

REMARKS OF SENATOR BOB DOLE
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"THE PROPHET OF PREVENTION"

FELLOW KANSANS...TODAY IS A SPECIAL ONE FOR YOU AND ME, FOR OUR
NEIGHBORS AND FOR ALL PEOPLE EVERYWHERE WHO TAKE A GENEROUS VIEW
OF THE HUMAN RACE - WHO SEE POSSIBILITIES WHERE OTHERS SEE ONLY
PROBLEMS - WHO GLIMPSE POTENTIAL WHERE OTHERS PRESCRIBE PUNISHMENT.
TODAY IS KARL MENNINGER'S NINETIETH BIRTHDAY - AND AS ONE WHO HAS
HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS WITH DR. KARL FOR
SIXTY YEARS ON MY OWN, I CAN'T IMAGINE A BETTER WAY TO SPEND THIS
22ND OF JULY THAN HERE, IN THE COMPANY OF HIS FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS.
OF COURSE, SUCH OCCASIONS DO HAVE THEIR DRAWBACKS. WHEN SOMERSET
MAUGHAM WAS ASKED HOW HE FELT ON HIS OWN NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, HE
REPLIED NOT BAD - CONSIDERING THE ALTERNATIVE. PRESIDENT EISENHOWER

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HAD A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT APPROACH. A REPORTER ONCE ASKED HIM AT A WHITE HOUSE PRESS CONFERENCE IF HE WAS AWARE OF THE FACT THAT ON HIS UPCOMING BIRTHDAY HE WOULD REACH THE MILESTONE OF SEVENTY YEARS - THE OLDEST PRESIDENT EVER TO SERVE IN OFFICE TO THAT TIME.

IKE SMILED AT THIS. "I BELIEVE IT'S A TRADITION IN BASEBALL," HE REPLIED, "THAT WHEN A PITCHER HAS A NO-HITTER GOING FOR HIM, NOBODY REMINDS HIM OF IT."

NINETY YEARS YOUNG

WELL, KARL MENNINGER HAS BEEN PITCHING NO-HIT BALL FOR A LONG WHILE NOW - AND THIS IS ONE GAME WHOSE FANS ARE EAGER TO SEE IN EXTRA INNINGS. IT HAS BEEN SAID THAT YEARS ALONE ARE NO ADEQUATE MEASURE OF THE AGING PROCESS. PEOPLE GROW OLD ONLY BY DESERTING THEIR IDEALS, ONLY AS SELF-INTEREST OR DESPAIR BOW THE HEAD AND WRINKLE THE SOUL. BY THIS OR ANY OTHER STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT, DR. KARL IS THE YOUNGEST MAN IN THIS ROOM. EVEN NOW, AT AN AGE WHEN SOME MEN SURVIVE FROM PILL TO PILL, HE CONTINUES TO WRITE, TO LECTURE, TO ADVISE COLLEAGUES

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AND CHALLENGE CASUAL ASSUMPTIONS WITH THE INTELLECTUAL RIGOR THAT HAS MADE HIM A PIONEER AND PROPHET IN HIS OWN FIELD.

LONG BEFORE I ENTERED THIS WORLD, HE WAS LEADING THE MINDS OF MEN AND WOMEN OUT OF THE DARK AGES INTO THE BRIGHT LIGHT OF SCIENTIFIC INQUIRY. TODAY, ON HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY, THE CANDLE HE LIT HERE AT THE VILLAGES CASTS A GLOW REACHING TO WASHINGTON AND BEYOND. HE HAS RAISED HIS VOICE FOR MORE THAN HALF A CENTURY - AND ONLY NOW IS THE POLITICAL PROCESS PREPARED TO LOWER ITS GUARD AND HEED HIS MESSAGE.

FOR ONE THING, GOVERNMENT IS LEARNING TO EMULATE HIS OWN PREFERENCE FOR FRESH IDEAS. THE MAN WE HONOR THIS AFTERNOON MAY HAVE BEEN BORN IN 1893, BUT IN HIS CREATIVE APPROACH TO THE HUMAN MIND, KARL MENNINGER HAS OFTEN SEEMED AHEAD OF HIS TIME. THE RECORD CONFIRMS HIS TASTE FOR INNOVATION. LESS THAN A DECADE AFTER HIS GRADUATION FROM THE HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL, HE PURCHASED A FARM NEAR TOPEKA, WHICH IN MAY, 1925 ADMITTED ITS FIRST PATIENT TO THE MENNINGER SANITARIUM. LATER CAME THE MENNINGER FOUNDATION, THE TOPEKA SCHOOL FOR PSYCHOANALYSIS,

