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## MODEL CITIES IN CALIFORNIA

■ LEOPOLDVILLE has become Kinshasa, Stanleyville became Kinsangani, and Elisabethville is now Lumbumashi. Will East Palo Alto soon become Nairobi? That was the question uppermost in the minds of the residents of San Mateo County recently as the citizens of that area went to the polls to cast their ballots on the matter.

The call for "Africanization" of East Palo Alto, California, was the result of a 3 to 1 vote of that city's Municipal Council to hold a public hearing on the name change to "Nairobi" — after the capital of Kenya, Communist headquarters of Mau Mau Communist Jomo "Burning Spear" Kenyatta. As Donald Reid, one of the city's prominent residents, put it in proposing the change: "East Palo Alto should change its name before submitting the Model Cities application . . . That would give it a better chance of winning a federal grant of \$113,000.

A federal inducement such as that could well start a whole rash of name changes from here to Moscow, Idaho.

East Palo Alto is located at the southeastern tip of San Mateo County adjacent to Menlo Park, and across the county line from Palo Alto. It is that county's largest unincorporated area.

On the peninsula just 20 miles south of San Francisco, it has a population of about 30,000 — 75 per cent of whom are Negro.

You will doubtless be glad to know that the "Nairobi" name was voted down, 2 to 1, by the residents of that "mid-peninsula" town.

Okay. What is the significance of all of this? For part of the answer we quote from the "Liberal" *Redwood City Tribune* of October 1, 1968: "East Palo Alto may become the first independently-organized community in the United States if a bold plan revealed today is approved by VISTA, the domestic peace corps. The proposal, developed through the San Mateo Legal Aid Society suggests dramatic changes in law enforcement and city development procedures, with emphasis on black self-determination."

The interesting phrase, "black self-determination," quoted from that banner-headline article in connection with the "bold plan" for America's Negro population, is really nothing new. It was first used in precisely this context in 1932 by Communist leader William Z. Foster in his book *Toward Soviet America*, and again in 1935 by Communists James W. Ford and James S. Allen in their revolutionary booklet *The Negroes in a Soviet America*. In their Communist blueprint, Ford and Allen revealed that: "One of the first steps of the central Soviet government will be to grant the right of self-determination to the Negro people . . ." That phrase, stripped of its humanitarian guise,

actually means total subjugation of the Negro to revolutionary Communist control.

According to San Mateo Legal Aid official Bruce Bailey: "To our knowledge, this is the first program of this nature in the United States. East Palo Alto is an ideal community for this experiment in incorporation and self-government of a minority area . . . It may seem pretentious to express that success here may provide the key to the survival of American Democracy. But [Communist] self-determination may be the answer for ghettos in Los Angeles, New York, and Chicago."

Bailey revealed that VISTA volunteers would come into the community and help set up new businesses through a program initiated and funded by VISTA. Those "volunteers," with the assistance of the Stanford Business School, would supervise all projects. "Since the Negro community desires autonomy and self-government," he stated, "the proposal seeks more separation of East Palo Alto from the rest of San Mateo." That's the Party Line, friends.

Also proposed by the controversial Legal Aid Society was a separate neighborhood court system which would "create affirmative relations between the East Palo Alto community and the white law enforcement establishment." The courts would ostensibly handle grievances within the community between blacks and the "broader sector of society." The Redlining report further revealed that "Individual police officers would be

called to testify before a black majority court in a black neighborhood with probably a predominantly black audience. *This situation might temper their relations with black juvenile arrestees.*"

*Temper* is hardly the word. Have you ever heard of the "people's tribunals" held behind the Iron Curtain and in Red China and Red Cuba?

Before the request for federal funding through the OEO could get the final imprimatur from VISTA, however, it first had to go to the San Mateo County Economic Opportunities Commission (EOC) for concurrence, and then on to California Governor Ronald Reagan for his approval. Interestingly enough, the EOC, which now processes all federal War on Poverty grants in the county, is completely controlled by Edward R. Becks, its acting executive director. Ed Becks is a member of the Communist Party.

On assignment for *The Review of The News*, your reporter recently visited the quiet community of East Palo Alto, interviewing numerous intelligence officials in the process. During a hectic tour of the area, and after some in-depth research, it soon became apparent that most of the intricate interplay between local Communists, their fellow-travelers, and the federal Office of Economic Opportunity, appears to revolve around Edward R. Becks, who also controls the purse-strings of the ubiquitous Human Resources Commission (HRC) — to the tune of \$3,095,000 in federal money.

