

IF ONLY "WE" HAD THE SAME DETERMINATION

Urban Renewal A Farce or Reality

From a practical standpoint, the so-called Urban Renewal program in Durham is viewed by a majority of Negro citizens, living in the Hayti section of the city, as about the biggest farce ever concocted in the mind of mortal man. Such an attitude has been brought about by the swiftness and efficiency with which Urban Renewal acts in tearing down houses and the lack of speed which it has exhibited in replacing them.

Two of the unanswered questions that now exist are: Where and when, if ever, will the low income apartments promised by Urban Renewal officials be built? Who will own them? On one occasion one resident of Hayti, whose grandson was about 10 years of age, was heard to remark, "I have already put it in my will that when my grandson's great grandson moves into one of the apartments erected under the Urban Renewal program to not forget that his old great-grandpappy dreamed of such a day."

CAN WE SAVE OUR CITIES?

WHAT is happening to our American cities? Have they passed their prime and must they now sink into decay like the Babylons of the ancient world? Or can they be revived and rebuilt to herald a bright new age in the life of mankind?

These are among the major questions facing the United States today. Responsible citizens everywhere have become increasingly concerned about the decay and deterioration that have affected large areas in our urban regions. Slums have always existed in our cities, but recent years have seen formerly prosperous and attractive sections of the cities sink into squalor; once well-kept business districts and the former residences of the wealthy have suffered the effects of blight.

Community leaders became alarmed, and in hundreds of cities throughout the land they have tried to do something about this deterioration. Title I of the 1949 Housing Act authorized the use of federal funds to encourage private investment in redevelopment. The plan was broadened in 1954 and again in subsequent years. This appeared to be a hopeful answer to the complex problem of urban blight.

Comment from the Capital —
IN BRIEF
 by Vant Neff

The "Do-Gooders" will have you believe all criminals are produced by bad housing, broken families and unequal job opportunities. Hogwash. This great country was built by people who came from bad housing and surmounted unequal economic opportunities.

Only 10% of our population is Negro. Yet, they commit 67% of the crimes. Of course, some of it's to be expected when Negro leaders encourage civil disobedience, and condone Negroes' refusal to obey laws they don't like. Also, threats of "long hot summers" are the kind of movements that spawn lawlessness. CORE and NAACP demand equality. Surely they mean equality in everything. Isn't this an excellent starting place?

If your neighbor gets mad and breaks your window, who pays? When union goons destroy property during a strike, who should pay? The unions? Well, look what happened in the recent New York taxi strike. Self-employed cabbies, who own their cabs, weren't involved in the unionization drive. Yet, some of their cabs were stoned and burned. Who was stuck with the bill? The poor cabbie struggling to make it on his own.

Be afraid, America, tremble. The nuclear holocaust is coming. This kind of talk is broadcast throughout our land. But, it's never heard in Russia. Isn't this a planned program to weaken our will to resist?

What would the Founding Fathers say? They enacted the Bill of Rights to protect the people from excessive power of central government.

Most people don't seem to have time to think about politics. But, politicians always have time to think about promising the people anything to get more power.

Not so long ago the Communists preached coexistence. Now even some of our leading executives have allowed it to infiltrate their reasoning. In a speech before the UN they paraphrased Red preaching. They said, we will have "co-existence or coextinction." It just goes to show how much the Commie line has become part of American thinking.



By REV. HAROLD ROLAND

SPIRITUAL INSIGHT Man So Prone to Evil Needs The Motivation of God's Spirit

"No longer under our lower nature, is directed by the spirit." *Roman 8:4*

In Christ we win the mastery over the lower nature to become motivated by the spirit of God. In Christ we find a new center of power. Once the old life with its reckless, ruinous way was the dominating center. Then we were motivated by blind, destructive powers within. But Christ in his regenerative or redemptive power creates a new center to be the creative, healing ground of our motivation. In Christ we are "directed by the spirit."

In Christ love is the new motivator. And since God is love, God becomes the new power of motivation for our lives. Love heals. Love enriches and builds. Love works for community rather than for self-centeredness. Love's gift is self-esteem and dignity. Love includes others and thus becomes the basis of true happiness and fulfillment. Yes, the new creature in Christ is motivated by the spirit of God. And love is the highest expression of that new motivator—the spirit of God. Thank God for the power and the motivation of the spirit. Man so prone to evil and ugliness needs the motivation of God's spirit.

