Real Estate Board Of Rochester Issues Important Statement

Fred B. Kravetz, president of the Real Estate Board of Rochester, today fulfilled a promise made July 3 to a racial housing group that occupied his offices for several hours seeking a retraction of earlier statements attributed to him.

At that time Kravetz promised a statement on the Board's position regarding discrimination in housing. The Board adopted the statement late yesterday. It follows:

It is that position of the Real Estate Board of Rochester that everyone, regardless of race, creed, color, or national origin, has equal rights to own, rent, and dispose of real property and to enjoy it freely within the limitations necessary to safeguard the health, safety, and rights of others.

Our position has been that these rights are inalienable, and that they must be continued and preserved under all circumstances. On admittance to membership in the Real Estate Board, every Realtor pledges to protect the individual rights of real estate ownership and to widen the opportunity to enjoy it.

Realtors are dedicated to give service to all people. We must resolve their problems and any device to exclude any person because of race, color, creed, or national origin is wrong. Our position is, and will continue to be, an "Open Door Policy" in the purchase, sale, renting, and leasing of real estate.

"Toward this end we have had meetings over many years with other responsible groups, working toward a common solution to the elimination of discrimination in housing. One such group is the Monroe County Human Relations Commission. Another is the State Commission for Human Rights, whose chairman, Lloyd Hurst, recently addressed our group on our responsibilities under the Baker-Metcalf Law. We have also met with, and are continuing to meet with, members of the clergy and inter-racial groups.

The Baker-Metcalf Law and the newly signed Civil Rights Act are laws. We accept them and will abide by them, as Realtors, will continue to discharge our responsibility under these regulations.

Further, we believe the New York State Commission for Human Rights must do more to educate the home-owning public regarding the provisions and restrictions of the Baker-Metcalf Law. The Real Estate Board of Rochester is ready and willing to assist in the public dissemination of any information prepared by the State in order to help the elimination of discrimination based upon race, creed, color, or national origin, and thereby make this a better community in which to reside.

Real Estate Board of Rochester
Fred B. Kravetz, President
July 14, 1964

Interior Secretary Udall and Mrs. Mary E. C. Gregory hold the deed to the Frederick Douglass home which she, as president of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, presented yesterday to the department. Joining the ceremony is Dr. Rosa L. Gragg, president, National Association of Colored Women's Clubs.—Star Staff Photo.

U. S. Given Deed to Home Of Douglass

BY ROBERT J. LEWIS
Star Staff Writer

The Interior Department soon will start restoration of the Frederick Douglass home in Anacostia now that the deed has been formally transferred in a ceremony attended by more than 500 persons yesterday.

When the work is completed, the house will be opened to the public as a memorial.

