



We see the world through Black eyes

Investigate 4c misuse of federal funds

The employees of the Albina Ministerial Alliance Family Day and Night Care Program have been notified that the program will close December 31st. Approximately 150 children will be denied child care and fifty day care mothers will be without employment.

were funded by Model Cities, and the only one that provides care for children under three years. The North Portland Child Care Center, located at New Hope Baptist Church, has been closed. The Information and Referral Center, which once provided supportive services with a staff of twenty, now have three employees, who now face immediate termination.

Model Cities provided the funds to establish the 4-C Council and provided more than half of the administrative costs for the tri-county program for at least three years. Now that the Model Cities money is no longer available, 4-C has no commitment to the child care program in the Model Cities area.

While 150 children are to be dropped and a program is to be closed, 4-C holds approximately \$400,000 in unused money from previous years, most of which was Model Cities money. Although there have been heated discussions about this money for over a year and no decisions have been made for its use, programs have been closed and children dropped from care while the money rests in the bank.

Will the Model Cities Board and the Albina Ministerial Alliance see this program closed -- or snatched away and administered from downtown -- under the guise of lack of funds? Or will the parents, the staff, and the board members demand a share of that \$400,000 to operate this much needed program?

We must question the hiring practices of 4-C, which found it necessary to terminate Black employees who worked in its Model Cities office, while hiring whites to fill similar positions in its downtown office. We must also ask why Model Cities, with over one-half the 4-C children, lost most of its staff while other areas, with fewer children, have added staff.

For months the three Black members of the 4-C Council Board of Directors have asked these questions, and for months have attempted to obtain a fair share of that \$400,000 to operate the Model Cities child care programs.

Now the time for talk is over. We are requesting a full investigation of the use of federal and state funds and of hiring practices of HUD, the U.S. Department of Justice, and the Governor's office.

We charge racial discrimination in hiring and allotment of funds.

Volunteer compliance fails

All minority people in the Portland area should be glad that the Home Town Plan has been terminated by the U. S. Department of Labor. Now the voluntary compliance is over and enforcement can begin.

The Labor Department found that in the building trades, minorities comprise only 1.9 per cent of union members, in spite of the fact that minorities are about twelve per cent of the population in the metropolitan area. Only two unions had over one percent minority members, the Laborers Local 296 and Painters Local 10, which had six per cent each. When laborers are excluded, minorities make up only 1.5 per cent of the union members.

Out of 15,300 union members, only 228 are minorities.

Clearly the Home town Plan, which is a voluntary program involving contractors and unions, did not work. Minorities were not brought into the building trades.

Now each contractor will be responsible to meet his own obligations. Those who willingly hire minorities will no longer enable those who don't to get by just by merely saying that they are covered by the Home Town Plan. Federal hiring regulations will go into effect, and it will be up to the federal agencies to enforce the requirements.

We do not believe it will be impossible for contractors to find minority employees who are skilled or who are ready to learn. For decades Blacks have been barred from unions and relegated to the lowest paid jobs, no matter what their skills.

The contractors and the unions might have a tough time for a while, but they have brought the situation on themselves. Had they made an honest effort to include Blacks in recent years, they would not have to worry about being forced to obey the law.

Malaysian ambassador

(Continued from p. 1 col. 2) to, but that Japan is their biggest trading partner. "Japan has paid out most of its liquid capital in debt service -- it simply cannot do this any longer. If Japan collapses, so do we. So do you."

What The Third World Faces

Ambassador Johari is not one of the prime movers of the new economic system, but the UNCTAD group and the Committee of seventy-seven non-aligned nations have unified as a block (the exceptions being Iran and Zaire -- Johari referred to those countries as 'beholden'). The reasons for such unity can be understood by quick reference to the ecological breakdown conditions the Third World faces. The questions on epidemic disease in South East Asia clearly put Ambassador Johari on the defensive. "We have no disease -- no plague, no cholera," Johari initially stated. "What paper are you with?" Satisfied the discussion would not get wide coverage, Johari said the plague and cholera had been stopped by "intensive immigration procedures" and "by inoculation, of course." Bubonic plague, Johari explained, came from Cambodia. But Malaysia stepped up its immigration checks, stopping the influx of Cambodians. Johari conceded that pandemics can not be stopped by such procedures, but only by a commitment to develop proper nutrition and sanitation measures.

The pandemic (Southeast Asia-wide epidemic) began in 1963, in South Vietnam; by 1965 the number of cases of bubonic plague in South Vietnam had risen to 4,500. By 1972 the plague had spread to Cambodia and Thailand. Cholera, Johari stated, was the other major problem. Cholera breeds in populations with a low protein intake and poor sanitation. A healthy, productive human being is protected from cholera and other enteric diseases (dysentery, typhoid). A multitude of parasitic, bacterial and viral diseases combine with malnutrition to produce nightmarish conditions. According to reports from the World Health Organization (WHO -- et al), this holocaust process is locally irreversible. Further international collapse of production will lead to a global scale collapse cycle of spreading disease, fall of production, fall in consumption, and further spread of disease. "You are not free of this plague," Johari said, citing some twenty cases this year of bubonic plague in the United States.

