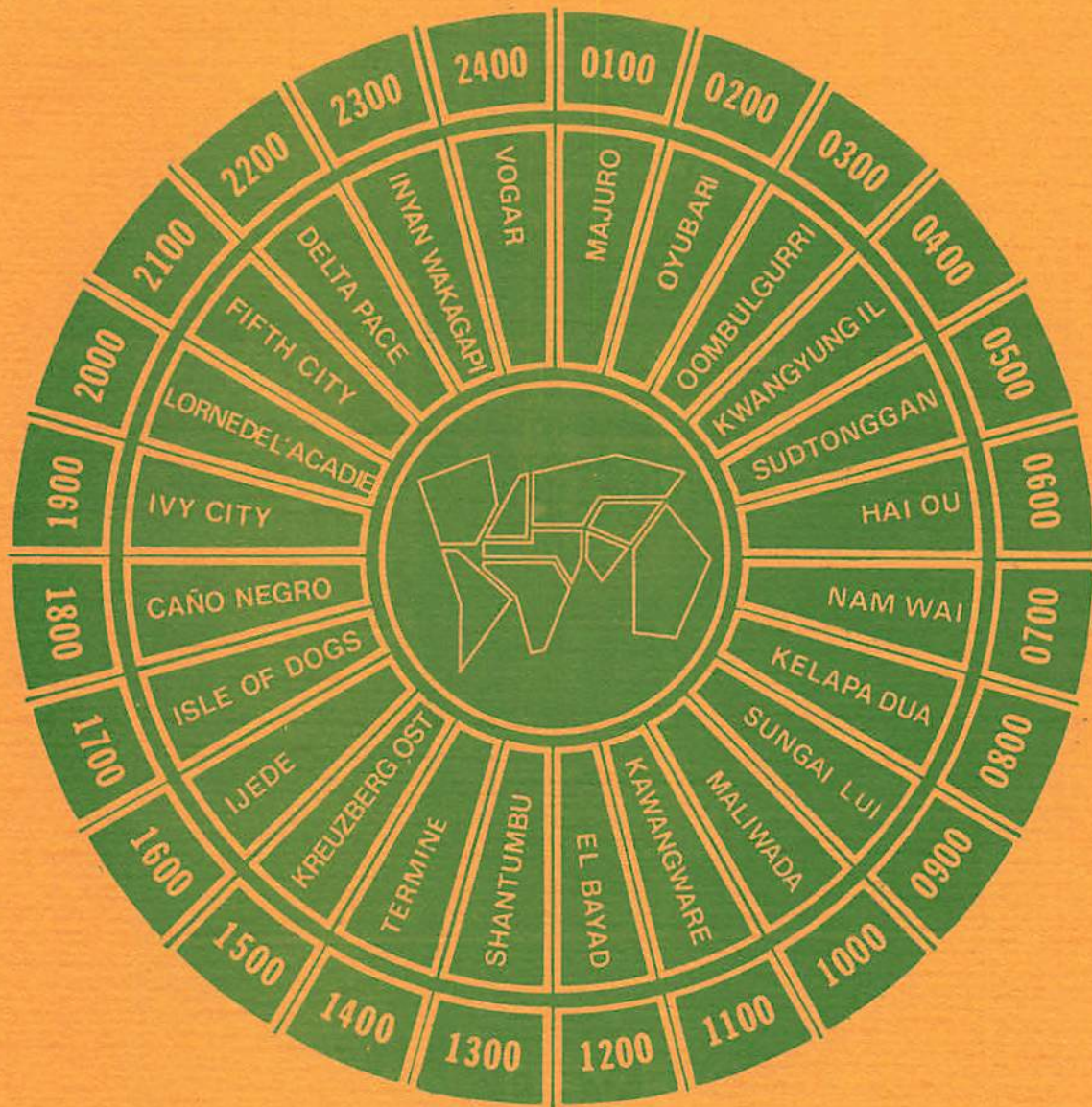


# IVY CITY HUMAN DEVELOPMENT PROJECT



FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

October 15, 1977

ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Of The Year - October 1976 - 1977

SOCIAL ENRICHMENT

Sickle Cell Anemia Screening  
14 day Medical Self-Help Training Classes  
Job Counseling  
March Dedication Ceremony  
Bi-weekly Ivy City Human Development Club Meeting  
Typing Classes for youth and adults  
Young Adult R.A.P. Group  
Basic Skills Classes  
YMC to New York, Canada, Chicago  
12 day Social Acceleration Trek  
Health Advocate System  
Preschool with 53 preschoolers; 6 community teachers  
Residents to World's Fair in Korea, Inyan Wakagapi, Cano Negro, Pace, Fifth City  
Community Health Fair

