

CENTRAL HARLEM

 PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS

 HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS

 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

 ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



NEIGHBORHOOD BOUNDARIES

HARLEM YOUTH REPORT #5

YOUTH IN THE GHETTO

and
THE BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE

THE VOICE OF HARLEM YOUTH UNLIMITED



HARLEM: COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE

WE OF HARLEM YOUTH UNLIMITED PLEDGE:



1. TO INSPIRE LEADERSHIP IN THE YOUTH OF HARLEM BY CREATING FAITH IN THE INDIVIDUAL!



2. TO PROVIDE UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH AS THEY SHAPE THEIR THOUGHTS TOWARD MORE CONSTRUCTIVE ENDS!



3. TO CURB JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN HARLEM BY INSTILLING IN THE YOUTH SELF-RESPECT AND A USEFUL PURPOSE IN LIFE!



4. TO DEVELOP A CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, SOCIAL, AND POLITICAL AWARENESS IN THE YOUTH SO THAT EACH INDIVIDUAL OF HARLEM CAN CONTRIBUTE TO THE COOPERATIVE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY!



5. TO BREAK THROUGH THE EXISTING BARRIERS OF DISCRIMINATION BY A CONCERTED EFFORT ON THE PART OF THE YOUTH, TO RESTORE THE NEGROES TO THEIR PROPER POSITION IN SOCIETY!

A LOT HAS BEEN WRITTEN ABOUT THE YOUTH OF HARLEM BY PROFESSORS AND SOCIAL SCIENTISTS. BUT-- PROBLEMS REMAINED PRETTY MUCH THE SAME, FOR...

YOUTH IN THE GHETTO!!

ILLUSTRATION AND COLOR--
SAM HUGER
STORY BY
W.M. ROBINSON



...UNTIL THE PROFESSORS AND THE YOUTH -- GOT TOGETHER TO WRITE

A BLUEPRINT FOR CHANGE!!!

YOU-- THE YOUTH OF HARLEM... IN ASSISTING US IN RESEARCH AND PLANNING, CAN SUPPLY ANSWERS TO THE NEEDS HERE, AND SUCCESS HERE COULD MEAN SUCCESS ELSEWHERE!



DR. KENNETH CLARK MET THE TWO YOUNG MEN FROM THE CHESS MEN FRATERNITY...



THEIR SERIOUSNESS DEMANDED EQUALLY SERIOUS ATTENTION FROM THE HARYOU STAFF MEMBERS...

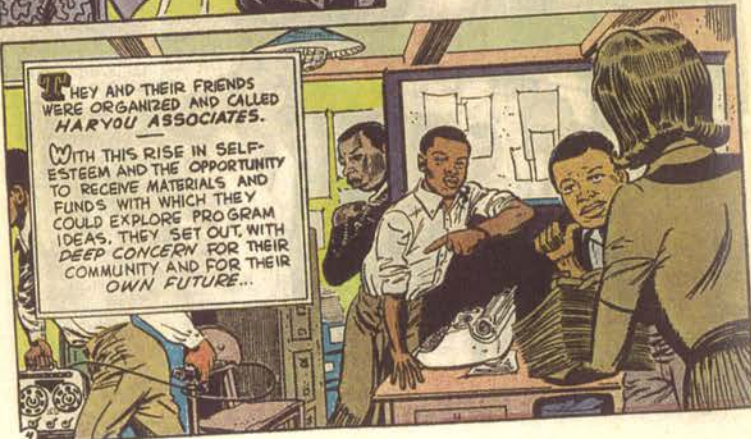


OUR AIM IS IMPROVEMENT OF THE COMMUNITY!!!

...THE LARGE NUMBER OF YOUNG PEOPLE OF HARLEM DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL ... GOING ON WINE -- AND DRUGS!!!

THEY AND THEIR FRIENDS WERE ORGANIZED AND CALLED HARYOU ASSOCIATES.

WITH THIS RISE IN SELF-ESTEEM AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO RECEIVE MATERIALS AND FUNDS WITH WHICH THEY COULD EXPLORE PROGRAM IDEAS, THEY SET OUT WITH DEEP CONCERN FOR THEIR COMMUNITY AND FOR THEIR OWN FUTURE...



