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THE WHITE HOUSE

The President today announced the formation of a Council to the White House Conference, "To Fulfill These Rights." The Council, composed of a cross section of the nation's leadership, will devote evenings and weekends to preparations for the Conference first proposed by the President in his speech at Howard University in June, 1965. The Conference will be held in Washington June 1 and 2.

The President charged the Council, under the Chairmanship of Ben W. Heineman with the responsibility of sifting through the concepts, proposals, and programs outlined in the 1965 Planning Session and developing through their experience and knowledge a substantive agenda. It will be the task of the Council to consult with experts across the country; then develop programs for change to be presented to the Conference participants for their consideration and action.

In his speech at Howard University, the President announced he would call the Conference "to help the American Negro fulfill the rights which, after the long time of injustice, he is finally about to secure."

The Planning Session, held November 17 and 18, brought together approximately 250 scholars, leaders, and experts in civil rights problems from across the nation to consider some of the outstanding problems involved in bringing minority groups in this country from opportunity to achievement.

Mr. A. Philip Randolph is the Honorary Chairman of the Conference. The members of the Council will include:

Ben W. Heineman
Chairman of the Board
Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company

Morris Abram
Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison

Honorable Edward T. Breathitt
Governor of Kentucky

Jerome Bruner
Director, Center for Cognitive Studies
Harvard University

William T. Coleman, Jr.
Dilworth, Paxson, Kalish, Kohn & Dilks

Stephen Currier
Taconic Foundation, Inc.

Professor Allison Davis
University of Chicago

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Vice President
First National Bank of Chicago

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Eli Goldston
President
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Associates

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Lockheed Aircraft Corporation

Miss Dorothy Height
President
National Council of Negro Women

Father Theodore M. Hesburgh
President
Notre Dame University

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Atlanta, Georgia

Martin Luther King
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John Lewis
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James A. Linen III
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Floyd McKissick
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James G. Maddox
Professor of Agriculture
University of North Carolina

~~WALTER K. KENNEDY~~ Joseph Malony
Vice President
United Steelworkers of America

Burke Marshall
General Counsel
IBM

J. Irwin Miller
Chairman
Cummins Engine Company

William Miller
Textron, Inc.

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Professor Robert Spike
University of Chicago

George Meany
President
AFL-CIO

Roy Wilkins
President
NAACP

Whitney Young, Jr.
Executive Director
National Urban League

The Reverend Walter E. Fauntroy, Director, Washington Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and Edward Sylvester, Director of the Office of Federal Contract Compliance, U. S. Department of Labor, as Vice Chairmen of the Conference will assist Mr. Heineman. Mr. Berl Bernhard, who served as Executive Director of the Planning Session, will act as Special Counsel to Mr. Heineman and the Conference.

The first meeting of the Council has been scheduled for Saturday, March 5.

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Washington--The "Big Six" of the nation's civil rights leaders are playing a prominent role in developing an "action-oriented" agenda for the White House Conference on Civil Rights, to be held June 1 and 2.

Leaders of these major civil rights organizations are serving on a 29-member Council to the White House Conference. The Council, which is comprised of a cross section of national leaders is holding a series of weekend "work sessions" at the White House to work out the format and a substantive agenda for the historic Conference.

Among those serving on the Council are: A. Philip Randolph, the dean of the civil rights leaders, who is also Honorary Chairman of the Conference; Roy Wilkins, Executive Director, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People; Whitney Young, Jr., Executive Director, National Urban League; Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., President, Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Floyd McKissick,

National Director, Congress on Racial Equality; John Lewis, Chairman, Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee; and Miss Dorothy Height, President, National Council of Negro Women.

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Ben W. Heineman, Chairman of the Board, Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company and who was selected by the President to serve as Chairman of the Conference, emphasized at a press briefing last week that it will be a "how-to-do-it" conference, rather than a mere identification of the problems, and will seek to broaden the participation of "all segments of the community to the cause of making the Negro an equal partner in the American society."

Mr. Heineman added, "The problems have been identified and we have the valuable reports of the Planning Session's work, from which we plan to build an action-oriented program concerned with implementation."

Assisting the Council on a full-time basis are two Conference Vice Chairmen--Edward C. Sylvester, Jr., and the Rev. Walter Fauntroy. Mr. Sylvester, who is Director of the Office of Federal Contract

Compliance, U.S. Department of Labor, is in charge of the day-to-day staff operations.

