

Mayor tells leaders how he hopes to allay unrest in Newark

In a conference with leaders representing many shades of community opinion, Mayor Hugh G. Addonizio outlined steps the city is taking to reduce social unrest to a minimum.

In his statement the mayor stated in part:

"I want to impress upon everybody that the war against poverty is everybody's responsibility—government, community organizations, religious leaders, civil rights leaders—all of us have a role to play and a job to do," he said.

"In order for Newark to be-

come eligible for the receipt of federal funds under the poverty act, we must develop an overall community approach.

Therefore, it is my conviction that we must include everybody and exclude no one.

Outlining the steps to be taken, he disclosed:

"We have been in Washington conferring with those people who will be directly responsible for the administration of the Federal delegation of the Federal anti-poverty program.

"On Thursday, August 20th I will lead a delegation from this group and from others to Washington for a meeting that I have arranged with Sargent Shriver, Director of the President's task force on poverty.

"I intend to make known to Mr. Shriver and his staff the specific nature of the programs which we feel should be processed forthwith by the agency which will administer



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the anti-poverty act.

"Some of these programs are as follows:

"A minimum of 200 jobs for potential and actual school drop-outs and welfare recipients who are unemployed will be created by the city of Newark. Application will be made for Federal subsidization of the salaries for these new employees.

These people will be put to specific employment in the area of maintaining essential services throughout the city in the expanded areas such as neighborhood conservation and rehabilitation, parks and grounds, streets and sidewalks, recreation and health centers.

"The employment of these people will include a specific training program of remedial create higher horizons for and adult basic education to these individuals and a greater opportunity for potential employment in the general labor market.

"AN INTENSIVE program of pre-school preparation for children of families in lower-income brackets will be established. This program will be staffed by social workers and educators who will deal not only with the children themselves but with the family as a comprehensive unit.

"The staff will work to establish a wholesome family environment and social uplift in which children can be properly prepared for life.

"A network of neighborhood centers will be organized throughout key areas of the city on the principles of the Essex fields center now functioning at 180 Clinton Avenue.

"These centers will be staffed by competent personnel, equipped to guide young people in their work experience problems and to counsel them on specific family and social problems of direct concern.

"These centers will also reach out for young people in the neighborhood and give local gathering-place, under proper supervision and direction, for club activities and recreational programs.

"A program initiated by the business and industrial council to provide job opportunities for the unemployed will be expanded to establish

an effective on-the-job training program for new workers.

"In addition, a program will be initiated, designed to provide on-the-job training for individuals who are presently employed at lower rate jobs, in order to equip them for promotion and advancement in accordance with their employment potential. A minimum of 300 individuals can be employed in new jobs as a result of this program.

"A coordinated program will be organized to consolidate and enlarge the present tutoring projects that are designed to afford special tutoring services for boys and girls who have difficulty with certain subjects in the school system.

"In addition, this program will be enlarged to assist boys and girls to qualify to pass certain examinations which are a pre-requisite to particular types of specialized employment.

"A comprehensive family counselling program will be organized to supplement current programs in key neighborhoods and public housing projects. The staff of this program will be specifically geared to work with individual family units on a social case work basis.

counseling program will be counselling families on individual family problems such as marital difficulties, juvenile delinquency, drug addiction and other problems disrupt family life.

"Since many of the senior citizens of our city are qualified for employment potential and require individual counselling and service to make them self-sustaining and contributing members of the community, efforts will be made to provide professional staff for existing senior citizen centers and to establish new centers where the need is present.

"The present program of the Board of Education of conducting basic adult education classes for individuals who lack an elementary education will be enlarged to accommodate the hundreds of people who require rudimentary education courses. The expanded program will provide which disrupt family life.

required to meet the demands of those who voluntarily desire to improve their educational status.