

## Mini-Meals Eyed For Atlanta Kids

Implementation of a summer feeding program, which will provide mini-meals to an estimated 70,000 Atlanta children before the summer is over, began Monday. M. Agnes Jones Elementary School, located on Fair Street in southwest Atlanta, is one of 12 Atlanta schools selected to serve as a food preparation and distribution point.

The between-meal supplements which will be trucked

twice a day to parks and playlots, will consist of such items as milk, sandwiches, fruits, breads and juice. A number of West End supervised playlots and recreation centers are among the 100 to participate in the program.

Among those already being served in West End are Oakland City East, Howell Park, West End Park, and Community of Hope. More will be added as the program gets into full swing.

Atlanta is one of the first cities in the nation to take advantage of the new feeding program made available by the US Department of Agriculture's "Special Food Service Program for Children." Atlanta's program is reported to be the largest in the nation.

Although USDA provides most of the funds and food for this program, its actual operation is the result of cooperation and hard work by officials of the city, the Atlanta Board of Education, the Atlanta Parks and Recreation Department and Economic Opportunity Atlanta, Inc., said Mike Ray, who is with EOA and is coordinating the summer feeding program.

Ray said that "although the program is ready to go, we are low on supplies of cardboard boxes and sandwich bags." He said he hopes local industries will contribute boxes and sandwich bags. "That way, all of the USDA funds could be spent on food for these needy children," he said.

The Campbell Foundation of Atlanta has already contributed \$10,000 to the summer project to help pay for personnel needed to pre-

pare the mini-meals at the 12 school cafeterias.