

NACD Conference Theme

Pictorial Review

"200 Years Of Poverty Is Enough-Fulfill The Dream"

People As Important As Highways

Reorder National Priorities



Cleveland Gilcrease, President of the National Association for Community Development spoke to the 1,500 conferees at the annual conference saying, "As we approach the next year, we must seek legislation which will provide adequate funding for all programs designed to assist the 35 million Americans living in poverty." He said, "We must bring about a re-ordering of our national priorities. Any nation that can pass some \$40 billion for foreign aid and assistance to under-developed nations can certainly afford to spend some \$3 billion to maintain its current level of support for the poor."



Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Gilcrease were critical of the Administration's policy with regard to social programs at the NACD Annual Conference. Kennedy told conveners, "Our government estimates there are thirty million poor Americans - but the Administration's budget this year grossly neglects any national responsibility for those who are deprived and oppressed. The sad reality is that this budget reduces income security programs for the poor, the disabled and the jobless by \$4 billion....If the Federal government can pay ninety percent of the cost of upgrading interstate highways then it can pay ninety percent of the cost of upgrading the lives of people...Your theme for this convention declares that "200 Years of Poverty is Enough - Fulfill the Promise. I concur."

Civil Rights Needs Enforcement

A major speaker at the NACD Conference was Arthur A. Fletcher, Deputy Assistant to the President of the United States for Urban Affairs. Speaking on Civil Rights Fletcher said, "The Civil Rights Legislation, like Court decisions, are not self-enforcing. Unless there are some human entities involved, committed to paying the price of enforcing the law after it gets on the books, an individual who shows how to use the legislation, his budget and the human resources so that it makes it happen, it'll never happen." "Those of us who made the Civil Rights Movement happen are not through yet. There's some hard work to be done. And that calls for, not rhetoric, that calls for competence and technical militancy...Now from here on in, it is a technical struggle. We have to change the profile of capability for minorities and poor people so that they have the capacity to get inside government, at the Federal, State and local level, and make it happen (enforcing the work Martin Luther King did for poor people).



A nation that can spend \$40 billion in foreign aid can afford \$3 billion for the poor

Petitions Request Attention To Poverty-Ills



NACD President Cleveland Gilcrease is shown being interviewed by a Washington, D.C. news person in his attempt to present petitions to the President of the United States. "The petitions," Gilcrease said, "carried nearly 300,000 signatures of poor people and their supporters throughout the nation. The petitions requested immediate enactment of legislation to address

the many ills which beset nearly forty million Americans." With Gilcrease from left to right are W. Dean Goldsby, NACD Secretary-Treasurer; Ms. Virginia Barfield, third Vice-President; and Wilbert Russell, President, National Community Action Program Directors Association.

Urged Full Funding For CSA Programs



The Twelfth Annual Conference of the National Association for Community Development met in Washington, D.C. A total of 1,500 delegates, representing approximately 900 Community Action Agencies and a national membership of 18,000 emphasized the need for

continued funding of their agencies by the Community Services Administration and other Federal agencies. They expressed their disagreement over the requirement to increase local matching support for Federal funds and urged the full funding for all CSA programs.