

for ten years

freedom house

has

failed

TO REACH THE MOON

YET HERE ON EARTH—
IT HAS SUCCEEDED IN
BRINGING PROGRESS,
PRIDE AND HOPE
TO A DRIFTING COMMUNITY

—Tenth Anniversary Report, 1949-1959

We

are all blind until we see

That in the human plan

Nothing is worth the making

If it does not make the man.

Why build these cities glorious

If man unbuilted goes?

In vain we build the work

Unless the builder also grows."

MAKING MAN — Edwin Markham

FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

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Dear Members and Friends of Freedom House:

As I retire from the presidency of the Freedom House Board of Directors, I look back with a great deal of pride at what Freedom House has become since that February evening 10 years ago when Otto Snowden invited a small group of us to his home to talk about what we, as residents of Roxbury, could do to keep our community a desirable one.

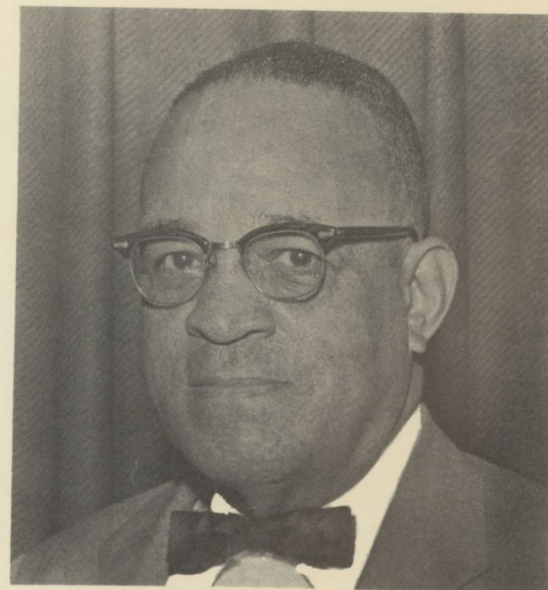
The enthusiasm of the Snowdens was contagious; the plans they suggested made sense. With our eyes fixed on the picture they painted of a community revitalized and people of all racial and religious origins united for the common good, I am sure that none of us gave too much thought to how long or how rocky the road to this goal would be.

At this ten-year point, it gives me a sense of accomplishment--mixed, I must confess, with some amazement--to realize that Freedom House is firmly rooted and bearing the fruit of democracy which nourishes not only those of us who live in this community, but also the city, the state and the nation of which we are a part.

We are deeply pleased to present to you this report of the first decade of our growth.

Sincerely,

David E. Lane
DAVID E. LANE
President



DAVID E. LANE

Charter Member

Treasurer 1952-56

President of the Board 1956-59

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in Memoriam

MICHAEL T.
KELLEHER

January 30, 1897 — October 31, 1958



"Most certainly, in Greater Boston, to everyone from the ticket-taker at Fenway Park to the stateliest downtown bank president, there is only one "Mike" — Michael T. Kelleher . . .

Many of his admirers will tell you that his most unique quality lies in his ability to get along with everyone . . . He does it, they explain, by way of a strict sense of justice, a soft-spoken, friendly manner and an ever-ready willingness to help his fellow-man . . .

Kelleher's great concern is Boston and its future. As godfather to 16 children and trusted confidante of countless young people, he's especially anxious that Greater Boston's youth 'adopt a positive attitude' and a new faith in the future . . ."

BOSTON TRAVELER, May 21, 1953

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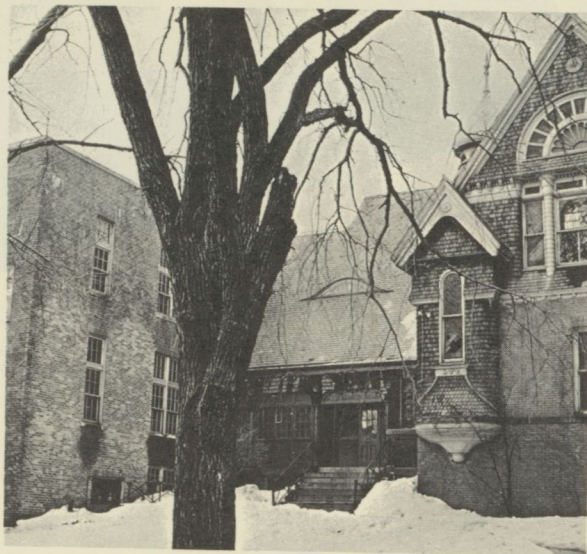
Because "Mike" Kelleher believed

in people, in brotherhood and in Boston, it was probably inevitable that at some point, our paths would cross. In 1951, they did.

