

Policewoman Planted On VOICE Staff

By Brenda J. Wright
Managing Editor

Recently dismissed Police Chief John Inman and the Atlanta Police Department have taken another giant step toward the concept of a "police state" with their most recently discovered antic - planting a policewoman in the Atlanta VOICE Newspaper office.

For two weeks in April, the VOICE staff was under constant surveillance by Ms. Marion L. Lee, a sworn-in police officer assigned to the Atlanta Police Department Intelligence Division, according to information the VOICE has from reliable sources.

Officer Lee, a former student at Clark College and a 1972 graduate of Georgia State University, applied for employment at the VOICE on April 8, four days before she graduated from the Atlanta Police Training Academy. She was hired as a typesetter. Information revealed to the VOICE indicates that her police department record had been altered to show that she was fired from the force.

But in fact, the VOICE was told, she went directly into the Intelligence Division after academy graduation. In that division she was under the direct supervision of Inman, Assistant Chief J.L. Mullins and Captain F.D. Echols. Rather than work out of the



OFFICER MARION LEE

downtown Police Headquarters, she was one of the 30 in the Intelligence Division who report to the recently acquired Intelligence headquarters in an office building at Northside Dr. and I-75. It was explained to the VOICE that only those assigned to the investigative unit are able to enter the floors where it is located. The doors have to be opened from the inside

for others, including police officers outside of that unit.

The Intelligence Division is reported to have rather elaborate equipment, including bugging devices that attach to the bumpers of cars, body bugging devices and the use of unmarked cars with out of state license plates.

Officer Lee received her assignment to the VOICE following weeks of articles in the VOICE revealing charges of an organized "gestapo-type unit," "cover-ups" and spying on certain politicians from within the police department.

Officer Lee's first assignment, after 12 weeks in the Police Academy, was to locate the VOICE's "source of information," the VOICE has learned. Since she came directly from recruit training to her first espionage assignment at the VOICE she apparently received no extensive training through the Intelligence Division.

The VOICE was told that Officer Lee's orders came directly from Capt. F.D. Echols, head of the Intelligence Unit. Echols is said to get his orders directly from Assistant Chief J.L. Mullins, head of the Inspectional Services Bureau which includes vice control, civil disturbances, intelligence and internal investigations. Mullins' orders come directly from former Police Chief John Inman, who was suspended from his duties last week by Mayor Maynard Jackson. Mullins headed the Unincorporated Fulton County command before being appointed assistant chief by Inman.

Officer Lee, a telephone operator for five years before joining the police force, was contacted Tuesday about her undercover assignment. With out denying the charge, she stated, "I can't make any statement about it."

Officer Lee was assigned to

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City Council Infuriated By Inman's Defiance

by Gregg Mathis

If John Inman's case reaches the City Council it may not take long to determine whether he remains or packs his bags, we learned from an inside source. It appears that the council is quite perturbed by Inman's recent actions; especially his physical occupation of the police chief's office on Monday.

Friday, the source said, Inman at least had five supporters on the council, but as of Monday his supporters had dwindled to a mere two in favor of his continued tenure.

The source quoted one councilman as saying he wanted to remain neutral, but "how in the hell can I remain neutral when my city is going up in smoke?"

As far as the city council goes, the source said, "Inman has the chance of a snowball in hell."

He said that the council has not spoken out in defense of the mayor and the city because they could be accused of prejudice in the case. He did say that the city council staff is pursuing three courses of action:

*Finding presidents to preside over the hearings if the case does come before the council;

*Ways to get the council actively involved before the hearing to voice their support

of the mayor; and

Phone calls which have begun to the District Attorney's office-not necessarily by the council or the staff-calling for an investigation of possible criminal violation committed by Inman.

Shoe Shine Men Gain Airport Concession

"For the first time in Atlanta's history working-class people own a concession" said Rev. Joseph Boone at a news conference Tuesday, April 30, at city hall. Boone referred to seventeen shoeshiners at the Atlanta airport who have been striking nearly three months due to financial and technical corporate disagreements.

The shoeshiners men voiced complaints that they never knew what was happening after Dr. Branch assumed leadership of the corporation that leases the shoeshiners concession from the city. Testifying before a city council sub-committee, the men said they no longer had a corporation when they finally learned what was transpiring. The men went on to say

that Dr. Branch offered them the choice of taking or leaving 30% of a dollar and purchase 12 shares of stock at ten dollars a share. The offer was rejected. The strike ensued.

But accompanied at the news conference by the J. O. Wyatt law firm, Rev. Boone cheerfully announced that current arrangements for the men were favorable. Rev. Boone said the men would now receive 50% of a dollar plus all tips, and through arrangements made at the settlement would be in a position to buy controlling interest at the next board meeting. Also based on the outcome of deliberations, the shoeshine men will compose a majority on the board of directors.



Part of the crowd gathered at City Hall on Tuesday to show their support for Mayor Jackson's firing of Chief Inman. At extreme left is Major Howard Baugh, head of the police

department's Community Relations Division. Photo by Orl News Service.

Citizens Back Mayor's

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chaired by Butler Street Y head of the Atlanta Urban League, Farby Bryant, for-

VEP Dinner Raises \$55,000

by Gregg Mathis

The Atlanta-based Voter Education Project netted \$55,000 last Saturday from its first annual benefit dinner. That amount was five thousand dollars short of their projected goal, but it was announced that they would continue to ring telephones until that goal was reached. Senator Edward M. Kennedy was guest speaker for the dinner, praising VEP director John Lewis, who has "spoken with the voice of non-violence." Kennedy went on to defend the Voters Rights Act which he himself sponsored in 1965 and announced his support for "mail order registration" whereby any citizen can vote by mail. To those who have heard the senator from Massachusetts speak before, his revised accent was lacking the

strong Massachusetts quality he usually speaks with. The senator made several references to biblical clichés to explain his efforts towards promoting not only voting rights but the rights of man. It was apparent that he sought to appeal to the strongly religious atmosphere of the South. He asked, though, that it be understood that the "impact of VEP is not limited to the South, those near Black or white, but for the benefit of the entire community."