THE ASSOCIATES TOOK SERIOUSLY THE INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE AND CONTRIBUTE THEIR IDEAS. THEY DOMINATED MORE AND MORE OF THE LIMITED OFFICE SPACE.... SEEMED TO TAKE OVER THE HARYOU OFFICE



OH!? SORRY, FELLOWS.



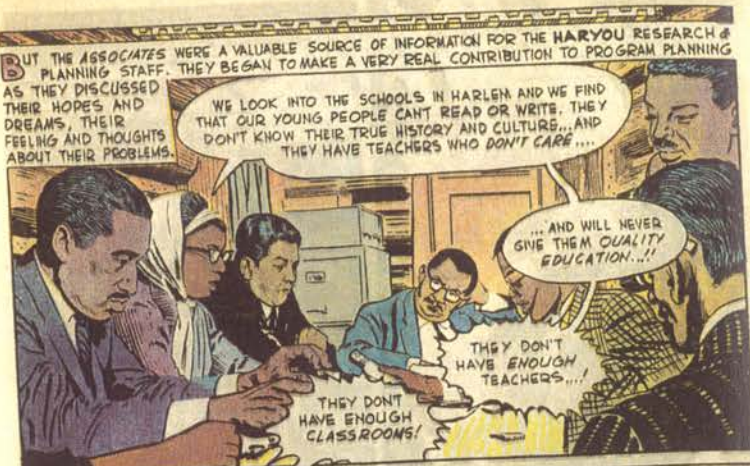
SEE? HERE TOO!!



I'M USING YOUR TYPE-WRITER!! OH! WERE THESE YOUR CIGARETTES?

...UNTIL THE PATIENCE OF SOME OF THE STAFF WAS STRETCHED TO THE BREAKING POINT...

BUT THE ASSOCIATES WERE A VALUABLE SOURCE OF INFORMATION FOR THE HARYOU RESEARCH & PLANNING STAFF. THEY BEGAN TO MAKE A VERY REAL CONTRIBUTION TO PROGRAM PLANNING AS THEY DISCUSSED THEIR HOPES AND DREAMS, THEIR FEELINGS AND THOUGHTS ABOUT THEIR PROBLEMS.



WE LOOK INTO THE SCHOOLS IN HARLEM AND WE FIND THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CANT READ OR WRITE. THEY DONT KNOW THEIR TRUE HISTORY AND CULTURE... AND THEY HAVE TEACHERS WHO DONT CARE....

... AND WILL NEVER GIVE THEM QUALITY EDUCATION...!!

THEY DONT HAVE ENOUGH TEACHERS...!!

THEY DONT HAVE ENOUGH CLASSROOMS!

... AND WE -- WE TURN TO OUR LEADERS WHO TELL US THAT THE ONLY WAY WE CAN RECTIFY THIS SITUATION IS TO BRING IN WHITE CHILDREN FROM THE OTHER SIDE OF TOWN ?



THE SCHOOL SITUATION IS BAD BUT IT ISNT THE WHOLE PICTURE. WHAT ABOUT THE HOUSING SITUATION??



AND DONT FORGET -- EMPLOYMENT!



I THINK -- FIRST, BEFORE WE CAN CHANGE THINGS, WE HAVE TO KNOW AS MUCH AS WE CAN ALL ABOUT HARLEM-- SO WE CAN REALLY KNOW WHAT THE WHOLE PICTURE IS!!



I THINK THAT MAKES SENSE.

AND SO THE RESEARCH BEGAN IN CENTRAL HARLEM....

AND THIS IS WHAT THEY FOUND.....

THEY LEARNED THAT IN CENTRAL HARLEM, 40% OF THE HOUSING WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1880 - 1901...



I HEAR A CRAZY FELLOW JUST INVENTED SOMETHING CALLED AN ELEVATOR!

WHAT'S THAT?

AND 50% OF THE HOUSING WAS BUILT BETWEEN 1901 - 1929...



BUT ONLY 10% OF THE HOUSING WAS BUILT AFTER 1929...



IT'S A DOLL HOUSE!!

"CENTRAL HARLEM, ON THE WHOLE, PROVIDES UNSAFE, DETERIORATING AND OVERCROWDED HOUSING."

