaders are now loafing at 241 Linden.

RE: LOCAL 1733, AFSCME

The above Local, claiming to represent 4,000 city blue-collar workers and threatening to strike 7/1/69, held a rally at Clayborn Temple AME Church, 280 Hernando, on the night of 6/5/69.

They also had a meeting there at 11:00 a.m., 6/5/69. JESSE EPPS, Assistant to National President, AFSCME, told the press that Local 1733 does not want to go out on strike. They want to influence and bring pressure on public to force City Council to appropriate money for pay raises requested by the union.

The union will continue its "Spread Misery Campaign" by going to Laurelwood and Poplar Plaza Shopping Centers, Saturday, 6/7/69, to occupy and fill stores, take up time of clerks but not buy, as a part of its economic pressure.

EPPS said sanitation workers who work in city dumps will catch over 100 rats, will put them in cages and take them into affluent east Memphis residential areas and turn them loose, as part of its pressure campaign.

Each division of the union will have strategy meetings to train workers to agitate and propagandize.

About 700 people attended the evening of 6/5/69 rally at Clayborn.

EPPS and H. RALPH JACKSON spoke along above lines. JACKSON just came in from St. Louis.

SCLC's POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

The second Poor People's March on Washington, D. C., is about to begin. TOM NELSON, youth leader of COME and protege of H. RALPH JACKSON and SCLC volunteer, is heading the Memphis phase, trying to find volunteers to go to Washington, D. C. He wants BELL to help. He had BELL try to call one BOB UPSHAW of SCLC, Atlanta, Georgia, on the morning of 6/6/69. The latter was not in.

H. RALPH JACKSON said he is not working on the campaign.

RE: INVADERS

On 6/4/69 MELVIN SMITH, Minister of Culture, Invaders, commented that Invaders were about to disintegrate due to lack of good leadership and organization. He said it was no longer advantageous to be an Invader as too many of them are in trouble with authorities.

RE: LOUIS WELCH

[redacted] heard that LOUIS WELCH has been pimping for RISE HELLER, white female. He said HELLER used to date Rev. HAROLD MIDDLEBROOK, then went to California, and recently came back to Memphis and is now [redacted]

WELCH recently took HELLER out of town, location unknown.

RE: CACHEATUH SMITH

She is secretary of Invaders and "WINE's" girlfriend. She is staying with "WINE" at Trumpet Motel and is pregnant by him.

RE: POOR PEOPLE'S CAMPAIGN

TOM NELSON said PPC will start next week from Grenada, Mississippi. NELSON is to go to Jackson, Tennessee, for some unknown purpose 6/15/69.

RE: MICHAEL STARKS

He is lazy and will not work. STARKS is a Black Knight and Invader, and stays some place in North Memphis.

RE: INVADER OFFICE

Until recently, MELVIN SMITH and JOHN CHARLES SMITH were staying at 271 Vance, Invader headquarters. Sometimes it is left empty with door wide open. Anyone could walk in. There is no good security.

RE: POLICE DOG

Invaders have an old mangy police dog. "WINE" had it about 6/4/69 walking it around Beale Street area.

The above information was disseminated to Intelligence Bureau, Memphis Police Department.