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On Thursday March 28 around 10:00 am my husband and I were still sound asleep. This was his first day off in about two months. H was off because of the march downtown. Maybe we should have been marching that fateful day but we felt that we had made contributions to the strikers and that was enough. Well, at 10:00 am the phone rang and my mother-in-law was calling to tell us of the windows breaking downtown. I was so sleepy that what she was telling me was going in one ear and out the other one. What she was telling me did not soak in until I had awoken from a second phone call from her at about 11:30 am. This time she was telling me of what was going on at the "Big M" across the street from Universal Life Ins. Co. A lady friend of my mother-in-law's was at work in the Universal building and was scared because all the workers inside the building were threatened to be burned alive in the building.

I don't go along with rioting or burning businesses and breaking window because it seems to cause more problems for those Negroes who have jobs. But then again, it seems to bring results because white employers ---

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---become scared because they know that they have been cheating the Negroes for years and when their businesses are threatened, these men for the first time in decades start treating the Negro like a human being instead of an animal. If the white man would only realize that this is the core of rioting and would go about treating Negroes like humans before rioting, the white man can save himself a lot of water!!

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