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AND A SCHOOL OF PSYCHIATRY WHICH WAS SOON TRAINING NEARLY A TENTH OF AMERICA'S PRACTICING PSYCHIATRISTS. HE WAS NOT YET FORTY WHEN HE PUBLISHED HIS LANDMARK VOLUME THE HUMAN MIND, WHICH TRANSLATED THE JARGON OF SCIENCE INTO LANGUAGE ACCESSIBLE TO THE LAYMAN. IN ITS PAGES, MENTAL ILLNESS COULD BE TREATED AND CURED. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, DR. KARL GUIDED US THROUGH THE LABYRINTH OF HUMAN THOUGHT AND MOTIVATION. HE HAS THROWN LIGHT ON THE DARK CORNERS AND GIVEN HOPE TO THOSE ANXIOUS TO ESCAPE THEIR OWN IMPRISONMENT. EQUALLY IMPORTANT, HE HAS NEVER CONTENTED HIMSELF WITH THE SCIENTIFIC CLOISTER OR REMOTE LAB. HIS CLASSROOM HAS BEEN SOCIETY ITSELF, AND HIS STUDENTS HAVE BEEN POLITICIANS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC, AS WELL AS FELLOW PROFESSIONALS.

MOST OF ALL, DR. KARL HAS FOCUSED HIS ATTENTION ON THOSE WHOSE MINDS AND MANNERS ARE NOT YET FULLY SHAPED. SAMUEL JOHNSON ONCE WROTE THAT IT WAS THE INEVITABLE LOT OF THE ELDERLY TO COMPLAIN ABOUT THE YOUNG, TO FIND DEPRAVITY AND INSOLENCE IN THE RISING

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GENERATION. KARL MENNINGER HAS NEVER LIVED BOUNDED BY SUCH RULES, HAVING EDUCATED US TO THE FACT THAT MENTAL ILLNESS COULD BE CURED, ~~HERE AT THE VILLAGES~~, HE HAS TAUGHT US FOR NEARLY TWENTY YEARS THAT ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOR CAN BE PREVENTED. IN A VERY REAL AND COMPELLING SENSE, HE REMAINS TODAY WHAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN - A PROPHET OF PREVENTION.

"OUR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION"

OF ALL HER NATURAL RESOURCES, AMERICA'S CHILDREN ARE THE MOST PRECIOUS. IF YOU SEEK A DEFINITION OF CHILDHOOD'S WHIMSY, YOU MIGHT TURN TO ANOTHER MIDWESTERNER, WHO ALSO REACHED HIS NINETIETH BIRTHDAY AND WHO SIMILARLY ENRICHED AMERICAN LIFE THROUGH HIS HUMANITARIAN INSTINCTS. ALONG WITH HIS SISTER, HERBERT HOOVER ONCE WROTE, "THE BOY IS OUR MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSION. HE STRAINS OUR NERVES, YET HE IS A COMPLEX OF CELLS TEEMING WITH AFFECTION. HE IS A PERIODIC NUISANCE, YET HE IS A JOY FOREVER. HE IS A PART-TIME INCARNATION OF

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DESTRUCTION, YET HE RADIATES SUNLIGHT TO ALL THE WORLD...HE IS AN ILLUMINATED INTERROGATION POINT, YET HE IS THE MOST ENTERTAINING ANIMAL THAT IS."

HOOVER SPOKE HIS WORDS IN AN APPEAL FOR THE BOYS CLUBS, HIS OWN PROPOSED SOLUTION TO THE DANGERS OF MODERN URBAN BOYHOODS, WHERE PRAIRIE SOD HAD GIVEN WAY TO CEMENT PAVING, AND THE OUTLETS OF AGGRESSION AND CURIOSITY OPEN TO EARLIER GENERATIONS OF BOYS HAD BEEN LARGELY CLOSED OFF, OR CONVERTED INTO BACK ALLEYS AND FIRE ESCAPES. THE NUMBER OF BOYS PER ACRE HAS VASTLY INCREASED IN ^{OR} KARL ^{IS} ~~MENTINER'S~~ NINETY YEARS. AND WHIMSY HAS GIVEN WAY IN MANY CORNERS OF THIS COUNTRY TO DANGER, TO VIOLENCE, TO PHYSICAL ASSAULT OR EMOTIONAL EMPTINESS.

OUR PHYSICAL HEALTH HAS NEVER BEEN BETTER. TODAY, 75% OF ALL DEATHS IN AMERICA ARE DUE TO DEGENERATIVE ILLNESSES LIKE HEART DISEASE, STROKE, OR CANCER. FROM AGE ONE UP TO THE EARLY FORTIES, THE LEADING CAUSE OF DEATH IS NOT DISEASE AT ALL, BUT ACCIDENTS. PUT THIS IN

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HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, AND YOU CAN SEE HOW FAR WE'VE ADVANCED
SINCE THE DAYS OF ^{Don's} KARL MENNINGER'S BOYHOOD: IN 1900, THE DEATH
RATE FOR AMERICANS WAS 17 PER 1,000. TODAY, IT IS LESS THAN HALF
THAT FIGURE. HAD MORTALITY RATES PREVAILING BACK THEN CONTINUED
INTO OUR OWN ERA, THIS YEAR ALONE WE WOULD LOSE NEARLY 400,000
AMERICANS TO TUBERCULOSIS...80,000 MORE TO DIPHTHERIA AND 55,000
TO POLIO. INSTEAD, ALL THREE DISEASES WILL CLAIM FEWER THAN 10,000
LIVES.

