

Race Issue Still Bothing Readers

Sees Need For Open Housing Laws

EDITOR:

Because the racial crisis confronting our country is so serious, I feel that weak resolutions regarding open housing are not enough. We need strong and aggressive leadership from our elected officials, leadership unafraid to condemn the racist attitudes so prevalent in this area.

To ignore these attitudes or to say they do not exist is self-deception at its peak. All of us are very quick to decry racial violence in the cities but ignore the racist attitudes which created the inner frustrations which exploded into violence. I hope you will publish this letter which says none of the things which need to be said.

On May 13 I attended a meet-

ing of the Farmington Township Board because I, as a private citizen first and as a member of the new Farmington Committee Second, was interested in what action they might take on an open housing resolution.

As this was discussed I was surprised by the self-righteousness of those on the board who could not support a resolution, part of which stated we are racists, because they do not believe the people of the township are racist.

It was implied that black people would be welcome here and that any mistreatment they might receive would not be allowed. Is there no aid to hypocrisy? How many people are there in the township who would welcome black people into the area? Not many, I bet, who are willing to stand up and be counted.

Have we forgotten those crass

and rude individuals who came out when the Board of Education passed a busing resolution which did not even involve our children? Have we forgotten the private clubs including local swim clubs with their rules cleverly designed to keep out

"undesirables." Have we forgotten the homeowner association meetings where racial hatred is sometimes voiced? And last but by no means least have we forgotten the homes with weapons never intended for hunting game, weapons

which frighten me far more than any rumor of some nebulous group who might come to suburbia by the carload to do what, no one seems to know.

If we can say that these things are not racially motivated, only then can we say

we are not racists. I can say without the slightest doubt that all of these things are racially motivated and therefore we are racists.

Only the most hypocritical or self-deluding person could say otherwise. That is why

the weak resolution adopted by the Farmington Township Board does not adequately represent me or my family.

IRENE M. SILVER
Suburban housewife and mother of five

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Ashamed Of Redford

EDITOR:

It is with great shame that I write this.

Could we, Citizens of Redford, who are genuinely, deeply and sincerely interested in expanding our minds and hearts to encompass and tolerate charity and love for all mankind... regardless of color, (and even attitude and of common decency or our location) would certainly be rid of our "viciously fear-filled" neighbors... run an ad of apology.

Somewhere, to make not only the Coleman aware of our feelings but to express our welcome to any law abiding, interested citizen to come into our community... as lacking as this? I know, as does any sensible person, that no outside influence is as strong as that in my own household and that our children will do nothing but suffer as a result of their lack of exposure to any person in any way different than themselves... or I would move immediately in order to express my fear of the kind of environment as expressed by the neighbors of the Colemans.

I saw an ad in the Michigan Catholic and I would be most willing to contribute to the placement of such an ad... would there be any possibility that other citizens would do the same?

How might we activate such a

move to make it meaningful and impressive?

Thank you for your attention:
ESTER M. YAGER

A Forced Action?

EDITOR:

As a citizen of Livonia I would like to protest your coverage of the "Integration" of the Shaw Electric Co. in the April 23 edition of The Livonia Observer.

It seems to me that the headline you have more appropriately read: "Racist Livonia Firm Forced To Desegregate." To state that the firm "integrated gladly" completely misrepresents the facts as they appear in the article.

The Shaw Electric Co. was forced to desegregate by the threat of the loss of \$64,000 and to infer that it did so for any other reason is the sheerest hypocrisy.

Further, I think The Livonia Observer should take a forthright editorial position on the white racist response of hiring an apprentice draftsman at \$2.25 an hour and a warehouseman at \$100 a week.

The Shaw Co. is apparently typical of many white businesses that will not hire black people until forced to do so by the loss of business, and then will only respond by opening the most menial, low-paying tasks for a token few.

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Grads Meet In Remote Village

ANN ARBOR—University of Michigan alumni are all over the world, but a U-M alumni meeting in a remote African village?

Yes, the story was told by Dr. William H. Stewart, surgeon general of the U.S. Public Health Service, when he received an honorary degree at the University's spring commencement.

Dr. Stewart said he had participated in functions of the University before receiving his honorary degree. He told of being in a remote village of Sangha in Mali last January in connection with a smallpox inoculation project conducted by the Health Service under the auspices of a foreign aid program.

"Dr. David Sencer, director of our National Communicable Disease Center, and I—along with a young village—climbed down a steep cliff to see some cliff dwellers and the area to which we would have to move equipment for vaccination," he said.

After a difficult descent, we sat down to rest and it turned out that the village spoke English. It further developed that he was a graduate of The University of Michigan.

"Since Dr. Sencer also was a graduate of Michigan—you know, when two or more are gathered—they had no alumni meeting right there and I participated."

Dr. Sencer received his M.D. degree in December, 1951, and is listed with the Medical School class of 1952. The Mali village, Iboba Maiga, graduated from the U-M's English Language Institute in 1961 and is a secondary school instructor in Bamako, Mali.

India's Milk Flows

A United Nations group has supplied all necessary imported equipment for a milk plant in Punjab in the state of India. The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) assisted in building the plant, with a capacity of 16,400 gallons of milk per day.

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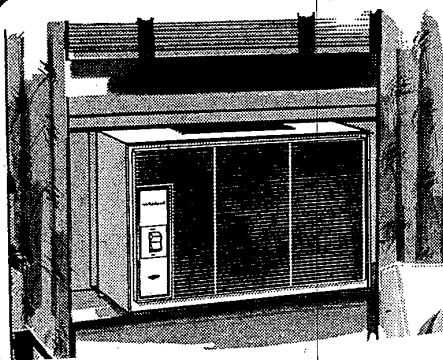


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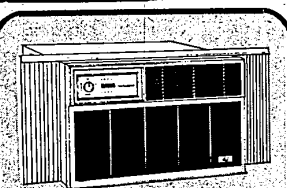
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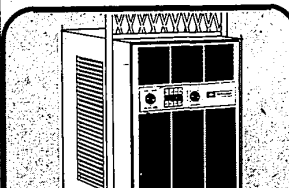
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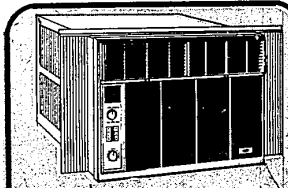
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Schoolcraft Community College President Dr. Eric Bradner was elected secretary of the Michigan Council of Community Administrators in Lansing.

Elected as president was William H. Atkinson, president of Jackson Community College, reelected as vice president, David Pontz, president of Washington Community College and reelected as treasurer, Alfred Shankland, president of North Central Michigan College.

The purpose of the council is to represent the public community and junior colleges of Michigan in all matters in which collective action is necessary or desirable and to exchange information on legislative and administrative matters of concern.