

Writer Calls 'White Racism' Charge Not True

At least one major political-social thinker disagrees with the premise of the Kerner Commission report - that "white racism" has shaped our history decisively, while black racism is essentially responsible for the explosive nature of the race riots that have been accumulating in our cities."

Paul Goodman, noted spokesman for the Left, is the author of one of the most recent books among college students, "Growing Up Absurd."

In a recent copyright article in the "New York Times," Goodman said the Kerner report's charge that the country's urban ills could be traced to white racism was "not true."

Goodman argues that the white middle class is "not so much racist as narrow, self-righteous and busy."

"The bother with the premise of the Kerner report is that, if it were true (that America is racist), nothing less would avail than psychiatric for epidemic paranoia, including probably shock treatment..." Goodman writes.

A better method, he said, is "to appeal to the outgoingness, the pragmatism, the enlightened self interest of Americans."

Goodman argues the entire question of urban strife is primarily economic, not racist.

"WHAT IS evident is a general drive to dispossession, control, and ignore human beings who are useless and bothersome, whether small farmers, displaced coalminers, the aged, the alienated young, the vastly increasing number of 'insane. And unassimilable racial minorities.' Goodman goes on to argue that these people in the 'other America' will be included when it is 'expedient to do so.' His arguments contradict the Kerner report, which, in addition to massive Federal aid, called for the end to white racism.

It is interesting to note the

Hypersonic Airliners In 8 Years

LOS ANGELES — Hypersonic airliners that may carry passengers at 4,000 m.p.h. between 1985 and the year 2,000 have been under discussion here by engineers and space agency officials.

A Hypersonic Transport would fly Mach 5-3,000 m.p.h. or faster—compared with the Mach 2.7 speed, about 1,800 m.p.h., planned for America's first Supersonic Transport which may not be ready for another eight years.

DISCUSSIONS before the American Society of Mechanical Engineers indicated a 200-passenger, Mach 6 (4,000 m.p.h.) transport should be a reasonable compromise between economic, technology and passenger appeal near the end of the century.

Hubert M. Drake of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration told the aviation and space meeting it is none too soon for mission studies that will identify productive areas of research as a proper base for development of such aircraft in the post-1980 time period.

Preliminary work, he said, might aid in meeting the problem of an extremely high investment peak that could be several times larger than that for the SST, about \$1.3 billion.

DRAKE POINTED out that the long-range HST would offer the possibility of one-day roundtrips—with an eight-hour stay at destination—over a distance of 5,000 miles.

Frank E. Jarlett of General Dynamics-Convair said the future HST probably will be fueled with liquid hydrogen if the present cost of 30 cents per pound for this fuel can be reduced to 10 cents per pound in the 1990s.

He noted, however, that doubling the cruise speed of the advanced transport will not halve the trip time because as the cruise speed increases, more of the flight is accomplished during acceleration and deceleration.

Jarlett gave the following times as typical for a flight of 5,750 miles: climb to 100,000 feet, 18 minutes; cruise at Mach 6 for one hour, seven minutes; descent, 20 minutes; holding time and landing 30 minutes. Total, two hours, 15 minutes.

While the HST will generate a sonic boom, he said, it will be less than that of the SST because of the higher flight altitude of the faster plane.

various approaches taken in the reports on America's urban riots.

Historians are already regarding the first major riot—Watts, August, 1965—as a turning point in racial relations. Harassment, Negro grievances had been expressed, in eloquent and sometimes bloody, sit-ins and boycotts in the south. The sit-in movement in the south heralded the change as groups like Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee moved in and began the ordeal of voter

registration. Modern day commentators then, found it strange that the first racial uprising came in the west, in a big city, rather than in the rural backwaters of the south. The McCone Commission, headed by former CIA director John McCone, was rushed for time and they completed their report on Watts in three months. Even so, the work filled 18 volumes. The report cited a need for better police-community relationships, more jobs, better schools and aid to the disadvantaged consumer.

THE REPORT mentioned nothing of chaotic family conditions, illegitimacy and birth control, nor white racism. The New Detroit Committee called for "Federal involvement in terms of great sums of money and leadership." "White not as widely covered by the press as the Kerner racism charge, the New Detroit Committee's assertion that

bigotry was a most urgent problem was clearly made: "What is most urgently needed in obtaining individual commitment is a new definition of racism and its implications in white America. To many Americans, racism merely means active bigotry and discrimination, a charge from which they readily acquit themselves. "Racism, in reality and practice, is more subtle and wears many masks. It is hate, it is also indifference....It takes the

form of unexamined values that casually deny status and dignity. It is complacency, it is the passive acceptance of the status quo. It is the belief, that because you do not hate, you have not harmed anyone. It is the inability to put on, if only for a few moments, a black skin and look at the world with new eyes...." Goodman discards the white racism theory, and some feel his ideas may be the vanguard of new liberal thinking in America.

Major political candidates, including Richard M. Nixon and Hubert H. Humphrey have shied away from the racism idea. The problem, however, is that the idea is almost unanimously accepted in the black community. BLACK militants argue counter to Goodman—that, indeed, mass psychiatric treatment is needed for "white racists, and this not being possible, then violence and black separatism is the alternative.

Thus the Kerner report points out the danger of two societies, one dominant, tearing each other apart. We need to "get whites to pay attention to blacks as existing. ...Almost all whites now agree blacks ought to get preferential treatment, and there are stirrings in that direction. But this cannot come to much if it is done by guilt, to make amends, it must be done for political motives, self-interest, decency, commonwealth and justice," Goodman concludes.



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