A CHILD BORN IN 1900 COULD EXPECT TO LIVE TO THE RIPE OLD AGE
OF 47; TODAY'S CHILD, BY CONTRAST, CAN REASONABLY COUNT ON 73 YEARS
OF LIFE. AND NOT ONLY THE QUANTITY BUT THE QUALITY OF THAT LIFE HAS
IMPROVED. IN RECENT YEARS WE HAVE CUT IN HALF THE MORTALITY RATE FOR
CHILDREN UNDER FOURTEEN. SINCE THE MID-1960'S, WE'VE SEEN DEATHS DUE
TO HEART DISEASE IN THIS COUNTRY DECLINE BY ONE-FOURTH. IN THE LAST
DECADE ALONE, WE MANAGED TO ADD NEARLY THREE YEARS TO THE AVERAGE
LIFESPAN.

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PREVENTION'S GREATEST ADVOCATE

THERE ARE MANY REASONS BEHIND SUCH IMPRESSIVE STRIDES. UN-
DOUBTEDLY THE GREATEST IS A WORD THAT, ^{Dr.} KARL ~~MENTINGER~~ HAS ALL BUT
PATENTED OVER THE YEARS. THAT WORD IS PREVENTION. THROUGH RESEARCH,
BOTH PRIVATE AND PUBLIC, WE HAVE ADDED TO THE STOREHOUSE OF KNOWLEDGE.
WE HAVE USED OUR KNOWLEDGE TO PRACTICAL BENEFIT, IMPROVING SANITATION,
HOUSING, NUTRITION AND IMMUNIZATION. WE HAVE ENCOURAGED A PUBLIC
AWARENESS THAT INDIVIDUAL LIFESTYLES DETERMINE INDIVIDUAL LIFESPANS.

AT THE SAME TIME, GOVERNMENT HAS ENTERED THE HEALTH ARENA,
DRAGGING A LONG ARRAY OF DOLLAR SIGNS IN ITS WAKE. BETWEEN 1960
AND 1983, AMERICANS SAW SPENDING FOR HEALTH CARE GO FROM \$27 BILLION
TO \$322 BILLION. TODAY, NEARLY ELEVEN CENTS OF EVERY FEDERAL DOLLAR -
THAT IS, EVERY TAXPAYER'S DOLLAR - GOES TO SOME FORM OF HEALTH-RELATED
EXPENSE. THAT'S AN INCREASE OF OVER 1100% SINCE DWIGHT EISENHOWER
CELEBRATED HIS 70TH BIRTHDAY. BUT GOVERNMENT DOESN'T ALWAYS SHARE
^{Dr.} KARL ^s ~~MENTINGER~~'S EMPHASIS ON PREVENTING ILL HEALTH. INSTEAD, MUCH

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OF THE MONEY ALLOCATED FROM PUBLIC FUNDS HAS BEEN SPENT ON THE TREATMENT OF DISEASE AND DISABILITY. WE HAVE REACTED TO SICKNESS RATHER THAN ANTICIPATED IT - AND THE RESULTING EPIDEMIC OF NUMBERS MAKES FOR SOBERING READING. FOR INSTANCE...

*12 OTHER NATIONS DO BETTER THAN THE UNITED STATES IN PREVENTING CANCER-RELATED DEATHS.

*26 OTHERS HAVE A LOWER DEATH RATE FROM CIRCULATORY DISEASE.

*11 OTHERS DO A BETTER JOB OF KEEPING BABIES ALIVE TO SEE THEIR FIRST BIRTHDAY.

*14 OTHERS HAVE A HIGHER LEVEL OF LIFE EXPECTANCY FOR MEN;
6 OTHERS CAN CLAIM A LONGER LIFESPAN FOR WOMEN.