Christ moves man from the lower to the higher reaches of his sublime and divinely-imprinted nature. Being made in God's likeness the lower can never fully satisfy us. We long for escape and freedom. God in Christ gives a way of escape from the misery of the lower. Do you want to move from the lower state? You can, but you must make up your mind. This move, unfortunately, does not come by automation. Your loved ones would like to touch a button and effect the change.

But you must make the move yourself for the higher ground of the spirit. You alone can decide about this business of spirit motivation. Ask God to help you to move from the lower to the higher realm of motivation.

The spirit's motivation leads to peace. A world longing futilely for peace needs to know that God's spirit alone can give this longed-for peace. The spirit gives peace. The soul weary in the raging conflict of sin longs for God and his peace which passeth all human understanding. Christ's redemption from sin and the coming of the spirit will mean peace—God's peace—for the human soul.

Man's restless soul longs for the peace of soul which comes with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Motivated by the spirit we are assured of God's peace.

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-St. Joseph

(Continued from front page) day morning September 26 when he will preach his first sermon as pastor at 11:00 A.M. at the annual "Homecoming" Day observance. N. H. Bennett, Jr., will preside and introduce the new pastor.

Dr. Cousin's subject for the Morning Worship Hour will be "Back to Bethel." Evening Worship, "Untapped Resources." Music will be furnished by the Senior Choir, Joseph Mitchell directing, with Mrs. Minnie W. Gilmer at the console.

Dr. Cousin is a native of Pennsylvania, the son of an A. M. E. minister, Rev. S. A. Cousin. He was educated at the High School of West Palm Beach, Florida; Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio, where he received the bachelor of arts degree, majoring in philosophy. His theological work and was awarded the bachelor of sacred theology degree. He has done further study at Boston University in the field of education.

He has pastored in Florida; Danville, Va., and Norfolk, Va., prior to his election to the presidency of Kittrell Junior College.

Dr. Cousin is a member of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Married to the former Miss Margaret Joan Grier of Winston-Salem. They have four sons.

Each year, on Homecoming Sunday, a family from the congregation is honored as "St. Joseph's Family of the Year." This year, the family of the late Rev. D. A. Johnston, former pastor of St. Joseph's will be honored. The surviving members are his widow, Mrs. Verdel Jennings Johnston and two daughters, Misses Doris and Loretta Ruth. Mrs. Johnston has been employed for 17 years as a teacher in the Durham City School System in special education for mentally retarded. Doris is a senior at UNC at Greensboro and Loretta is a rising senior at Hillside High School. Mrs. Johnston has been member of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Jennings of Charleston, S. C.

The "Family of the Year Trophy" will be awarded to Johnston Family by Mrs. Sallie Warren, mother of the Warren Family who received the 1964 trophy.

-Taylor

(Continued from front page) practice in Detroit until he joined the Federal Government in 1961.

Taylor is a member of the Bar of the U. S. Supreme Court, the Federal Bar Association, the Economic Club of Detroit, the University of Michigan Club of Detroit, the Detroit Press Club, and the National Lawyers Club.

Letter to the Editor

I regret the irresponsible journalism that prompted the headline and article that appear on the front page of the Carolina Times Sept. 18, 1965 concerning Catholic schools. This is sure to result in ill will among numerous sincere people where there was none before. This none of us can afford at the present. Nothing positive is to be gained by this sensationalism because there is no person in N. C. who opposes segregation in all its forms as Bishop Vincent Waters. There is no N. C. organization that has been officially integrated for as long nor as thoroughly as the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh (which includes all of N. C.) One has only to visit their churches and schools to see this fact in action. It has been done without the current trend of sensationalism, by simply putting into practice the principles of true Christian Charity and belief that all men are creatures of God as understood by the universal Church. This Church has remained your staunch ally against communism, KKK, and other hate groups. We need to gain more allies not lose some of those we have.

Those Catholics and Protestants aware of these facts must have been as bewildered as I when they read last week's edition of the Times. It was glaringly apparent to this reader that all the truth was not there. A check with the editor revealed that the information had been telephoned in by the mother in the case. A correspondent who lives in Kingston was asked to write the article who did so without checking the proper authorities to verify the story, probably through lack of knowledge and procedure in such a case. This is bad journalism resulting in misunderstanding and ill will.

