

Citizens' Crusade Against Poverty
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The Citizens' Crusade Against Poverty (CCAP) was founded in convention in October 1964. It was a broad, non-partisan coalition of organizations and individuals dedicated to eradicating poverty from the nation by focusing on education, national action programs, community activity, and involvement of the poor.

In fulfilling its objectives the CCAP established a national training program with field sites in East Los Angeles, Los Angeles (Watts), Delano (California), the Mississippi Delta, Chicago and Newark.

The CCAP also planned and established a Citizens' Advocate Center to handle complaints and grievances of individuals and organizations representing the poor with respect to grant making activities and policies of the federal government.

The CCAP engaged in two important special advocacy activities. They were the Citizens' Board of Inquiry on the Child Development Group of Mississippi (CDGM) in 1966 and the Citizens' Board of Inquiry into Hunger and Malnutrition in the United States in 1967. The latter Board's published report, Hunger, USA, received wide circulation and helped influence the Department of Agriculture's food distribution and food stamp Programs.

Other CCAP activities included support and assistance to the Office of Economic Opportunity and programs such as Head Start. In conjunction with these general activities in support of the poor, the CCAP launched a new publishing venture, New Community Press, which published works oriented to the problems of the poor.

During the CCAP existence, Walter P. Reuther served as Chairman, Rabbi Richard G. Husch as Secretary and Robert S. Benjamin as Treasurer. Richard W. Boone acted as Executive Director of the CCAP. In January 1969, the National Board of the CCAP voted to merge with the Center for Community Change headed by Jack Conway.

Important subjects are:

1. Child Development Group of Mississippi and CCAP Board of Inquiry into the C.D.G.M.
2. CCAP Board of Inquiry on Hunger & Malnutrition in the U.S.A.
3. Citizen's Advocate Center Program.
4. Poor People's criticism of Sargent Shriver & OEO, April 1966.
5. Southern Rural Action Program.
6. Training programs designed to organize the poor - including Chicago, Newark, Delano programs.

Among the correspondents are:

I. W. Abel	Brendan Sexton
Saul Alinsky	Sargent Shriver
Randolph Blackwell	Jule Sugarman
Hyman Bookbinder	Mitchell Sviridoff
Richard Boone	Thomas Watson
Jack Conway	Whitney Young
Rennie Davis	
David Dubinsky	
Jacob Javits	
Pat McNamara	
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James G. Patton	
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A. Philip Randolph	
Walter Reuther	

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Correspondence, proposals, reports, and published material concerning the activities of CCAP in special advocacy programs designed to fight poverty, 1965-68.

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Project proposals, progress reports and correspondence concerning various CCAP training programs dealing with the poor. Most of the material concerns the years 1965-1968.

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Walter Reuther's CCAP files, including correspondence, meeting minutes, press coverage and other materials, 1965-68.

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Series I

Boxes 1

Correspondence, constitutions, program proposals and other materials relating to the organization & goals of CCA.P. Much of the basic background material for understanding the concepts behind the development of CCA.P. may be found in these files. The files are arranged alphabetically according to topic or types of material and cover the period from 1964-1968.

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