FORTUNATELY, THERE ARE ENCOURAGING SIGNS OF CHANGE ALL AROUND US. AMERICANS ARE PAYING MORE ATTENTION THAN EVER BEFORE TO EXERCISE, DIET, NUTRITION, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY. THEY ARE BEGINNING TO GRASP THE VITAL LINKAGE BETWEEN PERSONAL BEHAVIOR AND THE PREVENTION OF CRIPPLING OR FATAL DISEASES. EVEN DEGENERATIVE

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DISEASES ARE COMING TO BE SEEN AS PREVENTABLE. AS A RESULT, WE OCCUPY A THRESHOLD IN TIME AND THOUGHT. BUT FAR MORE IS INVOLVED THAN MEDICAL THEORY. FOR, WITH THE GROWTH OF GOVERNMENT'S ROLE IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND SOCIAL PLANNING, WE HAVE WITNESSED A CENTRALIZATION OF AUTHORITY AS WELL AS DOLLARS. WE HAVE TOLD OURSELVES THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT SOMEHOW FIND THE RESOURCES TO ABOLISH SICKNESS AS WELL AS POVERTY - AND THAT ONLY SOLUTIONS CONCEIVED IN THE FORUMS OF PUBLIC POLICY COULD BE LEGITIMATE. AND YET THE POLITICAL PROCESS IS EVEN LESS SUITED THAN MOST INDIVIDUALS TO ANTICIPATE FUTURE NEEDS OR INNOVATE PRESENT SOLUTIONS. GOVERNMENT DOES NOT HOLD TO PREVENTIVE THEORIES; GOVERNMENT REACTS. AND SO WE CANNOT LEAVE TO GOVERNMENT ALONE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO ASK OR ANSWER SUCH QUESTIONS AS [REDACTED] WHAT SHALL OUR HEALTH GOALS BE - AND WHO CAN BEST HELP US ACHIEVE THEM? HOW CAN WE ADAPT THE PREVENTIVE THEORIES THAT HAVE SO DRAMATICALLY

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LESSENERD THE SCOURGE OF PHYSICAL ILLNESS TO THE LESS EVIDENT ISSUES OF LIFE'S QUALITY? HAVING EXTENDED THE LIVES OF MOST AMERICANS, HOW CAN WE NOW EXPAND THEIR RANGE OF OPPORTUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE OPEN TO OUR CHILDREN?

THE RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN SUCH QUESTIONS ARE COMPLEX. THEY ARE NO MORE LIKELY THAN DISEASE ITSELF TO YIELD TO A SLOGAN - OR A GOVERNMENT PROGRAM. MONEY ALONE IS NOT THE ANSWER. FOR MONEY CAN HELP THE SCIENTISTS. BUT IT CANNOT SUPPLANT THEM. IT CANNOT IMPLANT HEALTHFUL ATTITUDES IN THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT CANNOT BRING HOPE TO A CHILD'S VISION, NOR CONSOLE HIM FOR THE LOSS OF A COHESIVE FAMILY. IN THE LAST GENERATION, WE HAVE TRIED TO SPEND OUR WAY OUT OF POVERTY. WE HAVE DECLARED MORE THAN ONE WAR ON CRIME. AND ALWAYS WE HAVE BEEN FRUSTRATED. THE REASONS ARE PAINFULLY CLEAR. A MARSHALL PLAN MIGHT RESTORE A SHATTERED ECONOMY. AN APOLLO PROGRAM MIGHT LAND A MAN ON THE MOON. BUT NEITHER COULD RESTORE A SHATTERED SPIRIT, OR REPLACE THE FAMILY UNIT AS THE BRICKS AND

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MORTAR ON WHICH ANY SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY RESTS. DR. KARL HAS UNDERSTOOD THIS PERHAPS BETTER THAN ANYONE ELSE - AND IT MUST BE A CAUSE OF REAL JOY FOR HIM ON THIS 90TH BIRTHDAY TO KNOW THAT WASHINGTON TOO IS BEGINNING TO SHARE HIS WISDOM.

FIGHTING CRIME - HELPING CHILDREN

LET ME PROVIDE YOU WITH A SPECIFIC CASE OF WHAT I MEAN. ONE OF DR. KARL'S GREAT ACCOMPLISHMENTS HAS BEEN HIS PERCEPTION THAT CRIME, LIKE ILLNESS, MUST BE ADDRESSED PREVENTIVELY. FOR CRIME TOO IS A FORM OF SICKNESS, WHICH DRAINS SOCIETY'S RESOURCES AND TEARS THE SOCIAL FABRIC. AS AN EARLY ADVOCATE OF REHABILITATION FOR CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, HE WENT AGAINST THE GRAIN. BUT HERE AS ELSEWHERE, THE MAN WHO SWAM UPSTREAM EVENTUALLY HELPED DICTATE THE RIVER'S COURSE.

QUITE SIMPLY, DR. KARL WARNS US THAT ABUSED CHILDREN CAN BECOME ABUSIVE ADULTS. WITHOUT AN ALTERNATIVE FOR DEVELOPMENT,

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THEY CAN EVEN BECOME CRIMINALS. AS HE HIMSELF HAS PUT IT, "NEARLY EVERY INMATE I EVER INTERVIEWED HAD BEEN BEATEN AS A CHILD. WE SHOULD EXPECT SOME DIRECT KIND OF RETALIATION." THE COST OF THAT RETALIATION IS HIGH; CURRENT ESTIMATES HAVE IT THAT PERHAPS A THIRD OF ALL VIOLENT CRIME IN THIS COUNTRY IS COMMITTED BY PERSONS UNDER THE AGE OF EIGHTEEN. THERE ARE MANY FACTORS AT WORK TO MAKE THIS SO; A CHANGING ECONOMY, RISING DIVORCE RATE, EDUCATIONAL FAILINGS, AND PLAIN DEMOGRAPHICS ARE ALL INVOLVED TO SOME DEGREE. WITH THE BABY BOOM LAUNCHED AFTER WORLD WAR II CAME AN INCREASE IN CRIME RATES.

