

## RON M. LINTON

Ron M. Linton, a native of Detroit, Michigan, is National Coordinator of the Urban Coalition, a post he assumed last fall when the organization was formed. He had been director of special projects for Urban America Inc., but went on leave to serve the Coalition. Linton became associated with Urban America in November, 1966, at almost exactly the same time that the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare appointed him Chairman of a Task Force on Environmental Health and Related Problems which completed its task in June, 1967.

Before joining Urban America, Mr. Linton was for more than three years chief Clerk and Staff Director of the U.S. Senate Committee on Public Works. In that post he had major responsibility for the development and enactment of Federal legislation in a broad range of fields, including air and water pollution control, solid waste disposal, highway construction and mass transit programs, civil works projects, Appalachian development, and regional economic development programs.

Linton's experience in Washington began in November 1959 as a Congressional Fellow of the American Political Science Association.

This assignment in Washington interrupted a journalism career which began while Linton was a student at Michigan State University. Majoring in political science, Linton was editor of the newspaper at Michigan State until a year before his graduation in 1951, when he joined the United Press. After service as an officer with the First Armored Division during the Korean War, Linton re-joined United Press International, working first in Des Moines, Iowa and later in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and finally in Lansing, Michigan. In 1954 he was Press Secretary to the late U.S. Senator Blair Moody.

After Moody's death, Linton served as Assistant Press Secretary to then Governor of Michigan, G. Menner Williams. He was assigned by the Governor to work with the Michigan State Department of Economic Development and was later appointed Secretary of the Department of Workmen's Compensation with responsibility as the chief administrative officer of that Department.

In 1956, Linton joined the Louisville COURIER-JOURNAL, where he was Labor Editor until his assignment to Washington under the American Political Science Association Congressional Fellowship Program.

From March through November 1960, Linton was a member of the personal campaign staff of then Senator John F. Kennedy.

After the election of 1960, the late Senator Pat. McNamara of Michigan, who was Chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, asked Linton to join the Committee staff. In that assignment Linton produced the first national survey of the implementation of the Kerr-Mills Act to provide medical care for the aged through Federal grants to States.

In May 1961, President Kennedy sent Linton on a special assignment to the Defense Department to head a task force project to develop a program to relate defense spending to the Nation's economic needs. In the course of his work at the Defense Department, where he was ultimately named Director of Economic Utilization Policy, Linton devised policies and a program which improved the techniques of relating unused skilled labor and production facilities to defense needs.

It was at the conclusion of his work at the Department of Defense in 1963 that Senator McNamara called on Linton to return to Capitol Hill in a key Committee assignment.

As Chairman of Secretary Gardner's Task Force on Environmental Health and Related Problems, Linton headed a six-member group of persons from outside the Federal government whom the Secretary has asked to recommend Departmental goals in the area of environmental quality and health protection.

Linton was born May 7, 1929. He is married to the former Nancy Cox Gualt and has two children. He has strong interests in conservation, and is a member of the Shenandoah Natural History Association. He is also a prominent layman in the Unitarian Universalist Denomination.

#### STATEMENT OF RON M. LINTON, ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT CONSULTANT

Mr. LINTON. When I used to sit on the other side of the dais, it always meant a long statement, if they didn't read it, and a shorter