

# Don't Forget the Unlucky at Christmas

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is beginning to fail due to hopeless pressures.

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22. Jim R. is a young married man, the father of three children. He suffers from hypertension and it is difficult for him to hold any job. The strain of making ends meet seems to be affecting his marriage. Presently, he is looking forward to a job as a farm laborer.

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23. Many months ago the father of an inner city family with six small children left for parts unknown; four months ago the young mother left the area, leaving the care of the children to her own widowed mother. The grandmother, not well herself, was keeping the two oldest grand school children at home for lack of adequate clothing.

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24. Maria is a deserted mother of 3 school children. She lives in the inner city and recently obtained a teacher's job. She walks her three children several blocks daily to a baby-sitter. With the onset of winter, she will be unable to clothe the children properly for their daily trip. Besides lack of clothing, she has very little furniture.

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25. Jack, 52, is a deserted husband and father of 6 children. Due to a severe physical disability he has been out of work for several months. He has had one operation and is facing another. The family is a close knit group despite the hardships.

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26. Anna, a deserted mother of 3 children, does cash work at night to support her family. She is paying heavy debts which her husband had accumulated.

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27. There are 6 children in the C. family ranging from 1 to 18. Mr. C. has been working steadily for the past year to support his family after 10 years of very irregular work caused by chronic alcoholism. The family was very proud last June when Paul, the eldest, was one of the few young people in the neighborhood to graduate from high school.

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28. The Ds are a family group consisting of Mary, a widow with three children and two sisters, one who has a child. They all live in a 3 room apartment which has no hot water, little heat and no conveniences. Their only income is from Mary's intermittent day work.

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29. Mrs. Gloria M. is a mother of 7 whose husband deserted her. In addition to her financial struggle, she lives in a rat-infested apartment. Because of her large family and lack of money, she is unable to find better living arrangements.

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30. Mr. K. is elderly, often sick, unable to work regularly for that reason and because he is addicted to the overuse of alcoholic beverage. To save room rent, he often sleeps "out" at night, frequently needs to replace worn-out clothing, often lacks money for food.

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31. Mr. S. and his family have had many medical problems. He is facing his second operation, his wife is a crippled arthritic; a daughter has muscular dystrophy and one son is a severe asthmatic. The other son finishing high school must forego hopes of college in order to help the family meet their basic needs.

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32. The C. family lives on the second floor of a multiple dwelling. The second oldest boy, 9, fell while playing on a fire escape and punctured an eye. His comments in the hospital the day following surgery say much about his life: "Boy, I'm rich here. I have my own bed with sheets — meat every day and milk at all my meals!"

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33. In the D. family there are 5 young children. The father is an alcoholic. The mother is a frail young woman, often forced to take part-time work to buy food. She is frequently the object of severe beatings.

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34. The B family consists of a 17-year-old mother, husband and 2 small children. The husband is hospitalized after a serious accident with leg, arm

and rib fractures and will be unable to work for many months.

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35. The V. family are living in crowded quarters in a drafty house on an ugly street in the northeast part of our city. All 7 children have had colds and Mr. V. is completing six months in bed with a broken leg. If someone were to help Mrs. V. find a house to meet their needs and purchasing ability, this Christmas could be the happiest the family has known in the United States.

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36. The father of family C. works as a dishwasher to support his wife and 7 children. They are forced by circumstance to live in a small apartment.

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37. In the E. family the father had a congenital hip problem and was prevented from working. Both mother and children are frequently ill from the poorly heated apartment.

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38. The father has abandoned his wife and their four small children. The mother's knowledge and ability to care for them is greatly limited; she drinks and sleeps frequently, allowing the children to roam the block unattended and inadequately clothed.

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39. The Brown family was burned out of their apartment and lost what little they had. After a short time they were able to find a place to live. A 5-year-old child was struck by a car a few months later, and due to severe head injuries is an invalid. Recently a serious accident disabled the father who will be in a body cast for months.

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40. For two years Mrs. O. has been struggling to raise her 6 young children alone. Her husband deserted her and she has become depressed and frightened. Despite this, she is continuing to care for her family. She demands nothing and struggles silently.

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## Urban Housing Need Cited for All Classes

By John R. Sullivan  
(NC News Service)

Washington — At least 500,000 homes and apartments for the poor, and two million more for other Americans must be built each year if the nation is to meet the housing needs of all its people, the National Commission on Urban Problems has said.

The commission chaired by former Illinois Sen. Paul Douglas, made the recommendation public Dec. 15.

The six-part report is nearly as large as that of Otto Kerner's National Commission on Civil Disorders. And while it is not so comprehensive — Douglas' commission concentrated primarily on housing and related matters — it provides much of the nuts-and-bolts information needed to begin implementing the Kerner Report's recommendations.

The Kerner Report called for construction of 800,000 low and moderate-income housing units during the next year, and six million over the next five years.

Douglas' group, while concerned with immediately alleviating the housing problem of the nation's poor, directed the major share of its attention toward finding ways of keeping the housing problem solved.

Not only has housing for the poor been inadequate in the past, but crash programs, or sudden spurts in build-

ing, do not contribute to a real solution, said the report.

"The past has been characterized by inadequate programs with low priorities, with widely vacillating support from the Congress, carried out by a fractionalized industry on the sufferance of a largely indifferent or on occasion hostile bureaucracy," it said.