AND THOSE WHO FIND SOLACE IN THE FACT THAT MOST OF THOSE BORN DURING THE FIFTEEN YEARS AFTER 1945 ARE NOW PAST THE AGE WHERE AN OFFENDER IS LIKELY TO COMMIT CRIMINAL ACTS HAD BETTER TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT THE STATISTICS. BECAUSE THEY TELL US THAT A NEW SURGE IN THE BIRTHRATE IS OCCURRING, ONE WHICH, IF UNADDRESSED, MAY LEAD TO YET ANOTHER EXPLOSION IN LAWLESSNESS.

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DR. KARL PROPOSES SOMETHING BETTER - A PREVENTIVE APPROACH
TO YOUTHFUL CRIME.

IT
[REDACTED] REPRESENT^S THE LOGICAL END-PRODUCT OF A LIFETIME
VIEW THAT CRIME CAN BE ATTACKED THROUGH MEANS OTHER THAN
INCARCERATION. MOREOVER, AT A TIME WHEN RISING CRIME RATES GIVE
VOICE TO CALLS FOR TOUGHER SENTENCING, ELIMINATION OF PROBATION AND
PAROLE FOR VIOLENT OFFENDERS, AND OTHER REFORMS IN THE CRIMINAL
JUSTICE SYSTEM, DR. KARL
[REDACTED] OFFER^S ANOTHER APPROACH - ONE THAT
SEEKS TO INSTILL RESPECT FOR HUMAN LIFE AND HUMAN VALUES SHORT OF
THE JAIL CELL.

THE VILLAGES - A RESCUE FOR CHILDREN
DR. KARL BELIEVES
[REDACTED] CHILDREN WITHOUT FAMILIES OR POSITIVE
MODELS FOR DEVELOPMENT ARE GIVEN BOTH. THEY ARE PROTECTED, NOT
PATRONIZED. EACH HOUSE IS RUN LIKE ANY HOME WITH A LARGE NUMBER
OF CHILDREN, WITH HOUSE PARENTS AND AN ATMOSPHERE OF DISCIPLINE

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MATCHED BY GENUINE LOVE. MOST OF THE FOSTER CHILDREN HERE ARE
CLASSED AS "STATUS OFFENDERS" OR WARDS OF THE COURT FOR DEEDS
THAT WOULD NOT WARRANT LEGAL ACTION IF THEY WERE ADULTS. THEIR
RANKS INCLUDE TRUANTS, RUNAWAYS, SEXUALLY ACTIVE ^{CHILDREN} [REDACTED] AND
CHILDREN ORPHANED, ABUSED OR ABANDONED. MANY HAVE A BROTHER OR
SISTER LIVING WITH THEM. NEARLY ALL HAVE SURVIVED A GAUNTLET
LINE OF FOSTER PARENTS, PSYCHIATRIC CENTERS OR DETENTION HOMES,
WITH AN AVERAGE OF SEVEN PREVIOUS PLACEMENTS. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

WHEN THEY ARRIVE, THEY ARE PROVIDED WITH THE VERY STABILITY SO
LACKING IN THEIR PREVIOUS LIVES. THEY ARE ACCORDED THE INDIVIDUALIZED
CARE WE ASSOCIATE WITH AN IDEAL HOME SETTING. THEY ARE INCLUDED IN
A WIDE CIRCLE OF ACTIVITIES; FROM HERE THEY CAN ATTEND PUBLIC SCHOOLS,
THEY ATTEND CHURCH; THEY DELIGHT IN VACATIONS WITH THEIR FOSTER

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FAMILIES. THEY CAN ENJOY HIGH QUALITY STAFF AND SUPPORT SERVICES
THAT DISTINGUISH ^{THESE HOMES} [REDACTED] FROM MOST TRADITIONAL PLACEMENT
ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING SPECIAL ATTENTION BY TUTORS, CAREER
ADVISERS, OR PSYCHIATRISTS. IN SHORT, ^{THESE HOMES} [REDACTED] REPLACE THE
CYNICAL, EVEN DANGEROUS WAREHOUSES OF THE PAST WITH AN AUTHENTIC
FAMILY. THROUGHOUT IT ALL, THEIR RESIDENTS TASTE THE PREVENTIVE
CONCEPTS PIONEERED IN BY DR. KARL.