WITH THE PASSAGE OF YEARS, IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT THE U.S. CENSUS CALLS 17% OF THE HOUSING DILAPIDATED, WHICH MEANS IT DOES NOT PROVIDE SAFE AND ADEQUATE SHELTER.



TO THIS CAN BE ADDED 33% OF THE HOUSING WHICH IS "DETERIORATING."

IT WOULDN'T TAKE A LOT OF WORK TO REPAIR THIS APARTMENT, BUT THE LANDLORD DOESN'T BOTHER HIMSELF TO DO ANYTHING !!!



THE EFFECTS OF SUCH HOUSING ARE WELL DOCUMENTED!

HARLEM DOCUMENTS:
 POOR TOILET FACILITIES
 POOR HEATING
 POOR VENTILATION
 OVERCROWDING
 HIGH DEATH RATES, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



AS THEY SAID IN THE CONCENTRATION CAMPS OVER IN EUROPE... I'M NOT THE WORST THING THAT CAN HAPPEN! HA! HA! LOOK WHAT CAN HAPPEN IF YOU LIVE IN HARLEM!!!



AT PRESENT, 7000 TO 10,000 CENTRAL HARLEM YOUTH BETWEEN 16 AND 21 YEARS OF AGE ARE OUT OF SCHOOL AND OUT OF WORK...



ON THE AVERAGE, IN THE THIRD GRADE, CENTRAL HARLEM PUPILS ARE FULLY ONE YEAR BEHIND THE ACHIEVEMENT LEVELS OF NEW YORK CITY PUPILS. BY THE SIXTH GRADE, THEY HAVE FALLEN NEARLY TWO YEARS BEHIND, AND BY THE EIGHTH GRADE THEY ARE ABOUT TWO AND ONE-HALF YEARS BEHIND.



FOR THE PAST TEN YEARS, THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY RATE FOR CENTRAL HARLEM HAS BEEN HIGHER THAN THE NEW YORK CITY RATE AND HAS BEEN CLIMBING ALMOST TWICE AS FAST.

SOME 40% TO 60% OF THE DRUG ADDICTS IN THE U.S. LIVE IN NEW YORK CITY. FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS, THE CENTRAL HARLEM DRUG ADDICTION RATE WAS TEN TIMES HIGHER THAN IN THE REST OF THE CITY.

YOU CAN ALWAYS GET A FIX IN HARLEM!

18th AVE
126th STREET



THE VENEREAL DISEASE RATE IN CENTRAL HARLEM IS SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN IN THE REST OF THE CITY.



THE MURDER RATE IN CENTRAL HARLEM IS SIX TIMES HIGHER THAN IN NEW YORK CITY, AND IN ONE NEIGHBORHOOD-- FIFTEEN TIMES HIGHER!

OUR SUICIDE RATE IN HARLEM IS MUCH LOWER... I WONDER WHY?



2/3 OF THE MALE LABOR FORCE IN CENTRAL HARLEM ARE EMPLOYED IN SEMI-SKILLED JOBS OR AS LABORERS.

ONLY WE CAN USE THESE!

NOW, WE CAN USE THESE!!



DADDY! I HUNGRY! I WANNA EAT, DADDY!!
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50% OF ALL YOUTH UNDER EIGHTEEN LIVE WITH ONLY ONE PARENT... OR NONE.



OUR GHETTO IS THE SUM TOTAL OF OUTSIDE PRESSURES DENYING OUR COMMUNITY SELF-GUIDANCE. MAKING IT, IN FACT, A POWERLESS POLITICAL, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND ABOVE ALL-- AN ECONOMIC COLONY!



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CYRIL R. TYSON
PROJECT DIRECTOR

THE LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM CREATED A GROUP OF HARLEM YOUTH ABLE TO TAKE A MATURE AND VITAL PART IN THEIR OWN FUTURE, AND MANY MORE JOINED THEM.



ONE GROUP WORKED TO TURN AN OLD STORE INTO HARYOU'S FIRST COFFEE SHOP, "AFRO HOUSE" AT THE CORNER OF 133RD STREET AND EIGHTH AVENUE.