Comrade Becks, who formerly directed just one program of the HRC, the Community Information Referral and Service Center (INFO), now controls the whole ball of wax. INFO is an information center for Welfare recipients in East Palo Alto, and was recently allocated 110,000 federal dollars to carry out its work. The aforementioned Legal Aid Society, by the way, which handles all legal services for the HRC, is being funded with some 200,000 federal dollars for its assistance.

Hoping for an interview with HRC-EOC director Becks, I paid a visit to his headquarters in East Palo Alto, only to find that he was "extremely busy" and "unavailable." One of his assistants, however, a furtive, bespectacled fellow, granted me two minutes of his busy schedule to explain that the Human Resources Commission was the primary OEO-funded agency in San Mateo County, whose responsibility it was to "organize the poor in the county's target areas." He said that the HRC main offices were located in the county administration building, concluding by handing me a mimeographed "Summary on War on Poverty Programs."

The "Summary" revealed that the HRC "applies for grants; receives Federal approvals; subcontracts with delegate agencies for actual program operation; and supervises, coordinates, and evaluates program effectiveness" for the following projects: Head Start (\$155,000), Opportunities Industrialization Center West (\$800,000), Neigh-

borhood Health Center (\$1,200,000), Summer Employment Program (\$90,000), Human Resources Commission Central Administration (\$60,000), Neighborhood Youth Corps (\$480,000), the previously mentioned Legal Aid and the INFO Centers.

Needless to say, the Comrades were, indeed, "extremely busy."

As an indication of how important Comrade Becks is to the Conspiracy, let's briefly look into his background. The House Committee on Un-American Activities Report of May-June, 1960, Page 2048 of its comprehensive Hearings on *The Northern California District of the Communist Party*, reveals that Edward R. Becks, his wife Gelsomine, and 23 other Communists, were identified in sworn testimony as having been members of the Los Altos-Mountain View cell of the Communist Party. Becks, who was then secretary of the NAACP of San Mateo County (he's now president), had among his cell mates such important Reds as Holland Roberts, head of the Communists' California Labor School and founding sponsor of the Communist W.E.B. DuBois Clubs; and Harvey Richards, photographer for the Communist *People's World*. According to reliable sources, Comrade Richards (who lives at 14 Flood Circle, in the exclusive Lindenwood section of Atherton, a short distance from Becks' EOC headquarters) still maintains close contact with Comrade and Mrs. Becks.

Civic leader Becks has also played



quite an active role in the "Civil Rights Movement" as a leader of CORE. He participated in the "freedom rides" in the South during 1960-1961, the "freedom march" in Washington, D.C. in 1963, and numerous subversive gatherings such as the "Movement of the Black Muslims," which he sponsored in Menlo Park in January 1962. As a member of the Ravenswood Civic Council in March 1964, he was an organizer of a Seminar on Human Rights in East Palo Alto's Ravenswood High School, at which San Mateo County was pictured as a "racist county with its roots in a racist past." The seminar, which turned out to be a searing attack on the role of law enforcement in the area, was sponsored by the San Mateo County Law Enforcement Association.

In spite of Beck's subversive background, or perhaps because of it, he was invited the following January 25 to Tucson, Arizona, to attend a 2-day National Conference on Poverty in the Southwest. The government-sponsored conference, headed by R. Sargent Shriver, director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, also played host to such "humanitarian" dignitaries as then-Vice President, Hubert Humphrey, 50 government delegates and representatives from the southwestern states, Castroite guerrilla leader Reies Tijerina, and two other "concerned citizens" from East Palo Alto, Ida Daniel Berk and Gertrude Wilks.

Comrade Becks and his two female companions, leaders of the "Grass-

roots Committee of the Poor" program, were the *only* representatives invited from the Peninsula area. They were subsequently chosen by top OEO officials to carry out the War on Poverty in San Mateo County.

As a result of their Red activities in the area, Ed Becks, his wife Gelsomine, Ida Berk, and several others were the subjects of an extensive investigation by the District Attorney of San Mateo County. The 5-page confidential report, completed on March 23, 1965, two months after the troika's trek to Tucson, concluded with this paragraph:

*Ed Becks is noted as an active, trained, Communist leader. The present obtained information is that the Communists are making, or attempting to make, serious inroads towards securing government money for the Committee of the Poor and then use this money as a controlling factor in the training of Communism to new converts - and for brain-washing purposes via the acquired newspaper and other media routes.*

Investigators also discovered that Becks had attended Party meetings in the home of top Communist James "Bob" Lindsay, the Party's candidate for City Councilman of San José; was a frequent delegate to conventions of the Communist-backed California Democratic Council; and, had been receiving and distributing bundles of the Communist *People's World* since at least 1950.