Rev. Fauntroy, Director of the Washington Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, will travel throughout the country to meet with grassroots and indigenous leadership to assure their full participation in all phases of the Conference and with other local leaders who have first hand knowledge of the problems.

Other members of the Council include: Morris B. Abram, Co-Chairman, Planning Session; William T. Coleman, Jr., Co-Chairman, Planning Session; Honorable Edward T. Breathitt, Jr., Governor of Kentucky; Dr. Jerome Bruner, Director, Center for Cognitive Studies, Harvard University; Stephen Currier, President, Taconic Foundation, Inc.; Dr. Allison Davis, School of Education, University of Chicago; John S. Gleason, Jr., Vice President, First National Bank of Chicago; Eli Goldston, President, Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates; Courtlandt S. Gross, Chairman of the Board, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation; Father Theodore M. Hesburgh, President, Notre Dame University; Judge A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., U. S. District Court, Philadelphia and Rafer John, Former Olympic Decathlon Champion.

Still others are: Vernon E. Jordan, Jr., Director, Voter Education Project, Southern Regional Council, Inc.; James A. Linen, III, President, Time, Incorporated; Honorable Theodore R. McKeldin, Mayor, City of Baltimore; Dr. James G. Maddox, School of Agriculture & Life Sciences, North Carolina State University; Joseph P. Molony, Vice President, United Steelworkers of America; Burke Marshall, General Counsel, IBM

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WASHINGTON--Eight top executives from business and industry are serving on a special leadership Council appointed by President Johnson to plan the White House Conference on Civil Rights.

The Conference will be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington June 1-2.

Chairman of the Council is Ben W. Heineman, Chairman of the Board, Chicago & North Western Railway Company.

The other businessmen appointed to the Council are:
Courtlandt S. Gross, Chairman, Lockheed Aircraft Corporation;
James A. Linen, III, President, Time, Inc.; J. Irwin Miller, Chairman, Cummins Engine Company; Burke Marshall, General Counsel, IBM Corporation; G. William Miller, President, Textron, Inc., and former chairman of the Plans for Progress Advisory Council; Eli Goldston, President, Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates; and John S. Gleason, Jr., Vice President, First National Bank of Chicago.

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The Conference will be held at the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington June 1-2. A. Philip Randolph, Vice President of the AFL-CIO, is Honorary Chairman of the Conference.

Representing Labor on the Council are: George Meany, President, AFL-CIO, and Joseph Molony, Vice President, United Steelworkers of America.

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WASHINGTON, D.C.--With President Lyndon B. Johnson serving as host, 2,400 persons, representing all segments of American life, are spending two full days in Washington this week discussing and charting the future course of civil rights activity.

The President's White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" is being held June 1-2, with its main focus on developing new means and methods "to help the American Negro fulfill the rights which, after the long time of injustice, he is finally about to secure."

Heading the list of Conference speakers are Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey and Solicitor General Thurgood Marshall. The Vice President will address the opening session Wednesday morning and Judge Marshall, is to be keynote speaker at a dinner-meeting Wednesday night.

Among the other participants, serving as committee moderators are: Ambassador James Nabritt, U.S. Deputy Director to the UN; State Representative Carl B. Stokes of Cleveland; Dr. Benjamin Mays, President of Morehouse College; G. William Miller, President, Textron, Inc.; Dr. Kenneth B. Clark, New York author-educator; Dr. Louis Pollak, Dean, Yale Law School; State Assemblyman Percy E. Sutton of New York; Federal District Judge A. Leon Higginbotham of Philadelphia; and John Wheeler, President, Farmers and Mechanics Bank, Durham, N.C.

Other committee moderators are: Dr. Otis Singletary, Chancellor, University of North Carolina; Governor Edward T. Breathitt, Jr. of Kentucky; Mrs. Frankie Freeman, Commissioner, U.S. Civil Rights Commission; Jack T. Conway, Executive Director, Industrial Union Department, AFL-CIO; Attorney Theodore Kheel, New York Labor Mediator, and Judge R. Chester Lewis of Kansas City, Kansas.

A. Philip Randolph, dean of the civil rights leaders and Honorary Chairman of the Conference, said the objective of the White House Conference "makes it one of the most important held to seek a solution to the Negro problem since the Civil War."

