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Task Force on Local Coalitions

More than 200 representatives from 34 cities in six states attended the Western Regional Mobilization Conference in San Francisco on November 30. The program followed closely the format of the previous conference held in Chicago, with heavy emphasis on how to organize local coalitions.

General session speakers included Bayard Rustin, Executive Director of the A. Philip Randolph Institute, who also served as chairman; Mayor John F. Shelley and Mayor-Elect Joseph Alioto of San Francisco; Francis M. Barnes, Vice President of Crown Zellerbach Corporation; Bishop Donald Harvey Tippet, President of the Council of Bishops of the Methodist Church; Kenneth Wright, Vice President of the Life Insurance Association of America; Mayor Floyd H. Hyde of Fresno; California State Assemblyman John Knox; Robert Reveles, Washington Representative of the National Association for Mexican-American Services; and Auxiliary Bishop-Elect Mark Hurley of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

San Francisco Mayor-Elect Alioto gave the conference a boost by announcing that he intends to appoint committees broadly representative of labor, business, and minority groups to advise him on urban problems. He said he also intends to broaden the coalition of supporters in his recent election to be representative of the entire community. While not specifically labeling this group as an "Urban Coalition," the Mayor-Elect made it plain that he expects it to work toward the same objectives.

"In the past we have been able to successfully organize coalitions for less noble purposes," Alioto said, "and then, but unfortunately, we have let them disband when they had fulfilled a single purpose. We do not intend for this to happen in this case."

An Eastern Regional Mobilization Conference will be held in New York City in early January.

Working Committee Meeting

Minutes of the November 27 meeting of the Working Committee have been mailed to you. You will note from the minutes that much of the discussion centered around plans for the December 18 and January Steering Committee meetings.

Next week you will receive a calendar of scheduled Coalition meetings.