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Form United Fund In Nassau, Suffolk

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Salisbury Park — A United Fund for Long Island was officially launched last night in an attempt to combine all Nassau and Suffolk health and welfare appeals into a single annual joint drive.

David Kadane, a member of the United Fund's organizing committee, told about 100 Long Island business and community leaders at a dinner-meeting in Salisbury Park that the fund could raise from \$12,000,000 to \$17,000,000 a year, compared with \$7,500,000 raised now in individual agency drives. The fund will try to enlist the local chapters of various national charities, such as the Heart Association and the Cancer Society, although such efforts have not yet been attempted, a spokesman said. The fund plans to conduct its first drive in the fall of 1965.

Those at the dinner, held at the Salisbury Restaurant, elected a slate of officers and the members of the executive committee for the United Fund

group. Chosen as president was Leonard Hall, former Republican national chairman. Thomas Goodfellow, president of the Long Island Rail Road, was named chairman of the executive committee.

Kadane told the gathering: "The voluntary agencies are not being given the money to furnish services, and as they compete harder with each other for charitable contributions they find themselves in the position of spending more and more to raise less and less." Kadane was associated with the Freeport Community Fund, which went out of existence in 1962.

Although community leaders endorsed the United Fund, it still has to negotiate with fund-raising organizations. Francis Wilson, secretary of the Garden City Community Fund, said that after several meetings with various local chests and funds, "considerable indoctrination must still be done on the local level." Wilson was elected secretary of the United Fund.

The new group also received support from Henry Weiss, president of the Long Island Fund. He said: "The Long Island Fund will stand in the same position as any local fund in its relation to the United Fund. We will be the industrial arm of the United Fund."

The Long Island Fund was first conceived in April of 1962. A committee of the Health and Welfare Council, appointed in 1961 by Kadane, who was then council president, studied Long Island fund-raising and recommended that all charities in Nassau and Suffolk join forces in one United Fund group. An organizing committee was formed, which resulted in the Fund's formal organization last night.

Among those attending the dinner-meeting and