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lease on Crummell Property  
Co-op Market  
Printshop expansion to 1 pressman and manager from the community  
ICCO Board of Directors formed  
Job Fair

CELEBRATIONS

Thanksgiving Dinner  
Elder's Ball  
Adult Party  
Christmas caroling and tree hanging  
Halloween Party  
Festivals

ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION

Beautify in July Campaign  
6 Dumpsters; trash cans on every corner  
100 Tons of trash removed  
Creation of Ivy City Community Park- Our Place, Mt. Olivet, Corcoran St.  
Urban Garden Demonstration

" IVY CITY ON THE MOVE "

*Celebrating the First Anniversary of the  
Ivy City Human Development Project*

1:30 p.m.

*Invocation*

*Community Singing*

*Welcome and Introductions*

*Reflection on the Year*

*Congratulatory Remarks*

*Tilmon O'Bryant, Assistant Chief of Police*

*Ken Price, Vice President, Marketing and Sales Division,  
Greater Washington Business Center*

*Luis Encinias, Regional Director, Office of Minority  
Business Enterprise*

*Claiming of Promises*

*Benediction*

3:00 p.m.

*Festival Food*

*Music*

*Tours*

5:00 p.m.

*Send Out*

IVY CITY SONGS

MARCHING AHEAD INTO HISTORY

Tune: Ride the Chariot

Refrain:

Marching ahead into history,  
Standing tall in community  
Out of the dark, proclaiming the light  
Living a sign for all to see

Are you ready Ivy City  
Are you ready for the journey  
Let's march into the future  
We're marching all together  
And we're ready to go.

Are you ready brothers....  
Are you ready sisters.....  
Are you ready elders.....  
Are you ready children....

IVY CITY ON THE MOVE

Tune: My Lord What a Morning

Refrain:

My Lord what a morning (3 times)  
Ivy City on the move.

See the people build a dream  
Clinging passion all they owned  
Tame the wilds-carve out hopes  
When the nation began to grow

See the people, a mighty people  
From the Niger to Potomac  
Struggling to create a vision  
When the times began to change

See the people young and old  
Tell their story proud and bold  
Now the Ivy branches out  
Now the local is on the move

Final Refrain:

My Lord what a morning (3 times)  
Ivy City on the move ! (2 times)

MOVING FOR THE WORLD

Tune: Living for the City

We're on the move in the hub of the nation  
A way of caring with new determination  
The cutting edge of local possibility  
To help ourselves create a unity  
Moving for the world, for the world in Ivy City

With half the people twenty-five and under  
The future cries for vision, plans and wonder  
We see the need for elders youth and families  
To join together in building Ivy City  
Moving for the world, for the world in Ivy City

Ole isolation has tried to destroy us  
Determination and unity's absorbed us  
We're self-dependent with creativity  
With love and passion, we'll all care corporately  
Moving for the world, for the world in Ivy City.

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Ivy City is one of the old neighborhoods of Washington, D.C. and is located within sight of the Capitol in the Northeast section of the city. Despite the gradual entrance of large commercial and manufacturing establishments over the years of Ivy City's history, the community has remained stable with a name and identity. It has been a consistently black neighborhood (the 1970 census shows 91.2% black). Even when urban Washington expanded to encompass Ivy City, the community retained its name and its identity. Now it reflects the plight of many of today's urban areas with spiraling crime rates, delapidated buildings, high unemployment, and inadequate social services which continually drain the city financially and imaginably.

