

OHD Asks Resumption Of Housing Programs

By BARBARA MOYNEHAN

The Office of Human Development wants the 18-month construction moratorium on subsidized housing lifted. Father Charles Mulligan, director, told state legislators and others attending a statewide conference Friday at the Flagship Rochester Hotel.

The Housing Council of Monroe County Area, Inc. organized the conference to inform both congressmen and the general public of the effects the moratorium will have.

Howard Samuels, New York industrialist, and Sen. James Abourezk of South Dakota were keynote speakers followed by a panel discussion by experts in various areas of housing.

Father Mulligan's statement praised the 1968 Housing Act with its construction goal of 26 million homes between 1969 and 1978, for the strong com-

mitment the government made then to provide decent housing for all Americans.

He admitted that it hasn't worked very well, but quickly added: "we cannot agree that the pause required for re-evaluation must be as drastic as the one proposed by the Federal government."

In a final plea to state legislators to commit themselves to working to lift the moratorium he pointed out that the freeze includes the flood devastated Southern Tier.

At the time of the moratorium announcement by President Nixon in early January it was felt cities turned into disaster areas seven months ago by tropical storm Agnes would be exempt from the construction freeze, but now "apparently they are not," according to Father Peter Bayer, director of Reconstruction efforts in the Corning area.



Card Party

Dolores Mazzullo, Ann Donner and Rose Ann Bennett make final plans for the annual card party at Holy Ghost Church, sponsored by the Sacred Heart Society. The party is slated for Saturday, March 10, at 8 p.m. in the parish hall.

Senior Citizens Outline Needs

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Senior citizens have had a lot of news coverage in recent months. Everyone is organizing programs for them.

Last week, however, they looked like their own best friends at a meeting sponsored by St. Monica's and the Office of Human Development.

They know their problems, know what solutions they are after and have more vested interest motivating them to work for prompt solutions than any good-will group.

About 10, mostly female, retirees, some home owners, some Plymouth Garden residents, showed up at St. Monica's rectory, Thursday afternoon and listed the following as their problems: finances, transportation, nutrition, medical care, loneliness, housing, maintenance of homes, taxes and security.

They did not stop with listing their problems. Sister Francis Sweeney, SSJ, of OHD said: they offered solutions.

For transportation they suggested new bus routes, reduced taxi rates and the use of school buses. They decided to concentrate on pushing for legislation allowing for the use of school buses by the elderly.

They also suggested more of a give and take relationship with such groups as FISH. They talked of a center of information which would serve as a resource center.

Enthusiastic about the meeting, Sister Francis said she sees great potential for organized senior citizens.

Moratorium Scored

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The board members also adopted an updated list of criteria individuals and organizations, applying for assistance must meet.

Father Charles Mulligan, board president, reported that a loan for \$2,000 approved in September 1971 to the Construction

Cooperative of Ithaca, is just now being called on.

The non-interest bearing loan will be used for the construction of minority housing and job creation for low income workers in the Ithaca area, an experiment in labor as management.

CYO LIFESAVING

Both junior and senior lifesaving classes will be conducted at the CYO this spring. Senior lifesaving begins March 24, 3-5 p.m. and will run each Saturday through May 26. Junior lifesaving will be taught March 25 through May 27, each Sunday, from 1-3 p.m.

GAME ON AIR

The Penfield at Webster high school basketball game will be broadcast over WROC-AM at 8:40 p.m. Friday, March 2. Joe Cullinane will do the play-by-play.

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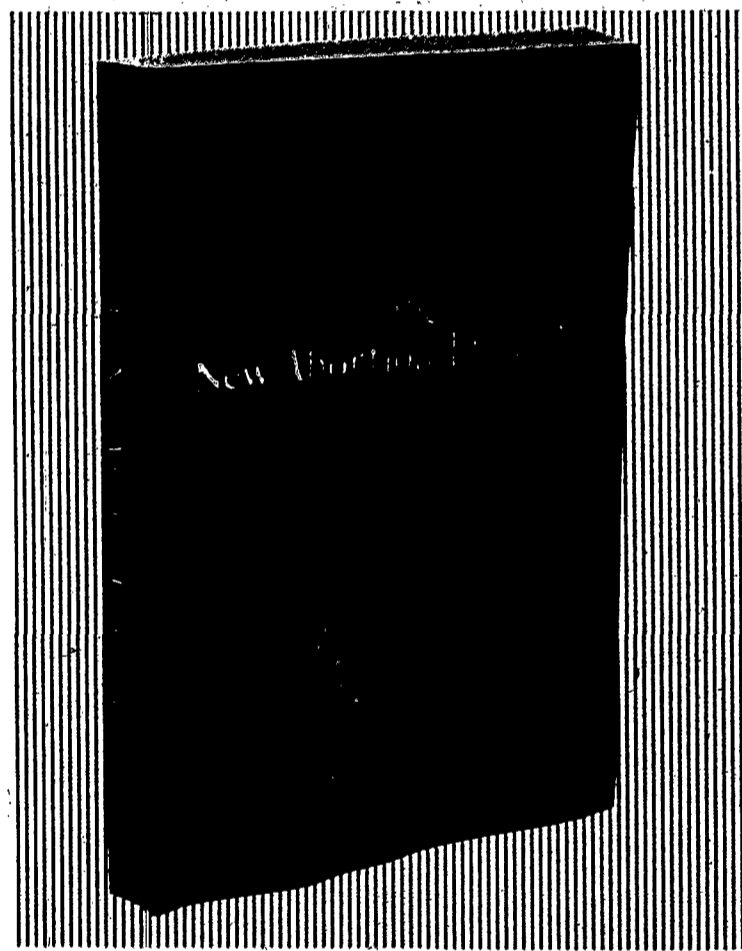
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