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DESIGN FOR UNDERSTANDING

A SERIES DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING AND ACTION IN THE AREA OF RACIAL CONCERNS.

A CITIZENS INTERRACIAL COMMITTEE COMMUNITY EDUCATION PROGRAM

I N T R O D U C T I O N

THERE IS PERHAPS NO GREATER PROBLEM FACING OUR SOCIETY TODAY THAN THAT OF INTERRACIAL TENSIONS AND THE CONDITIONS WHICH CAUSE SUCH TENSIONS.

A RECENT EDITORIAL IN THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR MADE THE OBSERVATION THAT EVEN THOUGH THE PROBLEMS OF THE DAY SEEM OVERWHELMING, THEY WOULD NOT BE COMING TO THE SURFACE IF THE TIME WAS NOT RIGHT THAT THESE PROBLEMS SHOULD BE SOLVED NOW.

TO ARRIVE AT THESE SOLUTIONS WILL ENTAIL THE DEDICATION AND COMMITTMENT OF EACH OF OUR CITIZENS TO A WAY OF LIFE THAT ALLOWS FOR THE FULL DEVELOPMENT OF EACH MAN TO HIS UNLIMITED CAPACITY REGARDLESS OF RACE OR COLOR.

IMPROVED COMMUNICATION AND A FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THE DIMENSIONS OF THE PROBLEMS INVOLVED ARE IMPORTANT FACETS PRECEDING MEANINGFUL ACTION. IT IS FOR THIS REASON THAT THE SERIES ENTITLED "DESIGN FOR UNDERSTANDING" IS BEING OFFERED.

WE HOPE YOU WILL PLAN TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SERIES. AND WON'T YOU INVITE A FRIEND TO JOIN IN ALSO?

THE COMMITTEE

PURPOSE OF SERIES FORMAT FOR

"DESIGN FOR UNDERSTANDING"

No. I: These lectures serve to provide a philosophical sociological and historical background regarding the problems centered around race in our society. This evening establishes a frame of reference for the remainder of the series.

No. II: This panel continues the theoretical frame of reference set by the lectures by bringing the problems and racism, prejudice, and discrimination down to concrete realities and serving to expand the frame of reference.

No. III: The problems of all visible minorities are similar as they relate to racism. However, the Mexican-American encounters many subtle problems which are largely unknown and overlooked in our society. This panel will serve to elucidate some of these problems.

No. IV: This panel has as its purpose to allow those individuals who are activists in the struggle for equal justice and freedom to verbalize these problems at the "feeling" level.

No. V:
No. VI: Small group encounters or dialogue sessions which provide an opportunity for the audience and their group leader, many of whom were previous panelists, to air their feelings and "have at it".

No. VII: This panel will make suggestions for constructive action by both individuals and groups. The evening is devoted to clarification and creative problem solving.

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"A Background For Action"

No. I: "RACIAL DISCRIMINATION - REALITY AND MYTH"

"REASONS FOR PREJUDICE"

Lectures by two outstanding speakers.

No. II: "THE PROBLEM AND ITS SYMPTOMS"

Panel presenting racial problems from the frame of reference of white racism in the areas of:

HOUSING
EDUCATION
EMPLOYMENT
LAW ENFORCEMENT
COMMUNICATION

No. III: "THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN IN SOCIETY TODAY"

Panel presenting different facets of problems facing the Mexican-American today. Identity maintained through culture, customs, language, etc. and the difficulties faced in attaining and maintaining this identity.

No. IV: "MOOD OF THE DAY"

Panel consisting of those actively involved in Black Power movement of the day. Those who know the problems and promises of the ghetto because they live it and feel it 24 hours a day.

No. V: POTPOURRI - I

No. VI: POTPOURRI - II

This consists of two evenings of small group dialogue sessions; primarily with previous panel members serving as dialogue leaders.

No. VII: DECISION: WHAT CAN YOU DO? WHAT YOU CAN DO

Carrol Waymon, Executive Director, Citizens Interracial Committee, serves as moderator as he and his staff sum up the previous meetings, suggest positive action approaches, both on an individual and a group basis.