

## FOREWORD

The problems associated with the black community are many and varied. To some white Americans the chief problems *posed* by the black community are those of riots, mugging, disorder, too rapid school integration, invasion of white neighborhoods and welfare expense. To blacks and some whites the chief problems are those *of* the black community such as jobs, housing, health, education and civil rights.

In the belief that knowledge of demographic characteristics and trends of the black community is essential to better understanding of varied problems mentioned above, the Milbank Memorial Fund organized and held in 1969 a conference on "Demographic Aspects of the Black Community." This volume contains the Proceedings of that Conference.

The participants were outstanding white and black scholars from the fields of demography, sociology, public health and related disciplines. The Conference consisted of four half-day sessions represented by the four "parts" of this volume. The first part is concerned with "background" and begins with Preston Valien's description of the outstanding demographic trends and characteristics by color. The next two papers are Daniel O. Price's analysis of urbanization of the blacks and Karl E. Taeuber's paper on residential segregation.

The second part of the volume is devoted to problems of marriage and the family among blacks. Paul C. Glick presents United States registration and census data on marriage and marital stability of blacks. James E. Teele and William M. Schmidt present United States statistics relating to illegitimacy by race and supplement these with

their inductive analysis of birth certificates for Boston, and findings from several other local areas in recent years. In the last paper of this session, Elliot Liebow presents a slightly edited chapter from his book *TALLY'S CORNER*. This chapter, reprinted with publisher's permission, and Dr. Liebow's ensuing remarks at the Conference, throw light on the attitudes of a sector of Negro males toward marriage, courtship and the family.

The third part of the volume is concerned with fertility and family planning. Reynolds Farley analyzes trends and differentials in fertility among urban blacks. Charles F. Westoff and Norman B. Ryder discuss findings regarding contraceptive practice among urban blacks from the National Fertility Survey of 1965. Joseph D. Beasley and Ralph F. Frankowski present some preliminary results from their recent study of family planning among the poor in the New Orleans Metropolitan Area. Donald J. Bogue presents findings from his studies in Chicago regarding family planning among blacks in that area.

The fourth part of the volume is a record of the discussion of needed research on the demographic aspects of the black community. Six brief opening statements are presented by Charles B. Arnold, Charles R. Lawrence, Daniel C. Thompson, Philip M. Hauser, Charles V. Willie and Frank W. Notestein.

In addition to the contributions described above, all four parts contain a record of the informal discussion. Paul B. Cornely's address at the Conference dinner, "Community Participation and Control—A Possible Answer to Racism in Health," is carried in the Appendix of this volume. By restricting the participants to a small number, an attempt was made to achieve a maximum amount of informal discussion. By publication of this volume the Milbank Memorial Fund attempts to make the results of the Conference available to a large number of persons.

The Milbank Memorial Fund wishes to thank the authors for their cooperation not only in furnishing papers of expected high scientific quality but also in meeting deadlines for the Conference and for these proceedings. The Fund wishes to thank all participants for their help in discussing the papers and issues freely, candidly and objectively.

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It seems hardly necessary to state that the authors represented in this volume were given a free hand in the development of their topics. They deserve the credit and take the responsibility for their statements.

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