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## **A Guaranteed Job For Everyone Urged By Urban Coalition**

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30 (AP) —The Urban Coalition urged Congress yesterday to guarantee a job for everyone willing and able to work. It said that President Johnson's new job proposals for the poor were only a partial answer to the employment problem.

The coalition is a group of leaders in city governments, business, labor, religion and civil rights. Mayors and representatives from 37 cities attended a coalition session here yesterday.

Alluding to rioting in many American cities, the coalition said in a statement, "The needs are massive and urgent, the hour is late and the times are perilous."

The group said, "Congress must pass legislation in this session to provide Government-generated employment to every citizen able and willing to work but unable to find private employment."

Instead of make-work projects, the coalition said, the Government should guarantee "socially useful jobs, which would provide public services now lacking in hospitals, libraries, recreation programs and other civic services."

President Johnson has proposed that the Government provide more reimbursement of private employers for the added expense of training and employing the hard-core unemployed. He set a goal of 500,000 such jobs.

Leaders of the coalition acknowledged at a news conference that they would have difficulty persuading Congress to enact their proposals.

But Andrew M. Heiskell, chairman of the board of Time, Inc., and co-chairman of the coalition, said, "When the cities blow — if they blow — large sums will be allocated." And he said much of the money then would be wasted because it would be spent in a hurry without adequate preparation.

A relatively small allocation of funds now would be more effective, Mr. Heiskell said.