

Says Federal Government Responsible For Ghettos

NCDH Calls For Residential Action

WASHINGTON - The Federal Government "is primarily responsible for undergirding a ghetto system that dominates, distorts, and despoils every aspect of life in the United States today."

So charges one of the country's major civil rights organizations which today unwrapped for public view a bill of particulars that the White House asked for and received nine months ago.

The National Committee Against Discrimination in Housing levels 17 specific complaints against Federal agencies for policies and practices which it says tend to perpetuate "tormentous" patterns of racial and economic segregation.

The charges are part of a 32-page booklet, "How the Federal Government Builds Ghettos," released today by Edward Rutledge and Jack E. Wood, Jr., the committee's executive and associate directors.

Publication coincided with a Washington meeting of the committee's 71-man Board, which first approved the bill of particulars last April.

NCDH is a nonprofit group through which 46 national organizations cooperate in programs to achieve integrated neighborhoods.

The committee documents its bill of particulars with what amounts to a case history of Federal housing operations, beginning in 1938 with FHA regulations that urged the use of restrictive covenants to keep out "inharmonious racial groups."

In the committee's judgment, the effect of such practices has been to fix "white racist patterns in thousands of new suburbs, where 80 per cent of all new housing is now being built," and to trap Negroes in the central cities where "two-thirds of the dwelling units are sub-standard."

Today's "Federal establishment," according to the committee, is guilty mainly of failing to back up its good intentions with affirmative action. "Its sin is not bigotry ... but blandness, not a lack of goodwill but a lack of will."

Most of the committee's charges are directed against the Department of Housing and Urban Development, whose activities annually account for about 20 per cent of new housing in the U. S. Generally, NCDH finds the Department's desegregation efforts "administratively unworkable, self-defeating, ineffectual, and understaffed."

"FHA continues doing business with discriminatory builders, lenders, and real estate brokers," the indictment continues. "Urban renewal and highway projects destroy integrated neighborhoods ... Federal loans and grants are poured into restricted white suburban communities for schools, hospitals, water and sewer systems and other facilities. Government installation and plants

with Federal contracts locate in areas where employment opportunities are cancelled out by racial barriers to housing."

For each charge, the committee has a recommendation. One example:

"The Department of Housing and Urban Development is replete with officials who are out of sympathy with the nondiscrimination policy and objectives of the Administration."

"RECOMMENDATION: Fire them."

Among the other principal recommendations:

No urban renewal grants should go to any community which fails to come up with an overall plan for desegregation.

The exemption of existing FHA-aided housing from the nondiscrimination requirements of Executive Order 11063 should be revoked immediately.

Instead of acting only on complaints received, FHA should initiate complaints against builders and developers whose policies discriminate against Negroes and other minorities.

The President's Committee on Equal Opportunity in Housing should either be abolished or reconstituted as an independent agency, composed exclusively of public members with power to review and issue regulations.

HUD should investigate the mortgage-loan policies of insurance companies which benefit by participation in Federal programs.

Going beyond HUD, the committee accuses the Department of Justice of taking "a narrow constitutional position in advising the President respecting the reach of his Executive power, contrary to the views and recommendations of leading constitutional lawyers throughout the country."

The committee touches on the current debate over integration as a realistic goal, citing the Administration's Model Cities program as a crucial opportunity for re-statement of the national commitment.

"The summer soldiers who in defeat and frustration are prepared to make their peace with apartheid and to rebuild the ghettos as ghettos, must face the stark reality that 'separate but equal' is not only constitutionally and morally wrong but that as a practical matter it simply won't work."

While supporting the concept of fair-housing legislation, the committee contends that the Federal government already has sufficient authority to achieve a turnaround.

"What is required," it concludes, "is a strong, directive by President Lyndon B. Johnson which publicly assures the (HUD) Secretary and other Federal agency administrators that the goal of equal housing opportunity so frequently enunciated by him must be achieved and that he expects members of his Administration to pursue this goal vigorously with affirmative programs and policies."

NCDH president is George Metcalf, former New York State senator and co-sponsor of the pioneering Metcalf-Baker fair-housing laws. Algernon D. Black, Senior Leader of the New York Ethical Culture Society, is chairman of the board. Copies of the report are available at 25 cents each from the committee's headquarters at 323 Lexington Ave., New York City, 10016.



NAMED DIVISION MANAGER - Robert A. Watkins, former All-American football star was named Central Division manager for Browne-Vitner's Company. Browne-Vitner's markets White Horse Scotch, Mumm's champagnes, Martell cognac, Nolly Prat French and Italian vermouths, Barton and Guequier French wines, Danish Cherry Kijafa wine, Julius Kayser Rhine and Moselle wines, Brolio Italian wines and Nectarose wine. As Central Division manager Mr. Watkins is responsible for the marketing of these products in the states of Illinois, Missouri, Indiana, Minnesota, Nebraska, North and South Dakota.