Henry Berlin, president of the Converse Rubber Company, another of our devoted friends, suggested: "If anybody can help you with your program, Mike Kelleher can!"

He was right. We told Mike our problem . . . how concerned we were about Roxbury, how we had been struggling out of a tiny office on Humboldt Avenue since 1949, and how much we needed a "home" for Freedom House.

**from
a \$10 a month
office**

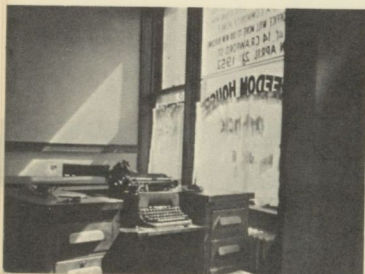


to a \$40,000 Building.



That was enough . . . Mike went to work. "You tell your story," he said, "and I'll get the right people out to hear it." Exercising his rare genius for gathering influential people together, Mike set up a luncheon meeting at the Copley-Plaza on October 30, 1951 with a guest list which read like "Who's Who in Boston." It was these men, among them the most prominent businessmen and philanthropists in the city, who gave Freedom House a tremendous financial boost both by contributing themselves and by helping to raise the funds needed to begin negotiations with the Hebrew Teachers College for the purchase of the building we now occupy at 14 Crawford Street, Roxbury.

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From then on in, Mike was with us. He wrote appeal letters, made phone calls, arranged introductions to potential contributors, cheered us up when we were discouraged, and took part in Freedom House activities.

He could always be counted in . . . especially where kids were involved. He even took time on his precious Sundays to attend our Junior Brotherhood Breakfasts patterned after his own Junior Goodwill Dinner idea.

We think Mike Kelleher would be proud of Freedom House today and pleased with what he helped us to accomplish.

Characteristically, he would never permit us to honor him publicly while he lived. And so, it is fitting, we feel, to dedicate this 10th Anniversary Yearbook to his memory . . . another probably unknown chapter, to be added to the life story of Michael T. Kelleher . . . a man who bestowed his warmth, his sympathy, his friendship so freely that not even he could know how far they reached!



a boundless affection

FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

It takes many people...

The efforts of many people are required to build a dream into a reality. So it has always been; and so it is with Freedom House. First, it was the 17 people who caught the spark. They became the charter members and incorporators:

Charles Anderson
Mrs. Melnea Cass
Mrs. Virginia Cheltenham
Herbert Dowse
Father Richard Early
David E. Lane

Dr. George I. Lythcott
Rev. Otis Mason
Mrs. Lucy Mitchell
Emerson J. Moseley
Elwood S. McKenney

Dr. William B. Price
Lloyd Randolph
Wilfred Scott
Muriel Snowden
Donald Watson
Nelson Woodfork

To them, we add all those who have served on the Board, both present and past.

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Right from the start there were local people



Its scope has broadened since then, but the Clique Club has remained closely affiliated with us. Ever since the building was opened in 1952, it has served as regular meeting headquarters for them and every single member is also a member of Freedom House.

There are over 20 other organizations and groups which, like the Clique Club, use Freedom House for their meetings, rehearsals, and special events.

who rallied to the support of Freedom House. Over 400 persons became sponsors. They endorsed the idea, contributed money, and arranged benefits.

There was, in particular, the Clique Club. Growing out of the keen interest which Virginia Cheltenham, Marguerite Grimes, Eunice Hector, Barbara Jordan, John Brice, and James Guliford had in our program, the group was organized in 1950 specifically to help Freedom House.



*-getting ready for
The Annual Clique Club Benefit Revue*

And throughout Greater Boston, we owe

to many prominent people who in special ways have given

time, money, thought and encouragement...

A DEBT OF GRATITUDE

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LEWIS . WEINSTEIN, Attorney, former president, Board of Trustees,
Hebrew Teachers' College

DR. PAUL DUDLEY WHITE, Noted heart specialist



Left to Right, Seated

Edward J. McCormack, Jr., Muriel Snowden,
Herbert E. Tucker and Morton M. Goldfine.

