

Interracial Council Spurs 3rd Ward Housing Project

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Largely through the efforts of the Catholic Interracial Council, a \$5.75 million low and moderate income housing project is going up on Ford Street between Troup and Tremont in the 3rd ward.

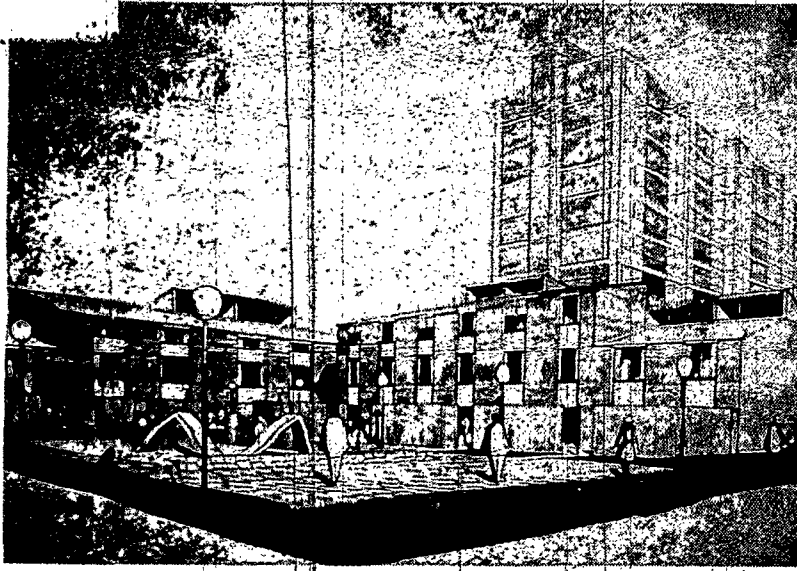
The project, comprising 104 town house units and 150 units in an 11-story tower, is being developed by I.C. Housing Development Fund Co., an offshoot of the Catholic Interracial Council.

The \$5,755,600 mortgage was secured last week from Community Savings Bank, the lead bank among several banking institutions in the project.

Rents will range from \$90 a month for efficiency apartments to \$190 a month for a 4-bedroom town house. The project was arranged through the Federal Housing Authority and when it comes completely under FHA funding, rents will be lowered, a spokesman for I.C. Development said.

Plans for the project began three years ago and the land was bought for \$145,000 from the city, working through the Bureau of Urban Renewal. Digging has already begun, following FHA permission for an early start.

More than \$100,000 of the seed money for the land purchase was obtained from the Martin Luther King Fund and \$18,000 was borrowed from the Community and Urban Development of N.Y. State.



Artist's sketch of the council's housing project.

Town houses, which will be 2-bedroom to 4-bedroom with cellars, will be completed by December of this year and the entire project in 18 months. Rentals will open in August.

James Dobson, president of I.C. Development, listed these priorities for rentals:

1. Those displaced by urban renewal in the project area.
2. Those displaced by urban renewal in other areas.
3. Those displaced as result of any other government project.
4. Other applicants.

Dobson, a senior income tax examiner for the state, also is treasurer of the Catholic Inter-

racial Council, whose president is Mrs. Alma Green. The council office is in Immaculate Conception Church on Edinburgh Street.

Other members of the I.C. Development are Father Paul Brennan, assistant pastor at Immaculate, vice president; Philip Callan, treasurer; Mrs. Green, secretary; Father Robert Kreckel, pastor at Immaculate; Gregory Doyle, Dr. Alfred Robinson, Lloyd Hurst, Millard Rutherford, Willie Bryant, Arl Williams, John Cato and John Holmes.

Contractor for the project is Logic Construction Co., headed by Paul Friederich. Architect is Robert T. Coles of Buffalo.

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Abortion on Request Rejected

Annapolis —(RNS)— Pressure by Catholic and other church groups was credited here with the defeat of a bill that would have further liberalized Maryland's law on abortions.

The proposal, similar to one approved last year by the legislature and vetoed by Gov. Marvin Mandel, was rejected by a surprisingly wide margin (77-59) in the House of Delegates. Both supporters and opponents of the bill said the lobbying and the introduction of a series of amendments as a delaying tactic brought about the defeat.

Maryland already has a law which permits abortions for various reasons. The defeated bill would have permitted abortion on request.

Higher Minimum Income Suggested

New York —(RNS)—The presidents of the National Council of Churches and the Synagogue Council of America have called for federal welfare reform legislation providing \$3,720 minimum annual income for a family of four.

Dr. Cynthia C. Wedel, president of the NCC, and Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman of the Synagogue Council, also asked that a public assistance program, based solely on need, be administered by the federal government—a provision which runs counter to President Nixon's plan for revenue sharing.

"It should be the national goal," said the declaration, "to see that no family is required to live on less than the Lower Standard Budget as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor. We should move toward that goal now by establishing a minimum level of benefits at not less than the current OEO/HEW poverty line of \$3,720."

Family of Man Award Explained

New York —(RNS)—Bob Hope is one of the "most loved men in the world" and a "magnetic force" pulling the family of man together, the head of the Council of Churches of the City of New York said here.

Dr. Dan Potter made this assessment in a sermon designed to quiet controversy over a council decision to withdraw a "Family of Man" award from the comedian. Speaking at Covenant Presbyterian Church in mid-Manhattan on March 21, he spent most of his time talking about a decision by the council's annual assembly to offer the honor posthumously to Whitney Young, Jr. Dr. Potter held that the shift was designed to recognize the contribution of Mr. Young, the director of the National Urban League, who died March 11.

He said that Mr. Hope might not have pleased everyone but that his record over 30 years speak for itself. "No one can overstate what he has meant to more than 10 million men and women in the armed services," he said.

College Plans Peace Major

New York — Next fall undergraduates at Manhattan College in the Bronx will have the new choice of a major in peace. Dr. Tom Stonier, professor of biology and a major force in organizing the interdisciplinary peace studies program, described it as the only one offered anywhere.

The core program will cover history, religious theory, biology and economics, and independent projects will be run by students to study "inter-group conflict and management of conflict." Dr. Stonier thinks that, "the need will be enormous," for this broad approach to "lethal inter-group conflict."

Peace studies in the past have been confined to elective courses for undergraduates, and only a few universities now offer a graduate program.

Graduates with a peace major will go into fields such as labor-management or international social programs. The program at Manhattan may also provide the teachers for similar programs in other schools.

Walk for Water Workers Named

Martha Weeg, a sophomore at Nazareth Academy, and Jim Dauphine, a teacher at Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, have been named section chairmen for the 1971 Walk For Water. They will work with student representatives of various schools, distributing materials and signing up hikers for the April 25 event.

Miss Weeg's area includes Nazareth, Aquinas, Marshall and Jefferson high schools. Dauphine will cover Pittsford, Fairport and East Rochester. Those who take part find sponsors who are willing to pay them for walking.

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