

IT IS NOT A "WHITE" NEIGHBORHOOD!

It has been contended that Negro occupancy of the Sojourner Truth housing project at Nevada-Fenelon Avenues would involve the injection of a Negro population into an otherwise "white" neighborhood. Examination of the area in question reveals an entirely different picture.

The project is separated from any populated area on the South by the Detroit Terminal Railroad Yards. To the West, at a distance of only four blocks, is Conant Gardens, a thickly settled area in which a large Negro population resides. Conant Gardens is surrounded by an area inhabited by both Negroes and whites. Between the project and Conant Gardens, in an area four blocks long by two blocks wide, there are less than fifty homes. The great majority of these are not substantial dwellings. Many are mere shacks. Most have no basements.

North and East of the project are areas sparsely settled. Many blocks have no houses at all; many have only one or two houses.

Directly across the street from the Sojourner Truth project is the Atkinson School, 46% of the students of which are Negro.

In the entire area, the streets are in the main unpaved.