THEN, IN 1958,

A CAPITAL FUND COMMITTEE

composed of old friends and new, pooled their efforts to help us clear our indebtedness to the patient, long-suffering Board of Trustees of the Hebrew Teachers College . . .

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FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

Plotting the **COURSE**

IN **1949**

Freedom House was incorporated under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

"to provide without duplication of adequate existing services, a program to improve the civic, educational, recreational and general welfare of the entire Upper Roxbury community, the area bounded by Dudley, Seaver, Washington Streets and Blue Hill Avenue."

FREEDOM HOUSE CHARTER
December 16, 1949

IN **1952**

we spelled out our objectives thusly: "... the acquisition of the Crawford Street property represents the culmination of three years' effort on the part of a group of local citizens to bring to their community a new facility through which all interested persons ... may work together on a continuous program of civic betterment."

"Although the building will provide additional meeting space under non-sectarian auspices for local clubs, civic groups, and youth organizations, its

primary purpose is to serve as the focal point for encouraging the growing sense of community responsibility and initiative among Upper Roxbury residents and to provide the base for a close working relationship between this community and the rest of the city in terms of ... general civic improvement."

FREEDOM HOUSE YEARBOOK
1952

IN **1956**

after four years' experience in the building, we phrased it this way: "... we are a voluntary association of people, not a building, and as the Freedom House Civic Center Association, we are people dedicated to these goals:

1. to provide without regard to geographical limitations, opportunities for people of all racial, religious, nationality backgrounds to know, understand and respect one another.
2. to initiate and execute locally, a sound program for the protection, con-

servation and improvement of Upper Roxbury as a good residential community..."

3. to establish and maintain Freedom House as a community civic center where planned programs and activities may be carried on to meet the foregoing objectives."

ANNUAL REPORT
February, 1957

IN **1959**

let us see how far we have come in the implementation of these objectives through a program of PEOPLE TO PEOPLE AND NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

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people

to

people

One of the most troublesome problems in the world today for the foreign ministers on down to the man in the street is how to communicate? how to understand one another? how to cooperate? The answers are not to be found in slogans nor in pat phrases out of books . . . we learn what we live.

FOR THIS REASON, then, we have worked so hard and spent so much time on securing a building and raising the funds to pay for it. Here is a place which belongs equally to all people. Here, we come together freely not only to work out our common problems as citizens, but also to share in the use of the facilities for our varied civic, social and fraternal activities.

Here, too, we take part in programs which bring us closer together as people in a community and closer to other people in the city, the country, and in the world. Today, Freedom House Civic Center is all of this. It is the cultural and civic "heart" of the community with a strong beat that echoes far beyond the geographical confines of Upper Roxbury.



a warm reception for Dr. Martin Luther King of Montgomery, Alabama — April, 1958.

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people

to

people



Grace — before juice and crackers



... sugar 'n spice ...



a good-by gift for teacher ...

SINCE WE ARE NEVER TOO YOUNG TO START learning the lessons of democratic living, the Freedom House Community Play School is a good beginning point.

In operation since the opening of the building in 1952, it has been under the inspired direction of Mrs. Irene Yates.

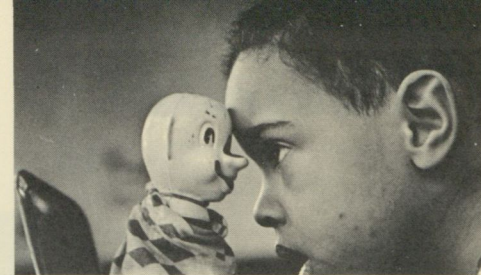
In the bright, big, children's room on the second floor, from 9 to 12, five mornings a week, little children aged 2½ to 5 play, learn and share ...



... reciting for parents is fun ...



... the wonderful world of books.



... a hypnotist — junior grade ...



A winter problem!



sometimes a fellow can use a little help ...

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people

to

people



... Registration ...



... "I think." ...



... to live together in
a democracy ...



.. and what about
rock 'n roll? ...



... looking ahead to
good citizenship ...

Strengthening The Delicate Bond

between youth and adult characterizes the relationship of young people to Freedom House.

From time to time, they use the building for workshops and conferences on subjects of interest to them as future leaders.

Our role: a little gentle assistance in the details of planning, help in securing outstanding adults as consultants and resource persons, suggestions for new areas of experience such as the International Institutes for High School Students of the American Friends Service Committee or the Encampments for Citizenship in New York and California.