ONE PREPARED THEMSELVES AND TAUGHT AFRO-AMERICAN HISTORY AND CULTURE TO YOUNGER CHILDREN.



ANOTHER GROUP ORGANIZED BLOCK RALLIES AND MOBILIZED TENANTS AGAINST SLUMLORDS.



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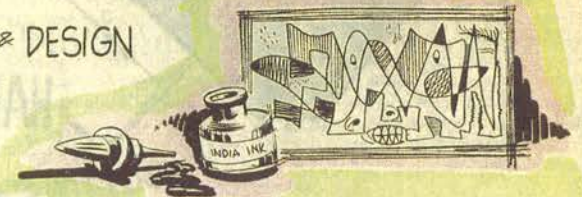


AREAS OF INTEREST

(CHECK AREA OF GREATEST INTEREST AS #1. CHECK NO MORE THAN 3 AREAS.) When you have completed this application, remove it from this magazine and return it to the office of the HARLEM YOUTH UNLIMITED ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
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**HARYOU
NEEDS
YOU!**



DR. JAMES JONES
DIRECTOR OF
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TELL YOUR PARENTS ABOUT...

The 644-page report, *YOUTH IN THE GHETTO: A Study of the Consequences of Powerlessness and a Blueprint for Change*, of which this magazine is a pictorial summary, is available without cost from Harlem Youth Opportunities Unlimited, Inc. (HARYOU), 180 West 125th Street, New York, N.Y. 10030.

Also available is a brief summary of the report, containing the important points of the philosophy behind the program, the information resulting from HARYOU's research, and the details of the proposed program.

Extra copies of this pictorial summary magazine, *HARLEM YOUTH REPORT*, Number 5, are also available without cost from HARYOU.

Below are only a few examples from the many letters Dr. Kenneth Clark has received in response to the publication of the research report, *YOUTH IN THE GHETTO: A Study of the Consequences of Powerlessness and a Blueprint for Change*.

"The President has asked me to extend his thanks to you for the copy of 'Youth in the Ghetto.' It is clear that a great deal of hard work and dedication have gone into the development of this ambitious demonstration proposal.

"We are pleased that the President's Committee on Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime has played a part in stimulating this program, which can mean so much to the young people of Harlem. . . . It is clear that the real answers to our nation's youth problems must come from local groups like HARYOU which seek long-range solutions to basic problems. Our warmest wishes in your work."

RALPH A. DUNCAN
Special Assistant to the President
The White House

"... The program ideas and the wide community support your group has generated in the past 18 months are an important contribution to improving the lives of Harlem's young people."

ROBERT F. KENNEDY
Attorney General
U.S. Department of Justice

"... The program proposed by HARYOU is an impressive one and I wish you much success in its implementation and in the final achievement of your goals."

RALPH J. BUNCHE
Under-Secretary
United Nations

"... It is a remarkable document, with many significant and suggestive indications of what problems exist and what should be done about them. Congratulations to you and your colleagues for a job well done."

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN
Chairman, Department of History
Brooklyn College

"This report is a most impressive analysis and study and its conclusions will, I am sure, have far-reaching consequences."

