

King Urges Boycott Of Urban Renewal Plan

CHICAGO--(NPI)--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., has urged that local merchants supporting a controversial urban renewal plan be boycotted. The rights leader, joining a chorus of attacks on the plan, charged that it was designed to move Negroes out of the vicinity of a shopping center in the Englewood area to create a "buffer zone" to protect area businessmen.

"We're going to change urban renewal," he told 500 persons at the Normal Park Methodist church. "From now on, they're not going to sit down in Washington or downtown and dictate how we're going to be 'renewed,'" he said.

Englewood is a predominantly Negro area which was almost all-white until about 10 years ago. The shopping area in its heart has continued to be largely white-owned. The Department of Urban Renewal planned to demolish some 300 Englewood area structures containing 600 units. Negro leaders have charged that this would amount to "Negro removal." The project would clear land for a \$13 million shopping center.

Dr. King urged that Englewood residents be allowed to develop their own urban renewal plan. Attacking the proposed plan, he declared that urban renewal "must be by the people, for people, and with the people."

Rev. Richard Lawrence, newly appointed minister of the church, said churches and residents in the area planned to withdraw their accounts from the Chicago City Bank and Trust company, leader of efforts to have the shopping center replace housing in the Englewood commercial center.

Speaking at the meeting with Dr. King, Rev. Lawrence noted that many of the bank's accounts were deposited by Negroes. Many area businessmen also keep their money there. "Now is the time for the people of Englewood to have a voice in programs being set up in Englewood," he said.

Rev. Lawrence charged that the proposed plan was "only a way of getting rid of Negroes in the area in order to establish a buffer zone between the shopping center and the Negro neighborhood."

"Daughters" Doings at the Elks



ALL KINDS OF "Doings" are happening with Alpha Temple 1180, Daughters of the Elks-- Above picture records the unusually rewarding and happy event of a Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner held at the Elks 'F' and Jackson streets Hall with Dtr. Gussie Hill, (right), organizer of Alpha Temple (1964), and now a resident of New York City, in attendance. Daughter Hill is Past Daughter Ruler of Manhattan Temple 93 B. Giving Thanks with the honored Daughter Hill are (from left), Alpha Temple's Daughter Ruler, Myrtle Banks; Linda Ward, Ass't Dtr. Ruler; Dtr. Louise Robertson, Escort; Dtr. Ida Crockett, and Dtr. Genevieve Valmore, Alpha Temple's Financial Secretary.

Alpha Temple has kicked off its '67 Membership Drive, and anyone aspiring to become affiliated with the Temple, should contact the Elks Lodge or Dtr. Valmore 217 George Place, the Financial Secretary advises. From 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., Daughter Valmore can be reached at Marble Manor--382-3021.

Jo Mackey Remedial Reading Program



Pictured above are members of the Jo Mackey Elementary School Title I Remedial Reading teaching staff--From left: Mr. Fitzgerald, Principal; Marilyn Beiler, Martha Merfy, Joanne McCormack, Sofia Pallada.

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