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people

to

people



... "two first ladies", Mrs. Foster Furcolo and Mrs. Melnea Cass, Coffee Hour Opening, 1958-59.



... two years in Japan . . Dr. Mary Ellen Goodman 1953.



... racial strife as we have known and lived it in Southern Rhodesia. (Mr. & Mrs. George Grant)

ADULTS JOIN TOGETHER AT FREEDOM HOUSE

... the semi-monthly Coffee Hours to which women from Roxbury and other sections of the city have been coming for seven years. Held on the first and third Tuesday in each month from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m., the Coffee Hour provides an unusual opportunity for those who participate to meet speakers of interest and prominence.

... the International Teas and Special Events which have brought people from all over the world to Freedom House — from Ghana, Nigeria, Sierra Leone, and Southern Rhodesia; from India, Israel, Thailand, and Lebanon. *They* have brought us greater understanding of their culture, their customs, their political beliefs. *We* have helped them realize that "American democracy" is more than just a phrase!



... students from Africa at Boston colleges.

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people

to

people

On The Calendar At Freedom House...

REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR: Auxiliary Police, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Campfire Girls, the Urbanettes, the Clique Club, the Cravats, the B'nai B'rith Girls, the Roxbury Unit of the League of Women Voters, the Choral Guild, Retired Civil Service Employees, the Seven Rings, the Upper Roxbury Youth Development Association, Freedom House Block Groups . . .

RESERVATIONS FOR: District meetings of the Boy Scouts, regional conferences of the NAACP, vocational guidance sessions of the Urban League, special meetings of the Boston Intergroup Relations Council . . .

And "HOLD THE MAIN ROOM" FOR: teas, receptions, luncheons, game nights and benefits . . .



AUXILIARY POLICE OF DIVISION 9

... not only do they meet for instruction, they also have painted, plastered, repaired "their" building, and "passed the hat" after each meeting to buy another folding chair . . .

FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

people

to

people

*Goodbye to
a good
Neighbor*



Oscar Saxe with friends and family at neighborhood gathering in his honor. (L-r) Mrs. Muriel Snowden, of Freedom House; Frank McElroy, National Conference of Christians and Jews; Mrs. Melnea Cass and Mrs. Alice Wheeler, committee; Mr. Saxe; George E. Davis, master of ceremonies; Mrs. Saxe; Melvin and Elaine Saxe, son and daughter; Mrs. Melvin Saxe.

In these troubled days of bitterness, prejudice, and strife, what happened at Freedom House, Roxbury on Sunday afternoon, September 14, 1958, shone like a beacon.

It is a simple story . . .

After working thirty-one years as manager of a neighborhood First National store at 128 Harold Street, Roxbury, the small local merchant reached the point of retirement. As news of Oscar Saxe's retirement spread throughout the neighborhood, people began to say to one another: "What can we do for Oscar?" Quite spontaneously, a plan developed for a farewell testimonial reception for him.

On that Sunday afternoon, over 125 people . . . friends, neighbors, patrons, crowded the main hall of Freedom House to pay honor

to Oscar Saxe and his family and to wish him good health and pleasant days in his retirement. George Davis of 99 Munroe Street acted as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Melnea Cass, presented Oscar with a purse of \$150—contributions from the many neighbors whom he has served so faithfully over the years. Ed Crabtree of First National's public relations department and Frank McElroy, Regional Director of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, extended their congratulations to Oscar.

Mrs. Muriel Snowden presented the Neighborhood Award on behalf of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. It is more than incidental to this story that Oscar Saxe is Jewish and that the neighbors honoring him were Negro. In this Upper Roxbury community love for a good man . . . a friend and neighbor . . . was all that counted.

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people

to

people

Completely captivated by the dynamic charm of honored guest, Jennie Loitman Barron, not one of the hundred women present wanted to leave the Closing Luncheon held by the Freedom House Community Coffee Hour on Saturday, June 13, 1959 as part of the 10th Anniversary Celebration.

Attorney Rowena E. Taylor presented the Freedom House citation which read:



"To the Honorable Jennie Loitman Barron who symbolizes to us the 'successful' woman.

"To her manifold duties as jurist, civic leader, mother, and homemaker, she has brought all the skill, warmth, and good judgment of the intelligent modern woman.

