

Teachers' Union Wants To Reduce Rights Of Voters

Teachers' associations — unions, really — should not wonder at the growing distrust of their actions when they ask for powers which, if granted, would take away rights of the district electorate.

Case in point is a 1968 master contract proposal of the South Redford Education Association, an MEA and NEA affiliate. One demand taken into negotiating sessions asks that the school board legally bind itself to create a curriculum council on which teachers and the board cooperatively would have "final right to determine curriculum program."

That it will become a "banana in front of a donkey." Having been glorified by official inclusion in negotiating sessions, it will become an ideal to be strived for by many teachers. And, therefore, unless someday accepted, it will be a source of irritation — frustrated desire.

An illustration is the "Great Society" program. It holds out great promise to the poor, cannot be delivered because of other fiscal priorities and therefore leaves the poor disillusioned. It is understandable that the teachers, as professionally trained personnel, want their voice heard on curriculum matters — and such a desire is probably justified and would be a desirable asset to school systems.

From the Publisher's Desk — OBSERVATION POINT

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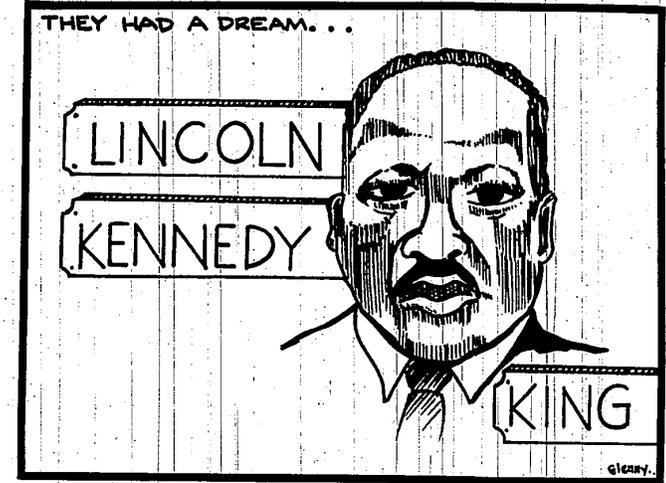
"Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream. I have a dream that one day this nation will rise up, live out the true meaning of its creed: 'We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal.'"

THAT WAS Dr. King's great dream. It was the shining star of the civil rights movement, for north as well as south, for suburbs and cities. It remains a dream. Its fulfillment is, if anything, much less likely because of the death of the man who dreamed it. Quite possibly, Dr. King's death killed his dream for good.

Dr. King's death leaves an awesome vacuum in leadership for the black community. With the most eloquent voice for non-violent protest now quiet, the balance has been tipped toward the black extremists who call for war and guns and molotov cocktails.

"Political means" is a phrase which entails the development of solutions within the present framework of existing society. One has only to look at the pictures of Washington burning or machine guns on the steps of the U.S. Capitol to realize that such "political means" are now out the window!

Dr. King believed deeply that the necessary transformation of our society could come in an evolutionary way; his death appears to have closed that gate, for he was the only black leader that could have made it credible for black and white alike.



They're Tax Dollars Advantages Of Apartments

There are a few city officials and not a small number of single-family home owners who don't like new apartment complexes. The problem has reached a point in Westland where a City Councilman has proposed a moratorium on new rezoning requests on apartments, saying that the city is now "saturated" with multiple-dwellings.

projects in the city, but when Westland reaches its full development, there will be four to five times the present figure constructed and occupied, if the master plan is followed.

usually have 10 to 15 dwelling units per acre. APARTMENTS BRING people to the community and this in turn brings shopping centers, which in turn, brings more tax dollars to offset the deficit of taxes needed to provide municipal services to those residents.

This Is The Week That

Detroit stayed cool over the weekend white blocks burned in Washington and a dozen were killed in fiery rioting in Chicago. Our Dwight Jarrell, assigned to go to the eye of the racial hurricane in Detroit and report when he could, called back:

at night without lights and during day and night without sirens. There was no wild shooting despite the new mood of bitterness and anger in the place of the carnival atmosphere of moral abandonment last July.

"It's so quiet and normal that it's eerie. The streets at night are somber and tense. The fuse is there for an explosion, but the lid is on."

BLACK LEADERS, silent during the rioting last July — then posturing [and wildly irresponsible] — stepped in with a calming hand this time. There was trouble, of course, from the criminal core, but this time they had lost their following.

Photo Chief Jim Hubbard came back Friday with much the same story. Some sporadic violence, a lot of unease but nobody is burning the town yet.

It was a tragic in other cities, bordering on the unreasoning pointing of a six-degrees that burning and looting went on in bizarre vengeance desecrating the memory of the prince of non-violence.

Hillside Inn advertisement with text: 'For that all important event, may we offer our services, to make this occasion all you've dreamed of. Private facilities for Showers, Rehearsal Dinners, and Wedding Parties. Call our catering manager: GL 3-4301. 41661 Plymouth Road Plymouth, Mich.'

WESTLAND HAS LESS than 5,000 apartments at the present time. This is about 4,900 more than most single-family home residents would like.

One distinct advantage is that apartment projects usually tend to attract more commercial development than subdivisions of single-family homes.

There are too many city officials in Western Wayne County who, continue to cry for more commercial (and industrial) development in their communities.

CHUCK MATSON advertisement for NBW YORK LIFE Insurance Company, listing services like Group Insurance, Health Insurance, Pension Plans, Life Insurance, and Annuities.

SENSE 'N' NONSENSE. A worker for a candidate for the Livonia City Council attended neighborhood rallies with a tape recorder in hand, and pledged in for his candidate's speeches. He also recorded the sayings of another candidate.

in a typical subdivision, there are 10 to 15 single-family homes per acre while apartments usually have 10 to 15 dwelling units per acre.

SO WHAT WILL happen now? Here in the suburbs. In Detroit. In Watts or Newark. In Washington. Across the nation.

The siege of our cities. Of our schools. Of our politics and institutions. Of our society.

What will? Nobody seems to know for sure. But talk to the reporters who were in Detroit over the weekend. Things were tense, they'll say, but calm. You walk through a Negro neighborhood (with some cops for protection) and no one is on the streets. All is silent.

Our society wouldn't move through politics. So now we're in for a siege. Dr. King was about the only man who might have been able to prevent it. His death weakens us all.

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