

FACE OF NEW YORK

Charlie is born free in a city of over eight million people. His parents are immigrants from Poland; Charlie is an American. Charlie grows up in an apartment on a big street. The street has many cars, huge trucks, buses and a subway station. He sees many different people and he is astounded at their diversity. He goes to school nearby and he learns about life. He wants to see his world and starts by taking a tour of his own city in pictures, magazines and eventually taking long walks. There are so many buildings and so many people and so very much to learn. Each building, statue and person represents a piece of New York's history, and Charlie's life. He sees the courthouses, taverns and cobblestone streets. He watches the river. He admires his city. When Charlie is tired he goes to his favorite spot and lies down on a patch of grass to watch bicycles race by and see old horse buggies meander past. He sees the zoo.

Charlie grows up. Knowledge is a necessity. How wonderful to go to a museum, a planetarium, and a botanical garden. What a thrill to see preserved antiquities or experience an imaginary trip to the stars and to see the many beautiful plants and flowers which grow on the earth today. The opportunities for acquiring useful knowledge are almost unlimited in this city. Ambition and intellectual curiosity are all one needs to pursue the goal of knowledge. Schools, a great variety of schools, are open to Charlie. He must decide what his interests are and if he meets the requirements of the specialized school, he is accepted and is expected to work to his capacity. Everyone in New York City is given an equal opportunity in education and higher learning. If Charlie

is interested in furthering his education he has many excellent colleges to choose from.

New York State, however, is much more than just New York City. It is a beautiful state. Wooded areas extend for miles and miles. The state is dotted with beaches, lakes, reservoirs and rivers. All these natural resources provide a high standard of living and give much pleasure and recreation to all the people.

Charlie can have hot and cold running water in his home; he can enjoy the swimming and camping available to him and enjoy all the benefits of living in New York.

Charlie grows up and realizes that his state is wonderful for him and he likes his city. He also realizes that people live in poverty and sickness in the heart of his beautiful city. Corruption, delinquency and aggression is present in his city. Charlie wonders what is being done about these things and he agrees and disagrees with the aims of the many boycotts, shut-ins, demonstrations and retaliatory acts!

Charlie decides that New York is a collage composed of colorful people, streets, trees, rivers and automobiles. Each year the State contends with and solves the new problems facing her. Charlie grows with his City and State. He sees the everchanging affects New York and her people have on each other and the rest of the nation.