"We commend her on her achievements and for the magnificent example she has set for women everywhere."

FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

neighbor to neighbor

BLIGHT was
an ugly picture
in 1949

And it is our
major community
concern TODAY!

*disease-breeding
filth . . .*



derelicts . . .



self-neglect . . .



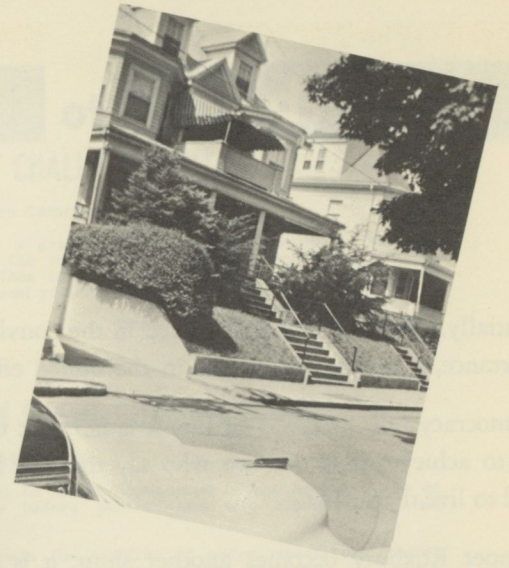
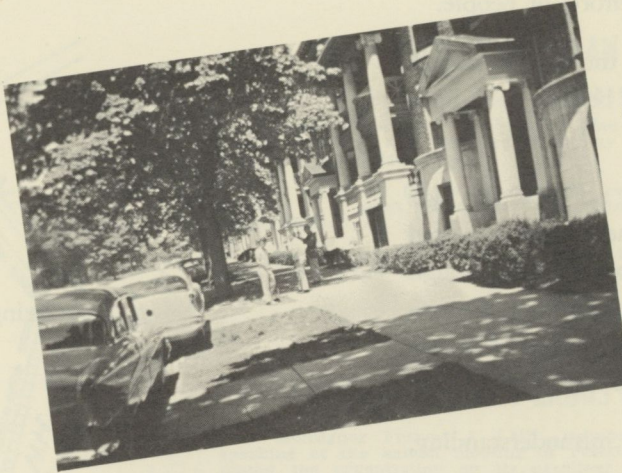
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neighbor

to

neighbor

We took a good look at this which is also Upper
Roxbury . . . and decided that our section of Boston was
worth fighting for.



FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

neighbor to neighbor

Essentially, Freedom House is rooted in the conviction that there is importance, strength, and power in the united efforts of people.

If democracy fails as a way of life, it is not that the ideal is impossible to achieve; it is that we who say that we believe in it have failed to live that belief.

If Upper Roxbury becomes another slum, it is not that this was "inevitable;" it is that the city and we who live here have not cared enough, nor planned enough. We have not worked hard enough for the enforcement of building and zoning regulations, the improvement and beautification of streets, the maintenance of homes and property and the elimination of dirt and crime.

This is not an easy task. It is fraught with misunderstanding, heartache, discouragement and frustration.

But now there is hope. With a two-year grant from the Emil Schwarzhaupt Foundation in 1958, Freedom House was finally able to move into high gear with the long-envisioned program of the organization of Upper Roxbury, block-by-block.

There are over 20 such groups of neighbors — property owners, landlords, tenants, business establishments — working with each other and with city agencies for more adequate services and better community "housekeeping."

