

partment headed by Commissioner George K. Wyman. The Committee is also indebted to the generosity of the various philanthropic foundations, noted elsewhere in this report, whose contributions made the Conference possible. It also wishes to acknowledge the efforts and contributions of the Conference staff, headed by Victor Weingarten, who was Conference Director.

For many of us, this close exposure to a national problem of such magnitude, which naturally has implications for the health of our economy but, more important, so vitally effects the lives and well being of a significant number of Americans, has been an educational as well as a stimulating experience and challenge.

The Committee feels itself privileged to have participated in all activities surrounding the Governor's Conference, including the additional deliberations which have resulted in these conclusions. As a group of industrialists, businessmen and private citizens, we feel honored to have been asked to formulate some policy recommendations concerning the problems of public welfare. We terminate our activities at this time humbled by the magnitude of the task, but wiser as a result of our participation. As a group, we are committed to the idea that the facts and figures as we have come to know them be made available to all Americans. We know that both our personal and social responsibilities have only just begun. Armed with comparable knowledge, we are convinced that the American public will join in the effort required to close the poverty gap of their 30-million fellow Americans.

We express our appreciation to the Governor, therefore, for this opportunity to participate in a consideration of this vital problem of our day.

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