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NATIONAL COORDINATORS WEEKLY REPORT

LOCAL COALITIONS

The third in a series of regional conferences to assist local communities in forming their own Urban Coalitions will be held in San Francisco on November 30 in the San Francisco Hilton.

The program format will be similar to those used for the previous two successful conferences in Chicago and Minneapolis, with emphasis on "how-to-do-it" workshops. The three general sessions will feature remarks by San Francisco Mayor Shelley and Mayor-Elect Alioto, The Most Reverend Joseph McGucken, Kenneth Wright, Vice President and Chief Economist of the Life Insurance Association of America, California State Assemblyman John T. Knox, Bishop Donald Harvey Tippett and Frances Barnes, Vice President of the Crown Zellerbach Corporation and President of the Management Council for Bay Area Employment Opportunity.

A similar regional conference for eastern cities, originally set for December 11 in New York City, has been postponed because of scheduling problems to the second week of January. You will shortly be advised of the exact date.

PUBLIC SERVICE EMPLOYMENT AND URBAN LEGISLATION

More than 40 Washington representatives of organizations which support the program of the Urban Coalition attended a luncheon meeting in the Statler Hilton Hotel on November 20.

Featured speaker Mayor John Lindsay of New York City stressed the necessity of a united legislative effort to move bills supported by the Coalition through Congress. Andrew Biemiller, Legislative Director of AFL-CIO, cited a case history to illustrate the positive value of business and labor representatives going together to call on Congressmen. Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations described

the growing awareness of church groups of the need to be active in public affairs.

PRIVATE EMPLOYMENT

On November 21 the Task Force on Private Employment met in Detroit with the Employment and Education Committee of the New Detroit Committee. The meeting was chaired by William M. Day, president of Michigan Bell Telephone Company.

In his remarks to the group, Task Force-Co-Chairman Gerald Phillippe, Chairman of the Board of the General Electric Company, said "As a representative of the Task Force on Private Employment I have been encouraging businessmen to enter into a regular program of exchanging ideas on this subject and pitching in on useful programs to get at some of these urgent needs. All sectors of the society need to help each other and we need to join together in useful programs to create new opportunities for self-realization in our City slums."

"In some cities it would sound strange, but there is a growing feeling among businessmen of my acquaintance and among some of our own General Electric plant managers that a substantial measure of our business success in the future is going to depend on our ability to help a good number of these hard-core unemployed become productive workers and citizens."

HOUSING, RECONSTRUCTION AND INVESTMENT

The Task Force met in New York on November 21. Twelve additional members have been recruited to work with this group. A major working paper is being developed to guide this Task Force in developing a long-range program.