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27 FACE EVICTION MADISON TERRACE APTS

Newark Mayor Addresses Black Publishers' Parley



WASHINGTON(NNPA) -- Mayor Kenneth A. Gibson of Newark, N.J., discussed the effects of Government cutbacks in domestic programs on the cities in an address Friday afternoon, June 22, at the 33rd annual convention of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) in Houston at the Houston Oaks Hotel.

Other speakers on the three-day program were: Congresswoman Barbara Jordan of Texas, Executive Director Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., of the National Urban League, Commissioner Benjamin L. Hooks of the Federal Communications Com- (see GIBSON, page 10)

Rev. Bennett Returns From World Church

Rev. Marion Bennett, Pastor of Zion Methodist Church returned to the city from Zurich, Switzerland where he attended a eumical institute sponsored by The World Council of Churches.

Rev. Bennett was one of 3 Black Ministers out of the 57 who attended. In fact, Rev. Bennett was the only Black Minister from the United States - and the only American to address the Institute.

The Institute was held to discuss the decline in church membership, and the shift toward Commune type of religious grouping.

Bob Bailey Honored



July 8, 1973, marked the official presentation of the State Choir called the "Now Singers". Their presentation was made at the Pan Afro Auditorium along with such notables, the Victory Specials, the Bethel Baptist Church Choir, the New Jerusalem Choir and soloist Amanda Irving and Miss Earl.

More than 250 people enjoyed the musical program which was dubbed as the Summer Musical Festival. One of the highlights was the presentation of awards to Mr. Bob Bailey who was credited with sponsoring and organizing the Now Choir.

Along with the plaque presented to him by the Now Singers was a desk cigarette lighter which was given on behalf of the Bethel Baptist Church Banquet Committee for his assistance in helping them with their program, his activities in the community for the use of the Pan Afro Auditorium.

Mrs. Betsy Terry along with Attorney Robert Reid, in presenting the awards stated, "It is high time that someone in the community publically give thanks to Mr. Bailey for the many efforts he put forth in community work.

She further stated that for the many years she has known him very few people take the time to publically thank him for his participating with the average people of the community and the poor people of the community.

It was agreed that all had a wonderful time and Rev. I.W. Wilson was quoted as saying, "We need more affairs like this in our community to help our youngsters in their cultural efforts".

The 27 tenants of Madison Terrace I were served with eviction notices Tuesday noon. Poor People Pulling Together, has been attempting to negotiate a reasonable rent. FHA has refused to accept the proposed rental schedule of \$75.00 per month for 2 bedroom and \$95.00 per month for 3 bedroom apartments, and payfor their own utilities.

According to a letter received by Irv Rapaport, Property Management consultant for HUD, the minimum for a 2 brm. apt. - is \$140.00 per month. It would be impossible not to lose money if they allowed a lower rent schedule.

The story of Madison Terrace, had its beginning under FHA approved building. Its failure as a project was apparent from the start.

We have written many times about overbuilding and instant Ghetto Construction. HUD's approval of units of a substandard nature. In other words HUD allowed certain builders to do anything they proposed.

A trip through West Las Vegas can be proof positive of what has happened.

The need for more apartment or houses was not evaluated and established.

The 235 I program only moved people out of projects like Madison Terrace, Forward Look-Gregory Arms-Cadillac Arms and other smaller apartments into the poorly constructed houses available under the program.

The subsidy programs on both rentals and new house purchases helped to create false economic bases. The pressure to get the houses occupied caused the builders to not fully explain how the program would work if a change of income occurred. As it happened - payments increased in some cases - in other cases the people found so many things wrong, like cracked floors, peeling paint, doors sagging, leaking roofs, plumbing problems, excessive utility bills, because of poor insulation, that they gave up in disgust and moved (see EVICTION, page 13)

URBAN ACTION COMMITTEE

Ballots were mailed this week to all Clark County Legislators for the selection of an eleven-member "Urban Action Committee" according to Assemblyman Keith Ashworth, Chairman of the Legislative Steering Committee. The Urban Action Committee, to be chosen from nominees made by each legislator from within his own district, is charged with study and recommendations for changes in local government structure in Clark County with the final report due on July 1, 1974. Final action must be taken by the 1975 Legislature.

Legislators may mark their selections on the ballot and return by mail or bring the ballot to the scheduled meeting of the Legislative Steering Committee on Thursday, July 12, in the County Commission Chambers where the counting of ballots will be held.