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To revitalize cities

Hudson's executive backs regionalism as solution

By MICHAEL CHARLES

TROY—Regionalism as a solution to the mounting problems of metropolitan areas in Michigan received a solid boost from one of Detroit's commercial leaders last week.

Joseph L. Hudson Jr., chairman of the board of the J. L. Hudson Co., told delegates to the third annual Conference of Michigan Foundations that a regional approach to civic decay is "essential to the revitalization of our cities."

Hudson urged the delegates, many of whom represented some of the largest philanthropic organizations in the country, to become involved in regional efforts to solve the problems of the big cities.

"THE REVITALIZATION of our cities (locally and regionally) is an important mission to which (charitable) foundations must contribute their attention and significant portions of their resources," Hudson said.

Hudson, an officer in Detroit Renaissance, criticized solutions to the problems of large cities which rely solely upon the "overpowering, impersonal force of big government" and which exclude the efforts of local communities and their citizens.

"We no longer can afford the wasteful duplication of effort and facilities, the lack of efficient distribution in the system of tax revenues, the inefficient coordination of many other services in our area," he said.

"THE CONCEPT of regionalism addresses itself to what is and what should be. A more regional approach to certain opportunities and problems can mean dollar savings to the citizen," he added.

Hudson explained that a regional approach to metropolitan problem-solving would not mean the creation of "an unelected bureaucracy." It would result, he said, in "more careful consideration and coordination" of the citizens' needs "which are so often scaled at the regional level."

Regionalism, Hudson added, must not be a substitute for local government and society. In fact, a regional approach "would move much of the government closer to the people."

HUDSON SAID that much of the social, economic and political affairs of the Detroit area are already conducted on a regional basis.

"What is needed," he added, "is a regional ethic to match the regional

behavior pattern (and) an understanding on the part of citizens that they are very much a part of all that occurs within this metropolitan area.

"Revitalization aimed at improving life style must be inclusive of the entire metropolitan area."

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