Also under investigation on suspicion of subversive activities - according to that District Attorney's report - was one Henry P. Organ, since 1959 an educational psychologist in the human factors department at Lockheed Missiles and Space Corps in nearby Sunnyvale, California. Organ, a member of the staff at San Francisco State College, and a member of the subversive Catholic Inter-racial Council (CIC), was named last October 2nd as a new trustee of the Sequoia Union High School District by the San Mateo County Board of Education - on recommendation of County Schools Superintendent J. Russell Kent. The key appointment was endorsed by the following Leftist groups: East Palo Alto Taxpayers for Education, Mothers for Equal Education, Citizens United for Relevant Education, and the Redwood City Citizens Against Racism (CAR).

An influential group organized "to promote inter-racial unity and understanding," CAR is directed by a member of the faculty at Canada College named Byron Skinner, and on October 3rd endorsed Comrade Eldridge Cleaver, Minister of Information for the Communist Black Panther Party. In support of Cleaver's proposed series of 10 classroom "lectures" at the University of California at Berkeley, CAR blasted those who criticized his ability by issuing a resolution which stated: "These men would be hard pressed to find a human being more qualified to lecture on the subject of 'Dehumanization and Regeneration in

the American Social Order.' " How right they were.

Digging even deeper into the evidence, I found that one of the most vociferous endorsers of Henry P. Organ was *another* member of the Ravenswood City Elementary District School Board, one Robert S. Hoover, who declared: "Hank Organ is one of the most capable persons I know in



Huey Newton, Panther Defense Minister, being able to communicate with the minority people." Hoover, also credited with saying: "Black people are going to be free - or dead," is a SNCC revolutionary trained by Marxist Saul Alinsky, and is a close friend and confidant of Communist Ed Becks.

An ardent supporter of the "Nairobi" name-change scheme,

Robert Hoover has been working diligently for several years promoting the Communists' "self-determination" gimmick. Like his Comrade, Hank Organ, he *too* was recently promoted — from counselor to *director* of the College of San Mateo's Readiness Program for disadvantaged students. As "Assistant for Inter-group Relations" to the College president, he is now the

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## BLACKS IN THE BAY AREA

### A Dream

#### Or a Nightmare

Hold fast to dreams  
For if dreams die—  
Life is just a broken-winged bird  
That cannot fly.

Langston Hughes

A dream is like a nightmare. Nobody likes to remember one. Do you dream? Some dreams are happy. Sometimes, though, a dream can turn into a nightmare. This is what has happened to many black men's dreams in America.

One hundred years ago American men came to the West with a dream for a better life. Most of these men were white and free. Their dreams usually came true. Some men were black. Those such as



San Francisco schoolboys

James Beckwith, the famous Negro scout, were freedmen. Most, however, came as slaves following the wagons of their masters. Sometimes they came in chains. After the Civil War they were freed. Then the blacks banded together, herded cattle, searched for water, and panned for gold. Many black cowboys roped and branded cattle.

Today Negroes make up one-tenth of our population. Eighty-five percent of Bay Area Negroes came from Texas and Louisiana. Most came during World War II, 1941-1945. They had heard of the chance to make a better living here. They had heard, also, that the white people would treat them fairly.

Like all the newcomers be-

made through the East Palo Alto Day School, a revolutionary training center founded by the aforementioned Gertrude Wilks, head of the racist Mothers for Equal Education. Robert Hoover, the Day School *principal*, has been conducting "hate whitey" classes in "Blackology," under the supervision of — you guessed it — the San Mateo County Human Resources Commission, controlled by Comrade Becks. In the summer of 1967 the little red Day School sponsored a Teenage Summer Project as part of an OEO program which employed 130 Negro teenagers at \$47 each per week to teach "Blackology" to younger Negro children. The classes were held at the Ravenswood High School. Heroes eulogized in the Day School publication, *The Bay Leaf*, were such Marxist revolutionaries as Carlton B. Goodlett and Dr. Martin Luther King, and such Communists as Langston Hughes, W.E.B. DuBois, Malcolm X, and Stokely Carmichael. In fact, chalked next to a picture of Stokely on a school blackboard, was the command: "Black Panther, all you need is guns to make whitey run." This was the essence of "Blackology."

