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WHERE IS JUSTICE FOR THE POOR???

After having responded to an invitation by the Stella Wright Tenants Association to make an inspection tour of the project, a group of concerned citizens was horrified and shocked at the conditions of filth, disrepair and lack of proper security which prevail in these low income housing projects of Newark; particularly the Stella Wright Homes.

We have talked with the tenants and have seen their utter frustration and feeling of complete helplessness in seeking the basic human rights from a society which appears to have turned its eyes and heart away from them. These are decent people who ask only those things which will give them the dignity to which all human beings are entitled!

These people have seen the court consistently turn its back on them, the Federal Government turn a deaf ear to their pleas, and now, to add to this feeling of hopelessness, they have seen their leaders sentenced to prison. Yet we ask them to work within the system; a system which seems to be ignoring them.

The Concerned Citizens Committee for the Stella Wright Homes is making an effort, through the influence of its members, to wrest the banner of decency from the tired arms of these tenants who have carried it for so long, and to devote all of its efforts toward achieving the goals for which these people have fruitlessly fought. The committee has set as its purpose:

- 1) To seek conferences with responsible local, state and federal officials to enlist their support in improving conditions at Stella Wright Homes.
- 2) To sponsor a rally to keep the issue before the public.
- 3) To encourage other citizens to join in the struggle for decent housing in Newark.
- 4) To encourage the media to continue coverage of this situation.

In order to accomplish our second purpose, the Committee is sponsoring a rally at Seton Hall University, South Orange campus in the main lounge of the Bishop Dougherty Student Center at 8:00 p.m., Thursday, January 11th.

Through this rally we hope to bring to your attention the miserable and unspeakable conditions which plague the low income housing project. We hope you will lend your full support to our efforts by joining us on that evening. We feel that a victory for the tenants of low income housing in Newark is a victory for people in low income housing in all of our cities. NOW is the time to "start the ball rolling"! We need action and support NOW!

We urge you to join us! After our rally we are quite confident that your conscience will prompt you to take action!

THE CONCERNED CITIZENS COMMITTEE FOR THE STELLA WRIGHT HOMES

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