

What steps have been taken in this direction within the State governmental structure?

A. We are currently drafting a Governor's Code of Fair Practices. This code will address itself to attempt to provide within the executive branch a complete overcoming of all discriminatory practices, not only in government, but in the collateral enterprise of the companies' commitments such as contractors' agreements with governments. Mr. Bresler and Dr. Ware and other members of my staff are working very hard on this, and we hope that that code will be ready for release within the next two months. It will represent an accurate definition of the administration's position. And I think it will be concise enough, far reaching enough, that there will be no question in anyone's mind that the objective of this administration is to do away with any unfair segregated practices in government or in the adjuncts to government.

Q. Governor, on your proposal of yesterday to the Federal government to relieve the states of all responsibilities — financial, administrative and welfare — have you talked with any of the other governors about this?

A. No, I intend to discuss this welfare concept, that I mentioned to the Board of Public Works, with the southern governors, maybe not in a formal sense but informally. I did discuss this with representatives from the Office of Economic Opportunity who were here from all the middle-eastern states today pointing out that not only in welfare but in all programs such as OEO, the provision of additional money acts as a magnet to lure people into the urban areas, the impacted and congested areas, where most of the problems exist and that there should be something done both in a welfare sense and in poverty programs to make it attractive to some of the impoverished to remain where they are. And, as a matter of fact, this nationally-oriented program that I spoke of, by providing an equal number of dollars to a rural area where the cost of living is less, may reverse the trend to the cities and alleviate that problem by causing a reverse flow of people who are living in squalor in the slums, and who like to raise their children in the healthful air of the countryside as long as they can make a go of it. So Mr. Sanchez, the middle-Atlantic director of the OEO, was very interested. He indicated that he was going to convey my thoughts to other people in the office and give me a reaction to them.

Q. Governor, what was the name of the organization?