

Panel on Civil Disorders Calls for Drastic Action to Avoid a Two-Society Nation

RIOT GENESIS SEEN IN WHITE RACISM

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 29—The President's National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders gave this warning to Americans tonight: "Our nation is moving toward two societies, one black, one white—separate and unequal."

Unless drastic and costly remedies are begun at once, the commission said, there will be a "continuing polarization of the American community and, ultimately, the destruction of basic democratic values."

The commission said "white racism" was chiefly to blame for the explosive conditions that sparked riots in American cities during the last few summers. But it also warned that a policy of separatism now advocated by many black militants "can only relegate Negroes to a permanently inferior economic state."

As for the civil disorders that ravaged American cities last summer, the commission said they "were not caused by, nor were they the consequences of, any organized plan or 'conspiracy.'"

Broad Proposals

The panel made sweeping recommendations at Federal and local levels in law enforcement, welfare, employment, education and the news media. It made no attempt to put a price tag on these recommendations, but they go far beyond social programs that are now in trouble in Congress because of a tight budget. They would cost many billions of dollars.

Drive for Jobs Asked

The following were among the commission's scores of recommendations for bringing about equality and integration:

¶ A revamping of the welfare system, with the Federal Government assuming a much higher percentage of the cost—up to 90 per cent—and with changes in administration that would help to hold families together.

¶ Immediate action to create 2 million new jobs, 1 million by the state, local and Federal governments and 1 million by private industry.

¶ Federal subsidy of on-the-job training for hard-core unemployed "by contract or by tax credits."

¶ Long-range approach to a "guaranteed minimum income" for all Americans through a "basic allowance" to individuals and families.

¶ Bringing 6 million new and existing dwellings within reach of low and moderate income families in the next five years, starting with 600,000 next year.

"Reaction to last summer's disorders had quickened the movement and deepened the division," the commission said. "Discrimination and segregation have long permeated much of American life; they now threaten the future of every American."

But the movement can be reversed, the commission said.

"The vital needs of the nation must be met," the commission said. "Hard choices must be made, and, if necessary, new taxes enacted."

The report has deep political implications. The commission is advocating that the nation go much further than the President has recommended in seeking new social legislation. It comes at a time, too, when the nation is deeply involved in the