Series E: General Alphabetical Files. 1960-1992
Box 83, Folder 16, Income inequality, Undated.
"The Economics of Equality"

Meeting held May 16: Edward D. Moldover (New York) presiding

Agenda: Where does AJC belong in controversies over welfare problems? Should we support Federalization of welfare? income maintenance? job training for mothers? day care centers? the concept of government as the employer of last resort? What can AJC do to head off conflicts between Jewish welfare professionals and welfare clients or workers of other backgrounds--blacks, Puerto Ricans, Mexicans, American Indians?

Sense of the meeting: AJC has a definite role to play in problems of the poor; should involve itself more intensively and specifically with social welfare issues.

A statement calling for such involvement is adopted; specific program recommendations to be referred to Domestic Affairs Committee.

Conclusions:

--- Launch an educational program to dispel old myths about public welfare, among AJCers and others.

--- Influence and support constructive changes in welfare system; help develop new approaches.

--- Aid the Jewish poor—"the 'Other America' of the Jewish community."
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GNP - $846 Billion

Median Family Income - $8,000/yr.
($2,000 more than Sweden)

Affluence Everywhere
60 million autos
70 million TV sets (10 million color)
$500 billion common stock
2/3 U.S. families own homes

In midst affluence another nation: 170 million not poor
29,700,000 below poverty line (3 times population of Belgium)
family of four on $3,335

10 million Americans Chronically malnourished
poor 15% U.S. population - 2 out of 3 white
11 million rural poor - 9 million are white (2 million catinos)

70% of nation's citizens live in cities, towns - more than 60% urban
nearly 1/2 are 21 or younger; 1/4 55 or older
1/3 of all Americans 65 or older - 5,400,000 are poor

Westchester - of 212,000 families (1 of wealthiest) 44,000 are poor

1/2 America's poor live in 16 southern and border states (which hold
less than 1/3 of total U.S. population)

Since 1940, 4,000,000 Negroes and uncounted poor whites left for north.

Hunger, U.S.A. - inadequate nutrition can account for organic brain
damage, retracted growth and learning rates, increased vulnerability
to disease, withdrawal, apathy, alienation, frustration and violence."

Infant mortality rate at high among poor
active T.B. 4x greater

Unemployment 3.5% for U.S., 100 cities among poor. 7%. 71% of
poor have 4 or more children (vs. 1.35 for U.S.) 2/3 poor married,
live with husbands - 1/2 husbands do not hold regular jobs.

other 1/2 hold full-time that do not lift above poverty (40%
are illegitimate

Oppression - credit furniture, dentists, opticians
supermarket (pay twice as much for
$8 billion a year spent - reaching 8 million poor holding action.

17 to 57 costs $140,000 - argue for guaranteed annual wage.
Tracts
Protest
Blacks Rights

MYTHS

BLACK POWER - VIOLENCE - Self Determination
Black Economic Development
United Black Appeal
- Black Capitalism vs. CO. $50 million - EDA - Capacities, etc.
Nixon - $500 million Civil Rights - Keynote

BLACK SEPARATISM
- Jewish segregation
- New ideology - pluralism (not integration, separation)

BLACK ANTI-SEMITISM -
- Rational - Exploiter, Wretched, Customer
- Irrational - 3rd world - Soviet Union, Arab League
- Black - Obscene (Yemen, Sudan)

RIOTS - KENT STATE / 1850 Jews Forced - 45

WHAT TO DO:
Knowledge - Inflation - Insight
Humanitarian - Education
Action - Jobs, Education, Housing
White Suburbs
Next year! January

ORDER OF CHANCE
- Modern technology
- Passionate state of mind
- Generation gap, black-white, rich-poor, developed-underdeveloped
- Nationalism, Jewish-Christian

PARADOX

- Decline of anti-S, Stemmer vs. esp lone
  Soviet Union, Arab league, black extremists
  And propaganda in communist universities media
  Overseas missions, majority friendly
  Cosmic war, etc.
  Anti-Israel, anti-S.

Black Jews -
- Black power, militancy, self-determination
  U, B, A, ECO, Self-defense
  Black Separatism, Jews: C.P.
  Instrumental, elite-based, LA in States in future

Black anti-S -
- Extremists, 3rd world, Arab, HIT
- Politic - constant tension
  Majority - less anti-S, Arab, whites, negroes
  Tensions, hostility - merchant, autonomist

WHAT TO DO
1) Dialogue, Ramo, Hill, Brunner
2) Knowledge, myth, moral, class
3) Norm - jobs, education