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LAFAYETTE, La. - Catholic
and officials from four of the
six parishes which comprised
the new distinct Acadia Neuf
area unit for the war on pov-
erty met in an attempt to sal-
vage the poverty program.

The program had been denied
funds because its board of di-
rectors refused to re-organize
according to OEO guidelines.

W. Asul Kirk, regional di-
rector of the Austin OEO office,
told the group Monday that $1.3
million, previously allocated to
the poverty program's Head
Start, was at stake. He said that
a plan for organization must be
submitted by April 30 or the
funds will be allocated to other
programs in Louisiana.

Kirk added that if he failed to
reallocate the funds within the
state by May 5 the national of-
fice of the OEO would place the
money elsewhere in the United
States.

Acadiana Neuf is the only war on
poverty unit, out of 1,150
in the U.S., to lose its funds be-
because of failure to organize in
compliance with government
standards.

Presiding over the Lafayette area in salvaging the programs
meeting was state Sen. Edgar
Reynolds of their parishes. All six par-
tise. Minton Jr. Others attending
the meeting included local ministers and Acadian Neuf or-

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