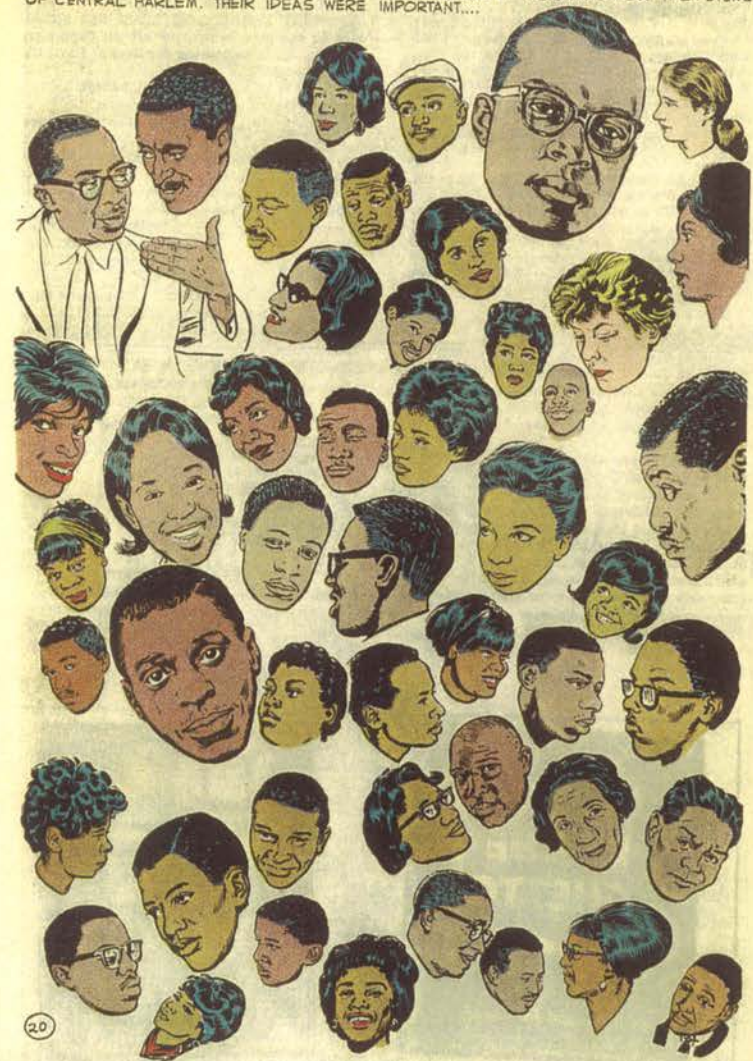
JACOB K. JAVITS
Committee on Labor and Public Welfare
United States Senate

"... I was tremendously interested in this record of a most impressive program."

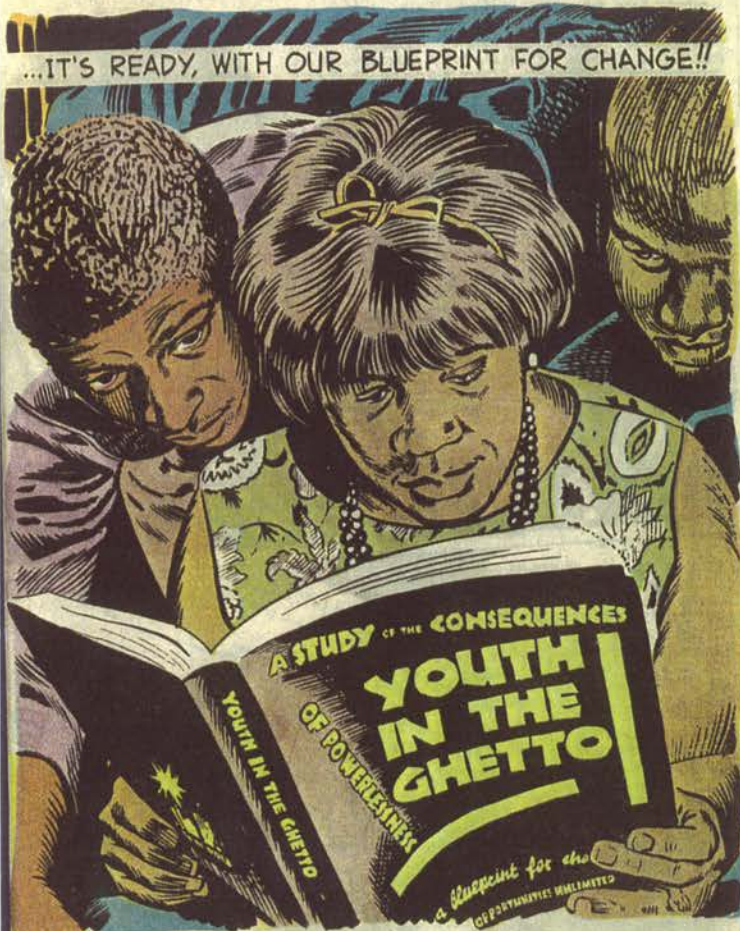
DON K. PRICE
Dean, Graduate School
of Public Administration
Harvard University



SOME 200 YOUTHS BECAME ASSOCIATED WITH HARYOU IN PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE OF CENTRAL HARLEM. THEIR IDEAS WERE IMPORTANT....

