

Again on 6/20/68 informant stated on the evening of 6/19/68 informant stated he had seen HURLEY GIBSON, black power advocate and Invaders member, and LARRY DAVIS in a 1966 white Chevrolet bearing Shelby County, Tenn., license JM-4242, registered to LARRY LAMAR, 1574 Hanauer, Apt. A, Memphis (according to records of Shelby County Court Clerk's Office, Auto Registration Section).

They too stated they were angry that CHARLES CABBAGE took money to go to Resurrection City.

Informant described LARRY DAVIS as the one believed by him to be living at 1574 Hanauer, Apt. A, Memphis, a red brick apartment building. He is a Negro male 6' tall, light complexion, low hair, age 24 or 25, weighing 160 to 165 pounds. He has some young woman who is tall and thin living with him.

On 6/21/68 informant stated that on Thursday night, 6/20/68, he went to the apartment of JOHN BURRELL SMITH, leader of the Invaders, at 1644 Hanauer, Apt. 2, Memphis, and that HURLEY GIBSON, JOHN B. SMITH, VERDELL BROOKS (aka Gee Gee), along with MELVIN SMITH, OREE MC KENZIE and EMMETT HOUSE, were all sitting around. They were concerned about COME (Committee on the Move for Equality) because it will not give them any more money. They drank Robitussin, a cough medicine which had a codeine base, and when they drink this, they have what they refer to as "rap sessions," at which time "everyone lets his hair down and says whatever comes to his mind."

During this particular rap session, JOHN B. SMITH stated that if he were on one side of the street and a white policeman were on the other side, he would not pay the policeman any attention, but if the policeman tried to interfere with him in any manner, JOHN in order to "protect his black thing (a term used by JOHN to speak of the black power movement)" said that no "white cracker" (white man) could tell him what to do. JOHN B. SMITH complained that he had been arrested 7 or 8 times in recent months by the Memphis PD and the fines which he was having to pay were eating the Invaders up. He told the others to watch their steps and not get arrested and "to cool it," because of the fact that it would cost too much to get them out on bond and to pay their fines.

JOHN B. SMITH was extremely angry because his co-leader in the BOP and Invaders, CHARLES LAVERNE CABBAGE, had gone to Washington, D. C., for the Resurrection City march sponsored by SCLC, had taken money from the Invaders treasury and had not taken any of the other Invaders with him.

JOHN indicated that JAMES E. PHILLIPS may be in with a new black power group being formed in Memphis known as the Black Knights. JOHN stated PHILLIPS is irresponsible, is always late and never shows up when he is supposed to.

MELVIN SMITH stated that he had located a group of young Negroes on whom he might be able to work. He referred to them as the "love-in boys" who hang around South Main St. He inferred they might be homosexuals, although he did not say so. SMITH indicated he would try to get them together and to inject his black power philosophies into them. He indicated he would try to get them to come to Riverview Park next to Riverview School where he is currently employed by the Memphis Park Commission and would try to teach the "black thing" to the youngsters who frequent this park.

BILLY GIBSON said something about possibly going to Nashville in the immediate future to obtain more robitussin (cough medicine) which they could sell and make money for their treasury. It was learned that ELVIN CABBAGE, older brother of CHARLES CABBAGE, has gone back to Illinois to work.

It was also learned that HURLEY GIBSON has a younger brother, LONNIE GIBSON, who has been going to school, possibly at a college away from here. In the past, he has been an excellent musician and is mildly interested, according to HURLEY, in the BOP, but he does not come to JOHN B. SMITH's apartment.

It has been learned that the BOP is using a lot of phenobarbital apparently being provided by HURLEY GIBSON and EMMETT HOUSE.

They still want to have a jazz show at one of the local night clubs in order to raise money.

A telephone is in the apartment, but it is not connected. JOHN B. SMITH recently, in a fit of rage, jerked the phone from the wall.

On 6/23/68 informant advised that on Saturday, 6/22/68, he saw MELVIN SMITH, who stated that CHARLES BALLARD has gotten a good job with the Memphis War on Poverty Committee (WOPC) and he, MELVIN, is now working for the Memphis Park Commission. He did not say who else is working.

Informant also advised that on Friday night, 6/21/68, he saw JOHN BURRELL SMITH who stated that COME has considerable money for them but won't let them have it, and the BOP and Invaders will now have to raise money the best way they can by having jazz shows and selling Robitussin. Informant pointed out there are two types of Robitussin. One, called Robitussin AC, which has a strong codene base and cannot normally be obtained in drug stores without one signing for it and which cannot be sold too frequently, is the type which they hope to get because many Negroes like to drink it because of the codene base. They get "high" on it.

Again JOHN B. SMITH was most critical of CHARLES CABBAGE, and he talked very violently concerning CABBAGE. He claimed that CABBAGE continues to associate with people who are not in the BOP, both black and white, and he intends to "sell out" the BOP and Invaders when he does so. SMITH did not elaborate. He also stated CABBAGE had no right to go on the 6/19/68 trip to Washington by himself without taking any of them with him. He stated that CABBAGE was merely wasting BOP money on such trips. He stated CABBAGE is "all talk and no action."

Someone in the crowd mentioned he had read in the paper that a grocery store at Olive and Texas Streets in Memphis had been burned out probably the night before, but no one there seemed to know anything about who may have been responsible.

Others present when JOHN B. SMITH was talking were CHARLES BALLARD and HURLEY GIBSON and LARRY DAVIS, who is possibly LARRY LAMAR of 1574 Hanauer, Apt. A.

OREE MC KENZIE, VERDELL BROOKS and CHARLES HARRINGTON and MELVIN SMITH were also present, as well as a young fellow, name not known. This was about 6:30 p.m., and the group was planning to disperse later that night.

HURLEY GIBSON, CHARLES HARRINGTON and JOHN B. SMITH were traveling in a 1959 or 1960 Oldsmobile, dark blue in color, allegedly belonging to CHARLES HARRINGTON's father.

Later on the night of 6/23/68, informant called the writer to advise that he had just been contacted by EMMETT HOUSE, OREE MC KENZIE, who were in a blue Pontiac GTO bearing Shelby County, Tenn., license BK-9389. This was a convertible and was a 1966 or 1967 model. MC KENZIE stated they had a "load of Robitussin" which they had obtained from different pharmacists in the past day or so by traveling throughout west Tennessee, going as far as Dyersburg, where they would go in and buy it. He stated they bought it in two, four and eight ounce bottles and they had spent some \$81 odd dollars in obtaining it and would attempt to sell it throughout Memphis at a profit. He indicated they would try to sell some at the Log Cabin Inn, 245 S. Parkway West, later that night.

EMMETT HOUSE stated his main job in the future will be to handle and dispose of the Robitussin, and they stated CHARLES BALLARD in his new job as director of the Neighborhood Organizing Project (NOP), a subsidiary of the Memphis WOPC, might be able to get some of them jobs.

Informant stated that later that night it was determined at the Log Cabin Inn that the Invader known as "MONROE," along with the waiter at the Inn, AL, and one RED, a tall Negro male possibly a nephew of RED LAWRENCE and a reputed marijuana peddler were sitting around but none of them had any Robitussin.