AS USUAL, HE PUT IT BEST HIMSELF. "CHILDREN WITHOUT LOVE OR
FAITH OR HOPE," HE HAS WRITTEN, "GROW UP TO BE OUR VAGRANTS,
DELINQUENTS, AND MENTALLY ILL. RESCUED CHILDREN CAN HELP SAVE
OUR WORLD. IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT LARGE-SCALE PREVENTION OF
DELINQUENCY AND CRIME, IS IT NOT OBVIOUS AND IMPERATIVE THAT WE
GREATLY MULTIPLY OUR EFFORTS TO RESCUE THESE CHILDREN BEFORE THEY
ARE RUINED?"

SOCIETY CAN HAVE NO HIGHER GOAL. BUT FIRST WE MUST ASK
OURSELVES: WHAT DOES RUIN A CHILD? THE LACK OF FAMILY SECURITY,

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FOR ONE THING, THE LACK OF REGULAR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, FOR ANOTHER, STILL MORE OF THE RESPONSIBILITY LIES WITH PARENTS WHO NEGLECT THEIR CHILDREN'S WELLBEING. FOR IT IS THEY WHO ARE A CHILD'S EARLIEST AND MOST INFLUENTIAL TEACHERS. THE VALUES THEY EMBODY AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT THEY PROVIDE WILL NURTURE OR STARVE A CHILD FOR LIFE. WE CANNOT EXPECT OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM TO BECOME SUBSTITUTE CHILD CARE CENTERS, TO TEACH ALGEBRA AND MOULD CHARACTER SIMULTANEOUSLY AND WITHOUT ANY ASSISTANCE FROM THE HOME. NOR CAN WE BELIEVE THAT EITHER OUR SCHOOLS OR A CONCERNED GOVERNMENT CAN BY THEMSELVES INSTRUCT THE BASICS OF CITIZENSHIP AND SOCIAL BEHAVIOR IF THE SEEDS OF SOCIAL INTEGRATION ARE NOT FIRST PLANTED IN THE FAMILY AND COMMUNITY.

AND YET, EVEN THOUGH THE FORMAL INSTRUMENTS OF SOCIETY ARE ILL-EQUIPPED TO PREVENT SUCH HUMAN WASTAGE, WE ALL BEAR THE FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL BURDEN THAT RESULTS FROM OUR NEGLECT AND OUR NAIVE CONVICTION THAT THE POLITICAL PROCESS HAS A SOLUTION

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UP ITS SLEEVE.

THE COSTS OF FAILING TO DEAL WITH THE BREAKDOWN IN SOCIAL VALUES ARE FRIGHTENING. EVEN AS I SPEAK, THERE ARE MORE THAN 400,000 AMERICANS LOCKED AWAY BEHIND PRISON BARS - A NUMBER SWELLED SOME 55% IN LESS THAN TEN YEARS. AUTHORITIES IN AT LEAST 36 STATES ARE UNDER PRESSURE - OFTEN BY COURT ORDER - TO EASE CONDITIONS OF OVERCROWDING IN THEIR PRISONS. OVER HALF THE NATION'S CORRECTIONAL SYSTEMS HAVE SEEN AT LEAST ONE FACILITY DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL BY FEDERAL COURTS BECAUSE OF ABHORRENT CONDITIONS. AND SO WE ASK OURSELVES ANOTHER QUESTION: ARE WE CONTENT TO ALLOCATE MORE AND MORE OF OUR WEALTH TO BUILDING PRISONS - OR WILL WE INVEST SOME OF THAT WEALTH AND STILL MORE OF OUR IMAGINATION IN SAVING CHILDREN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE? HOW DO WE ACCOMPLISH SUCH AN IMMENSE SALVAGE OPERATION?

SURELY ONE ANSWER IS TO BE FOUND HERE, IN THE PREVENTIVE

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DR. KARL.

EXPERIENCES OF [REDACTED] HERE, FAR FROM THE HALLS OF CONGRESS OR THE BUREAUCRATIC ENCLAVES OF WASHINGTON, YOUNG PEOPLE IN TROUBLE ARE TAUGHT TO LIVE AND TO LOVE, TO PRODUCE AND TO GROW IN THEIR OWN INDIVIDUALITY. HERE THEY ARE TREATED AS HUMAN BEINGS, NOT FACELESS NUMBERS CHOKED OUT BY A GOVERNMENT COMPUTER OR TOTED UP IN SOME ACADEMIC STUDY. AND OTHERS ARE WATCHING CLOSELY. ALREADY, PREVENTIVE TREATMENT PROGRAMS FOR THE YOUNG ARE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED IN OVER 30 STATES. FROM IN-HOME COUNSELING TO FOSTER CARE PLACEMENT, THE TREND IS FLOWING DR. KARL'S WAY.

PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS FOR CHILDREN

WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE? WHAT SIGNPOSTS EXIST TO GUIDE OUR COURSE. AND WHO CAN WE CALL UPON TO MAKE THE JOURNEY WITH US? THESE QUESTIONS WILL ALSO DEMAND GRASSROOTS ANSWERS. THEY WILL DEMAND EQUAL IMAGINATION AND CREATIVITY FROM ALL OF US - FROM BUSINESSES AND INDIVIDUALS AS WELL AS GOVERNMENT AND THE MEDICAL COMMUNITY.

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MUCH HAS BEEN MADE OF A SO-CALLED CONSERVATIVE REVOLUTION IN WASHINGTON, OF BUDGET CUTS THAT AREN'T REALLY CUTS AT ALL AND A RETRENCHING OF PRIORITIES THAT SHOULD NOT BE CONFUSED WITH RETREAT FROM SOCIAL COMMITMENTS. IN FACT, THIS PRESIDENT AND THIS CONGRESS ARE RENEWING THOSE COMMITMENTS. BUT THEY ARE LISTENING AS WELL AS SPEAKING OUT. AND THEY ARE YIELDING TO LOCAL AND INDIVIDUAL EXPERTISE IN PLACE OF THE HEAVY-HANDED DICTATION OF PRIOR YEARS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MEMORY, WASHINGTON IS EXPRESSING INTEREST IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE AMERICAN PEOPLE. THIS THEME IS BEING PICKED UP AND AMPLIFIED BY CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS AND INSTITUTIONS.

THE KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND REHABILITATION SERVICES AND THE VILLAGES ITSELF EXEMPLIFIES THE ADVANTAGES OF SUCH PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS. THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS OF THE HOMES ARE PAID FOR WITH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE INDIVIDUALS AND FOUNDATIONS. THE DAILY OPERATING EXPENSES ARE ASSUMED PRIMARILY


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BY THE STATE OR COUNTY THAT REFERS A CHILD HERE. AS A RESULT, IT COSTS LESS THAN HALF THE AMOUNT SPENT PER CHILD PER DAY AT MOST INSTITUTIONS RUN BY PUBLIC AUTHORITIES. UNTIL NOW, THE VILLAGES HAS USED NEITHER FEDERAL REVENUE SHARING NOR UNITED WAY FUNDS. AT THE SAME TIME EACH VILLAGE VOLUNTARILY PAYS LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES. AN ENDOWMENT BUILT UP BY FRIENDLY SUPPORTERS HELPS TO GUARANTEE A CHILD'S CARE, WHATEVER THE ACTION OF HIS REFERRING STATE OR COUNTY. PRIVATE DONORS ALSO CONTRIBUTE TO SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS.

A ROLE FOR WASHINGTON - AND THE FAMILY

WHAT ALL OF THIS ADDS UP TO IS AN ENCOURAGING ALTERNATIVE TO PEOPLE WHO WOULD PREFER THAT WE SIMPLY TURN TO WASHINGTON FOR HELP. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HAS A ROLE TO PLAY. HEADSTART AND OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS CAN AND SHOULD HELP DISADVANTAGED CHILDREN NARROW THE GAP WITH THEIR MORE FORTUNATE PEERS. I HAVE LONG SUPPORTED SUCH EFFORTS, AND I AM DETERMINED THAT THEY NOT SUFFER NOW, WHEN ECONOMY IN GOVERNMENT HAS NEVER BEEN MORE CRITICALLY NEEDED.

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BUT NEITHER HAVE I DELUDED MYSELF INTO BELIEVING THAT ANY FEDERAL PROGRAM CAN TAKE THE PLACE OF A SUPPORTIVE HOMELIFE. A CARING FAMILY, OR A COMMUNITY BRED TO KNOW CHILDREN IN NEED AS ITS OWN SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD DO ALL IN ITS POWER TO CREATE CONDITIONS, BOTH ECONOMICALLY AND SOCIALLY, THAT BLUNT THE RISING DIVORCE RATE, THAT STEM THE INCREASE IN SINGLE-PARENT FAMILIES, THAT TURN DESPERATE ADULTS AGAINST THEIR OWN OFFSPRING OR SIMPLY ALIENATE THEM DUE TO THE PRESSURES OF SELF-SUPPORT OR ECONOMIC HARDSHIP. BUT IT CANNOT REPLACE A DISINTEGRATED FAMILY BY CLAIMING FAMILY STATUS FOR ITSELF. IT CAN PUNISH CRIMINALS BETTER THAN IT PREVENTS CRIME.  AND THAT BRINGS ME TO MY FINAL POINT.

