Courier-Journal-Friday, December 12, 1969 Will Our Cities Be 'Places of Terror'?

Washington, D.C. (RNS)-American cities, "in a few more years," will become a mixture of "places of terror" and armed "fortresses," the National Commission on the Causes and Prevention of Violence has warned here.

Under current policies, the commission predicts that central citles in the United States will be unsafe in varying degrees with the well-to-do living in privately-guarded compounds and radical groups maintaining "tremendous armories of weapons that could be brought into play with or without provocation."

The commission's estimates were based on a study of the rising crime rate in the U.S. They used the Uniform Crime Reports published by the, Federal Bureau of Investigation and its own special study of 10,000 arrest records in 17

With its predictions of the worsening effect of crime on American cities, the commission issued this warning.

"Public and private action must guarantee safety, security and justice for every citizen in our metropolitan areas without sacrificing the quality of life and other values. of free society.

"If the nation is not in a position to launch a full-scale war on domestic ills, especially urban ills, at this moment,

because of the difficulty of freeing ourselves quickly from other obligations, we should now legally make the essential commitments and then carry them out as quickly as funds can be obtained."

Through the use of its own study and the FBI crime re-



this picture of crime in the

Primarily a phenomenon of large cities, violent crime is overwhelmingly committed by males, concentrated in the

ages of 15 to 20, who live in a ghetto, are blacks, and are 'repeat" offenders. The victims of these criminals usually have the same characteristics-male, youth, poverty and black. The only exception are victims of robbery who are very often older whites. Differing from the pattern in robbery violent crimes of

homicide, assault and rape -tend to be acts of passion among intimates or acquaintances These statistics provided the basis for a prediction pf the future shape of the cities if no "effective public action" is taken. This is how the commission thinks metropolitan areas of the future will look:

• Central business districts will be protected by "eco-

Council of Churches Asked

Support Draft Resisters,

large numbers of people shopping and working during the

day and will be deserted durthe hours of darkness ing with the exception of police patrols

 High-rise apartment and residential compounds will beequipped with private security guards and devices, thus becoming "fortified cells for upper-middle and high-income populations."

• Suburban neighborhoods will be protected by "economic homogeneity and by distance from population groups with the highest propensities to commit crimes."

• Unless there is a sharp change in the federal and state law concerning ownership of guns, the availability of such weapons will enable citizens to "supplement inadequate police patrols in neighborhoods closer to the central city, and extreme leftwing and right-wing groups will have tremendous armories of weapons which could be brought into play with or without any provocation."

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 Patrolled "sanitized corridors" will provide transport-ation access to the city, using vehicles equipped with security devices and parked only at indoor garages. "Armed guards will 'ride shotgun" on all forms of public transportation."

 The central city's streets and residential neighborhoods will be unsafe in varying degrees with the ghetto areas "places of terror with widespread crime, perhaps entirely out of police control dur-

ing nighttime hours." Armed guards will 'ride shotgun' on protect schools, libraries, and playgrounds in the ghetto

The commission concluded its estimate with this prediction:

"Between the unsafe, deteriorating central city on the one hand and the network of safe, prosperous areas and sanitized corridors on the other, there will be, not unnaturally, intensifying hatred and deepening division. Vio and the defensive response of the affluent will become still more elaborate."

Woman Elected Head Of Church Council

Council of Churches. Dr. Cynthia Wedel, 61, will head the organization of 33 Protestant and Orthodox Churches for three years,

The wife of retired Canon Theodore Wedel of Washing-ton Episcopal Cathedral succeeds Dr. Arthur S. Flemming.

Dr. Wedel was elected by a vote of 387 to 93 over the Rev. Albert B. Cleage, Jr., of Detroit, a United Church of Christ pastor nominated by the National Committee of Black Churchmen (NCBC).

