The March of Civilization is attended by strange influences. Providence, which directs the advancement of mankind, moves in such mysterious ways that none can sense its design or reason out its import. Frequently the forces of evil are turned to account in defeating their own objects. Great tragedies, cruel wars, cataclysms of woe, have acted as enlightening and refining agents. Out of the famines of the past came experiences which inculcated the thrift and fore-handedness of today. Out of man’s sufferings have come knowledge and fortitude. Out of pain and tribulation, the attribute of sympathy -- the first spiritual manifestation instrumental in elevating the human above the beast. Things worthwhile are never obtained without payment of some kind.

Individual shocks stir the individual heart and conscience. Great world shocks are necessary to stir the world conscience and heart to start these movements to right the wrongs in the world. So long as peace reigned, commerce was uninterrupted, and the acquisition of wealth was not obstructed, men cared little for the intrigues and ambitions of royalty. If they sensed them at all, they bullied themselves into feeling of security through the belief that progress had attained too far, civilization had secured too strong a hold, and democracy was too firmly rooted for any ordinary menace to be considered.

So insidious and far reaching had become the inculcation of false philosophies summed up in the general term Kultur, that autocratic-ridden empires, democracies believed they were being guided by benign influences. Now years ago -- GOD ... began to Make His Move throughout the world, and in so doing HE REACHED DOWN AND TOOK HOLD OF THE BLACK MAN, and said to him, "FIND UP YOUR CROSS, YOUR BED, YOUR TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS, and Follow Me. HATE NO MAN, but continue to push towards FREEDOM and JUSTICE for ALL." And now as we pause, let us look together on the countenance of this youthful BLACK WOMAN, whose head is held high, shoulders erect, eyes upon the North Star, minus the care-worn lines. On this Memorial Day let us rededicate ourselves for Justice, Freedom, Love, Peace and World Cooperation between All Nations.
Gospel Singers

Plan Program

A "get together" program sponsored by the Silverites, a gospel singing group managed by Benjamin Miller, and the Citizens of Rochester and Monroe County, will be presented in the War Memorial on Sunday from 3 to 9 p.m. Scheduled are 12 of the leading gospel quartets of the city and the East High School chorus.


Miller says proceeds will be used to set up a "Get Well Club" to give service to those who are ill, alone or otherwise in need.

It is an attempt, he says, to help the Negro at the grass-roots level to get a job, to write a letter or use the best methods of housekeeping.
Catholic Interracial Council Annual Breakfast

The 5th Annual Breakfast of Catholic Interracial Council, co-sponored by the Third Order of St. Francis was held on Sunday, May 2, at 1:30 a.m. at the Manger Hotel. Representatives of various community organizations were at the Speakers' table: Robert Rhoden, NAACP; Stewart Moore, Council on Religion and Race; Roland Yeager, Monroe County Human Relations Commission; James Willis, New York Sales Commission on Human Relations; Miss Mary Davidson, FIGHT; Miss Hannah Storrs, CORE; Millard Rutherford, Monroe County Human Relations Commission; Dr. William Knox, Urban League; Mrs. Harper Sibley Jr., Commission on Religion and Race; Mr. Perry Finks of the Third Order, who welcomed the assembly.

The Harriet Schuyler Memorial Award for outstanding contribution to Interracial justice and understanding was presented to Mrs. Mildred G. Quamina, a worker for years in the Baden-Ormand Area... and Miss Isabelle Dolan, director of Loretto House in Hand Street. Dr. Albert V. Buettner, vice-president of Catholic Interracial Council, presented the awards.

Rev. Martin Farrell, pastor of Holy Cross Church in south Chicago, delivered the address, "The Catholic Church in the Inner City". He emphasized that the very essence of Christianity is its involvement with day to day problems of the people. He cited the participation, for the first time, of Catholic nuns and priests in the Selma demonstrations, and said he gave great credit to our Protestant and Jewish brethren for not asking us 'where have YOU been the past 10 years?'" There is, he feels, grave danger that Catholicism "may lose its appeal to the underprivileged if its clergy and lay people do not evince a greater interest and participation in the ongoing social revolution for the extension of human justice.

Father Farrell, the author of two catechisms, a member of the Catholic School Board of Chicago, is an activist in all phases of the movement for human rights. He is one of the initial founders of the Woodlawn Organization, which he proudly refers to as 'our group'.

More than 450 persons from the city and surrounding areas were present, Mrs. Alma K. Greene, president of Catholic Interracial Council, was mistress of ceremonies.

It All Started
When Woman Was 'Mugged' in 1963

Henry Jennings was 26 on Sept. 29, 1963, when he was taken into custody on a vagrancy charge. He lived at the time at 7514 East Bronson Ave. Nineteen days before a woman had been "mugged" in the early hours of the morning on a Rochester street. She claimed she was forced into an alley, knocked down. Her pocketbook containing $1 was taken, she said. Taken to police headquarters, she assisted detectives in making a composite photo of her assailant. Jennings fit the description, she said. Taken to police headquarters, she assisted detectives in making a composite photo of her assailant. Jennings fit the description, she said.