... street lights



... resurfacing



... block leaders' conference



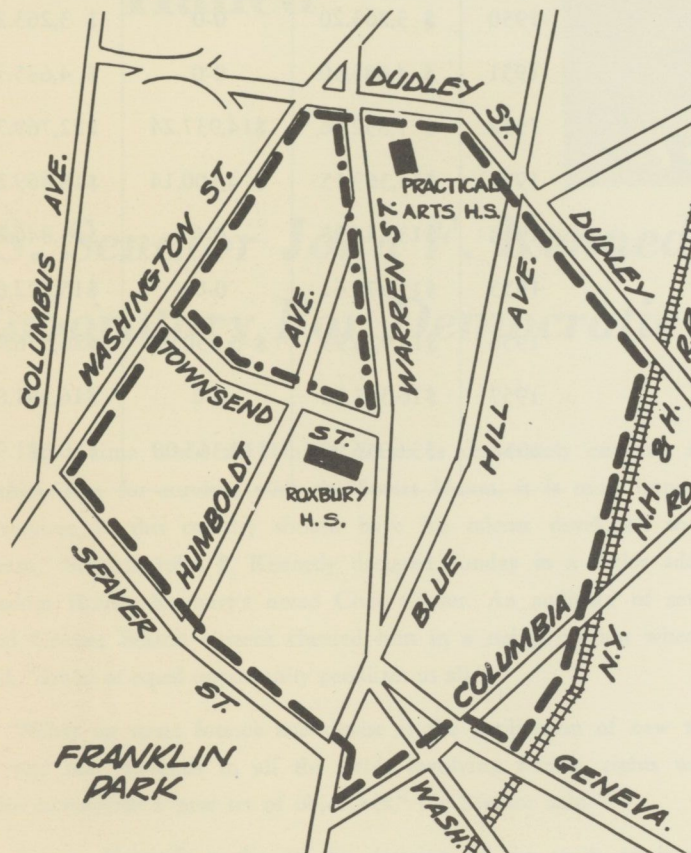
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neighbor

to

neighbor

We in Upper Roxbury are no longer alone in the awareness that this community is vitally important to the City of Boston.



PROPOSED ROXBURY RENEWAL AREA

Problems of Obsolescence . . .

SLUM GRAY BELT CHALLENGES CITIES

by Juan Cameron

Growing slums and obsolescence in a gray belt between the downtown business district and the surrounding suburbs is the most challenging problem facing Boston and 12 other leading American cities. This is the major finding by the Committee on Economic Development in a report released yesterday.

Boston Sunday Herald, Feb. 22, 1959

U. S. MAYORS AIR PLAN TO END ROXBURY BLIGHT

by A. S. Plotkin

Development of a new master plan to check threatened blight in 500 acres of Upper Roxbury was disclosed yesterday before mayors and city officials from all over the United States.

If approved, the program would mean the building of wider streets and better lighting . . . strict enforcement of minimum safety and health standards . . . some "spot" demolition.

Homeowners who until now might have had difficulty getting property improvement loans would then get FHA guarantees on such loans with easy terms.

Boston Daily Globe, Dec. 2, 1958

MONSIGNOR LALLY LAUDS PROGRAM OF BLOCK GROUPS

Monsignor Francis J. Lally, member of the Boston Redevelopment Authority, speaking at the annual meeting of Freedom House Civic Center Association, congratulated the organization on its excellent work and urged it to continue its unique program in Massachusetts of promoting block associations for community conservation and improvement.

Monsignor Lally indicated that Roxbury is under consideration and stated that when the Redevelopment Authority is ready to initiate action, it will go where "citizens are prepared" and where its program will be "welcome."

Roxbury Citizen, June 26, 1958

The City of Boston's long-range urban renewal plans for the Roxbury district moved a big step forward this week with the announcement of plans for a 1000-acre rehabilitation project here.

Improvement and rehabilitation of standing homes and buildings will be the main area of concentration in Roxbury's renewal plans.

"Unless we do it," said Mayor Hynes, "whole sections of our city will be completely gone for anybody to live in."

Roxbury Citizen, March 5, 1959

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It Takes MONEY . . .

Ten years ago, the Freedom House Advisory Committee knew that the success of the organization would depend upon financial stability. Recognizing the truth of the maxim that "you can't sell what you don't buy," each member pledged, according to his ability, to underwrite the expenses of the first six months of operation. The Snowdens were unable to contribute financially, so they volunteered to give their professional services without salary for the first year.

At the end of 1949, our financial statement showed an income of \$718.15.

An uphill struggle all the way, the support has come solely from memberships, contributions, bazaars, benefits and capital fund drives. As Freedom House gained stature and recognition, additional funds began to come from foundations and trusts.

It is good to be able to report at this point that in 1958 — for the first time in the whole 10 years — we ended a fiscal period with no operating deficit! Further, as the result of the capital fund campaigns, we have met all of our capital indebtedness with the exception of a small mortgage and note which, combined, amount to slightly less than \$8000.00. We have even found it possible to make a few necessary capital improvements: repairing the roof, adding new gutters, painting the interior and purchasing office equipment. The newest improvement is the landscaped front lawn with a white picket fence.

Freedom House is beginning to present an appearance in keeping with what it stands for — a symbol of community pride.