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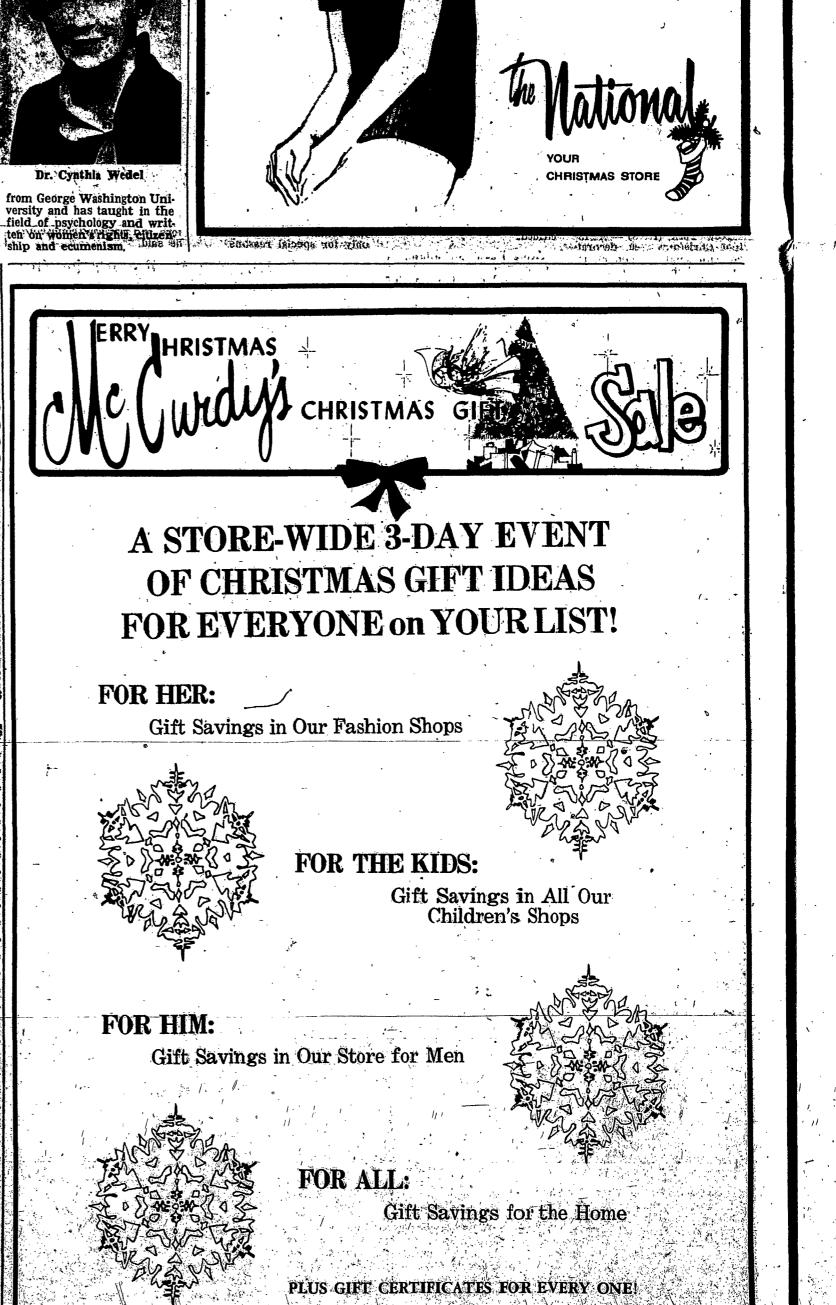
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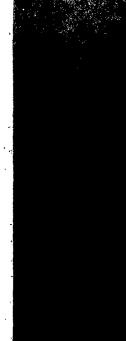
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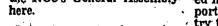


Detroit (RNS)-A tall, silver-haired psychologist was elected here as the first woman president of the Na-

Dr. Wedel, a member of the Episcopal Church, is former staff head of the NCC's De-

partment of Christian Unity.

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DETROIT --- (RNS)---Mem-

ber communions in the Na-

tional Council of Churches

were asked to support finan-

cially pastoral services to

60,000 U.S. draft resisters and

military deserters in Canada

in guidelines recommended by

Delegates approved a series of proposals drafted after 30 op U.S. churchmen conferred Windsor, Ont., just across river, with leaders of the Canadian Council of Churches and with a group of eight draft resisters.

The U.S. group revealed in a subsequent press conference that the estimated 60,000 already in Canada is increas-ing by 20,000 per year. Two thirds of the present number **Bishop** Airs were said to be deserters. **Draft Dodgers'**

The NCC resolution re-quested the Canadian Council to form a co-ordinating group to round a co-ordinating group to evaluate the needs for pas-toral services among the refu-gees and to accept and dis-burse funds toward that end.

At the post-consultation press conference, U.S. church-men stressed that they were not encouraging Americans to flee to Canada to avoid the draft or military service. A statement of the consultation

"As churchmen who have helped raise up many of these men whose conscience now rejects participation in the (Vietnam) war, violations of due process and brutalization in military life, we must not abandon them in their hour of critical need."

he draft ed immigrants" is dased on ports from help centers which try to aid persons finding employment

Canadian law allows for-

eigners to remain six months

as visitors. After that, one can

become a "landed immigrant'

if he obtains enough points.

Jobs are important in that

process. The estimate that

30,000 are seeking to be "land-

Views, **Problems**

SYRACUSE — (RNST — An Episcopal bishop, on his re-turn from Canada where he

conferred with young Ameri-cans who fled the draft, re-

flected serious concern about

doing to our young people and our country."

In a report made public here, Bishop Ned Cole of the Episco-pal Diocese of Central New York said, "I am saddened by

the hardness of heart of peo-ple my age about others who are especially sensitive to the complexities of this war."

Among his impressions of

his talks with young Ameri-

cans and members of the Can-

what the Vietnam war is

• The military chaplains are of little help because they "belong to the system." Here The Rev. Richard Killmer, a there was real bitterness ex-

Bishop noted:

taff member of the interreligious Clergy and Laymen Con-cerned About Vletnam, said • The young people feel rehe understood that most of the refugees did not plan to return to the U.S. unless a

jected by their fellow Americans but most are not bitter general amnesty was granted.

adian clergy, the Episcopal

Many young men were sur-

prised to know that many U.S.

dioceses provide counsel and

legal advice to those who have

problems of conscience with

She-resigned last June and is. currently associate director of the National Resource Center for Voluntarism in Washington, D.C. She holds a Ph.D. degree and hope to return to the U.S.

REPEAT PERFORMANCE!

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