

*greatly increased by scientific discoveries and it was necessary to see to what constructive task those powers could be directed. Morally and politically it had a marked effect. Six of the eight States which abstained when the Declaration was put to the vote, as against forty-eight for, now refer to the Declaration as if they had voted for it. All other States recently admitted to the United Nations have endorsed the Declaration, even where they have not introduced parts of it into their Constitution...".*

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**Alone in the Crowd**, by A. Querido, *World Health*, Geneva, July-August 1973.

... People who at present call the city un-livable-in are not among the most vulnerable members of the city population, on the contrary they are often very mature persons with a strong sense of identity.

When we observe in what way they try to find a solution for their problem we see that they seek to establish solitude, either within or without the city. Solitude, as opposed to loneliness, solitude which enables the individual to be himself, logically implying relations to others, since without these relations the individual is nothing.

This behaviour of a certain type of modern city dweller seems to underline some fundamental mental hygiene principles. The crowd is deadly—against the crowd only one remedy exists—the consciousness of identity.

Therefore, whatever the authorities do in grappling with the modern city-monster; whatever the planners may dream about the city of the future; whatever the traffic experts may design and the engineers put on their drawing-boards—let there be at the centre of their efforts one purpose: to respect the individual.

Only then can the megalopolis be prevented from becoming a tyrannopolis, as Lewis Mumford said, in which a bright new world of robots can exist in a pseudo-life only.

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