

of program development may enhance your understanding of the aims and goals of the United Community Corporation.

At the same time that the communities were in the process of developing area boards, the Corporation was requesting those same communities to elect temporary representatives to various program development committees that were planning city-wide programs. As a result of this process, the poor participated in the development of the *Newark Pre-School Council* and are represented on the Council's Board of Trustees. The Council is the delegate agency for the development of year-round pre-school programs in churches and social agencies that have had no prior experience in the field of child care. Area Board representatives were part of the *Personnel Committee established by the Board of Education* to recruit and screen individuals who applied for positions as Teacher Aide and Teacher In Training, in the Operation "Head Start" Program that provided nearly 3,000 children with a summer pre-school experience. More than 300 community residents were employed in this program.

Area Board representatives participated as an *Advisory Committee to the Police Athletic League*, in their administration of the Summer Neighborhood Block Recreational Program, and a sub-committee was part of the Personnel Committee that recruited and screened community residents for employment in the program. Area Board Representatives are provided for in the Constitution of the *Blazer Community Employment Training Program* which has received approval by the Office of Economic Opportunity to administer a work training program for 200 welfare recipients. Area Board representatives participated in the development of the *Small Business Development Center Proposal* and will be members of the governing body. This program to be funded under Title IV of the Economic Opportunity Act, is now pending in Washington. Another program pending approval in Washington is a proposal to provide *Legal Services to the Poor*. Area Board representatives participated in the planning of this proposal and will be represented on the Board of the Administering Corporation. Area Board representatives constitute an *Advisory Committee to the Senior Citizens Commission*, which has a sub-contract to develop a city-wide Senior Citizens Program to be presented to the Office of Economic Opportunity for funding. In addition, there are two programs in various stages of planning; *City-wide Remedial and Tutorial Program*, and *City-Wide Arts and Culture Programs* which have area board representatives. There are positions available on the Policy Boards of these programs for Area Boards that are not yet developed. What the Corporation is articulating here, gentlemen, is the right of the poor to participate in anti-poverty programs, not only as recipients of a service, but as program developers, employees and policy makers.

THE ROLE OF TASK FORCES

While the process of developing community organizations was proceeding, and while temporary representation in all areas of city-wide program development was secured from the developing area boards, the United Community Corporation was entertaining proposals that were approved by the relevant Task Force which is a sub-committee of the Program Committee of the Corporation. These Task Forces, composed of residents of Newark who are members and non-members of the Corporation evaluate proposals and recommend to the Board of Trustees courses of action. The Task Forces are usually chaired by members of the Corporation. The Education Task Force approved "Operation Head Start," administered by the Board of Education, The Queen of Angels' Summer Remediation Program; the Seton Hall High School Head Start Summer Program; the Newark Pre-School Council Program and the Mount Carmel Guild Pre-School Readiness Opportunity Project (PROP). The Employment Task Force approved the Jewish Vocational Service Career Oriented Preparation for Employment Proposal (COP), The Blazer Council Work Experience Proposal; and the Mount Carmel Guild Youth Chance Proposal. The Community Action Task Force approved the proposals for the development of the area boards and their boundaries; and the Summer Neighborhood Block Recreational Program sponsored by the Police Athletic League.

All programs which have received funds from the government, did not go through this process. Approval of the Corporation was not required in all instances of programs emanating from Metropolitan Newark. However, where such approval was required or requested by the Office of Economic Opportunity, it was provided by the Corporation. These programs included: The Housing Authority Neighborhood Youth Corp Proposal, the Board of Education Work