

# Republicans Assail Poverty Program

WASHINGTON, May 28 (UPI) — House Republicans have written a 100-page indictment of President Johnson's antipoverty program and have called for a complete new start.

The report, signed by nine of the 10 Republican members of the House Education and Labor Committee, represents a dissent to Democratic sponsored legislation authorizing \$1.75-billion in antipoverty spending in 1966-67.

"We oppose this legislation because it merely repeats the same old promises to the poor and raises unrealistic expectations without providing the means of fulfilling them," the G.O.P. minority said.

### Democrats Also Reproving

The Republican call for the transfer of all of the Office of Economic Opportunity's functions, except its community action and Vista programs, to the Labor, Agriculture, Health, Education and Welfare Departments and other Federal agencies. They said over-all costs could be cut to \$1.44-billion.

The document included detailed G.O.P. charges of political

influence, sloppy administration and scandal. It was to be printed this past week along with the views of the 21-member Democratic majority. The Democratic report, unlike that of the G.O.P., was not available in advance of publication.

The Republicans began their recital of objections to the present poverty program with criticism of the Education and Labor chairman, Adam Clayton Powell.

The G.O.P. members of the committee said that the Manhattan Democrat had allowed a highly-publicized, \$200,000 investigation of the program to be "thwarted by lack of direction and tactics resulting in the most superficial effort."

### Daily Scandals Found

Public hearings on the legislation, they said, were no more than "a parade of Administration spokesmen and apologists" to the point "that the most critical witness turned out to be O.E.O. director Sargent Shriver."

They said that \$2.3-billion had already been spent on the programs but that the taxpayer still was "daily treated to head-

line stories of mismanagement, abuse and scandals."

The Republicans said the opportunity agency had "failed more noticeably" with the Job Corps program than with any other, that the Neighborhood Youth Corps had "vast potential" but had not "approached its objectives," that community action programs had "bogged down" and that Head Start was a good program that was "sliding" into "bureaucratic confusion."

"In order to launch an honest, effective attack on poverty, an entirely new law should be enacted," the Republicans said. They urged their own "opportunity crusade" programs to "unite local, state and Federal governments with private industry to launch a comprehensive program of training, education and motivation for the impoverished."

The report was signed by William H. Ayres, Ohio; Albert H. Quie, Minn.; Charles E. Goodell, upstate New York; John M. Ashbrook, Ohio; David T. Martin, Neb.; Alphonzo Bell, Calif.; Glenn Andrews, Ala.; and Edward J. Gurney, Fla. Only Ogden R. Reid, Westchester County, N. Y., withheld his approval of the dissent.

# POVERTY PROGRAM ASSAILED BY G.O.P.

## Coordinating Group Calls Drive a Sham Battle

WASHINGTON, July 7 (AP) — Republicans accused the Johnson Administration today of fighting a sham battle instead of a genuine war against poverty.

The Republican Coordinating Committee, composed of G.O.P. governors, Congressmen, Senators, state legislators and National Committee members, called for drastic revision of the antipoverty program.

They urged reorganization of the Office of Economic Opportunity, which directs the program, enlarging the roles of state and private industry, and giving top priority to helping the children of the poor.

### Attacked in House

Similar recommendations were made recently by Republicans on the House Education and Labor Committee in attacking a bill written by committee Democrats, which would authorize \$1.75-billion to carry the antipoverty program through its third year.

The approach favored by the coordinating committee would stress educational programs, employment training, tax incentives for participating business and equal opportunities for the poor.

"It has always been the Republican approach," said the committee report, "to assist the poor and disadvantaged in their climb up the economic and social ladder; not to drag them up forcibly by a green rope of dollar bills."

The Republican program, by requiring heavier contributions from the states, would produce \$2.4-billion for the various antipoverty activities, as compared with \$1.75-billion under the bill now before the House. The Federal commitment under the Republican bill would be \$1.4-billion.

### Previous Opposition

Republicans have fought unsuccessfully to revise antipoverty legislation in Congress each year since the program started, but this time they feel their chances for bringing about major changes are improved.

A lack of enthusiasm in the antipoverty agency for the House bill has muted the Administration's lobbying efforts. The bill would put sharp limits on agency spending and transfer some of its administrative duties to other agencies.

# SOCIOLOGIST CALLS POVERTY DRIVE PUNY

Special to The New York Times

CHICAGO, June 1—A California sociologist asserted the antipoverty program today as a feeble effort and the Vietnam conflict as a costly Utopian venture.

Dr. Harold L. Wilensky, a professor at the University of California, Berkeley, gave his views at the National Conference on Social Welfare at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

He said the proportion of our gross national product spent for social welfare each year, including all social insurance, was 7.7 per cent. This, he said, is much less than the welfare effort in other rich countries. He said that little of the small amount spent here "goes to programs that foster equality."

In America, which he called

a garrison state because of its heavy armaments budget, the current annual rate of expenditure for the Vietnam war is about 10 to 20 times the figure for the poverty war, he said.

"For our civilizing domestic war," he said, we spend between \$1- and \$2-billion and "for our devastating foreign war" about \$19.3-billion.

# NEW YORK TIMES N.A.A.C.P. PROPOSES FLORIDA RIGHTS LAW

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla., Aug. 31 (AP) — The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People proposed today that Florida adopt its own civil rights law and threatened to campaign against legislative candidates who would not support it.

Marvin Davies, the association's state field director, said that all members of the Legislature and all candidates for legislative seats would be invited to meet with the N.A.A.C.P. here in September. "Those who say they can't support our program," Mr. Davies said, "are the ones we are going to defeat."

"Those who do will receive

active support from the N.A.A.C.P. and the state's 300,000 potential Negro voters."

At the meeting, Mr. Davies said, the association will present a civil rights package, the first to be offered by the organization to a Southern legislature.

The plan calls for a \$1-an-hour minimum wage; a public accommodations section on housing, employment, education, health and welfare; protection for migrant farm workers; a consumer information law to protect low-income people from loan sharks and "fly-by-night technical training schools"; exemption from taxes for persons earning less than \$3,000 a year and abolishment of capital punishment.

It also proposes creating at least four state commissions, answerable to the Governor, to administer the law.

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