Mr. Randolph said, "Since black and white America has a major stake in the success of this Conference, citizens in all areas in the nation should rally to the support of the Conference for the achievement of racial and social justice today should have top priority on the national agenda with a profound sense of urgency."

The Conference agenda consists of far reaching, action-oriented recommendations in four critical subject areas--Economic Security and Welfare; Housing; Education; and the Administration of Justice. The recommendations are contained in a comprehensive report to the Conference compiled under the supervision of a 30-member leadership Council appointed by President Johnson to oversee the detailed planning for the Conference.

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represents a broad point of view of a great many people with divergent interests and is consistent with our objective of involving the entire society in expanding the opportunities and rights of American Negroes."

The report details major actions that need to be taken by various segments of society--by government at all levels; by private groups such as business, labor, religious and voluntary organizations, and by private citizens.

In the area of Economic Security, the Council recommended:

.Affirmative actions by private employers, labor organizations and government to provide more and better jobs for Negroes.

.Year-round vocational guidance and training programs for Negro youth.

.Metropolitan Jobs Councils in all major urban areas.

.A Rural Jobs Task Force.

.A comprehensive Human Resource Program and guaranteed jobs programs.

In the area of Education, the Council recommended:

.Quality education for all by bringing all research and experience to bear on new measures to produce healthy, independent and creative citizens.

.Reducing racial concentration by "color-conscious" planning.

.Equalizing investment of financial and human resources, so that all schools provide for all children what is now provided for the fortunate few.

.Affirmative action at every level to break down the walls of segregation and pave the way for the Negro to have the same educational opportunity now available to white citizens.

In the area of Housing, the Council recommended:

.Affirmative action to achieve an absolutely open, racially unrestricted market.

.An adequate and expanding supply of new housing for low and moderate income families, widely dispersed throughout each metropolitan area.

.Revitalization and integration of the existing ghetto areas.

In the area of Administration of Justice, the Council recommended:

.Improvement of police-community relations with the assistance not only of the Federal Government, but by state and local governments as well, bolstered by private groups.

.Effective legislative and executive measures to assure the protection of Negroes and civil rights workers.

.Assure equal justice for Negroes by non-discriminatory selection of Federal and state jurors.

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The White House Conference to Fulfill These Rights is "one of the most important held to seek a solution of the Negro problem since the Civil War," says A. Phillip Randolph in a statement urging broad citizen support for the June 1-2 meeting.

The veteran civil rights leader who is international president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters said that "black and white America has a major stake in the success of this conference," and pointed out the need for urgency in making the achievement of racial and social justice a matter of top priority on the national agenda.

Mr. Randolph, Honorary Chairman of the White House Conference, called President Johnson's address at Howard University last June "probably the most significant and prophetic statement made on the race question by a public official." It was in this speech that the President announced his intention to convene this week's meeting in Washington.

The text of Mr. Randolph's public statement, released today, is attached:

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CONFERENCE TO FULFILL THESE RIGHTS

Probably the most significant and prophetic statement made on the race problem by a public official was made by President Johnson at Howard University, June 4, 1965, when he stated: "It is not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through those gates."

Thus, the purpose of the Conference to Fulfill These Rights, June 1-2, is reflected in this practical and far-reaching proposal in that address: "This is the next and more profound state of the battle for civil rights. We seek not freedom, but opportunity - not just legal equity but human ability - not just equality as a right and a theory, but equality as a fact and as a result."

Such a task makes this June Conference one of the most important held to seek a solution of the Negro problem since the Civil War.

In order to give practical implementation to the comprehensive and basic proposals the Conference will consider, every important segment of our American society has been involved in the building of the Conference, including Negro and white, the religious faiths, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant, labor and business, educators and government specialists.

Since black and white America has a major stake in the success of this Conference, citizens in all areas in the nation should rally to support the Conference for the achievement of racial and social justice today should have top priority on the national agenda with a profound sense of urgency.

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The following statement was approved for release by the Advisory Council of Plans for Progress during its meeting in Washington, Thursday, May 26, 1966. The Advisory Council is composed of 25 top level executives of firms affiliated with the Plans for Progress program, now in its fifth year.

"As a voluntary organization representing 328 major employers who are in the forefront of our national effort to assure equal opportunity to minority Americans, Plans for Progress is fully committed to the President's goal that 'it is not enough just to open the gates of opportunity. All our citizens must have the ability to walk through these gates.'