PRINCIPALS AT CHARLOTTE UNCF MEET - Principal to the left is Dr. Stephen J. Wright, President of UNCF. Dr. Wright will set the tone for the NAC 21st Annual Conference. The theme of the Conference is "Instant Opportunity-UNCF Challenge." Dr. Wright, an alumnus of Hampton, has served as a faculty member and officer of three southern colleges and as president of Bluefield State College and Fisk University respectively. He received his Ph. D. from New York University. Pictured in the center is Mr. Dudley Dowell 1966 National Campaign Chairman for UNCF. Mr. Dowell has been president and chief administrative officer of New York Life Insurance Co. since 1962. He is a trustee of the Independent College Funds of America and the National Industrial Conference Board of the Greater New York Council, Boy Scouts of America and chairman of the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors of the Young Men's Christian Association of Greater New York. Pictured to the left is Dr. Herman H. Long, President of Talladega College. Dr. Long is an alumnus of Talladega College cum laude, A. B., majoring in Philosophy and Psychology. He was a varsity member of the football, basketball, track and baseball teams. He received his M. A. from the Hartford School of Religious Education and Ph. D. from the University of Michigan. He taught in the public schools of Chicago, served as a faculty member of Miles College. Dr. Long directed the Race Relations Depart-



UNITED AIR LINES RECRUITERS - William Hudnall, employee representative for United Air Lines, gives North Carolina College senior Barbara Richardson, a glimpse of the uniforms she would wear if she became a stewardess for the company. Hudnall was one of over 40 recruiters scheduled to visit the Durham campus this month. (NCC, NEWS BUREAU PHOTO).

Woman Quarantine Inspector Hired

WASHINGTON (UPI) - Miss Mary Starks, a graduate of Morris Brown College, Atlanta, has become the first woman quarantine inspector for the U. S. Department of Agriculture in 20 years.

A general liking for plants and a sound scientific background led Miss Starks, formerly of Atlanta, into the work, which had been "for men only" since the end of World War II.

Miss Starks, who entered government service in February, 1966, is stationed at the John F. Kennedy International Airport, New York.

In her new job, she identifies insects, fungi, and plant

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Cities To Feel Results Of School Beautification Program

School yards in 150 cities will begin taking on a new look in the near future, thanks to "New Roots for Young America," a national beautification program designed to turn barren school yards into tree-shaded playgrounds.

The program was launched at the National Arboretum in Washington, D. C., on Jan. 24 when youngsters from the Scott Montgomery Elementary School presented crayon drawings that showed what they think their school will look like when trees are planted.

A \$1,000 check to make the plantings possible was presented to D. C. school officials by A. Addison Roberts, President of the Reliance Insurance Com-

pany. The affair was sponsored by Agriculture Secretary and Mrs. Orville L. Freeman and Mr. and Mrs. Roberts in honor of the committee for a More Beautiful Capital.

Mr. Roberts said that under the "New Roots for Young America," program, which his company initiated to mark its 150th anniversary, the Boards of Education in 150 cities will receive trees to be planted at the school of their choice.

Advice on the care and planting of the trees will be given by the American Association of Nurserymen.

In paying tribute to Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson for generating a new concern for beauty throughout the country, Secretary Freeman said there was "no reason why any school anywhere in the United States cannot have trees somewhere upon their grounds."

He said people are beginning to revolt against building activities that result in "new schools standing almost naked on barren landscapes and ringed with monotonously repetitious foundation plantings."

of Pharmaco, said, "We are honored to have the opportunity to establish this award and hope that it will stimulate students in the schools affiliated with the National Pre-Alumni Council to become better citizens."

Mr. Hollowell said that to be eligible for the award, a student must be above average scholastically, be active in Pre-Alumni Council activities, and have demonstrated leadership qualities on and off-campus.

The National Pre-Alumni Council is composed of students in 33 colleges and universities. The student may use the scholarship in a college or university other than the one in which he is enrolled at the time of his selection.

Women To Get Same Pay As Men

WASHINGTON - An employer who replaces a man with a woman in the same job cannot lawfully pay the woman a lower wage.

This is the effect of an amend-

ment to Interpretative Bulletin, Part 800, issued under the Fair Labor Standards Act. The act prohibits an employer from discriminating on the basis of sex in the payment of wages for equal work in an establishment.

Scholarships Now Available For UNCF

CHARLOTTE - Mr. Donald L. Hollowell, president of the National Alumni Council of the United Negro College Fund, has announced the establishment of the Artra Award, the organization's first scholarship.

Financed by Pharmaco, Kenilworth, N. J. pharmaceutical firm, the scholarship provides \$1,200 for the winning student and \$300 for his college or university. Announcement of the student winner's name will be made during the 21st annual conference of the Council, Feb. 9-12, in the White House Inn, Charlotte.

The purpose of the scholarship is to promote participation among college students in off-campus as well as on-campus activities, and to instill a desire to continue participation in civic and community affairs after graduation, Mr. Hollowell explained.

F. M. Schwenmer, president

diseases found on confiscated plant material. She also studies treatments used to destroy pests on plants offered for importation.

Miss Starks said that when she began her new job, she thought she was in the wrong place, as she "saw nothing but men." Now, "everyone treats me like one of the fellows," and that's the way I like it."

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