

- Development of neighborhood centers where social, health, housing, etc., services would be readily accessible to all who need them.
- Elimination of Federal categories of assistance, making it possible to provide more adequate financial grants.
- Expanded training and employment opportunities coupled with day care for children and homemaker services.
- Recognition of welfare as a right, with emphasis on protection of the dignity and self-respect of the recipient.
- Organization of client advisory groups to develop communication between recipients and welfare administrators.
- Separation of income maintenance and services so that the former would be provided solely on the basis of need and the latter available even when financial assistance was not required.
- Defining range of staff skills required to deliver welfare's services.

Proposals for long-range changes included:

- Expansion and improvement of Social Security system to include the aged, disabled and blind.
- A program of guaranteed employment for all, with the Government as the employer of last resort.
- A new system of income maintenance, preferably some form of children's and family allowance.
- A limited public assistance program for those who do not fit into the other three programs.
- A program of public social services, available to all who need and want them, regardless of whether or not they were in financial need.

Other papers made available to conferees in advance included GUARANTEED INCOME MAINTENANCE, by Helen O. Nicol, from the Division of Research, Welfare Administration, and THE PITFALLS OF GUARANTEED INCOME, by Sar A. Levitan of the Upjohn Institute for Employment Research.

Both authors discussed new proposals concerned with lifting the poor out of poverty by providing them with income. Referring to present failures in public welfare and the minimal achievements of the "war on poverty," the merits, costs, and pitfalls of alternative plans were outlined. These included the Negative Income Tax, Guaranteed Annual Income Plans, Family Allowances and others.

Additional materials sent to participants included the following:

CITIES IN CRISIS, THE CHALLENGE OF CHANGE, published by the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Welfare Administration;

OUR TROUBLED CHILDREN—OUR COMMUNITY'S CHALLENGE—proceedings of a symposium, sponsored by the Edwin Gould Foundation for Children;

Reprints from newspaper and magazine articles dealing with various aspects of public welfare, as well as other relevant data from official U.S. Government agencies.