"In substance, this is what our member companies have been working for in their recruitment and training programs, in their youth motivation campaigns and in providing business leadership in the organization of local merit employment councils.

"We know that many of the executives of our member companies are looking forward to the further opportunity to expand their efforts by participating in the White House Conference 'To Fulfill These Rights.' It is important that we discuss these issues rationally and with candor. Only out of the exchange of ideas and points of view will we be able to move forward in achieving the type of society in which all citizens can prosper under our free enterprise system."

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WASHINGTON--A border state governor, a southern university chancellor, a northern Federal District Court judge, a prominent labor leader, a president of a major business firm, and a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations are among a group of distinguished Americans who will serve as committee moderators for the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" which opens its historic sessions here Wednesday, June 1.

Ben W. Heineman, Conference Chairman, who is also Chairman of the Chicago and North Western Railway Company, said the moderators will preside over 12 group discussions of the report and recommendations submitted by the 30-member Council to the White House Conference.

Among those agreeing to serve as committee moderators are:
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The importance of moral and spiritual leadership in fulfilling the Negro's hard-won legal rights was stressed today by two of the ministers who have played key roles in planning the June 1-2 White House Conference To Fulfill These Rights.

"The religious communities must provide continuing moral leadership in every local community," said Rev. Walter F. Fauntroy, Vice Chairman of the Conference, "if we are to achieve our goal of involving the great mass of the yet-uninvolved and uncommitted Americans to set the Negro American truly free."

He was joined in this appeal to religious leaders by Council Member Dr. Robert W. Spike, professor at the University of Chicago's Divinity School, who said "we must create the same sort of moral fervor about the next phase of civil rights goals as was created over the more obvious, easier to understand, legal injustices now outlawed by recent civil rights legislation."

Rev. Fauntroy, Director of the Washington Bureau of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, said that the Conference

was as significant as the 1963 March on Washington and the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1965, all of which could not have achieved success without the deep moral commitment of the nation.

"The crux of the problem of the Conference," said Rev. Spike, "will be to see if the public can become involved in a much more difficult to understand, but just as real, series of problems of discrimination that remain if there are no marches and no riots.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. --Two prominent Methodist Bishops have issued statements endorsing the June 1-2 White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights."

Stressing the moral and spiritual responsibility of the participants, Bishop A. Raymond Grant, President of the Board of Christian Social Concerns of the Methodist Church, said that he looks to the Conference "to provide the searching and careful suggestions by which we may move forward from opportunities in theory to opportunities in practice for all Americans."

He said that "this nation must work with a will at the much more difficult and complex task of turning legal promise into functioning reality."

Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, in a letter to Conference Chairman Ben W. Heineman, said that "one has only to look at the negative effects of irrational incidents as the Watts riots to see what national neglect and delay can do."

In praising President Johnson's leadership, Bishop Thomas said that "this has done more to keep the racial revolution, and open the doors of Christian grace than any other one thing that I know."

Texts of the two statements follow:

STATEMENT BY
JAMES A. THOMAS
RESIDENT BISHOP OF THE METHODIST CHURCH
DES MOINES, IOWA

The forthcoming White House Conference on Civil Rights merits and will receive my strongest endorsement. Its scope and careful planning justifies the hope that it will open the way for further advances in an area where attention is badly, if not desperately needed.

One has only to look at the negative effects of irrational incidents as the Watts riots to see what national neglect and delay can do. Conversely, one has to look at the dramatic advances toward fair play which have been made in sports, entertainment, and in some areas of employment to see the vast potentiality of this nation to extend equal opportunities to all its citizens.

While he was still Vice President, President Lyndon Johnson made a great speech in which he reminded the nation of the need to overcome the effects of centuries of slavery and discrimination. He has built solidly and wisely on the foundation laid by his three immediate predecessors. This has done more to keep the racial revolution and open the doors of Christian grace than any other one thing that I know.

With prayers and best wishes for a great Conference.

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STATEMENT BY
BISHOP A. RAYMOND GRANT
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF CHRISTIAN SOCIAL CONCERN
THE METHODIST CHURCH

I am looking forward with great interest to the convening of the White House Conference, "To Fulfill These Rights." Our long postponement of equal rights and opportunities to minority group members must be ended. Now that national legislation offers to guarantee equal rights for all, this nation must work with a will at the much more difficult and complex task of turning legal promise into functioning reality.

