Afternoon Program

1:00 Lunch: Stouffer Hall, University of Pennsylvania

2:00 United Labor Unions (ULU) Conference and Workshops

2:30 Free time, tours

3:00 Workshops: ACORN People's Platform, ACORN 80 Plus, ACORN Housing Campaign

5:30 Dinner: Stouffer Hall

7:30 "This Mighty Dream": exhibit and films on the history of social protest

8:30 Celebration: Anvil Room, University of Pennsylvania

SUNDAY, June 27

9:30 Taking the People's Platform to the Democrats

11:00 Opening: ACORN leaders

11:10 Guest Speaker: Henry Nicholas, President, 1199 National Union of Hospital and Health Care Employees, Philadelphia

11:20 Guest Speaker: Jim Hightower, candidate for Texas Agriculture Commissioner, Austin

11:30 "Taking What's Ours"—National Housing Campaign: Grover Wright, Philadelphia

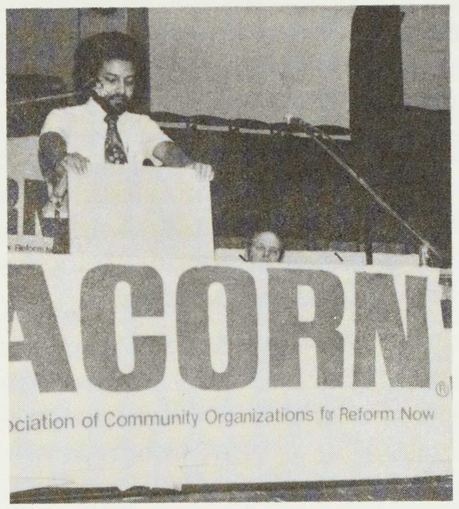
11:50 "The Future of the People's Platform": ACORN leaders

12:10 The People's Platform Preamble: Darwin Smoots, St. Louis

12:15 Closing Remarks: Larry Rodgers

12:30 Lunch: Stouffer Hall

Welcome to the 1982 ACORN national convention



Larry Rodgers
President
ACORN Association Board

At our first national convention in December, 1978, the marchers who took our People's Platform to the Democratic National Convention represented 18,000 members in 14 states.

Today, as we gather in Philadelphia, we are 50,000 members and 26 states strong. We've put our People's Platform into action with great success from coast to coast, winning Lifeline utility rates, blocking regressive sales taxes, protecting the targeting of Community Development funds to low and moderate income neighborhoods. The list could go on and on.

Our national squatters campaign is getting abandoned houses turned over to people who want to fix them up and live in them, and letting the whole country know in a dramatic way that the housing crisis facing low and moderate income families must be solved. By "taking what's ours," we've put ourselves on the line and that's what ACORN will continue to do as we go back home to our cities and states.

We've come together in Philadelphia to say we "draw the line." We're here to ask the Democratic Party, "Which side are you on? You can continue to act like Republicans in Democrat's clothing and continue to lose elections. Or you can stand with the majority of low and moderate income people by guaranteeing us representation in the Party and adopting our People's Platform." As our preamble clearly says, "We will dream of more, but we will not settle for less."