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EOA: The Guard Changes

With the departure of Jim Parham, Economic Opportunity Atlanta is losing an effective executive administrator. Parham has accepted a position with the University of Georgia's Institute of Government, where, he says, he can devote his time to "matters of long-time interest, such as child welfare, crime and delinquency and income maintenance for the poor."

EOA's board of directors accepted Parham's resignation "with very deep regret" and commended him for his service "as an able administrator and a sensitive humanist."

They then named William W. Allison to succeed him. The first Negro to head the agency, Allison comes with an impressive list of qualifications, including an M.P.A. degree in urban development and more than 18 months as an assistant professor of city planning at the Georgia Institute of Technology. He has worked with EOA since its inception four years ago.

Allison has vowed to "continue to follow the same general goals that my predecessor has pursued as vigorously." Parham, Allison said, "laid the foundation for real resident involvement."

Some Negro leaders have long sought the top EOA post for one of their own race. The EOA board insists the appointment was made because of Allison's ability—not be-

cause of race—and no doubt it was. Still for the first time, the antipoverty program in Atlanta will be administered by a man from the race most affected by it. We wish him well.

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