

# Chenault Reportedly Was Taught to Hate Noted Black Leaders

DAYTON, Ohio, July 3— Marcus Chenault, charged with the slaying of Mrs. Martin Luther King Sr. and a church deacon Sunday in Atlanta, was turned against established black leaders by a 68-year-old exponent of black Judaism, the self-styled mentor said today.

Hananiah E. Israel, an unemployed black man who lives in Cincinnati and whose real name is Stephen Holiman, said he gave the 23-year-old Chenault "the key to understanding the Scriptures. He [Chenault] awakened from the sleep of death, from the grave of ignorance."

Israel, a slight man who wears a black cap with a star of David on the crown, said in an interview that he the belief that black ministers are liars who rob their followers of millions of dollars a year.

He said he first met Chenault about eight months ago, just about the time Chenault's mother, Mrs. Marcus H. Chenault, said she first began to notice changes in her son's personality.

According to Israel, he first met Chenault when Chenault telephoned him and requested an interview after seeing an advertisement Israel had placed in a magazine concerning what blacks should know about the Scriptures. He subsequently instructed Chenault on the Bible, he said.

Israel, who said he does not preach violence, once wrote, "when you stop these lying preachers from deceiving you and your loved ones, from robbing them of millions of dollars a year, you will have a better economy."

Friends of Chenault have confirmed his bitter disenchantment with established black leaders. His Atlanta lawyer, Randolph Bacote, has said Chenault thought certain black ministers had deceived their followers.

Donnie (Shorty) Moore, 21, an Ohio State University junior who grew up with Chenault in black West Dayton, said today that Chenault never talked of killing anyone, but often criticized black civil rights leaders, politicians and churchmen.

Chenault was especially critical of James H. McGee, Dayton's black mayor, referring to him as a "puppet for whites" and an "Uncle Tom," said Moore.

Chenault, said Moore, also singled out civil rights leader Jesse Jackson and Coretta King, widow of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., for criticism.

"He (Chenault) didn't think Coretta King was any more interested in the black man's problems than John Doe," Moore said.

Moore said Chenault never mentioned Dr. Martin Luther King Sr. or his wife in their conversations.

Chenault is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus H. Chenault, a middle-class couple who live in a modest home in a residential section of West Dayton.

Chenault's father is employed by the Monsanto Research Corp. here. His mother works in a hospital. They can't explain the unexpected developments in their son's life.

His arrest for the Atlanta slayings has touched off an intensive investigation here by Dayton police and FBI agents into his activities, beliefs and associates. Police found a list of prominent civil rights figures and black ministers apparently marked for death among Chenault's belongings in his Columbus apartment.

Dayton police, for example, want to question Chenault about the slayings of two local black ministers in May and June.

Other black ministers in Dayton have expressed fear that there is also a list of Dayton ministers marked for death.

Dayton Detective Lt. Richard J. Schulte said that in view of the events in Atlanta, his office will take a new look at the unsolved murders of the two ministers here.

The Rev. William Wright, 56, of the Straightway Baptist Church was fatally wounded by a sniper May 12 as he left dedication ceremonies at his new church.

The Rev. Eugene Charles Johnson Sr., 30, minister of the True Holy Church of the Living God, was gunned down June 3.