The Douglass house is the third residence in Washington to be intrusted to the National Park Service, an agency of the Interior Department, for preservation. The other two are the Peterson House Museum, 516 Tenth Street, the dwelling in which President Lincoln died; and the Custis-Lee Mansion, in the Arlington National Cemetery.
Religion and Race. This is basically the first Great Newark Conference on the nation's most serious domestic evil. Catholics must know and practice the truths taught by the Church. "The love of neighbor" is based on the accidental fact of race. The Declaration of Conscience is a religious problem. Individual human rights, regardless of personal qualities or achievements, cannot be reconciled with the truth that God has created all men with equal rights and equal dignity. Segregation implies that people of one color are not fit of society with another "by sole fact of race and regardless of individual qualities". We cannot reconcile such a judgement with the Christian view of man's nature and rights. It is our strict duty in conscience to respect the basic human rights of every person. Our belief in the blessed memory, Pope John XXIII, stated that fact in his encyclical "Peace on Earth". He proclaimed that "in human society, to one man's rights the re corresponds a duty in others: the duty, namely, of acknowledging and respecting the right in question. He not only condemned racial discrimination but asserted that "the who possesses certain rights has likewise the duty to claim those rights as man's dignity. Since men are social by nature, they are meant to live with others and to work for one another's welfare. A well ordered human society requires that men recognize and observe their mutual rights and duties. It also demands that each contribute generously to the establishment of a civic order in which rights and duties are ever more sincerely and effectively acknowledged and fulfilled. These truths being understood, we Catholics, with a good Christian conscience can fail to recognize the rights of all to vote. Moreover, we must provide for all, equal opportunities for employment, full participation in public and private educational facilities, proper housing, adequate welfare assistance when needed. More than justice is involved. There is also the divine command, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." Our present Holy Father, Pope Paul VI, at the beginning of his Pontificate reminded us that a religion teaches us to love all men, whatever their condition, for they have all been redeemed by the same Savior, and it obliges us to offer our love to those, who have least, the means of arriving in dignity in a more human life. There have been so instances in which justice and charity have been ignored, Rejected or rejected that we can no longer tolerate even the suspicion of inactivity and still call ourselves followers of the saviour who shed His blood for all men. It is clear that the racial question confronts the conscience of every man, no matter what his degree or direct or indirect involvement. Indeed, the conscience of the nation is on trial. In the words of the beloved Apostle: "If anyone says 'I love God' and hates his brother, he is a liar. For how can he who does not love his brother whom he sees, love God whom he cannot see?" We can show our Christian charity by a quiet and courteous determination to make the quest for racial harmony a matter of personal involvement. We must go beyond slogans and generalization about human beings, men, women and children, all sharing the same human nature and dignity with the same desires, hopes and feelings. We should try to know and understand one another. To do this we must meet and talk openly sincerely and calmly about our mutual problems and concerns. Our important task is to break down the barriers that have caused such grievous misunderstandings in the past. Where barriers have existed for many decades, deep misunderstandings have all too often arisen. These should be faced not in a spirit of debate, but with a desire to open doors of understanding. It is not only the Declaration of Conscience, but the lives of his followers that we must show to the world 'to love labor in vain, which seeks to work with out Almighty God!'. Our daily prayer for guidance and courage we need to seek racial justice and harmony in our land. Above all, it is in prayer with the love of God may infuse our thoughts and actions, so that we may revere in every man the image of God. The times present us with opportunities in both the spiritual and civic order, to make amends for the past and build for the future. Either all are free or none of us are free. Either we love or we perish in the strife that racial hatred inevitably brings with it.
DUTIES OF THE COURT ATTENDANT

Every morning that the court is in session, the Court Attendant should report to the clerk before doing anything else. He should report to the clerk in the proper regulation uniform. This uniform should be worn during the entire work day.

The attendant's first duty is to see that the courtroom is in proper condition. If there is no atmosphere that will delay the most efficient functioning of the court, the attendant must carry out such duties as may be required by the court and the clerk. When the jury enters the courtroom, the court attendant must be there to see that the jury is not disturbed.

The atmosphere must be constantly observed and everything must be eliminated and decorum is maintained in the courtroom. Above all, the judge must be able to communicate with everybody who may be present without any stoppage or possible mistrial, the court attendant must not accompany the juror while he is out of the jury box. In order to prevent any confusion and save the court much time. When the witness is excused from the box, the attendant will be ready to assist in any way possible to get the juror back to the jury box.

The jurors may go to dinner only with the permission of the judge. When the jurors agree upon a verdict, one of the court attendants will announce the verdict and return it to the chief clerk.

The jurors may be excused from the jury box, however, only if there is a mistrial or when the jury is deliberating into the evening. The Jurors line up according to the numbers of their chair in the Jury Room in the morning. At that time, the attendant brings into Court in a sealed flap and hands the envelope to the Clerk to be locked up for the night. The Jury is excused and instructed to return to the same Jury Room in the morning. At that time, the attendant brings into Court in a sealed flap and hands the envelope to the Clerk to be locked up for the night. The Jury is excused and instructed to return to the same Jury Room in the morning.

The Court Attendant has important functions in connection with the control of the jury. He must see to it that every juror has his proper place in the box. He must be constantly on the watch to prevent any juror from leaving the jury box while the trial is in progress. Should a juror desire to leave the box while the case is going on, the court attendant must insist that the juror notifies the judge of his absence.

The jurors may be excused from the jury box when needed, to get some rest or to return home before leaving for her home. When the witness is excused from the box, the attendant will be ready to assist in any way possible to get the juror back to the jury box.

The court attendant must be particularly careful when placed in charge of a jury that has retired to deliberate. He must conduct the jury to the jury room and see to it that no juror talks with anyone on the way. The juror does not talk with someone on the way.

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The jurors' names are called out by a recess, attendant says "The Jury is ready." Attendant keeps jurors in their rooms, or escorts them to the restrooms when needed.

