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NATIONAL COORDINATOR'S WEEKLY REPORT

LOCAL COALITIONS

Mayor Bruno Giordano of Stamford, Connecticut, called a meeting this week of representatives of various segments of the community to form the steering committee of an urban coalition. Task forces were formed for housing, recreation, employment, job training and communications and public support. Charles Ukkerd, manager of community relations for Pitney-Bowes, Inc., is on loan as special aide to the Mayor to assist in the establishment of a coalition.

Mayor Floyd Hyde of Fresno, California, has invited the mayors of major California cities to a meeting on March 15 to discuss the formation of a statewide coalition. The meeting is a follow-up to the resolution passed last year by the California League of Cities calling for the establishment of coalitions in all cities of the state, and a statewide coalition.

SAVINGS INDUSTRY COMMITTEE

The United States Savings and Loan League and the National Association of Mutual Savings Banks have announced the formation of a Joint Savings Bank-Savings and Loan Committee on Urban Problems. Representatives of the two associations met with President Johnson on Wednesday to discuss the new program, and the announcement was made from the White House. Chairman John W. Gardner represented the Urban Coalition at the White House meeting. The Joint Committee will urge member institutions to invest in housing and reconstruction programs and in other ways participate actively in efforts to solve urban problems.

COMMUNICATIONS

Life magazine this week presents a dramatic and moving account of poverty in the cities. The issue also has an article by Urban Coalition Chairman John W. Gardner.

The complete text of the Report of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders is available on the newstands in a Bantam Books paperback: price, \$1.25.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Enclosed is a copy of the Weekly Legislative Report the Coalition is now sending to leaders of local coalitions. It is designed to provide them with current information on the status of legislation important to the cities.