Working closely with Day School principal Robert Hoover, as a teacher and area representative for SNCC, is Mrs. Syrtiller Kabat, *another* trustee of the Ravenswood City School District. As Mrs. Kabat, one of the prime-movers behind the "Nairobi" gambit, told a local reporter: "There is money to be made through poverty programs... in the government-funded

Neighborhood Health Center, I am the only indigenous person to receive employment in an administrative position." Syrtiller was also heard to admit that "My ideal man today is Huey Newton." Newton, of course, is the Marxist Black Panther leader recently convicted of killing an Oakland policeman.

According to a privately circulated statement by the Marxist Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee: "Mid-Peninsula Friends of SNCC, along with the Mid-Peninsula Christian Ministry of the Presbyterian Church is now sponsoring a full-time community organizer — Mrs. Syrtiller Kabat — who is now working with Bob Hoover, a SNCC worker, who has been supported during 1967 by an anonymous donor through the Mid-Peninsula Christian Ministry." The SNCC communique concluded with the enlightening fact that: "The main vehicle for coordinating activities in East Palo Alto-East Menlo Park is the Executive Committee of Community Organizations (ECCO), composed of 40 church, fraternity, and civic groups in the area. Bob and Syrtiller work as general coordinators and resource people for the group."

And the plot thickens even more.

Civic leader, Syrtiller Kabat, while dividing her time between Mothers for Equal Education and Taxpayers for Equal Education, has also been working closely with an outfit called YUC — a group formed by 50 Negro teenagers from Ravenswood High School. On May 26, 1967 a private meeting

was held by YUC in a garage at 1590 Bay Road in East Palo Alto. The important gathering, conducted by Robert Hoover, was sponsored by the Day School and was restricted to youths who had been attending its "Blackology" classes. The guest speakers at that affair were Red terrorists H. "Rap" Brown, Bobby Seale, and Stokely Carmichael. "Rap" Brown and



Communist terrorist, Stokely Carmichael. Stokely are well known to almost every serious student of contemporary proletarian polemics, but Bobby Seale deserves some special mention.

Co-founder of the Communist Black Panther Party, and a former "family counselor" employed by the War on Poverty, Bobby Seale had just 3 weeks earlier led an armed invasion of the California State Legislature in Sacra-



mento. As Minister of Defense of the Panthers, and a graduate of the Communists' Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM), he has advocated wholesale slaughter of "racist pigs" (policemen) over such "Liberal" media as Radio Havana. His Comrade, Stokely Carmichael, then Field Secretary for SNCC, later conducted a week-long



"Blackology" exponent, H. "Rap" Brown workshop in East Palo Alto — to "ease racial tensions," no doubt.

During that "Black Power" meeting on May 26th, the Comrades distributed numerous red, white, and black buttons, symbols of the Black Panther Party. They were preparing their young recruits for even greater delights.

Over the following Labor Day weekend, after a successful summer of riots,

looting, and indoctrination, the Comrades held a Black Action Conference at the Ravenswood High School, attended by some 500 Negroes. Speakers at that East Palo Alto conference in September 1967 included such dignitaries as: Communist RAM leader Ron Karenga, head of a terrorist organization known as US; James Garrett, leader of the Black Student Union at San Francisco State College; Robert Hoover and Syrtiller Kabat; and, Black Panther leader Huey Newton, who spoke on "Organization for Defense and Survival."

Others present were: Carl Von Kee (alias Carl Hekima), Black Panther leader; Israel Harris, a local "kill whitey" advocate; Fredrick Alfred Howell, an US leader from Columbus, Ohio; and, Tommy Roy Jaquette, a Los Angeles "Civil Rights" activist who was later flown to attend the funeral of Martin Luther King in a plane chartered by the National Council of Churches.

An outgrowth of the above "humanitarian" conflagration was the formation of the San Mateo County Black Action Council (SMC-BAC) — or, Smack Back, if you prefer. SMC-BAC called for incorporation of East Palo Alto, an all-black police force, and "Black Power." Its goal was revolution. Then came the creation of the Black Community Relations Association (BCRA), which formed a series of "vigilante patrols," or Citizens Alert Patrols, to "police the community and police the police." Before long a large number of youth in the area had



Panther Bobby Scale (l.) and a fellow revolutionary at invasion of California Legislature. adopted the emblem of the Black Panther Party as well as its alien philosophy.

