

World Scene

FOCUS ON SLUM "IMPROVEMENT"
(Part I of Two Parts)

(For Classroom and Group Discussion)

Black Americans should be alerted to a trend within the United Nations to "assist" developing nations with the same neo-colonialist mindset which is operative in the dealings of the stronger nations with their minorities at home.

In spite of the immense success by some non-capitalist nations as Cuba, for example, in combatting slum growth by creating intermediate-sized workers' villages, a statement from the United Nations suggests that the only alternative is to "improve slums" themselves.

We may note further in the statement from the United Nations below that an acknowledgement is made of the self-defeating aspects of low-rental housing. Still such housing is encouraged for developing nations by United Nations agencies.

Countries have a variety of policies on slums and squatter settlements. There are programs intended to slow down their growth, by strengthening the rural economies. There are also more direct programs purporting to improve living conditions of dwellers in slums and squatter settlements by providing conventional public housing, moving them away to resettlement projects, employing sites and services schemes, or by on-site im-

provement approaches. It has been observed that deflecting population migration from primary cities or strengthening rural economies cannot readily be achieved unless supported by a corresponding dispersal of industry, infrastructure development, the provision of special services and investments to generate employment opportunities in those areas. But these measures take a long time to produce visible results.

Conventional public housing in standard urban dwellings often results in costs beyond the paying capacity of their intended beneficiaries. Where subsidies are provided, the resources earmarked for this program are usually inadequate. Hence the increase of marginal settlements is very much faster than the construction of public housing. Clearance resettlement outside the cities, often resorted to as cheaper alternative to provide security of land tenure, produces disastrous economic dislocation for the resettled families who cannot find means of economic survival in the new locations. Sites-and-services is often tailored to match the paying capacities of the slum dwellers, but unfortunately, the number and size of projects of that kind are carried out in a limited amount because they

initially require substantial investments by authorities or promoters in the form of land development and essential services.

It is evident that on-site improvement of slums, and squatter settlements will be the main viable alternative open to policy-makers to improve living conditions in those settlements. It not only has the immediate effect of improving the environment, but it helps set a pattern for better environmental quality in other areas. Priority to the sources of income provides better chances of survival and economic improvement.

Key Questions for World Scene

1. What are three main issues raised in this article?
2. What does this article suggest that you can do about our world situation today?
3. How many words did you look up in the dictionary? (If we do not use a dictionary daily, and for every word whose full meanings we may not know, we cannot grow individually and assure the best use of our resources for group freedom and a better America.)

Mutual Black Mall Patrolled To End Loitering Network

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erhouse, Florida A&M goes against Tuskegee Institute.

A wildcard game has been added to the schedule for November 19, depending on the contention of the teams. At present, Virginia Union vs Hampton, North Carolina A&T vs North Carolina Central and Bethune-Cookman vs Florida A&M are the three games eyed. The Network's choice will be announced at a later date.

There is now a "policeman in residence" on the Trade Street Mall, complete with patrol car, tucked away between the Hoagie King and Ollie's Trolley.

He is the wino-watcher, placed on the Mall at the request of the downtown merchants to prevent drunks and other indigent persons from loitering on the benches in the Mall. "The program has only been in operation a week," says R.T. Ehet, director of the Greater Downtown Merchants' Association. "But I think that so far it has been very successful."

Still, the number of loiterers on the Mall seems to have remained constant, although an occasional questioning takes place, and once in a while someone goes to jail-temporarily.

"There goes Sarge," said one of the Mall's

tenants, looking out his window. "That's his second time today. He commutes here from the police station. He's the only one they ever arrest."

Four other 'gentlemen of leisure' sat quietly on the cluster of benches, watching him go.

The drive to clean up the Mall is part of the Merchants' attempt to revitalize the downtown area, and win back customers from the many shopping centers in the suburbs of the city. Loiterers and winos on the mall drive away potential shoppers, the merchants feel.

There is no longer a law against vagrancy in Winston-Salem, so about all the policeman can do is tell a loafer to move along--but if the person is intoxicated, he can be picked up for public drunkenness.



WINO AND THE MAN...The Mall gang watches casually as one of their numbers makes a second trip to jail.

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Debate Stalemate In North Ward

The debate proposed by candidate Larry Little against incumbent alderman Richard Davis has not materialized.

Little challenged his opponent to debate the issues in the North Ward in a hand-delivered message on August 22. Two days later Richard Davis replied that he was willing to debate the issues "provided that the debate

is conducted under terms and conditions that I would outline."

In an interview on September 6th, Larry Little stated that a second letter had been hand-carried to Davis, asking him to set up a meeting to discuss the terms of the debate at his earliest convenience.

"The ball is in his court now," said Little.

Richard Davis replied that he would contact Little later this week to set a time to outline the conditions of the debate.

"I don't really think a debate is necessary, though," said Davis. "Many organizations are planning 'meet-the-candidate' forums, so there will be plenty of chances for us to discuss the issues."

Black Poetry

Do You Not Know Me?

I am a winner of the Nobel Peace Prize.
I am the Panther that was killed because of my militancy. All because of your oppression.
DO YOU NOT KNOW ME?
I am a Minister.
I am a Mayor.
I am a Councilman.
I am a State Representative in Washington.
And I am drawing Unemployment.
Because of your oppression.
I am Poet, Writer and Producer
I am Actor and Director
I am Songwriter and Singer
I am Dancer and Musician
I am Art and Artist.
I am being Exploited—because of your oppression.
DO YOU NOT KNOW ME?
I am all of these and more
I am One and All
I am the Bottom—which IS the Top
I am Africa! I am Real!
I AM.

—Bro. Gary McFarlin

Black-On Sports

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against another All-America candidate last week will again have to be at their best against Seaton. The word is that the Hampton scouting crew was so impressed by the Rams on Saturday that Lovett started practice for the Rams game on Sunday morning. Hayes expects the Pirates to run more than the Aggies did despite the fact that their passing game is so strong. Hayes says he also plans to run more and will again go with the backfield of Kermit Blount, Tim Newsome, and Randy Bolton.

This one should be a real toughie. The feeling here is the team with the strongest defense will win.
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