

The City University of New York

YORK COLLEGE

150 - 14 Jamaica Avenue - Jamaica, New York 11432 - Tel.: (212) 969 - 4138

NEWS RELEASE

Office of Public Information

From: John P. Shanley

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Sept. 8, 1971

AUTHORITIES TO MEET AT YORK COLLEGE ON SEPT. 18 TO INITIATE
URBAN STUDIES TRAINING PROGRAM IN COOPERATION WITH JAMAICA
STEERING COMMITTEE

- - -

A panel of authorities on housing, education and government, headed by Dr. Eugene S. Callender, president of the New York Urban Coalition, will participate in an orientation session for a new urban studies training program on Sept. 18 from 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. in the lounge of York College's main building, 150-14 Jamaica Avenue, Jamaica, Queens.

This meeting will be followed two days later by the beginning of a series of courses in the training program, which is sponsored by York College of the City University of New York and the Jamaica Steering Committee. The courses will be given at the York College Center for Urban and Community Affairs, 159-07 Archer Avenue, Jamaica.

The courses are designed to train residents of the Jamaica community to become more knowledgeable about urban problems and more effective in dealing with agencies and institutions. Between 200 and 250 registrants are expected to take the courses, which will be given in three 12-week cycles with the same courses being given in each cycle. Besides the community residents, personnel from appropriate New York City agencies will receive the training.

Dr. Callender and other authorities on urban and community needs will conduct the courses, to be presented three hours a week in the evening, two days a week for 90 minutes a day or in three-hour segments on Saturday mornings.

MORE

The orientation session will have Dr. Callender and Dr. Canute Bernard, chairman of the Jamaica Steering Committee, as moderators. Scheduled speakers include Albert Walsh, Administrator of the City's Housing and Development Administration; Edwin Greenidge, Deputy Administrator, and Mrs. Mary Schulman, Training Director; the Rev. Dr. Robert Ross Johnson of the Board of Higher Education; President Milton G. Bassin of York College; Robert Groh, Deputy Borough President of Queens and Randolph Rankin, Director of the York College Center and Project Administrator.

The training program is funded by a \$42,500 grant from the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development through the City's Housing and Development Administration. York's contributions, including services, supplies and facilities, are estimated at \$25,375.

The Jamaica Steering Committee is composed of more than 130 organizations pledged to the physical, social and economic development of the Jamaica community.

Topics to be covered during the program are physical planning, including land use in Jamaica; social planning, community organization; collection of information (with guest appearances by research directors from city agencies); government and politics of the City and housing policy, program and development.

Others who will conduct courses include James Hayliger II, director of the Queensborough Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children; Charles F. Rodriguez, Executive Assistant to Mayor Lindsay; Edward Schwartzman, chief of the Regional Development Analysis Office of the New York State Office of Planning Coordination; Mrs. Beverly Moss Spatt, former member of the City Planning Commission and Wilbert Tatum, former adjunct professor of Community Relations at City College.