**ACTUALLY, these figures
tell a dramatic story . . .**

YEAR	OPERATING	CAPITAL	TOTAL
1949	\$ 718.15	0-0	\$ 718.15
1950	\$ 3,263.20	0-0	\$ 3,263.20
1951	\$ 4,685.30	0-0	\$ 4,685.30
1952	\$ 7,832.46	\$14,937.24	\$22,769.79
1953	\$14,369.15	\$ 4,100.14	\$18,469.29
1954	\$13,846.28	0-0	\$13,846.28
1955	\$15,272.61	0-0	\$15,272.61
1956	\$14,926.93	\$ 5,650.00	\$20,576.93
1957	\$16,591.84	0-0	\$16,591.84
1958	\$31,956.99	\$18,365.00	\$50,321.99

FREEDOM HOUSE—THE HEART OF A COMMUNITY

Community Effort Hailed



U.S. Senator John F. Kennedy Lauds Freedom House As “Laboratory For Democratic Living” . . .

“At a time when the United States is desperately engaged in a competitive race for survival with the Soviet Union, it is most important that everyone in this country should have his talents developed to the maximum,” Senator John F. Kennedy declared Sunday in a major address at Freedom House, Roxbury’s noted Civic Center. An audience of several hundred Greater Boston citizens cheered him in a rising ovation when he asserted, “denial of equal opportunity penalizes us all.”

“What we must foresee and devise is the application of new techniques and new methods in all the fields involving human rights which will best accomplish a new set of objectives,” the Senator said.

Senator Kennedy spoke on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of Freedom House’s non-sectarian, inter-racial service to the Greater Boston

community. He noted that Freedom House’s unique experiment as a laboratory for democratic living has attracted wide notice throughout the country.

Chairman of the meeting was City Councilor Edward J. McCormack, Jr., co-chairman of the Freedom House \$100,000 Capital Gifts Campaign. Also on the speaking program were Herbert E. Tucker, Jr., national president of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a co-chairman of the fund drive; David E. Lane, president of the Freedom House Board, and Mrs. Frances Perkins, a member of the Board. Frank W. Morris, Jr., Chief of Development, Massachusetts Housing Board, headed the reception committee.

A long-time supporter of Freedom House, the Massachusetts Senator spoke of the important efforts of Freedom House in sponsoring programs of urban renewal.

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TODAY'S **PROGRESS** IS TOMORROW'S HISTORY . . .

Nothing is forgotten more quickly than yesterday's birthday as it is caught up in the planning of a bigger and better year.

With today's jet propulsion into space, none of us can afford too long a backward glance at previous accomplishments . . . too much lies ahead.

Yet, it is still important to pause now and then to take a look at the past in order to chart the course for the future.

And so it is with Freedom House. On this 10th Anniversary, we have paused for a moment to look back at what happened in a community because many people believed, cared and worked. It gives us a sense of real confidence in our future which includes:

1. increasing our efforts to expand and strengthen the block association program.
2. developing a neighborhood plan based on a block-by-block inventory of Upper Roxbury's assets and liabilities.
3. assisting in the Boston "roll-back" program by preventing the further spread of blight here.
4. continuing to provide an example of effective citizen interest, support and participation in urban renewal.

It also includes inviting more and more people everywhere to share and grow with us in knowledge and mutual understanding.

And for Freedom House, the building . . .

we hope to obtain the funds:

- to clear the last bit of capital indebtedness.
- to redesign and rebuild the entrance.
- to convert the gym into a much-needed auditorium.
- to modernize and furnish the meeting rooms.

We realize the magnitude of the task ahead, but if we never see the end, it will have been worthwhile beginning.

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Mrs. Ruth Gore <i>Administrative Assistant</i>	Mrs. Hazel Wilson-McCree <i>Coffee Hour Coordinator</i>
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... volunteers:

The college students and high school work campers. We bow deeply to Joe Pineau and the Auxiliary Police with just no words adequate to express our gratitude to Dominic Owens for all the nights he has given to improving the appearance of the building.

... student workers:

Carol Sue Hilton, Bryant Rollins, Richard Segal, Gwendolyn Tucker and Richard Werbner.

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Ed Fitzgerald and Samuel Walker.

We are indeed grateful to every person who has played a part in the growth of Freedom House thus far, including those on the pages which follow who made possible the publication of this 10th Anniversary Yearbook.

