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A CALL TO JOIN THE POOR PEOPLES ORGANIZING DRIVE

In the land of plenty, we are denied our basic needs for survival.

In the land of plenty, we are denied jobs.

In the land of plenty, we are denied health care.

In the land of plenty, we are denied food.

In the land of plenty, we are denied housing.

We are under attack and we are forced to fight back. Throughout the country poor and homeless people are attempting to organize, collectivize, and give voice to the struggle for their lives.

Throughout the country those who profit from our poverty, including poverty pimps and politicians, block us at every turn. They are attempting to deny us the right to determine our own destiny. Everywhere they are attempting to speak for us, make decisions for us, and "lead" for us. We can and must speak for ourselves, make decisions for ourselves, lead for ourselves, and determine our own destiny.

We call on all those concerned with the direction of this nation to join us in accelerating this mass organizing drive in an effort to be heard, break the blackout, and to bring everyone Up and Out of Poverty Now!

For more concrete information on this organizing drive, call the following organizations of the National Up and Out of Poverty Now Coalition:

The **National Union of the Homeless** (and the "Union of the Homeless National News). Contact Ronald Casanova, Organizational Director and Editor at (816) 924-4408 or Leona Smith, *President at (215) 923-1694.

The **National Welfare Rights Union**. Contact Marian Kramer, President at (313) 868-1540.

The **National Anti-Hunger Coalition**. Contact Michelle Tingling-Clemmons at (202) 986-2200.

The **Annie Smart Leadership Development Institute** (and "Voices from the Front"). Contact Cathlin Baker or Willie Baptist at (215) 242-3140.