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NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

California Statewide Coalition

The Mayors of Fresno, Oakland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and Compton -- and representatives of three other California cities -- met at Fresno on March 14 and agreed to launch a statewide urban coalition. It will be the first such organization to be formed.

A statement released by the group invited other Mayors to join in the new undertaking and called for a "comprehensive effort to reorder the priorities by which our State resources are being allocated to the resolution of urban problems."

Christopher Mould, Deputy National Coordinator of the Urban Coalition, met with the group.

Educational Disparities

The Task Force on Educational Disparities met in Washington on March 20. The members recommended to the Steering Committee that the Coalition immediately initiate an effort to prevent cut-backs in federal programs of assistance to education in the current austerity drive.

Local Coalitions

Mayor Alfonso Cervantes of St. Louis, Missouri has informed Chairman Gardner of that city's intention to form an urban coalition. At meetings last week, community representatives of the city of Buffalo, New York decided to launch a coalition immediately and formed an organizing committee for that purpose.

Executive Committee

Attached are the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting which was held on Monday, March 11, 1968.