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Alabama State
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
CONFERENCE

“American Teamwork Works”



DINKLER-TUTWILER HOTEL
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA
February 26-27, 1965

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Chairman—Dr. Lucius Pitts

9:00-11:00—General Session

"The Economic Opportunity Act: Implementation for the South"

Theodore Berry, Director Community Action Programs Office of Economic Opportunity	Louis Mitchell, Field Representative Field Service Division U. S. Civil Rights Commission
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Discussants

Robert W. Block, President National Woodworks, Inc.	John C. Barnette International Representative
President, Birmingham Community Service Council	United Auto Workers
Dr. Joseph F. Volker, Vice President University of Alabama	

11:00-12:15—Report from Conference Discussion Leaders

Concluding Remarks:

Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Executive Director

National Urban League

2:00-4:30—Individual Conferences for Workshop Participants with
Consultants

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1965

Chairman—Erskine Smith

9:00- 9:30—Registration

9:30-12:00—General Session

Welcome to the Conference

Dr. Lucius Pitts

President, Miles College

Welcome to Birmingham

The Honorable Albert Boutwell

Mayor of Birmingham

"Dimensions of Poverty in the State of Alabama"

Claude Kirk

**Alabama State Coordinator for the Economic
Opportunity Act of 1964**

"The Anatomy of Local Alabama Anti-Poverty Programs"

2:00-2:15

Erman L. Crews

Director, Community Improvement Board of Calhoun County

Anniston

Milton K. Cummings

Chairman, Huntsville-Madison County Community Action

Committee, Inc.

Huntsville

Orzell Billingsley, Jr.

Member, Executive Committee

Birmingham Area Committee for Development of
Economic Opportunity

12:15-2:00—Luncheon

"Alabama's Citizens View the War on Poverty"

Small Group Discussions

Discussion Coordinator:

James E. Johnson

National Skills Bank

"Private Agencies and the Economic Opportunity Act"

Jeweldean Jones

Associate Director

Health and Welfare National Urban League

2:30-4:30—General Session

"The Economic Opportunity Act and Related Resources"

Panel

Phenizee Ransome

Employment Service Advisor

U. S. Department of Labor

Addison Paris, Director

Office of Economic Assistance

Small Business Administration

Jacob Henderson

Field Coordinator

Area Re-development Administration

Representative

Department of Health, Education
and Welfare

4:30—Special Meeting of Group Discussion Leaders

8:00—Public Meeting

**"The American Task Force Against Poverty—
Federal Resources and Local Leadership"**

Jack Conway,

Deputy Director

Office of Economic Opportunity

Washington, D. C.

Whitney M. Young, Jr.

Executive Director

National Urban League

New York, New York