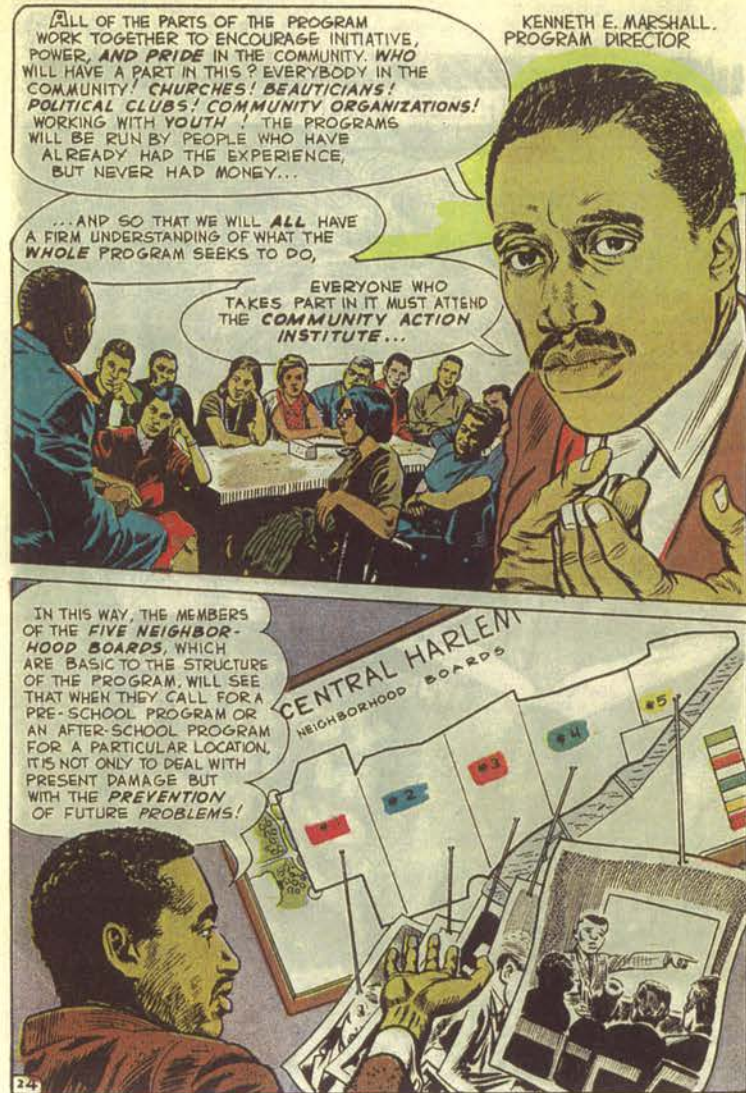






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... AND THIS IS WHAT IT SAYS...



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"THE FIRST STEP IN THE PREVENTION OF FUTURE PROBLEMS IS A COMPLETE RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE CENTRAL HARLEM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, FROM BOTTOM TO TOP."

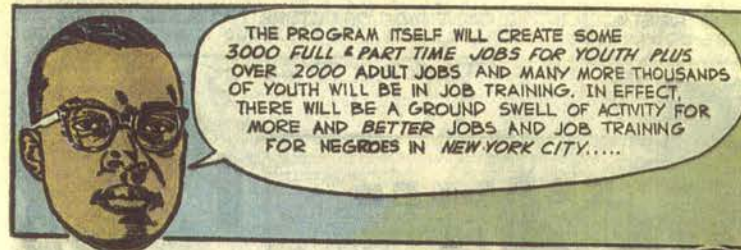


"AND WHILE THIS IS HAPPENING, ALL CLASSES, AT ALL GRADE LEVELS, WOULD TEACH ONLY READING ALL DAY LONG, TO MOVE EVERYONE UP TO THE PROPER CLASS LEVEL—READY TO MOVE AHEAD IN ALL SUBJECTS."

"THEN, AFTER-SCHOOL CENTERS WOULD BE A CHANCE TO MOVE DEEPER INTO ANY SUBJECT, RATHER THAN JUST A CHANCE TO CATCH UP."



