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## VEP Benefit Banquet



Atlanta, Ga.— The Voter Education Project (VEP), a nonpartisan private organization which promotes minority political participation in the 11 southern states, has announced that former Governor Jimmy Carter will be Keynote Speaker for its Third Annual Benefit Dinner to be held at the HYATT Regency Atlanta on Monday evening, August 30, 1976.

"We are pleased that Governor Carter has honored us with his consent to speak at the annual event," said John Lewis, VEP Executive Director.

"We expect to sell out over 1,000 seats at \$100 per person, because the funds are vitally needed to support local programs of voter registration and citizenship education throughout our region."

"Although the Governor is a declared candidate for the Presidency, his participation in this dinner by no means can be construed as a partisan endorsement of his cam-

paign by the Voter Education Project," Lewis declared. "We received bipartisan support in fund raising activities, having alternated between Senator Edward Kennedy, a Democrat, in 1974 and Senator Jacob Javits, a Republican, in 1975 as Keynote Speakers.

Proceeds from the VEP fund raising event will be used to support efforts to register more than three and a half million persons of voting age in the South who are not currently registered, said VEP officials. The efforts include basic research, citizenship education, and massive publicity efforts to stimulate and motivate unregistered persons.

Tickets to the annual \$100 per plate dinner will be available by reservation from the Voter Education Project. Interested persons may contact VEP at (404) 522-7495 for reservations. All contributions to the Voter Education Project are tax deductible.