

to another dilapidated building with 10 little black babies who were innocent, who were unaware of where they were going, or what was happening. We heard of this family and we knocked on their door one Wednesday night; and we went into their home, which was supposed to be a home—it is a hole in the wall. The electric was bad. The gas was bad. The children were crowded into one room. Roaches were from wall to wall. Rats were running around like fish in a pond. This was the home that they had been relocated into by the white power structure, because who was relocating them? The white power structure. We took it upon ourselves to remove this family from that house and put them into one of the city's hotels—the Walt Whitman until we could send the bill to the city. It was from the movement of that family that created the chain of events which evidently led to this meeting today. It is too bad that the Shields' had to be sacrificed, but they were sacrificial lambs. They sacrificed themselves. The children do not know it, perhaps 10 years from now their mother will explain it to them, or perhaps they should read it in a book if you should write a book about the city of Camden.

But before the Shields' could get a home the black people in the city of Camden, along with some white people in the city of Camden had to march down to Northgate One which is a luxury apartment, which is half empty. And it was then and only then, that the Shields' received a home. They were given a choice of three homes, and they accepted one in the section of the city called East Camden. They were to move in this house on Monday morning, but the white racist society that lived in East Camden burned their house down. They burned it down. So we had to go back into the streets and demand that the Shields' receive a home. This time a very beautiful and a very livable home was found for the Shields' and now they are stationed in a home.

About Northgate One, the land which this building was built on was also the land of the poor, the poor people who have to move from their homes in order that this luxurious apartment built for white people, because black poor people cannot afford to pay one hundred some odd dollars a month for apartments. There are people in my city that are struggling to pay \$40 a month for rent.

I do not really know what I can say to you because all the things that I have said have been said many times before by me, by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and by all of the black leaders who are fighting for freedom, justice and equality for black people, even for poor people.

You may be wondering why I use the term "black people" so much. It is because I am a black man and I am concerned about black people. I am very concerned about my people and my people must be free, and you are the ones that can lead them to the road of freedom, because if you as a race of people here in America ever hope to remain free, you must in turn free the Nation's people that are not free. We are not free. We have never been free here in America. We have been slaves and we worked and you did not pay us. We prayed to you and you did not hear our prayers. We begged you and you did not answer. We have fought for you and you ignored us. Now you leave us no alternative but to fight you. We have to fight you, come what may, because we are determined as a people to free ourselves because we know what we