

FORM COALITION TO AID JOBLESS

Urban Leaders to Act
for Minority Group
Members

NOTE LABOR'S ABSENCE

Group Asks Convocation
of Both Kansas
Cities

An Urban Coalition was formed yesterday of top community leaders to concentrate on programs to provide jobs for unemployed members of minority groups.

The coalition agreed to call a community-wide convocation from the two Kansas Cities to consider the primary goal of finding jobs for the unemployed. Secondary goals to be undertaken later will be to improve housing and education for disadvantaged citizens, most of whom are Negroes.

For Group Here

A group of 18 leaders met yesterday at the invitation of Mayor Ilius W. Davis to form a local group patterned after the national Urban Coalition which held a convocation the last week in August in Washington. It was organized outside federal government sponsorship as a result of citizens concern over urban riots and inequality of opportunity.

At the meeting yesterday at the Hotel President were representatives of local government, top business executives, civil rights groups and the clergy. Absent were labor leaders although five labor leaders were invited to the meeting.

D. Peter Newquist, assistant to the mayor, said he had been told the labor leaders were unable to attend because they were involved in labor negotiations or were out of town.

Bishop Joseph V. Sullivan, auxiliary bishop of the Kansas City-St. Joseph Catholic diocese, said the group would need the support of labor.

4,000 Jobs Hunted By Urban Coalition

Methods of providing jobs for hard-core unemployed will be discussed Oct. 27 at a luncheon-information meeting of Gary's Urban Coalition.

A panel of educators, employment counselors, employers, government officials and civil rights leaders will convene in the Hotel Gary then to search out job problems in Gary.

The Urban Coalition is a federally sponsored group of locally interested citizens organized to coordinate and implement existing and new programs in employment, education, training, housing, reconstruction and equal opportunity.

Mayor A. Martin Katz called for the latest meeting of the group to interest private industry in providing as many as 4,000 jobs for Gary's unemployed.

Attending this conference will be the major employers in the Gary area and representatives from various educational and training groups, and from the employment agencies.

Katz said the obvious real need is to match the requirements of business and industry with available resources and upgrade the full potential of our total manpower resources.

The plans for the conference on employment were outlined by George A. Jedenoff, general superintendent of U.S. Steel's Gary Steel Works, who was named to organize and chair the conference proceedings.

Jedenoff noted that this conference can serve as a real benefit to Gary by bringing together the various groups interested in making the maximum use of the Gary human resources.

The employment phase of the four-point basic principles submitted by the Urban Coalition Steering Committee calls for fair employment; basic training for employees under exist-

ing programs; education plans to assure upward job mobility; re-examination of methods to eliminate any practices that may unnecessarily bar qualified candidates; full cooperation with responsible agencies devoted to the improvement of inter-group relations within the community; and further participation in the Gary community of Plans for Progress under the Committee of Equal Opportunity appointed by President Johnson.

The steering committee submitted this program for the Urban Coalition and is chaired by George R. Coker, executive director of the Urban League of Gary.

Its members include: Joseph Radigan, Republican candidate for mayor; Richard G. Hatcher, Democratic candidate for mayor; L. I. Combs, builder and president of the Gary Chamber of Commerce; Jedenoff; Matthew Glogowski, superintendent, Budd Company; James Breed, manager, NIPSCO; Leo Lewis, manager, Gary-Hobart Water Company; Al Jackson, manager, Illinois Bell Telephone Company; Rev. William Paris; Robert Gordon; Marion O. Mitchell, manager, Sears, Roebuck & Company; Mamon Powers, Powers & Sons Construction Co. Inc. and Walter Ridder, publisher of The Gary Post-Tribune.

Others on the Steering Committee include Curtis Strong; Orval Kincaid, United Steelworkers of America; Donald Belec, school board; Mrs. Bernice Terry; Harold Hagberg, Northwest Indiana Bldg. & Construction Trades Council; Robert Gasser, Gary National Bank; Ray Daly, Bank of Indiana; Reverend S. Walton Cole, president, Council of Churches; Rev. Julius James, president, Gary Human Relations Commission; and Glen Vantrease, city controller.