

Security Committee of COME.

Reverend James M. Lawson, who is the Chairman of the Security Committee, did not show up and the meeting was not called to order. There were many other people there known to our informant and they are as follows:

1. ( ) Trotter
2. Reverend H. Ralph Jackson ✓
3. Frank Mitchell, male Negro, early 30's, drives a red Volkswagen ✓
4. Edwina Harrell
5. Reverend Ezekial Bell
6. Reverend Blackburn
7. Irene Davis, teacher at Carver High School.
8. Charles Levern Cabbage

There was a male white, 22 years old, 6 feet tall, 170 lbs., from Memphis present, but he said very little, and left before the meeting was over.

The general feeling of everyone there was that something is going to happen this summer in Memphis. Reverend Ezekial Bell stated Memphis is definitely a powder keg. Charles Cabbage stated he knew people in the city who had dynamite and grenades. Cabbage further suggested that COME develop itself into a governing body for the black community and represent the black community when the trouble starts this summer.

It is the opinion of the informant from the conversations overheard that there is a power struggle going on within COME itself and there is talk about reorganizing this organization. At the present time there are seven presidents and no vice presidents.

Reverend H. Ralph Jackson stated he was tired of people accusing him of trying to be "Mr. Big." Jackson, in talking with Charles Cabbage, tried to get Cabbage to promise that nothing would happen at Carver High School today (May 24) and Cabbage stated he didn't know if anything was going to happen or not.

At this time Frank Mitchell stated in regard to the incident at Carver that it had to happen at Carver because it couldn't have happened at Hamilton, to which Cabbage replied, "What about Booker T. Washington?" Mitchell stated he didn't think it would happen at Booker T. Washington because they had teachers who could control the students, then Cabbage said, "Well, they better close the school."