During the course of the dinner special recognition was given to members of the head table which included Mayor Jackson, Gov. Carter, VEP director John Lewis, and Rep. Andrew Young.

Prof. Bailey Attacks Black Political Scientists

by Gregg Mathis

The fifth annual Conference of Black Political Scientists ended last week with a considerable degree of directional confusion in pointing to the path Black political scientists must take to analyze and affect the struggle of Black people. Three days of sessions and questions took place at Pashall as Black political science scholars made presentations on various areas of political effectiveness. Theory was more or less the context of the presentation and was cited by Fisk University, assistant professor of Afro-American Studies Ronald W. Bailey as irrelevant to the real subject matter. Bailey was more concerned with the reasons Black political scientists have failed to perform effectively in the Black struggle because many "lack an understanding of society and political functions." He explained that this situation exists because the new middle class "conforms to white America" while not having the same economic interest to protect. Professor Bailey also cal-

led for a new "detente" to truly tackle the effects of capitalism and imperialism, but first to understand them and what the terms mean to Blacks here in America.

To do this he prepared a thirty-two page paper entitled "Imperialism and Black People in the 1970's." The paper explains the problem of Black political scientists in making substantive analyses of the Black experience as a result of their aligning themselves with the though patterns of white political scientists who represent the white ruling class. He adds that many are "still groping . . . for an analysis."

Bailey also showed how both imperialism and capitalism have perpetuated a modified "internal colony," which systematically suppresses and oppresses minority peoples in order to sustain itself. "Television, radio and newspapers too are controlled by the big money" said Bailey. He charged that political scientists who represent the moneyed interests desire the masses of the people to hold. This has led to sensationalized news and communications which have often crippled

Acting Chief Gets High Praise

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NO PROBLEMS WITH CHAFIN

Assistant Chief Joe Amos, highest-ranking Black officer on the Atlanta force, and a man who has tried to maintain connections with both the Inman and Chafin factions on the force, said, "I don't foresee any problems in any area as long as Chafin is chief. I've had long talks with Chafin and we sort of think along the same lines. The problems of Black and other officers will be ironed out now."

Major Howard Baugh, head of the department's community relations division and a reported candidate for chief at the time Inman was appointed, said, "I don't see the past two years Clinton Chafin has learned more about people than in his whole life. Because of that and his experience under Inman, being totally demoted, Chafin's 'downfall,' as Baugh put it, 'gave him an opportunity to meet the rank-and-file personnel and get their thoughts.'"

Rosie Walker, a patrolman with 27 years' experience on the Atlanta force, characterized Chafin as a "sharp, smart, competent, real quiet. He will bring the department back together in his daughter, officer Debbie Ball, commented, "He is well-respected throughout the city as a law enforcement officer." When she was a student at Georgia State, Ms. Ball said Chafin was quoted as an authority in many books and magazines she had to study. "He's the best man for the job and very sensitive to the needs of Black officers."

Speaking for the Afro-American Patrolmen's League, its President, Floyd Reeves, said of Chafin, "The League knows him as a very intelligent person. We believe he can do a good job. The League's position as outlined by Reeves is cautious, not wanting to express too much optimism about Chafin because he turns out not to live up to expectations. 'Clinton Chafin has the capabilities of being a very good administrator' is Reeves' assessment."

MORE UNIFORMED PATROLMEN

There was nearly universal agreement that Chafin would move to put more officers in uniform on the street and deemphasize special units. "Right now we have more chiefs than Indians," said

Being reared in poverty raises the percentage of those having serious emotional problems from the normal 1 out of 10 to 1 out of 3 (88.8 in Georgia). Stunning both body and brain, 211,227 children in the States go to bed hungry each night.

minority causes for civil rights. Bailey concluded by saying he didn't think the political scientists had solved any problems during the session, but asked that the "new detente" produce feasible and significant appraisals of the Black experience at the sixth annual conference.

Debbie Ball. Another person said, "Chafin will stress preventing crime rather than investigating it." Getting more men on the streets was characterized by this person as a "healthy direction for Atlanta." The department's too weighted now toward private eyes." This source predicted that the controversial Intelligence Division, which has been accused of improperly meddling in political espionage, will take a different direction under Chafin.

Sgt. Louis Graham said that some areas of the city now don't see officers on the street. "In my view, that law enforcement is suffering. Graham's view is that the federal government, through the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, is dictating policy to the Atlanta department. Graham explains that Washington threatens to take their massive LEA grants away if the department fails to staff the special units funded by federal programs. As a result, according to Graham, men are constantly

being pulled out of the uniform division to man special units.

MORE SOCIAL AWARENESS

A law enforcement official who asked not to be identified summed up what many persons had to say about Clinton Chafin. "More social awareness is one of Chafin's priorities. He feels police should become more involved in social issues." This

source said that Chafin is sensitive to civil rights, though he doesn't know if it comes from personal conviction or because he's "going with the times." In any case, according to this source, Atlanta is not likely to see the same problems under Chafin that have occurred under Inman. "Things won't be blown out of proportion," he said. "Chafin's a quiet individual. He will handle problems internally, not in the media."

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