

summaries of position papers and related data

To help define problems that would be discussed at the Conference, all participants received three position papers prepared specifically for the Conference, which set forth diverse political, social and economic points of view. In addition, a variety of other materials to help delegates have a clearer view of the welfare picture and problem were also distributed.

The three position papers were written by Dr. Daniel P. Moynihan, Director, Joint Center for Urban Studies (M.I.T. and Harvard); Leland Hazard, Consultant, Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and Dr. Eveline Burns, Columbia University School of Social Work.

The full text of these papers and major related data have been published and are available from the New York State Department of Social Services, 112 State Street, Albany, N. Y. 12201.

Daniel P. Moynihan, titled his position paper, *The Crisis in Welfare*. He stated that the promise that economic expansion would end poverty had been cruel to the poor who believed it. He pointed to the rising incidence of dependency in the United States and the fact that there was a decline in the number and rate of recipients for almost all welfare programs except Aid to Families with Dependent Children. He expressed the belief that public officials found it more expedient to accept deficiencies in the existing welfare structure rather than enact fundamental changes in economic organization which are required for a real solution to the problem. In his opinion, such fundamental changes would include:

1. An end to structural unemployment and the achievement of low levels of cyclical unemployment.
2. Universal coverage for all social insurance programs, universal minimum wage standards, a nationwide system of disability insurance, etc.
3. Enforcement of national minimum standards of social and educational services.