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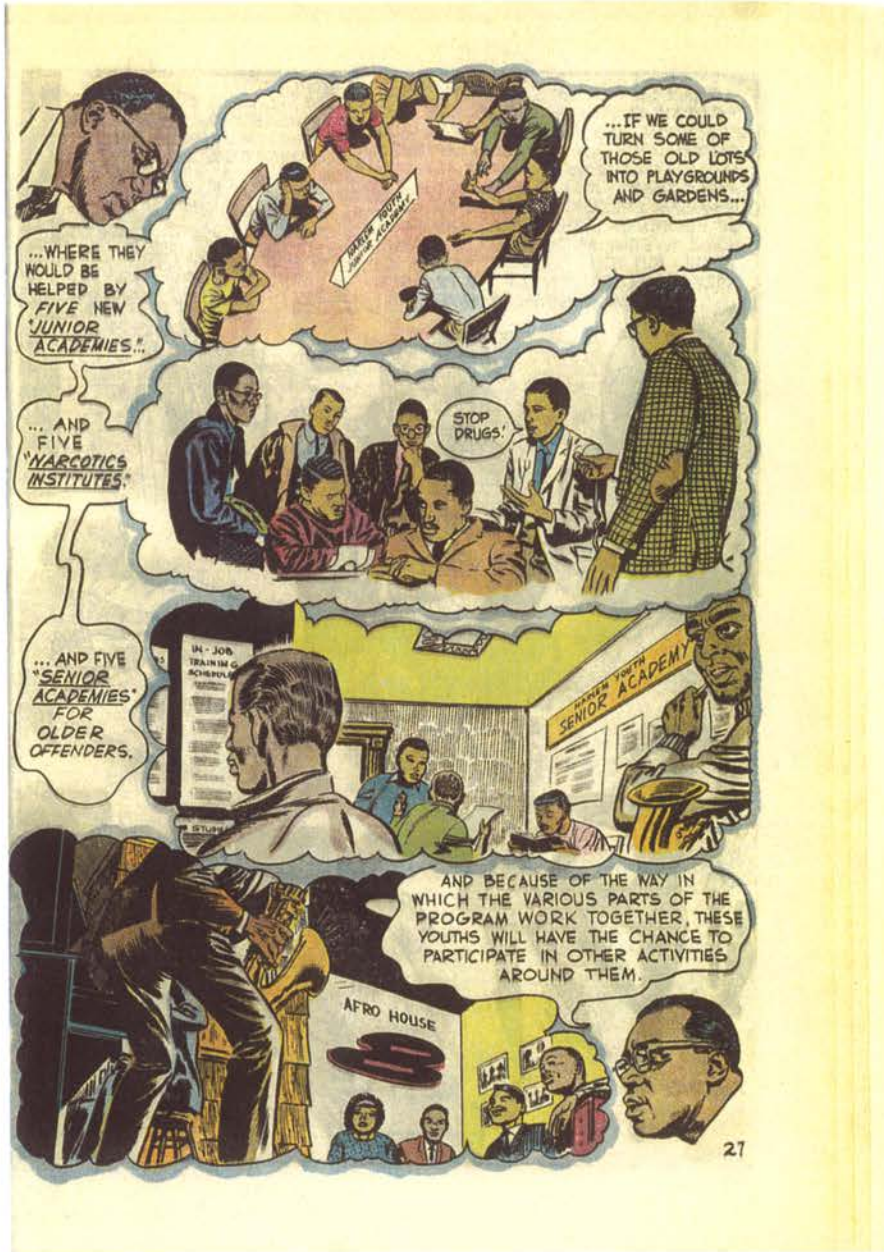