At bottom, this is a moral and spiritual responsibility. To those of our citizens long discriminated against solely because of race or color, political rights alone will not provide the jobs, the education, and the social opportunities which are absolutely essential to minimum hope for a decent life. I, therefore, look to the White House Conference to provide the searching and careful suggestions by which we may move forward from opportunities in theory to opportunities in practice for all Americans.

My prayers will be with you during this Conference.

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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June 1 - 2, 1966
Sheraton-Park Hotel

President Lyndon B. Johnson, on June 4, 1965, in an address at Howard University, said, "I intend to call a White House conference of scholars, and experts and outstanding Negro leaders -- men of both races -- and officials of government at every level...This White House conference's theme and title will be "To Fulfill These Rights."

"Its object will be to help the American Negro fulfill the rights which, after the long time of injustice, he is finally about to secure.

"To move beyond opportunity to achievement.

"To shatter forever not only the barriers of law and public practice, but the walls which bound the condition of man by the color of his skin.

"To dissolve, as best we can, the antique enmities of the heart which diminish the holder, divide the great democracy, and do wrong -- great wrong -- to the Children of God."

In anticipation of this Conference, the President last fall called a Planning Session to explore the widest possible range of ideas. Some 300 scholars and practitioners in the areas of civil rights, labor, business, education, religion and social welfare met on November 17-18,

1965, and developed a comprehensive set of recommendations reflecting a rich variety of viewpoints and experience in eight subject areas -- Jobs, Job Training and Economic Security; The Administration of Justice; Voting and Citizenship Participation; Health and Welfare; The Family Resources for Change; Housing and the Neighborhood; The Community; Institutions and Social Action; and Education.

From the Planning Session came many creative and innovative recommendations which formed the basis for preliminary reports submitted to the President last winter. In February, President Johnson chose a 30-member Council under the chairmanship of Mr. Ben W. Heineman and Mr. A. Philip Randolph, honorary chairman, and charged the Council with the responsibility of drawing upon the Planning Session and planning and developing a substantive agenda for this historic conference, the first to be held on this vital subject at the highest level of the land.

The Council has met long evenings and weekends for extended review and discussion of plans and proposals and agreed to concentrate the Conference discussions on four major problem areas -- Jobs, Economic Security and Welfare; Education; Housing; and the Administration of Justice. While recognizing the importance of other areas, it was the Council's decision that these areas are of the utmost urgency as to require immediate action and implementation.

The Council has had the assistance of knowledgeable consultants in compiling a comprehensive report covering, in detail, these four principal problem areas. This report will form the basis of the subject matter which will be discussed by approximately 2,400 persons, drawn from a cross-section of American life, during the June 1 and 2 White

House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights".

Conference invitees will receive a copy of the complete report in advance of the Conference. This will permit them to read and fully understand the report and be prepared to discuss its contents and other related matters at the Conference.

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The "how-to-do it" emphasis of the White House Conference "To Fulfill these Rights" is carried out in a broad collection of literature on display in the Potomac Lounge of the Sheraton Park Hotel and the Heritage Room of the Shoreham Hotel.

Assembled from a wide cross-section of private sources and from government agencies, the literature ranges from NAM case studies showing employers how to train disadvantaged young people to fair housing guides for increasing suburban integration.

Several hundred pamphlets from private organizations feature action programs to achieve better police-community relations, more integrated public schools, to improve skills and job prospects of untrained men and women and other goals of the Conference.

Factual information on civil rights laws, sources of poverty funds, education grants, housing programs and other federal programs is contained in a large group of government publications.

Many literature items will be available in quantity for distribution to conference participants. Information staff in the literature rooms will assist conferees in ordering other items which are only available in limited quantity.

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TUESDAY, MAY 31

A major response to the White House Conference call for citizen action in the struggle for equal rights came today from the National Board of the YWCA.

Mrs. Lloyd J. Marti of Lincoln, Nebraska, national president of the organization, announced that the YWCA will take affirmative action to purchase goods and services from suppliers who assure equal opportunity to Negroes and members of other minority groups.

The program, called "YWCA Project Equality," will utilize the technical services of the Department of Labor in assuring that suppliers are in full compliance with civil rights laws.