Those who have definite knowledge of the Catholic Church understand that to have harmony and order in such a complex, universal organization one must have established procedures to carry on the multiple duties of church and school without government and tax support (even though Catholics pay taxes to support public schools) To operate a school is always difficult and without sufficient funds, buildings, teachers etc. in the face of sudden changes it is doubly difficult and some demands impossible at the moment. These must be carefully planned and need the cooperation of all Catholics. A priest takes a vow to uphold these principles as part of his personal dedication to God and obedi-

To us Catholics this mother is guilty of a serious breach in the support of the principles of her Church, Christian Charity and common courtesy. I hope the harm she may have done can be repaired. The fact of her being a prominent woman did not be case any different than other in her parish.

Bishop Waters is and has been one of the most adamant supporters of integration in all of its phases over the twenty years I have known of him. His reputation is known all over the county. This is fact known by all knowledgeable, responsible, N. C. citizens, Negro and white, Protestant and Catholic. Because N. C. is in this section of the south (especially the eastern section) there are many problems to be solved, but are being done so at a faster pace than any other Christian organization. Don't take my word for it. Investigate. In how many other churches do you find various races frothy worshipping God? No one will stop you at the door or usher you to a segregated area. To us a kneel-in has only one meaning—a praying together. All of this has been brought about by patience, courage and sacrifice of Catholics of all walks of life, not by an Act of Congress but by and act of God. Thank you.

Sincerely In Christ
 Clara Council

To Be Equal

left the reader wondering if the subject didn't suffer from sunburn.

Miss Larrick says one five-year-old Negro girl looking at a book in nursery school asked, "Why are they always white children?"—a question today's publishers must ponder. This certainly has a crippling effect on the mental growth of our 6,340,000 non-white children "learning to read and to understand the American way of life in books which either omit them entirely or scarcely mention them," she notes.

In Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, and Washington, D. C. the majority of public school children are Negro. In many other cities—Newark, Detroit, Atlanta, and Philadelphia, they make up a high percentage of the total. Will they go on getting the impression that life in their city holds no future for them, encouraging a "what's-the-use attitude? Will this attitude, shaped so early, characterize our next generation of urban unemployables, rioters, and delinquents? And, when today's children do find a picture of a black person will it be that of a slave or sharecropper, a migrant worker or nanny?

Certainly, no Federal aid should go to any school district in America which provides only all-white textbooks, a clear violation of Title VI of the new Civil Rights Act.

Yes, many publishers are trying; some very hard. Virtually every major textbook publisher has attended the last two annual conferences of the National Urban League held to discuss methods of correcting the all-white image. Some are making significant gains. But Miss Larrick writes that only 9 percent of 1965's crop of children's books include one or more Negroes—a paltry gain of 1.5 percent over the dismal 1964 performance.

No wonder Augusta Baker, coordinator of Children's Services for the New York Public

THOSE ALL-WHITE BOOKS

The steady diet of prejudice which most book publishers have been feeding our children has been brilliantly documented in a recent article appearing in our foremost literary journal, *The Saturday Review*.

The magazine's lead article, "The All-White World of Children's Books," is an incisive and exhaustive analysis of thousands of book titles which have regularly been finding their way into our homes, schools, and libraries.

Written by Nancy Larrick, former president of the International Reading Ass'n, the article finds our publishing industry guilty of creating stereotyped images of Negroes or of leaving them out of books entirely. It also rips the damage such books inflict on white children.

Says author Larrick, "Although his light skin makes him one of the world's minorities, the white child learns from his books that he is the kingfish. There seems to be little chance of developing the humility so urgently needed for world cooperation, instead of world conflict, as long as our children are brought up on gentle doses of racism through their books.

The *Saturday Review* writer sifted through 5,206 children's books turned out by 63 publishers during the 1962-64 period. Her finds: only 349 include one or more Negroes—an average of 6.7 percent. "Among the four publishers with the largest list of children's books," she writes, "the percentage with Negroes is one-third lower than this average.

"These four firms—Doubleday, Franklin Watts, Macmillan and Harper and Row—published 866 books, and only 4.2 percent have a Negro in text or illustration." Eight book houses, she adds, produced only all-white books; and among those which did their texts depicted Negroes some didn't look colored at all but

IT'S AMAZING!