On September 18, 1967, less than three weeks after the Black Action Conference, a gang of Negro hoodlums viciously attacked and beat a white student at Menlo-Atherton High School, for no apparent reason. Then began a systematic campaign of intimidation and unreasonable demands upon the school by the young revolutionaries. The High School administration capitulated by agreeing to teach more "black history" in classes.

That same fall, at nearby San José State College, another Black Power confrontation, led by assistant professor of sociology, Harvey Edwards, was going full swing. Edwards and his United Black Students for Action

(UBSA) began by forcing the cancellation of a football game. Comrade Edwards has remained very active and recently completed his Olympic Boycott, a Communist Party project which caused repercussions around the world when several Negro athletes gave the Communist clenched-fist salute, instead of saluting our flag, after they had won medals at the Olympic games in Mexico City.

Back in East Palo Alto, things were well out of hand. The Black Power boys were beginning to lay siege to the community, and drastic measures were in order. That's where the Undersheriff of San Mateo County, Wesley Pomeroy, comes into the picture.

Wesley Pomeroy, a former trustee of the Ravenswood School District, had joined the San Mateo County

Sheriff's Office in 1951, after more than 9 years with the California Highway Patrol. He was well aware of how to handle an explosive situation such as was occurring in his county. Nevertheless, instead of fighting the fire with determination — he stoked the flame. He *supported* the actions of the Marxist Black Community Relations Association and accepted the use of their Citizens Alert Patrol — a "cool it squad" of young Negro militants whose supposed task it was to "ease racial tensions."

Pomeroy supplied the BCRA "security patrol" with Sheriff's Department walkie-talkies and 2-way radios, which were used in 5 autos driven by the revolutionaries. A "volunteer" dispatcher was equipped to relay messages between both the Sheriff's officers and the "cool it squad" network. The Citizens Alert Patrols were operating on a permanent, paid basis. No one asked, it seems, who was paying the tab.

While Undersheriff Pomeroy was coming under fire from irate citizens for his unorthodox methods of maintaining law and order, BCRA chairman William Wright, was *praising* him. Wright and three other BCRA lieutenants, James Cartwright, Robert Lee, and Glennard "Tankie" Doll, all have long records of criminal activities in San Mateo County. William Wright declared that "Black people are tired of getting shot down like dogs all over this country. We are tired of being victims of white boy's hate." But, he enthusiastically supported Pomeroy.

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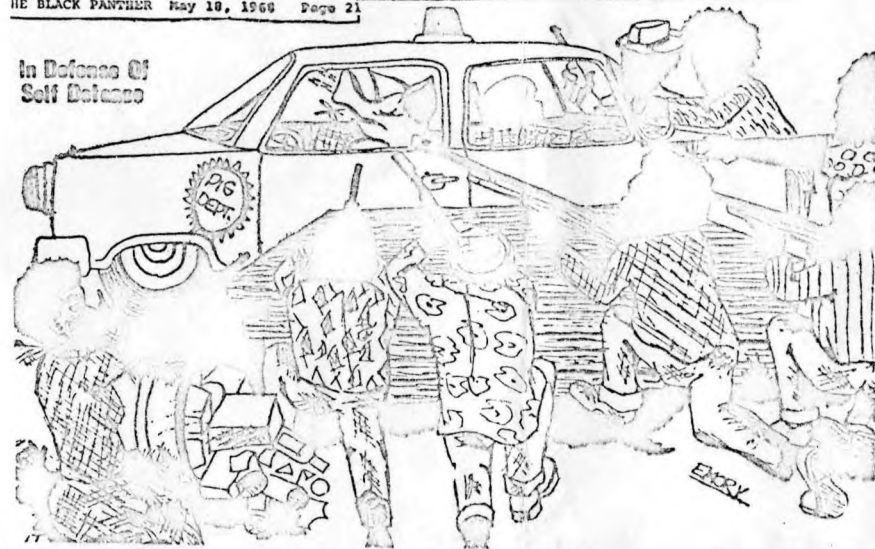
"I am *not* going to ask them if they are Democrats, Republicans, or Black Panthers," said Wes Pomeroy, "as long as they are doing the job of helping our officers maintain law and order." He neglected to mention that they were in fact creating as well as controlling the trouble. The August 3, 1967 edition of the *Redwood City Tribune* stated that: "Pomeroy conceded some of those wearing the (Black Panther) badges probably *do* belong to the Panther group, but he insisted the display of such badges was *more of a private joke among the Negro youth than an indication of who was behind their activities.*"

Discussing the foregoing activities with informed sources in East Palo Alto, your reporter was briefed on some of the missing links about the peripatetic Mr. Pomeroy. Wesley Pomeroy retired from his law enforcement position last March 13th to become a mediator and trouble-shooter for the *Human Resources Commission* — controlled by his friend, Communist Ed Becks. In fact, Becks was *also* a staunch supporter of the Black Community Relations Commission and its "cool it" squads.

