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hinge on whether the Negro will be allowed to live and share fully in American life or be forever banished to inferior ghettos and black reservations. The bigots of the South and their fellow travelers in Washington are planning a far ahead chess board strategy that will rout and frustrate the Negro's march from Jim Crow and a third rate black satellite world. The Negro must display equal foresight for the future and struggle to break the vicious circle that forever remains to kill the dreams of a captive people.

In the South today and elsewhere, slum clearance is not purely slum clearance. It is sometimes well cloaked "Nigra Clearance" and a gold digging property grab. No sane humane person could ever oppose decent housing for all people, but it is merely a matter of just plain common sense that even a shack is a better home than the open road. Modern society should rid itself of slum dwelling and slum standards of living is true, but it is fool-hardy to destroy the shack of the unemployed, the aged, incapacitated and pensioners who half survive on \$40 to \$60 a month and build new dwelling units that rent for from \$30 to \$40 a month plus other added expenses. The true slum conditions among Negroes in Monroe stem from too little employment with substandard wages. A good 95% of Negroes here have substandard incomes, it is asinine to think that the standard of living of these people can be raised without first considering this factor. Just where does the federal government expect Negroes here to obtain the extra money needed for added housing expenses? And what about the the ones who own their own shacks now, but will not be able to comply with stiff rent demands or cannot qualify for a federal loan? Oh yeah, there is always the sub standard Jim Crowed County Home (Po' House)

A new exodus is fermenting in America today. A new era of motion akin to the grapes of wrath era. People are on the move and some with no place to go. A sugar coated dictatorship is being played on the unwitting populace. State regimentation moves under the disguise of

federal benevolence. Confusion is rampant. Negro leaders are highly sensitive about having to bear the responsibility for being branded leaders of a race, cold to social advancement, thus they fiddle while the program takes on added momentum.

Thousands of Jews became the eventual victims of their own apathy and indifference, out of a false hope of personal immunity, and trust in the good motives of Hitler's third Reich. We hope the new exodus is not the sordid beginning of another race being wooed to the gas chambers and ovens under the pretense of being cleansed and deliced. We hope not, however we hope our social conscious government will soon offer to eliminate all slum type jobs with substandard wages. This of course, will leave no ground for suspicion of an honest desire to banish slum living.

THE EUROPEAN PRESS AND THE AMERICAN NEGRO

What does the average European know about the Negro question in the USA?--Of course, there are many important details he hardly ever hears about. But on the whole, the information he gets is at least sufficient to make him sceptical toward propaganda speeches of American politicians. "Why do they preach democracy abroad if they haven't even given equality to the Negro at home?" is a frequent argument.

When Europeans read about Little Rock, for example, or about the Till and Parker lynchings--and they do read about these crimes--, they cannot attach much credit to the declarations of the sentimentous Uncle Toms who, from time to time, are sent abroad by the State Department to assure Europeans that the situation of the American Negro is improving all the time and that enormous progress has already been achieved in race relations.

Some misleaders of the Negro people in the US obviously are not at all