HISTORICALLY, THE AMERICAN REPUBLIC HAS BEEN DECENTRALIZED FOR A REASON. THAT REASON WAS THE NEED FOR EXPERIMENTATION, INNOVATION, AND THE TRIAL AND ERROR THAT STATES AND LOCALITIES HAVE ALWAYS EXCELLED AT. THIS NATION WAS DESIGNED AS A KIND OF INTELLECTUAL HOT HOUSE, WHERE MANY THEORIES COULD TAKE ROOT AND MANY ALTERNATIVES BE TRIED

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OUT. IN AMERICA, PUBLIC POLICY WAS MEANT TO ORIGINATE WITH THE PUBLIC ITSELF. GOVERNMENT CAN TRY TO PLAY THE ROLE OF PARENT, BUT IT CAN HARDLY HOPE TO SUCCEED. HOW MUCH BETTER TO ENCOURAGE THOSE LIKE DR. KARL ^{↑ HIS FOLLOWERS} [REDACTED] WHO ARE EQUIPPED, BOTH EMOTIONALLY AND THROUGH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING, TO PLAY THE ROLE OF GENUINE FAMILY.

THE RESULTS OF THEIR WORK OFFER MORE THAN JUST HOPE. MOST OF THE [REDACTED] CHILDREN GRADUATE FROM HIGH SCHOOL. SOME HAVE COMPLETED COLLEGE STUDIES. A FEW HAVE PURSUED GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING FOR SOCIAL WORK, ART OR MUSIC. ^{FEW} [REDACTED] ARE KNOWN TO HAVE COMMITTED CRIMINAL ACTS. AND ALL CAN ATTRIBUTE AT LEAST PART OF THEIR SUCCESS TO THE SUPPORTIVE FAMILY STRUCTURE CREATED AND MAINTAINED BY THE MAN WHOSE BIRTHDAY WE CELEBRATE THIS AFTERNOON.

"THE UNREASONABLE MAN"

DR. KARL HAS BEEN ACCUSED OF SEEING TOO MUCH GOOD IN THE HUMAN SPECIES. HE HAS MORE ACCURATELY BEEN DESCRIBED AS "A HOPEFUL HUMANIST."

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I HAVE MY OWN DEFINITION OF KARL MENNINGER. IN WORDS FIRST SPOKEN OVER A HALF A CENTURY AGO BY THE GREAT PLAYWRIGHT AND SOCIAL CRITIC GEORGE BERNARD SHAW. "THE REASONABLE MAN ADAPTS HIMSELF TO THE WORLD," WROTE SHAW. "THE UNREASONABLE ONE PERSISTS IN TRYING TO ADAPT THE WORLD TO HIMSELF. THEREFORE ALL PROGRESS DEPENDS ON THE UNREASONABLE MAN."

FOR NINETY YEARS, KARL MENNINGER HAS BEEN UNREASONABLY DOGGED IN HIS PURSUIT OF MEDICAL AND SOCIAL TRUTHS...UNREASONABLY DEDICATED TO CHALLENGING THE STATUS QUO AND DISPROVING INGRAINED CYNICISM... UNREASONABLY GENEROUS WITH HIS TIME AND HIS TALENT. AS A RESULT, HIS OWN PROFESSION HAS BEEN RAISED TO A HIGHER LEVEL. HIS NATIVE STATE HAS BEEN ENDOWED WITH SOME OF HIS OWN REPUTATION FOR INNOVATION TIED TO THE OLD VALUES THAT HOLD A NATION TOGETHER. AND ALL OF US WHO HAVE BEEN FORTUNATE TO STAND IN HIS SHADOW HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED AND INSPIRED TO BE UNREASONABLE IN OUR OWN DEMANDS FOR A SOCIETY THAT CARES ENOUGH ABOUT ITS YOUNG PEOPLE NOT TO LEAVE THEM TO THE AGENTS

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OF A DISTANT GOVERNMENT.

NINETY YEARS IS A LONG TIME FOR ANY MAN TO LIVE. IN DR. KARL'S CASE, IT HAS BEEN A STORY OF ABUNDANT GIFTS GENEROUSLY SHARED, AND OF A VISIONARY MIND STRETCHED IN THE SERVICE OF HIS FELLOW MAN. NO WORDS OF MINE COULD REPAY SUCH A DEBT AS WE OWE, AND SO WE GATHER TO SAY THROUGH OUR PRESENCE WHAT WE CANNOT CONVEY THROUGH WORDS ALONE - THE FEELING SUMMED UP BY THE ANCIENT GREEKS WHO TOLD US THAT ONE MUST WAIT UNTIL THE EVENING TO SEE HOW SPLENDID THE DAY HAS BEEN. DR. KARL - YOUR DAY HAS BEEN - AND REMAINS - SPLENDID INDEED. BECAUSE OF IT, THE DARKNESS HAS BEEN LIFTED FOR ALL OF US. YOU HAVE PROVIDED US WITH AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW. YOU HAVE GIVEN US A STANDARD TO REACH FOR. WITH GOD'S HELP, AND FOR THE SAKE OF OUR PROSTERITY, WE WILL EMBRACE YOUR PREVENTIVE PHILOSOPHY. AND THE GLOW FROM YOUR CANDLE WILL TRULY LIGHT THE WAY.