Pomeroy soon formed a consultant firm — Pomeroy Associates, Human Relations Consultants, headquartered in his home in Menlo Park at 139 Dunsmuir Way. He has since participated as an instructor in a series of seminar courses for the International Association of Police Chiefs in Washington, D.C., and has spent considerable time there teaching "human

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Communist Black Panther publication "cartoon" depicting typical "cool it" squad tactics. "relations" courses to federal employees, being paid \$150 per day, plus expenses. Mr. Pomeroy is currently the Number 2 man in the Federal Aid to Law Enforcement Program in the United States *having been appointed to the staff of Attorney General Ramsey Clark as Clark's Special Assistant.* Attorney General Clark says that Pomeroy will implement President Johnson's order of February 7, 1968 directing the Justice Department to coordinate all federal programs to control crime. Mr. Pomeroy, who is now paid \$20,982 per year for his work, will undoubtedly do his very best, and may count on his friend Ed Becks for plenty of help.

As an added complication to the already tense racial situation in East Palo Alto, Marxist folksinger and

Vietcong devotee, Joan Baez, has recently moved into town from Carmel, California, along with her hairy husband, David Harris, a leader of the Communist *Resistance* movement. Their new *Resistance* headquarters, located at 1194 Saratoga, is the scene of some mighty strange goings-on, with trucks coming and going in the dead of night delivering covered loads. Talking with a resident of nearby Menlo Park, whose brother had gotten mixed up with "The Movement," I was told that that address was the frequent site of "pot" parties and of numerous secret revolutionary gatherings.

*Resistance*, connected with a local "anti-war" group called "IF Then," has been coordinating the Free Huey Newton demonstrations at San Mateo

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College with the help of "students" from the subversive Mid-Peninsula Free University. Also working in conjunction with *Resistance* at Stanford University in Palo Alto has been Marxist H. Bruce Franklin, an avowed Castroite, and Communist Steve Weissman, a leader of the Communist W.E.B. DuBois Clubs.

What has been happening in East Palo Alto, California, has, with minor variations, been happening throughout our nation. The Comrades are stepping up their phony drive for "self-determination."

The *Wall Street Journal* for November 11, 1968 carried a front-page story involving this "self-determination" business entitled "Black Cities: Negroes in Dixie Form Separate Municipalities in Bid to Improve Lot." That article, paralleling the "Nairobi" name-change attempt of East Palo Alto, reveals in even *greater* detail how well the Communists' plan is working.

One can get an idea of the direction in which this is all moving by scanning a December 1967 publication of the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), entitled: *Improving the Quality of Urban Life: A Program Guide to Model Neighborhoods in Demonstration Cities*. There, one discovers that the Model Cities plan will include "the retention and development of the dignity of the individual who resides within the model neighborhood area." The HUD manual explains that such neighborhoods "become *laboratories* for testing and refining new and better methods

for improving the quality of urban living."

One must take into account, after wading through all that federalesse jargon about "dignity" and "quality," that the chief experimenter in such "laboratories" as East Palo Alto is Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Robert Weaver, the first Negro to achieve Cabinet rank. Weaver, bureaucratic boss of over 15,400 federal czars working for control of our cities, is well known to Intelligence agencies. He has formally associated himself with Communists and Communist fronts for 35 years, starting, in 1933, as an economic advisor to Leftist Harold L. Ickes, Secretary of the Interior and moving on to top leadership positions in the Communist National Negro Congress and other fronts. And, Mr. Weaver has almost \$100 billion of your tax dollars at his disposal.

"Using the Communist-led insurrections in our cities as an excuse," says author Gary Allen, "Weaver's programs will doubtless be greatly expanded in the face of the Far Left's claims that the only way to stop the burning and looting of our cities is to rebuild urban areas." Is it any wonder, then, that we are reaping what the Reds have sown for so many years?

The Comrades may rhapsodize that "as East Palo Alto goes, so goes the nation." But, concerned Americans are already countering with: "HUD's a hoodlums' haven," and "*OEO must go!*" —DAVID E. GUMAER ■ ■