Among the additional group events were the spring conference of the United Federation of Teachers, a panel discussion at the N.Y. Historical Society on "Prejudice and the Other New Yorker", and a New School lecture by Dr. William Julius Wilson, a sociologist whose studies of the "underclass" affirm many of the ideas espoused by Bayard in his class-based approach to the problems of poverty.

Our monthly meetings covered a wide-range of topics, some of which were especially timely during this year of tumultuous international affairs. On January 14, one day before the deadline set by the United Nations for the voluntary withdrawal of Iraq from Kuwait, Fellows heard a variety of opinions on what course of action the United States should take from representatives of the War Resisters League, Freedom House, the American Friends Service Committee, and the World Without War Council.

In July the Fellows met with Michael Meyers, Executive Director of the New York Civil Rights Coalition, one of the more visible proponents of integration and coalition building in New York. More recently, Meyers has been one of the few African-American public figures to oppose the formation of separate schools for young black males and to speak out against the divisive tactics employed by some community activists during the racial tension in Crown Heights.

On September 9, 1991 the third group of Rustin Fellows began their year with a week-long orientation by discussing the values that were the foundation of Bayard's philosophy and activism. During the course of the week, they met with activists from the civil rights, human rights, peace and labor movements, viewed films, visited host agencies, and took a walking tour of labor history sites in New York. A highlight of the week was hearing historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. present his views on multicultural curriculum development, currently a much debated topic.

The year ahead will include regular monthly meetings with the group as well as additional seminars, lectures, and discussions on current events.

We recently began to mail our recruiting announcements and brochures to colleges, universities, and organizations, to commence the application process for next year.

EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

Secondary Level Educational Materials: The Fund has been working with Lloyd Bromberg, Director of Social Studies, New York City Board of Education, on lesson plans which would inform students about Bayard Rustin's life and engage them in discussions and exercises about his values and strategies for social change. The first draft has been reviewed by Board Members and consultants from the United Federation of Teachers and the American Federation of Teachers. We hope to have a first printing ready for use in the second half of the school year.