Jennings was indicted by the grand jury Nov. 18. He was charged with first degree grand larceny, second degree assault and second degree robbery. A County Court jury found him guilty of all three counts on Dec. 4. The judge sentenced him to 5 to 6 years in Attica on the assault charge and suspended the other two charges. Jennings spent time in Attica from Christmas 1963 to April 10 of this year. In the meantime, Daniel Mooney, his assigned counsel had put the wheels in motion to appeal Jennings' case. In September 1964 he received the order. The Appellate Division decision was filed Feb. 25 and the new trial ordered. On April 12 and 13, Jennings was re-tried in County Court and was acquitted by a jury on all charges. Today he is a free man.
JULIA BRANDON APPOINTED
City Manager Arthur B. Curran Jr. has announced the appointment of Julia E. Brandon, former program director of the Montgomery Neighborhood Center, to the position of assistant project coordinator in the Bureau of Redevelopment of the Department of Urban Renewal and Economic Development.

Miss Brandon, a Rochester native, lives at 140 Shelter St. She was graduated from local schools, Howard University in Washington, D.C., from which she received a bachelor of science degree in 1942, and pursued graduate studies at Atlanta (Georgia) University.

She taught here and in Alabama and North Carolina and served, for some time, as a dietitian at Provident Hospital in Chicago.

Her memberships include the National Association of Social Workers, the Social Work Advisory Committee of the Planned Parenthood Council; the Board of Directors of the Volunteer Bureau, Council of Social Agencies; Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church and Alpha Kappa Alpha sorority.

She is a past president of the Women's Human Relations Council, of the Settlement Workshop and of the Genesee Valley Camping Associations.

Her salary in the urban renewal post will be $6,760 a year.

EL-LOTFE RELEASED
City Manager Arthur B. Curran Jr. made public a letter delivered to Mrs. Violet Roach of 113 Dalosta St., a senior stenographer in the Bureau of Buildings, Rehabilitation and Conservation. The letter notified Mrs. Roach of her suspension without pay "pending further service upon you of formal charges relating to unlawful practices" in connection with her job.

A spokesman for the City Manager said the letter was a result of the continuing investigation by the Special Study Committee headed by Assistant City Manager Seymourscheir.

Note to News and Photo Editors: Canon St. Julian Simpkins and Rev. Gennaro Ventura, new appointees to the Rochester Housing Authority, met with the other members of the Authority and City Manager Arthur B. Curran Jr. at City Hall Thursday, May 13 in the City Manager's office.

Members of the above groups were invited to attend and to ask questions of the new appointees and other Authority members.

For the City Manager
Art Deutsch

CITY OF ROCHESTER, NEW YORK
Office of the City Manager
May 13, 1965

Hall of Justice
Civic Center Plaza
Rochester, New York
Dear Mr. Little:

In the spirit of cooperation and pursuant to Section 250, Code of Criminal Procedure, Paragraph 8, I hereby respectfully request an opportunity to be heard in person before the Grand Jury presently sitting with reference to the "John Doe" investigation of administrative activities within the government of the City of Rochester.

I make this request as Assistant City Manager who has led an intensive study of the matters being considered by this Grand Jury.

Very truly yours,
Assistant City Manager

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Indigent Defendant Gets Help

Henry Jennings, now 28, of 158 Atkinson St., spent 19 months behind bars, some of that time at the jail here on Exchange Street, the rest at Attica State Prison.

Thanks to the efforts of the Monroe County Indigents' Defense Program, which assigns counsel to impoverished criminal defendants, Jennings was cleared of a second degree assault conviction by the Appellate Division, Fourth Department and a new trial was ordered.

His assigned attorney, Daniel R. Mooney, who appears with Jennings in the picture, worked on the case from the time he was assigned by County Court Judge Harry L. Rosenthal in November 1963.

Mooney, of 118 Seymour Rd., Irondequoit, is only one of some 350 local attorneys, who have participated as volunteers in the program here.

Mooney persisted in his belief that a composite picture of the alleged criminal in this particular case was illegal and that his client, Jennings, was innocent.

The Appellate Court, nearly a year and one-half later ruled that the composite picture was inadmissible as evidence in Jennings' case and he was given a new trial in County Court.

The composite drawing, made by a detective and the victim of the crime, was disallowed as evidence supporting the credibility of the victim, who was the only witness to the incident. The Appellate Court also reversed on the grounds that testimony of two detectives as to earlier identification of the defendant by the victim violated Sect. 353(B) of the Code of Criminal Procedure. In effect, the detectives testified that the victim of the crime earlier had made identification of the defendant when looking at him through a one-way mirror.