Greetings from Friends Around the Country...

"I enjoy knowing about some of the many commendable things you do. When the list is compiled of those referred to as "The Salt of the Earth", yours must be in a deserving place near the top . . ."

Dr. F. D. Funderburg
Physician and Surgeon
Monticello, Georgia

"We wish you well on the 10th Anniversary of Freedom House."

Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. Brooke, Sr.
Washington, D. C.

"Best wishes to you and all the members of your dedicated organization . . . I pray God will continue to guide you, lead you and lift you in all comings and goings."

Holly Lockhart
Bernardsville, New Jersey

"Good luck and congratulations!"

Dr. and Mrs. John J. Goldsberry
Worcester, Massachusetts

"Happy to hear the good news about Freedom House. With you pulling as a team, only the best could happen. Our best wishes for many more happy, healthy years."

Kirk and Rosamond Marrow
Newark, New Jersey

"It is good to know that Freedom House Civic Center is growing up and doing very well . . . Keep up the fine work! . . ."

John E. Watts, D.D.S.
Vaux Hall, New Jersey

"Congratulations on your tenth anniversary!"

Morris Milgram, President
Modern Community Developers, Inc.
84 Nassau Street
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"Keep up the good work and remember you have the well wishes and prayers of your many friends."

Lillian G. Darden
Petersburg, Virginia

"Good luck and best wishes."

James N. Williams, Executive Director
Providence Urban League
Providence, Rhode Island

"Ten years for Freedom House is a vast accomplishment! I'm with it heart and soul and only wish my purse were bigger to help its good work. By all means, a happy birthday greeting to it from all of us."

The Gordon Hislops
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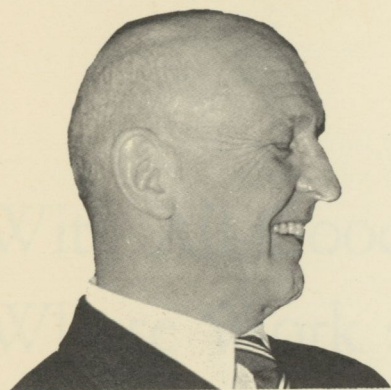
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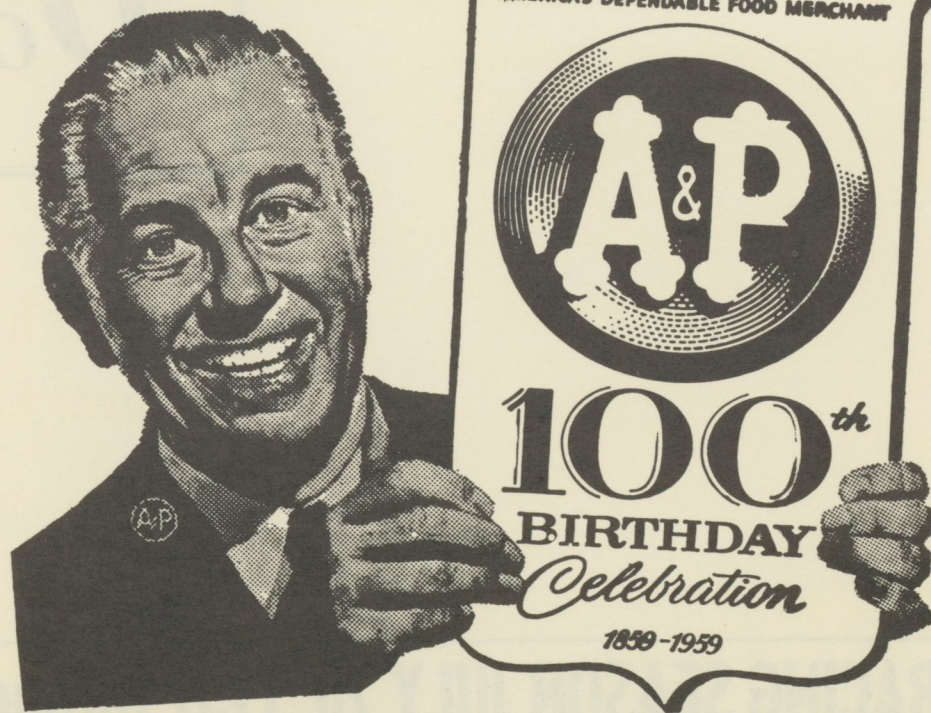
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