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CURE ANNUAL REPORT

Sixth Year

June 1, 1973 to May 31, 1974

CURE's sixth year was one of transition. This included getting settled into a new office location with fulfillment of the need to complete the renovation of that office. For a period of time CURE was without a staff person and, in the fall of 1973, the new person who was hired had to become familiar with the job. The number of Newsletter issues put out was reduced and the membership drive was late. In spite of these difficulties CURE is alive and active.

CURE's panel participants with the leadership of Vi McKern have accepted all invitations to make presentations and have met with groups on thirteen occasions. These have included school classes, church groups, PTA and a Navy group.

CURE has taken an official position on two statewide propositions this year. First, CURE opposed Prop. 1 on the November '73 ballot (tax limitation). CURE is endorsing Prop. 9 on the June 4, '74 ballot (election reform).

Much of the action CURE has taken this year has been in cooperation with other organizations with similar goals on specific issues. CURE has participated on the Balanced Community Task Force, supported Affirmative Marketing plans of City Council and County Supervisors, spoken in favor of balanced community at Carlsbad meeting.

Grant of Federal ESAA funds in an amount not to exceed $223,000 has been awarded to the Education COALITION.

CURE helped to form a Coalition with ten other groups including the League of Women Voters, NCCJ, and Urban League, which with the help of the San Diego Human Relations Commission, prepared and submitted to the U. S. Office of Education a 256 page proposal to alleviate racial isolation in the San Diego schools. CURE Board recommends that we continue membership on the California Task Force on Integrated Education. CURE endorsed a federally funded school breakfast program being organized in San Diego. In Oct. CURE members met with two representatives from the City Schools Task Force on Desegregation and asked questions as well as stated views. CURE still awaits some action on the Suit Filed with NAACP and LWV to prevent use of school construction funds to perpetuate racial or ethnic segregation.

CURE was a participant in a San Diego Human Relations Commission sponsored workshop on Affirmative Action and in a National Council of Christians and Jews sponsored conference on Police and Community. CURE had a booth at the Heartland Human Relations Assoc. Fair to celebrate their fifth anniversary. This booth featured the Integrated Cookbook and offered servings of foods cooked from recipes in the Cookbook. CURE literature was also displayed.

CURE has written letters to the City Council supporting funding for a Southeast Art Center with recommendation that such service be offered in others areas as well.

During this fiscal year CURE has updated the bylaws. New equipment has been acquired including two typewriters, a donated manual and a used IBM Executive on which Newsletters can be prepared, an additional file cabinet, several folding chairs, and a work table, (the last two items also donated).

Needs include more regular volunteers, an auditor, new contacts in the community, expanded membership.