In addition to an outright lack of housing, the report estimated that there are seven million substandard homes which must be replaced or rehabilitated, and another four million which are severely overcrowded.

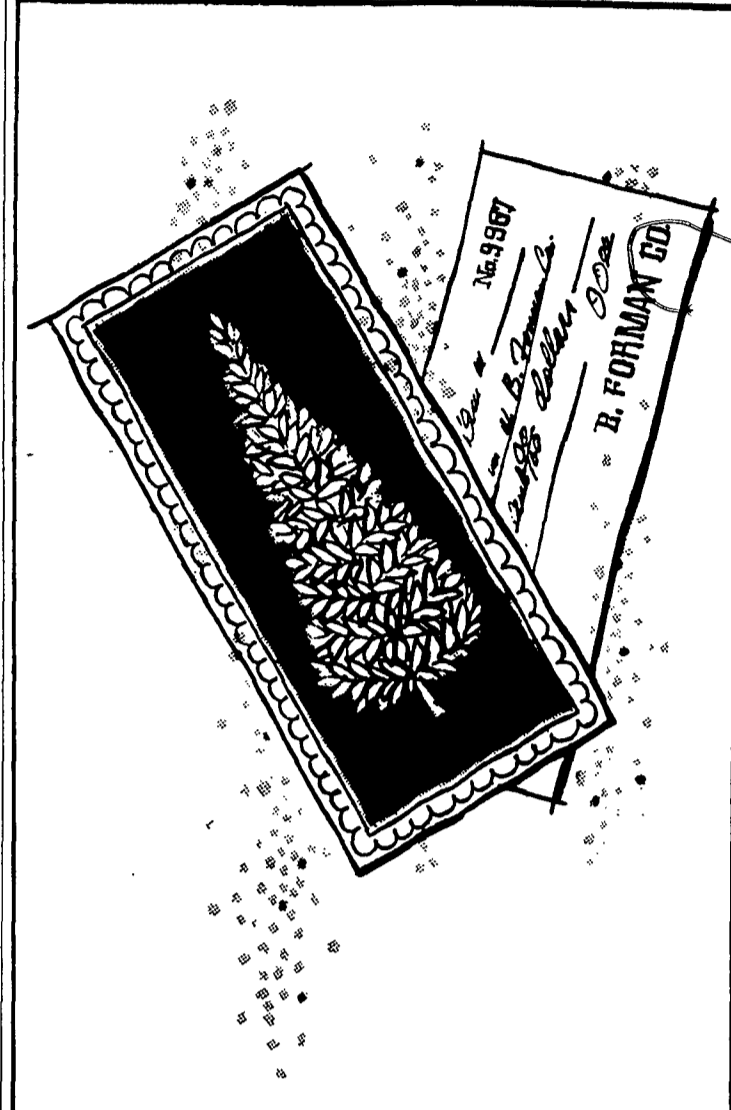
"About a third of the families in the nation cannot buy or rent decent housing at market rates by paying a reasonable proportion of their income," the report said.

The commission, however, noted that it is not easy — or sufficient — just to provide money to build more homes. In order to do so efficiently, to make them available to all persons who need them, and to make it possible to continue building enough homes to meet the need, the commission recommended the following:

- Open housing laws in the 28 states which now lack them, in all cities and all urban counties.

- Simplified, and quicker-acting federal programs, and long-term financing of major programs.

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Sister Mary Benign by the Columban Sisters for 2-year-old Julie. was found abandoned.

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Vatican City — (NC) — VI's promise that he would Christ rather than take tional action against a tendency toward self-de destined to become one significant statements of cate, according to the weekly, L'Osservatore del

"It seems to us that are destined to remain most significant of this mark a sorrowful and ment in the history of



### Vietnam Christmas

Lt. Douglas E. Magruder of Atlanta, (seated, right) and his comrades hover protectively around a Christmas tree which arrived early at Landing Zone Rita, north of Saigon near the Cambodian border. Sent by the Army officer's wife Betty, the tree survived one heavy mortar attack unscathed and Lt. Magruder vowed that "it will most affirmatively last until Christmas." Other members of the First Air Cavalary Division standing, from the left, are S/Sgt. A. Q. Campbell of Hugo, Okla., Sgt. William Howard Jr. of Berkeley, Calif., and Sgt. William O. William of Jackson, Miss.

### Pressure on Bias Praised

New York — (NC) — The use of ecumenical pressure to "make sure that all of the various business we deal with . . . are living up to the ideals of equal rights for all" is proving to be one of the more successful phases of organized religion's assault on discrimination and inequality, according to Archbishop Terence J. Cooke.

Archbishop Cooke, speaking on television made an assessment of Project Equality, a New York archdiocesan enterprise which places the purchasing power of religious organizations behind a drive for fair employment practices. The program insists that all firms doing business with participating religious jurisdictions maintain a strict policy of non-discrimination in their hiring and purchasing procedures.

Archbishop Cooke said Project Equality represents two distinct phases of the Church's work: "To first examine ourselves as to the employment practices we have, to be sure that discrimination is not there, and to put the suppliers of the archdiocese under close scrutiny."

"We light many things all year long but nothing gives us a bigger thrill than the stars we light in the eyes of children, and some grown-ups, too; this time of year."

Reddy Killowatt (and his 2546 co-workers at RGE)



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