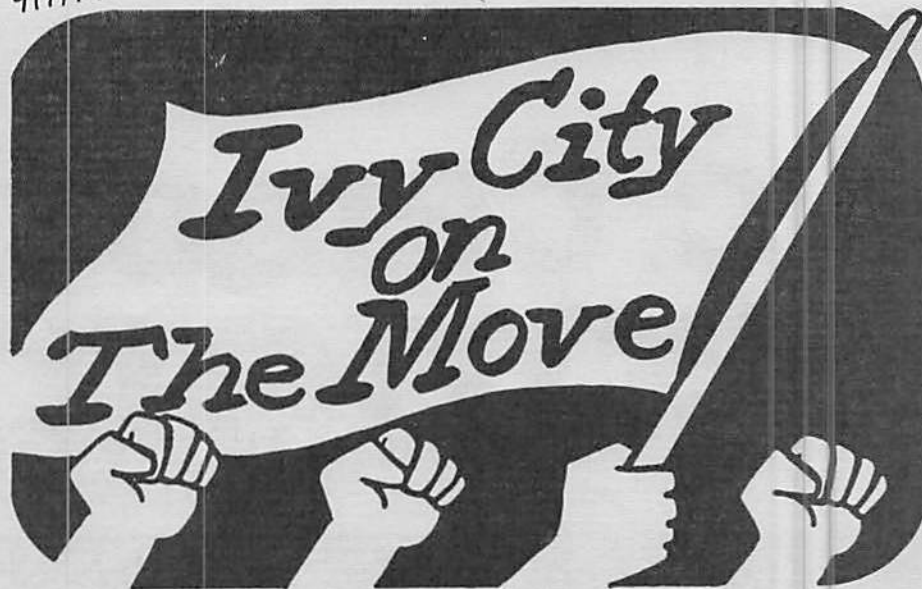
The eighteen blocks which comprise Ivy City form a wedge. Ivy City's 1,800 residents have an average of just over ten years of formal education. About 16 percent of the young adults of the community neither go to school nor work. In the NE quadrant, an area of Washington, D.C. that has just more than 50 percent of the District's population, it has 2/3 of the persons receiving the city's welfare payments. In recent years, experiencing the radical population shifts, people are renting rather than owning their own apartments and homes. Traditional close neighborhood ties have loosened. With increasing sense of isolation and absence of community structures, Ivy City has come to see itself as a forgotten community.

Ivy City is one of 24 communities and villages encircling the globe who are participating in a program of total community renewal called a Human Development Project. These projects understand themselves to be serving as demonstrations of complete social and economic revitalization and self-sufficiency. They see themselves as recreating a sense of community pride and care.

The Institute of Cultural Affairs serves as consultants to these projects. The ICA is a not-for-profit corporation interested in the human factor in world development. It provides the form and method for community development and serves as a liaison between these forgotten communities and the technical, human and financial resources of the world.

The Ivy City Project began in October, 1976 with a week long consultation. Fifty consultants from all over the world worked for two weeks with 200 community citizens to discern the vision the community has for itself, the contradictions blocking this vision and writing proposals and tactics to meet these challenges. The result was a 150 page document laying out a detailed four year plan of community renewal.

Of the many developments in the five



By Eileen Morrill

months since the project began, one of the most exciting is the Ivy City Printshop. This community owned and operated shop opened one week ago and is serving the Northeast Washington area with printing services such as one color printing, simple binding, invitations, tickets, etc. Businesses surrounding Ivy City are participating through inkind contributions and contracting their printing to the shop. This economic endeavor is combined with Apprenticeship training as three community residents are trained in printing skills. The printshop will bring money into the community thus enabling the eventual economic self-sufficiency of Ivy City.

A second exciting program which has begun is the Ivy City Market. The Market, again community owned, offers low cost produce and dry goods in a location convenient to residents. Ivy Citizens previously had to go far outside the community to major food stores to shop. In addition, the Market provides a meeting place for conversation and special events much as the market place did years ago. Bake sales and nutrition information are parts of the twice weekly market days. It is planned that the market will expand to a full service, full-time store when sufficient funds are available.

In the social arena, the key program so far is the Ivy City Preschool. Currently, there are 25 children from 2 to 5 years old enrolled full time in an innovative curriculum. The Preschool focuses on creating new images of humanness for the children through rituals and songs. One song, as an example, to the tune of "Three Blind Mice" goes:

*We live in the Universe, We live in the Universe  
On the planet Earth, On the planet Earth*

*We look for life in the sky so blue,  
Or down in the ocean for something new,*

*Look at the world we have on our hands.*

*What shall we do? What shall we do?*

Images such as self respect, responsibility, world citizenship, and possibility for changing the community are daily presented to the children. The curriculum covers basic skills, human relational skills, psychological skills (self growth), and imaginal skills which create new pictures for the children of who they are and their role in history.

A major irritant in Ivy City is a large population of restless youth from ages 6 to 18. The Youth Mobilization Corps has been successful in harnessing the energy of these youth who now have their own activities after school and weekends in addition to participating in the other project programs such as beautification.

The Beautification League holds weekly clean-up days and is lining up equipment and city services for the creation of two "mini-parks". A site has been designated and earth turned in preparation for planting a community garden in the spring.

This is just a representative list of the many things happening in Ivy City. Training goes on in all structures of the community life so that the ICA can phase out of the community. Strong structures and strong leadership will recreate a community that was lost and disorganized. People have been mobilized in Ivy City and this will enable this community to once again gain control of its own destiny. ■

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