The YWCA also voted that it will "move on a broad front to discover leadership of women of minority groups" and review its own employment practices.

Full text of the YWCA action is attached:

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The National Board of the YWCA has a long history of concern for racial justice. The National Board, to give a thrust to its continuing concern and to its 1864 Convention program priority, established the special Office of Racial Integration. Work has been done by the National Board in the areas of legislation, in the recruitment and employment of staff (professional, clerical, technical and maintenance), in the utilization of volunteer leadership and in the National Board's services to local Associations in their capacity as employers.

In none of these areas does the National Board feel a sense of completion. Charged by Convention to make conscious and deliberate effort, the National Board holds this concern for racial integration high on its agenda.

As progress is made, new opportunities are opened. Long standing needs become more evident. Among them, two are especially urgent now:

- 1) The implementation of the law of the land and the YWCA's own program priority particularly, regarding full employment opportunities for members of minority groups.
- 2) The need to discover and utilize beyond tokenism the leadership of Negro women.

THE ACTION:

- 1) That, in furtherance of the program priority on racial integration, the National Board establish "YWCA Project Equality" to assure equal opportunity to Negroes and members of other minority groups
 - in the use of its purchasing power with its suppliers of goods and services.
- 2) That, as a part of the "YWCA Project Equality," the National Board in improving the quality of leadership among women, move on a broad front to discover leadership of women of minority groups.
- 3) That in both the above steps, the National Board examine in depth its own life and practices:
 - A. Calling for and reviewing a full report on its own employment record in national employed personnel and its own record and practices in relation to the recruitment, referral and placement of professional staff in local Associations;
 - B. Calling for and reviewing its own procedures and practice in improving its own volunteer leadership, including the discovery and inclusion of women leaders from Negro and other minority groups.

In this we have available the technical assistance of the United States Department of Labor for the training of staff and volunteers in developing and carrying out the "YWCA Project Equality."

MRS. LLOYD J. MARTI (Elizabeth)

of Lincoln, Nebraska, is serving a second three-year term as President of the YWCA of the United States. She was elected first at the 22nd National Convention in Denver, Colorado in 1961, and reelected in 1964 in Cleveland, Ohio.

A leader in community activities as well as national service groups, she has been a member of the National Board of the YWCA since 1952. She served as Vice President and Chairman of the Central Region, YWCA, prior to her election as National President.

In Hastings, Mrs. Marti has been active in the Hospital Auxiliary and Women's Club, and the Faculty Women's Club of Hastings College, from which she was graduated. A former president of the Mental Health Association in her community, she has served as a member of the Hastings School Board and was on the Governor's Coordinating Committee for Youth Activities. She was Chairman of Social Education and Action for the Presbyterian Women's Association from 1950-56.

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CATHOLIC LEADERS AT WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE
ASK RENEWED EFFORTS FOR RACIAL JUSTICE

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WASHINGTON -- Three dozen Catholic leaders participating in the White House conference on Civil Rights, led by Lawrence Cardinal Shehan, called on fellow Catholics through the nation to "recommit the Church to the new call for racial justice based on economic justice and achievement for Negroes and members of other minority groups."

Cardinal Shehan was joined in the statement by Archbishop Paul G. Hallinan of Atlanta, three bishops, and a group of clerical, religious, and lay leaders.

"Yesterday's standards of tolerance do not match today's needs to fulfill the promise of a whole and healthy society," said the statement issued at the conclusion of the two-day White House meeting here. "Racial justice today calls for more than mere tolerance. Racial justice today is a moral issue that demands a Christ-like concern for all fellow men and a personal responsibility for their health, education, housing, and jobs.

"The words of the late Pope John XXIII that men are meant to live together and to work for one another's welfare apply to Catholics today with a greater urgency than ever," the Catholic leaders stated. "The White House Conference focused the attention of the nation on fulfillment of rights long denied Negro citizens. We ask fellow Catholics to place the Church in the vanguard of the national effort."

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The statement also called for wider support for Project Equality, a program cited frequently at the White House Conference as an example of effective religious action to achieve current-day racial justice.