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THE STORY OF
TEN LITTLE FREE WORKERS

DOCTOR RAILROADER MINER STEELWORKER FARMER LAWYER GROCER SALESCLERK REPORTER

Ten little workers in this country fine and fair.
But if you cherish freedom, little worker, have a care!
Ten little workers—Reddy Kilowatt doing fine
Till Government tried to boss him—then there were nine.

Nine little workers laughed at Reddy’s fate
Federal medicine came along—then there were eight.

Eight little workers thought this country heaven,
Till Government ran railroads—then there were seven.

Seven little workers—’til the mines got in a fix.
Uncle Sam took over coal—then there were six.

Six little workers—glad to be alive
But Uncle snatched the steel mills—then there were five.

Five little workers—but the farms are free no more,
Having been collectivized—that leaves only four.

Four little workers—’til Government, by decree,
Made them take free legal aid—then there were three.

Three little workers (the number’s getting few!) Government started selling food—now there are two.

Two little workers (our story’s almost done)
With clerks at work in federal stores—now we’ve only one.

One little worker—reporting for “The Sun” Criticized the Government—now there are none.

Ten little workers—but no longer free
Doing as they’re ordered—at fixed rates, naturally.
This could have been prevented, if they hadn’t lent an ear.
To the idiots who chorused: “It just can’t happen here.”

Yes—this could happen to you. This little story could come true unless each of us works to keep Government out of business. What can you do? Write your Congressman and tell him how you feel about it.
Mr. Howard Coles
Rochester 4, New York
May 20, 1964

Messrs. Robert E. Johnson,
Howard W. Coles, Elder Pat
Carpenter, James Strickland,
Milwin Cook, H. Calloway
Willie Campbell
The Frederick Douglass League
16 State Street
Rochester 14, New York

Dear Mr. Coles:

Thank you for your letter of April 4th which awaited me on my return from a recent business trip.

Naturally, we are pleased at your feeling that broadcast media has not played a significant role in media, and that there is a need for further efforts in this field. We appreciate your thoughts on the matter and are glad to know that we are continuing our "Road to Integration" series, as well as the "Operation Grassroots" project, which you mentioned in your letter.

We are planning to continue this series indefinitely and feel that organizations like the Frederick Douglass League can be a continuing resource and reservoir of helpful information.

Since we plan an indefinite continuation of this series, we are not in a position to consider additional allocations of time to individual organizations at this time but will be most grateful to receive any thoughts or help that you can give to our overall station effort. Let me assure you that we are continuing our efforts to assist those who need this kind of help.

Sincerely yours,

Glover DeLaney
June 28, 1964

The Univ. of Rochester
River Campus Station
Rochester 20, New York

June 28, 1964

Howard W. Coles
58 Atkinson St.
Rochester 5, New York

Dear Mr. Coles:

Thank you for explaining to me the details of "Operation Grassroots" as you had explained them previously to the County Manager. As I told you yesterday, the County Manager wholeheartedly endorses all efforts of this type designed to contribute to better human relations and to assist those who need this kind of help. He doesn't wish to risk reducing the effectiveness of any program in this field by seeming to endorse one plan or another, because he believes in the value of any effort that wants to do whatever can be encouraged. I hope you will understand this position and that your group will be satisfied with the knowledge that there is appreciation of its efforts by the County Manager and, I am sure, by many other people in the community.

Sincerely yours,

Kermit Hill, Director
Office of Public Information and Communications

Glad to see you are continuing this series indefinitely and feel that organizations like the Frederick Douglass League can be a continuing resource and reservoir of helpful information.

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Dear Mr. Coles:

We would like to extend to you a cordial invitation to become a member of the Rochester Museum Association, in the belief that your demonstration of interest in the Museum, through your gift may lead you to wish to further strengthen your ties with the organization. The facilities and activities of the Rochester Museum are steadily growing. The City supports the Museum generously, but further expansion of the valuable Museum, program must come through the membership support of interested citizens like you and me. To remind you of some of the member benefits and privileges, we enclose a list of reasons why RMA membership is worthwhile.

We also enclose a membership application card which we hope you will sign, and return envelope for your convenience. We do hope you will check the membership classification you desire and return the card promptly. We would like to welcome you into membership in the RMA.

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A TEEN’S FRIEND

by Melvin Stewart

A friend is a person who is attached to you, someone you are fond of. A teenager’s friend is very much the same, but has to meet more qualifications, such as being “hip” on the happenings and being understanding.

