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# NEWSLETTER

OF THE

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMISSION

ESTABLISHED BY THE MAYOR AND THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN, NOVEMBER, 1966  
1803 CITY HALL, ATLANTA GEORGIA 30303 TELEPHONE 522-4468 EXT. 433

JOB CONFERENCE: October 26, 1967 10 A.M. 12 Noon 2 - 4 P.M. City Hall

To hear from all the segments of the community concerned with employment -- employees looking for workers; those looking for jobs; those giving training for jobs; employment service and labor representatives; public and private agencies with employment programs. If you are interested, contact the CRC office.

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### SOME FACTS ON ATLANTA EMPLOYMENT:

1. Georgia State Employment Service, Atlanta offices in July had 659 job orders (described as a "slack season") and 11,324 active applicants (5,847 females).
2. All EOA Centers referred total of 1,811 clients to Manpower counselors in July.
3. Majority of "hardcore unemployed" interviewed in Labor Department EOA Human Resources Survey, 1966 were Atlanta natives or 10 year residents or more.
4. 1350 Atlanta establishments reported to U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, 1966 employed a total of 103,798 Negroes were 17% of the total employed, 1.8% of the total white collar workers and 4% of the total craftsmen employed. Of the 17,641 Negroes, 5.45% were white collar, 4.7% craftsmen.

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HOUSING MEETINGS: Second Friday each month, 10 A.M., City Hall of Organizations and agencies with programs in housing. Sub-committees on equal housing opportunity, legal housing problems, tenant-landlord relations, and military housing was held on October 13th.

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### SOME FACTS ON ATLANTA HOUSING: From Relocation Study of the Community Improvement Program (CIP) for the City.

1. Displaced by governmental action, 1964 - 27 whites, 1108 non-whites.
2. Relocated in substandard dwellings - 0 whites; non-whites 5.2%
3. Estimated displacement of all urban renewal families as of July, white - 426, non-white - 5,044 (92%)

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OBSERVERS INVITED: Organizations, agencies and individuals in Metro-Atlanta are invited to serve as observers at the Atlanta Community Relations Commission regular monthly meeting (4th Fridays, 1:30 P.M. City Hall) and any special meetings (as called) of the Commission.

Planned but not yet scheduled: Meetings of the CRC with the Atlanta Board of Education and the Board of the Atlanta Housing Authority, also the Office of Economic Opportunity. Dates being arranged.

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EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYMENT CLAUSE FOR CITY CONTRACTS: Will be required under an ordinance passed by the Board of Aldermen on September 18th upon the recommendation of the CRC, Vice-Mayor Sam Massell, the Summit Leadership Conference and others. This is required of Housing Authority contracts, by federal regulations. CRC has recommended that School Board contracts also require it.

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DIXIE HILLS: The CRC Executive Committee met at the Mayor's request to hear from the residents of the area, following the incidents of June 19-21. Reports of the meeting and follow-up reports are available from CRC office.



SCHOOLS: On September 14th the CRC called a special emergency meeting with the Atlanta Board of Education, Superintendent Letson and the representatives of the Atlanta Summit Leadership Conference, to obtain facts about the school situation. (The Commission had met with Dr. Letson on July 12th and asked the School Board for a joint meeting to discuss matters of policy. President Ed Cook of the School Board had agreed to such a meeting, but had not set a time). The School Board had already scheduled a special meeting to discuss a disciplinary matter for September 14th. The Commission met and heard the grievances of parents and organizations and telegraphed another request for a joint meeting with the School Board, stressing the urgency of the situation.

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NEIGHBORHOOD TEAMS & ADVISORY COUNCILS: The original 5 Teams of the Commission members to keep in touch with specific areas have been expanded to 10. Teams and Advisory Councils are being appointed for each. The Teams are for Edgewood-Kirkwood; Summerhill-Peoplestown; Mechanicsville-Pittsburgh; Vine City-Lightning; Northwest-Dixie Hills; Northwest-Perry Homes Area; Boulevard-Parkway; Capitol Avenue and Blair Village-Poole Creek. Any neighborhood or organization can call for a meeting of the Community Relations Commission.

YOUTH MEETING: When much of the nation was trying to keep young people from meeting, the CRC voted to hold a special meeting and invite the young people of Atlanta to the City Hall to give their views on their own problems. On August 9th, more than 150 packed the Aldermanic Chamber and spoke, from all parts of town. The views of all of their problems were pretty well summed up "nothing to do and nowhere to go".

YOUTH CENTER FOR PITTSBURGH AREA: Inspired by what he heard at the Youth Hearing on August 9th, Michael Forkner of the Pittsburgh area went back and hunted up a building which could be used as a youth center. With the help of the EOA Center, community groups and individuals, a place was located which the owner agreed to lease for this purpose. The City Parks and Recreation Department is renovating the building and will staff it, and for the first time the young people of the Pittsburgh area will have a place of their own. Congratulations to all who have worked on this.

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MR. JOSEPH WYANT: Mr. Wyant has been appointed to replace Mr. Al Keuttner who resigned from the Commission when he moved to Los Angeles to join the staff of "Pace". Mr. Keuttner's services as an original member of the Commission was appreciated by all. Dr. Cleveland Dennard, another original member of the Commission who resigned last winter when he left Atlanta to accept appointment by New York City Mayor John Lindsey as Department Commissioner for Human Resources. Dr. Dennard has now become Director of the new Technical Institute of the District of Columbia in Washington. Our congratulations to both.

COMMISSION MEMBER I. M. ALEXANDER, SR. attended the Washington meeting of the newly formed Urban Coalition, the Steering Committee of which includes Mayor Allen.

COMMISSION CHAIRMAN IRVING K. KALER was invited to Dallas, Texas to meet with the Citizens Committee interested in establishing a Community Relations Commission.

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MRS. VELMA STRODE: Mrs. Strode, officer in charge of liaison with local agencies for the Community Relations Service of the U.S. Department of Justice, visited the CRC at our request last month. Mrs. Strode is the sister of the Reverend Homer McKewen, Atlanta pastor, and we want to thank her publicly for her assistance while she was here and at other times.