A War Economy -- Minus War

In times of war, Johari reasoned, populations can be mobilized to engage in full production. This industrial production is primarily war material, but also food and machinery essential to run the war. This is the kind of global effort that Japan wants to mobilize, minus the war machinery. Only an institution that centralizes the allocation of credit, guaranteeing the meeting of real productive potentials on a global basis can stop the spread of disease -- the ecological deterioration now in process. Epidemiologist Dr. Ned Rosinsky estimates that the minimum food level for building up populations that have been severely depleted is about 2,400 to 2,500 calories and thirty grams of animal protein per day. To meet these requirements, grain production must be increased approximately thirty to thirty-five percent (about 300 million tons of grain); likewise some 100 million tons of fertilizers must be produced in the immediate future; tractor, combine, and other farm machinery and machine tools are required. Only the centralized credit institution and an orderly debt moratoria -- the new economic order -- so the Committee of seventy-seven non-aligned nations argue, can stop the international collapse. The alternative, they argue, is more disease, more production breakdown. At this moment some thirty-one percent of the Third World urban dwellers have no access to safe drinking water; for rural Third World dwellers, the figure is seventy-two percent; seventy-five percent of Third World rural dwellers lack access to any form of sanitary excreta disposal facilities.

Mr. Johari is in the position of the Venice city officials in Thomas Mann's *Death in Venice*. In Mann's book, Venice during the 1900's was dependent on tourist trade, so information about the cholera outbreak would be bad for business. Consequently no one, citizens nor the tourists who were dying of cholera, could be told of the epidemic and to properly treat the population would 'arouse suspicion' and bring a halt to trade. Such cover-ups of epidemics are notorious in Brazil, Bangladesh, Thailand and other 'weak points' that will serve as the breeding grounds for an unstoppable global pandemic if such a new economic order is not implemented, according to Dr. Rosinsky.

Another problem for Johari's government is the Malaysian communist party, which informed sources say is controlled by British Intelligence (MI5). The *Far Eastern Economic Review* (November 7th) reports that three CIA intelligence bases and two United States military bases are located in the Thai-Malaysia border area. "Terrorist bandits" have reportedly assassinated teachers in their classrooms (et al). Such terrorism has provided the pretext for a reimposition of the anti-subversion legislation of 1948-62, allowing the military and police to arrest anyone suspected of being a 'communist' sympathizer and holding them indefinitely without trial or formal charges. "Officials fear (Prime Minister Tun Abdul) Razak might have gone overboard. Experts feared the anti-communist measures could lead to disastrous racial

turmoil..." (Oregonian, November 22nd). Johari comments that this presents "no problem." In other countries, moves toward debt moratoria and expanded East-West trade has seen a renewed destabilizing effort by the CIA. Asked if such destabilizing might occur in Malaysia -- through the use of CIA instigated

terrorism (for example, the CIA funded Kurds in Iraq -- see *Muhammad Speaks*, November 28th), Johari said he hoped not. "What is most important is that we face the future squarely, with a developed plan that restarts production -- internationally -- Miki's plan."

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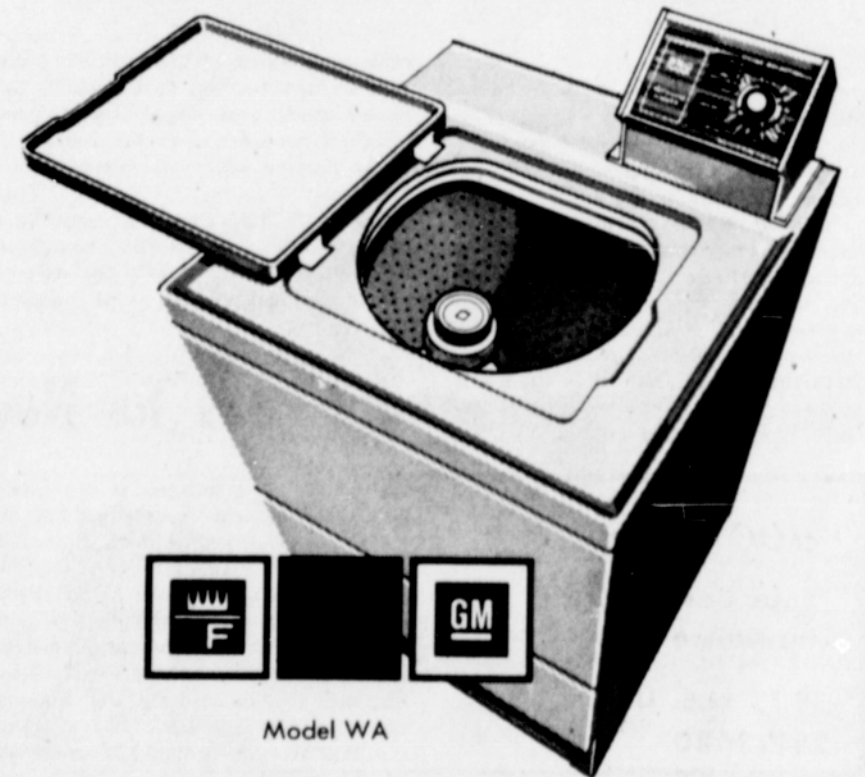
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