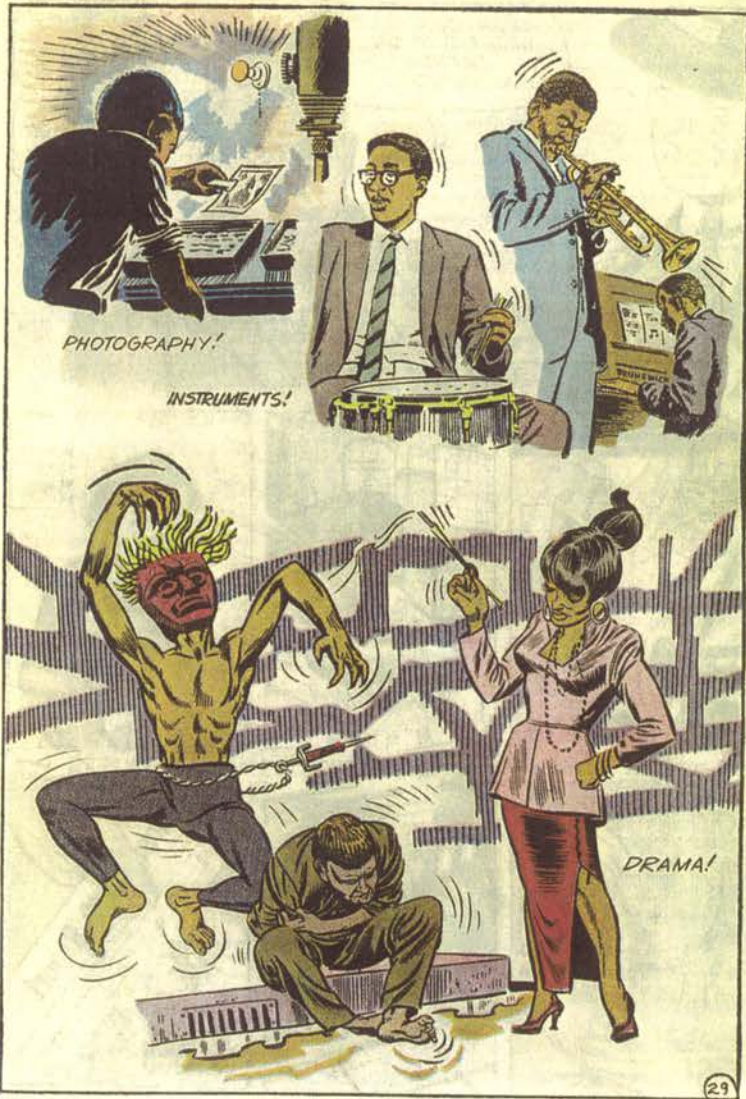
THE PROGRAM ITSELF WILL CREATE SOME 3000 FULL & PART TIME JOBS FOR YOUTH PLUS OVER 2000 ADULT JOBS AND MANY MORE THOUSANDS OF YOUTH WILL BE IN JOB TRAINING. IN EFFECT, THERE WILL BE A GROUND SWELL OF ACTIVITY FOR MORE AND BETTER JOBS AND JOB TRAINING FOR NEGROES IN NEW YORK CITY....



.... AND THIS WOULD ALSO BE FOR YOUTH WHOM THE COURTS WOULD OTHERWISE SEND OUT OF THE CITY. THEY WOULD BE GIVEN A CHANCE TO REMAIN IN THE COMMUNITY...

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"... AND THE CADETS WHOSE ADVANCEMENT THROUGH THE RANKS IS BASED ON THEIR EDUCATIONAL ADVANCEMENT IN MASTERING READING AND OTHER SKILLS."



THE RATIONALE OF ANY EFFECTIVE PROGRAM FOR YOUTH MUST ACCEPT THE HUMAN AND PRACTICAL REALITY THAT THE MASSES OF NEGRO YOUTH ARE NOT EXPENDABLE. THEY CANNOT BE ABANDONED WHILE WE STRUGGLE FOR THE ACTUALITY OF A NON-SEGREGATED SOCIETY. DURING THIS TRANSITION PERIOD, SOMETHING MUST BE DONE TO SALVAGE THE BULK OF THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. THEY MUST BE PROVIDED WITH THE SKILLS, THE STRENGTH OF PERSONALITY, THE STABILITY OF CHARACTER, THE CONFIDENCE WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO ACHIEVE, AND TO FUNCTION EFFECTIVELY WITHIN, A NON-SEGREGATED SOCIETY.



ACTING CHAIRMAN OF THE HARYOU BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND CHIEF PROJECT CONSULTANT
Frank B. Clark



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THE END

HARLEM: The Change-makers



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Cyril DeGrasse Tyson's three books on poverty:

The "Unconditional War on Poverty"

2 Years Before the Riot

Power and Politics in Central Harlem 1962-1964