

difference and ignorance of the white majority to the frustrating experience of the urban Negro, as a major precipitating factor. Moynihan's criticism is not directed at extremist or racist hostility either white or black, but at the moderates who failed to recognize this covert anguish and rage, and neglected to adapt the correct emotional and psychological attitudes to confront this problem. I believe the Moynihan view is, to some extent, an over simplification, but it has overtones of validity.

Certainly if we are to control our own destiny, to secure our streets from the constant threat of civil war, we cannot condone violence or tolerate insurrection — nor can we perpetuate those conditions which cause its existence. Education has a vital role to play in reversing this trend of white apathy and Negro misunderstanding. We must educate our youth to tolerate and understand all people. We must emphasize that equal rights mean just that but where equal rights are extended, equal responsibility is expected and must be exacted.

In a world where distance is diminished by the speed of jet planes, where *instant communication is commonplace via radio, phone or satellite*, we must prepare our students to comprehend, to appreciate and to accept foreigners. Education can encourage compassion within the young for the handicapped person; and recognition that while the world is becoming smaller it is also becoming more complex so that future generations will not only have to tolerate but genuinely accept persons of different political and religious creeds.

Other prevalent domestic problems can be controlled by early attitude education. In the last five years known cases of drug addiction in Maryland have increased over 400% and Baltimore City ranks seventh in the nation in reported narcotic violations. The most affluent nation in the world has been subjected to the most agonizing crime rate. Reported incidents of crime have climbed another 17% over last year's unprecedented rate and Maryland suffers in proportion to its population and its urban density. Illegitimate children in this State at present make up 7.7% of our population under the age of eighteen and our State ranks ninth in the nation in reported cases of venereal disease. Every legislative effort and all possible administrative energy is concentrated upon controlling sources of contamination in our air and eliminating pollution from our waters, yet so much more must be done.

Our public school system can contribute vastly through relating curriculum to these immediate problems. Education may be the ultimate weapon. Early exposure to the anguish of drug addiction can