The Catholic leaders endorsing the statement included:

His Eminence Lawrence Cardinal Shehan
Archbishop of Baltimore

The Most Rev. Paul G. Hallinan
Archbishop of Atlanta

The Most Rev. John J. Wright
Bishop of Pittsburgh

The Most Rev. John J. Spence
Auxiliary Bishop of Washington

The Most Rev. Harold R. Perry
Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans

The Very Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh
President, Notre Dame University

Mother Eleanor M. O'Byrne
President, Manhattanville College of the Sacred Heart

Rev. Robert F. Drinan, S.J.
Dean, Boston College Law School

Rev. Thurston N. Davis, S. J.
Editor, America Magazine

Rev. Philip A. Hamilton
Chairman, Iowa State Civil Rights Commission

Rt. Rev. Msgr. George G. Higgins
Director, Social Action Dept., NCWC

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Dr. Eugene Reed
President, New York State Chapter, NAACP

Miss Margaret Mealey
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Mr. Raymond Hilliard
Chairman, National Catholic Conference for Interracial Justice

Rev. Geno C. Baroni
Executive Secretary, Archbishop's Community Relations
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Rev. Mario W. Shaw, O.S.B.
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Rev. Augustus Thompson
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A "blueprint for action" to achieve full equality for Negro Americans is contained in the final report of the White House Conference "To Fulfill These Rights" which was presented to President Johnson on _____.

The report contains the recommendations and a summary of the discussions of 2500 persons, representing all segments of American life, who attended the Conference in Washington on June 1 and 2.

The recommendations spell out specific actions by Federal, state and local governments and by business, labor, religious and other private organizations needed to realize "first class citizenship" for the Negro in America.

The Conference strongly endorsed the basic proposals of a preliminary report prepared by a 30-member leadership Council, calling for far-reaching programs in four major areas: Economic Security and Welfare, Education, Housing and Administration of Justice.

The Conference report emphasizes the urgency of immediate action on these proposals. It calls for state and local "follow-up" conferences

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to implement recommended action at these levels, for priorities and timetables to be set for recommended Federal executive and legislative action, and for business, labor and other private groups to undertake specific responsibilities to implement Conference recommendations.

The Report registers the overwhelming demand of the participants ^{that} Congress pass a strengthened Civil Rights Act of 1966, enact "Home Rule" for the District of Columbia and restore civil rights enforcement funds which had been cut from the budget of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

It also reflects a widespread demand for stronger Federal enforcement of Title VI of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, ^{through} withholding of funds from programs and institutions which are not in compliance. Conferees cited many examples of schools, hospitals, Federal contractors, unions and others who are not complying with national civil rights laws.

While strongly supporting the need for the 1966 Civil Rights bill and other actions to sustain and protect civil rights, the Conference Report gives major attention to broader social measures designed to provide more jobs and training, more low-cost housing, better schools and more equal protection of the laws.

Major recommendations endorsed by the Conference included:

In the area of Economic Security:

.Affirmative actions by private employers, labor organizations and government to provide more and better jobs for Negroes.

.Year-round vocational guidance and training programs for Negro youth.

.Metropolitan Jobs Councils in all major urban areas.

.A Rural Jobs Task Force.

.A comprehensive Human Resource Program and guaranteed jobs programs, particularly in the area of public service.

In Education :

.Quality education for all by bringing all research and experience to bear on new programs to produce healthy, independent and creative citizens.

.Reducing racial concentration by "color-conscious" planning.

.Equalizing investment of financial and human resources, so that all schools provide for all children what is now provided for the fortunate few.

.Affirmative action at every level to break down the walls of segregation and pave the way for the Negro to have the same educational opportunity now available to white citizens.

In Housing:

.Affirmative action to achieve an absolutely open, racially unrestricted market.

.An adequate and expanding supply of new housing for low and moderate income families, widely dispersed throughout each metropolitan area.

.Revitalization and integration of the existing ghetto areas.

In Administration of Justice:

.Improvement of police-community relations through actions of Federal, state and local governments and private groups.

.Non-discriminatory selection of Federal and state jurors and other measures to assure equal justice for Negroes.

The 172-page report presented to President Johnson contains the text of the original recommendations made by the Council to the White House Conference, summaries of the discussions ~~of the Report~~ which took place in 12 separate panel sessions, and a listing of several hundred resolutions which were voted on in panel sessions. The entire verbatim text of the Conference has also been submitted to the White House.

Copies of the Conference Report are being distributed to all who were invited to the Conference, to members of Congress, news media, government agencies and a broad group of private organizations.

Additional copies may be purchased for \$1.25 per copy from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402.