Now you may ask why it is so necessary for a teenager to meet these last two qualifications. If I must say so myself, these are the first, if not the most important, qualities a teen age friend must possess. Perhaps you don’t understand the slang expression “to be hip on the happenings”. It actually means to know what’s going on—or to be wise to what is happening. For example, to a teen the expression, “That’s a tough suit you have on,” doesn’t mean that someone has tried chewing the suit and found it hard going. It is a compliment meaning that the suit is right in style and nice looking. Or to be in the know you have to be aware that Mary goes steady with Fred now, and not with Mike.

Understanding is the next most important quality of teen age friendship. There has to be someone who cares or who understands the many problems of teen agers. When such a person is found I’m sure he will be considered a friend for life. Many times teachers, counselors and social workers try to be a friend to teens, but in some way they fail. These adults don’t really get through to the teens. It might be a difference in age—but the teens seem to feel that it is just a part of the job that the adult is being paid to do, and not a real concern for the teen himself. Perhaps the adult is merely doing what he is paid to do, and then again he could be really concerned about teen problems. Which one are you, if you are an adult? I suggest that you just try to be understanding, care a little, and try to be a little knowledgeable about what’s happening. Then I’m sure you’ll solve your problem of trying to be a Teen’s Friend.

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THE LETTER CELEBRE

In January of 1960, the foregoing letter was mailed to City Manager, Hamblin and copies were mailed also to the Times Union and Democrat and Chronicle. Two weeks later it was taken by messenger to the office of the NAACP and given to the Rev. Quintin E. Primo, Jr; however no action has been taken with regard to this letter. This letter becomes more interesting now, because the City-COUNTY Human Relations Committee who invited the president of the Rochester Real Estate Board to meet its members and discuss alleged discrimination against Negroes seeking to rent or purchase housing in the Rochester area. The editor contacted Mr. James Genz, a few days ago.

The Honorable F. Dow Hamblin
Office of the City Manager
City Hall
Rochester, New York

Dear Sir:

I would like to call your attention to a letter which I received from the late Honorable Samuel B. Dicker, under date of June 14, 1960. The context of the letter follows:

"Dear Mr. Coles:

May I enlist your aid to have all Negro G.I.'s who are seeking temporary living quarters to register on the third floor of the City Hall with the Veterans' Housing Committee of which Mrs. Cool is director.

Sincerely yours,
S. B. Dicker, Mayor"

This letter, Sir, is directly related to the problem commonly referred to by the various local social agencies as the "hardcore" families. I would also like to direct your attention to the article appearing in this morning's Democrat and Chronicle under the caption "Private Group Forms to Aid 'Core Families.'" When the late Mayor Dicker contacted me regarding aid to the veterans in this particular field, I accepted his invitation and immediately set in motion a plan to assist the Mayor and the City of Rochester in this very worthy undertaking. During this same period, several types of housing developments were under construction and others of a similar nature had already been completed. These projects were built with monies loaned by the Federal Government, the State of New York and the City of Rochester. They were commonly referred to as "nonprofit corporations."

We tried to secure accommodations for the Negro veteran in these several projects. However, the special screening committees, comprised of some of our leading citizens, steadfastly refused to let the Negro veteran be housed in any of these particular housing developments, despite the excellence of their Service records. There were 8 (eight) projects in all from this number, only one Negro veteran and his family were given a small apartment at 200 Lyell Avenue temporary housing projects. Needless to say, the excuses given us were legion; and all types of new impedimenta developed, despite the excellence of their Service records. This letter, Sir, is directly related to the problem commonly referred to as the "hardcore" families. We tried to secure accommodations for the Negro veteran in these several projects. However, the special screening committees, comprised of some of our leading citizens, steadfastly refused to let the Negro veteran be housed in any of these particular housing developments, despite the excellence of their Service records. There were 8 (eight) projects in all from this number, only one Negro veteran and his family were given a small apartment at 200 Lyell Avenue temporary housing projects. Needless to say, the excuses given us were legion; and all types of new impedimenta developed, despite the excellence of their Service records.

When this has been done, there will exist a much better understanding of some of the reasons why this "hardcore" problem continues to exist in our community. I must confess that I find it rather hard to credit the interest now being expressed in this problem, since a few years ago, when I approached your chairman with regard to the living conditions of the migrant worker, I was told in no uncertain terms that he and his committee were not interested in morals, nor in reforming people. Apparently today, the approach has changed!

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: The remainder of this letter will appear in the next issue of "THE VOICE'".

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