

which, initially, facilities will be added to existing high schools. These magnet schools will provide instruction and training in concentrated subject areas, such as the sciences, fine arts, applied arts. In addition, special tutorial services would also be available. Under this program students could come from every part of the city to use the special facilities. Wherever possible, new housing would be constructed or made available in the vicinity of these schools. The concept of magnet schools will also be applied to lower level schools for demonstration and laboratory purposes. As stated earlier, this part of Philadelphia's proposal is viewed as a key factor in achieving integration.

The entire program places integration ahead of convenience and recognizes that fifth to eighth grade students can be expected to travel reasonable distances from their homes and would permit 63 percent of middle school children to experience integrated education. High schools, on the other hand, will be more likely to be placed in the fringe areas, that is, the outer, less densely settled areas of the city. This would permit schools to serve students drawn from a broad population base and would set the stage for gradual merging of city and suburban school systems. In addition, shared time programs, shared use of magnet school centers and community schools are viewed as ways of increasing public and parochial school contact.

Finally, there is the community school concept designed to develop community leadership, bring about improvement in the physical and material well-being of the people, and a closer relation of curricular content and instructional methods with the life and needs of the immediate community. These schools are conceived of as operating during evenings and weekends as well as throughout the day. Within these community schools, there would be systems of general and individual services which will form the foundation for every program. These services would include:

1. Diagnostic services for health, education, and welfare problems.
2. Mental health services.
3. Leadership identification, recruitment and training for responsibilities in new civic programs that are developed.
4. Cultural activities in the visual and performing arts.
5. Manual arts.
6. Employment services.
7. Communications and liaison services with other public agencies.

The program for North Philadelphia over the next 6 years calls for 5 new elementary schools, 12 middle schools and 5 new high schools. In addition, every substandard school in the entire project area is to be replaced. It is estimated that this portion of the city's total program will involve an investment of more than \$150 million.

B. Recreation

The city's comprehensive plan for the North Philadelphia area calls for 17 new and 6 expanded recreation centers to meet the needs of the residents of the area. These are planned to be combined with educational facilities for joint use wherever possible. They will vary in size from 4 to 12 acres. Their design standards call for visual as well as recreational amenity in the neighborhood. The minimum cost of this program is set at \$10 million.

C. Commercial facilities

Eleven major and five minor new commercial centers are designed to meet the shopping and business service needs of the population as well as provide sites for social activity, libraries and local government services. This plan would require the investment of a minimum of \$20 million.

D. Transportation

The attached comprehensive plan for rapid transit published earlier this year sets forth a clear-cut expansion plan for the city's public transportation system. That this plan will actually be brought into existence is assured with the recent purchase of the entire system from private hands by the Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Association, a city sponsored agency. The purpose of this purchase has been to accomplish new management and development concepts bringing about reduced costs and increased efficiency for the traveling public. The city's capital program reflects a total commitment to improve access through this system to its commercial and industrial centers. The city has also taken the lead in maintaining the commuter railroads at a high level