Courtesy of The Daily Record
Jimmy Lyons
On WWOL

James (Jimmy) Lyons, Veteran Local Disc Jockey, is now featured in an "Upper Room" Program, on Saturdays from 4:30 to 5 p.m., and Sundays from 6 to 7 p.m. over nation WWOL, 1120 on your dial.

Ladies and gentlemen, I want to thank you for giving me this chance to talk freely on a subject which, for a number of days, has occasioned black and many-columned headlines in our local version of our two-party press.

I want to emphasize at the outset that I am not complaining about the newspapers' concern for the public good. They have performed a useful function by highlighting a problem, and they are to be applauded for it. On the other hand, you should not be misled into overlooking the quiet, effective and important work already accomplished or planned by the City Administration.

A special study committee, for example, has been dealing with the problems of the Bureau of Buildings for some time. The study of the bureau is but one of several on the agenda of the Administration and follows a significant improvement, also the result of such study, in the cemetery operations of the Department of Public Works.

That study committee, named by former city manager, Porter Homer, is headed by Dr. Seymour Scherr, assistant city manager, and includes Jule Wessinger, an assistant corporation counsel, and James E. Malone, executive assistant to the city manager. The committee has not been inactive.

The study committee was charged with responsibility for a thorough analysis of the Bureau of Buildings and recommendations for its improvement. Its initial attention was concentrated on the problems of unauthorized signatures on documents sent to the County Department of Social Welfare. New forms and controls were instituted, in cooperation with the Welfare Department, to guarantee against a recurrence.

There have been no new instances of unauthorized signatures since the controls were put into effect.

The study committee found some very loose procedures in the bureau and the absence of any clear standards by which the County Department of Social Welfare could determine that rents should be withheld. There was no standard to define what condition a property should be in before it is "fit for human habitation". The Bureau of Buildings was interpreting this to mean that a building was free of conditions that might be injurious to health and safety. This meant that a property could have several violations of the City Property Code and still not be in a condition to warrant withholding of rent by the Department of Social Welfare.

Both these problems were resolved immediately as a result of the work of the City's special study committee. Very strict controls have been established, with a single standard of "full compliance" with City and State Codes adopted by the County Department. This makes the rent-withholding weapon a more useful one for City enforcement procedures and eliminates the need for City employees to determine matters which are in the County's jurisdiction and its responsibility alone.

Among the other accomplishments of the study committee are:

1. Procedures for notifying and following up property owners in violation have been changed and the time schedule shortened significantly. Violations are listed in the initial notice-of-offense, and an owner is given 20 days to bring his property into compliance voluntarily. Before, he was given two letters, one a 30-day voluntary notice, and the second a 10-day voluntary notice.

2. The City will use Department of Public Works crews to perform more than half the work previously put out to bid by private contractors. This will permit immediate elimination of the most unsightly violations without the loss of important time in preparing formal specifications, requisitions and securing competitive bids from qualified contractors.

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MEMBER FDIC
Assemblyman S. William Rosenberg, and Mr. Jay Friedman, members of the City, County Youth Board, announced that they would attempt to arrange a meeting in Albany on Tuesday, May 24th, with legislators. The purpose of this meeting is to work as a cohesive unit in a joint endeavor to obtain additional state funds which are necessary for the continued growth and improvement of such projects as the Montgomery Neighborhood Center, Baden Street Settlement, Lewis Street, and the City Recreation Day Camp.

The City, County Youth Board is the agency which was created to obtain funds from the State of New York, which monies contribute to the growth and operation of the above community projects.

Mr. Rosenberg stated that "these organizations are of tremendous value to our children and provide educational and recreational facilities to thousands of our citizens. Each year new programs are developed and the number of participants increases." According to the City, County Youth Board, the State Budget, which recently passed the legislature, contains an appropriation which is sufficient to maintain last year's programs but does not provide funds for new developments which have been planned.

Edith L. Nelson of Brooklyn, N.Y., State President of the State Association of Elks Auxiliary, will arrive in Rochester via the Thruway by auto. She will be met with a motocade and escorts also at the Thruway. Elected the same time as the male president, both two are young leaders. She is expected to be reelected to a third term. Election for all male and female officers will be Sunday, May 26th.

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On April 25th the many friends of Alfred Nord, the first Executive Director of Montgomery Neighborhood Center, will honor him and Mrs. Nord at dinner at the Center. As many of you know, Mr. and Mrs. Nord are leaving Rochester shortly and this occasion will give them an opportunity to say “good-bye” to you and to the many people with whom Mr. Nord has worked for so many years.

We are most fortunate to have as speaker for this occasion the recently appointed Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety, Laplois Ashford.

Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. at the Center. Tickets are $3.00 and should be purchased in advance.

Bring your family and urge your friends to come to make this a memorable occasion for Mr. and Mrs. Nord.

Yours truly,

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