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STEERING COMMITTEE

So many of the principals on the Steering Committee encountered unavoidable scheduling problems that it was necessary to postpone the meeting scheduled for December 18 in Detroit. The meeting will be held on January 8 at the Mayflower Hotel in Washington. The new date will permit a broader representation of principals from the various segments making up the Coalition. The Washington location will simplify the administrative aspects of holding this particular meeting, at which the Committee members will be considering details of future organization and programs. A later Steering Committee meeting will be held in Detroit.

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

The Task Force held a highly successful meeting in Atlanta on December 13 for businessmen in the eastern and southern states. More than 200 participants heard hard-hitting and inspiring speeches from Mayor Ivan Allen, Jr. of Atlanta, William Flynn, director of the STEP Program for the National Association of Manufacturers, Dr. Lawrence D. Reddick, executive director of the Opportunities Industrialization Center Institute of Philadelphia, Augustus H. Sterne, president of the Atlanta Chamber of Commerce, and Gerald L. Phillippe, chairman of the board of the General Electric Company and Co-Chairman of the Task Force. At workshop sessions smaller groups exchanged information and discussed solutions to problems.

Mr. Phillippe's excellent address at the luncheon session is being printed and will be mailed to everyone on the Coalition mailing list.

LOCAL COALITIONS

Advance commitments indicate that the regional meeting on organizing local urban coalitions to be held in New York City on January 12 will be well attended. The session will be held at New York University's Loeb Center.

Big news from two of the nation's larger cities: Last week Baltimore held its organizational meeting for a local coalition, and on Thursday Mayor Walter E. Washington announced the formation of a coalition for the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area.

In his announcement, Mayor Washington said citizens have called for a local urban coalition in terms of urgency generated by the August Emergency Convocation. Mayor Washington emphasized that the coalition must have the participation of the Virginia and Maryland suburbs, and said he had already talked to several heads of the neighboring jurisdictions. He set a November 16 organizational meeting.