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Strongly Oriented for Action, a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the quality of interracial relations. Director, Rev. L. C. Wormley, 7519 Cuvier St., 454-4610.

SUMMER SUMMARY The summer phase of the SOFA program will end Friday, September 6. According to the summer youth director, Alvin Edwards, it has been a tremendous success. When Alvin was asked how he measured the success of the program, Alvin said, "They kept coming back!" The summer program of SOFA is in its second summer and it is passing throug the stages that all organizations pass in becoming an entity. SOFA is involved with providing the Black and Brown children with directed and organized activities by using existing community facilities.

"The success of the summer program is reflected by the degree in which the community has participated," says the Reverend Lonnie Wormley director of SOFA. "The YMCA and The Bishop's School contributed largel to the success of the program. The YMCA paid the salary of the youth director. The Bishop's School made all of their recreational facilitie available. These examples of community involvement are so necessary for continued success. The summer program is only one phase of the total program. The year-round program will concentrate on child care, tutor ial service for the junior and senior high school students, social services, recreation for the children on weekends, housing for low income families, employment, and friendship and understanding.

The summer program included the following: Trips were taken to Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm, the Del Mar Fair, Sea World, and the Universal Movie Studio. Thirty children attended a week of camp at either Mt. Palomar Baptist Camp, Camp Stevens, Julian or Camp Cedar Glenn near Julian. La Jolla-based activities included classes in swimming, cooking, volleyball, tennis, modeling, judo, and crafts.

TINY TOTS The Tiny Tots recreation area has given more than entertainment to its users, according to Chris Justice and Gerry Nack, the creators of the area. The wading pool, swing set, toys and sandbox were supervised, so working mothers were helped with the babysitting problem. Spanish-speaking youngsters learned to communicate better in English and most important, said, Gerry, friendships were formed between Black and Brown pre-schoolers.

CAMP MONEY Walter Dewhurst helped SOFA boys earn money to go to camp this summer. His lot in back of Harry's Bakery needed cleaning, so he paid the boys $5.00 each to clean it for him. The $5.00 just happened to be the exact amount that the boys needed to go to camp.

SOFA JOBS SOFA also helped children earn money for camp. It employed 20 children to do odd jobs such as child care, clerk work and maintenance and paid them the needed $5.00 for their efforts.

Letitia and Lori Brooks, Javier Villela, Darlene Johnson and Sara Albinal worked on a regular basis. Mrs. Jerry Taylor also worked for SOFA this summer helping with the secretarial work.

BOOK DONATIONS Thanks to the books of two women and the efforts of a third, SOFA now has a cataloged children's library. Mary Watson and Margaret Seims donated children's books to SOFA. Their books, plus those earlier given by the Treehouse Nursery, then were cataloged by Carolyn Herr.

SAINTS AND CAMPERSHIPS Five more names have been added to the SOFA Saints, a group of people who have donated money to SOFA. They are Burton Freeman, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hartline, Dr. and Mrs. Philip Rudnick and two monthly contributors, Mr. and Mrs. John Justice and Ray Howard.

Three camperships were given by Edward Hummel, Paul Brenner and Mrs. Katherine Cooke.

DRINKING FOUNTAIN The children using the SOFA recreation area now have a frequently used drinking fountain. It came from an anonymous donation made by friends of SOFA at Wesley Palms.

BEATRICE WILCOXEN Beatrice Wilcoxen is the type of Saint to which SOFA likes to call special attention. She came by the recreation area on a hot day and decided that the children really needed more shade and a better place to work. So she bought a redwood table, umbrella and benches and donated them to SOFA. She also had donated money for a wading pool, the gate at the back of the lot and sent eight children to summer camp.

SOCIAL WORKERS Two master degree candidates from the School of Social Work at San Diego State College will work 16 to 20 hours a week for 30 weeks in the SOFA community. The two will try to meet the needs exposed by the housing survey SOFA conducted last year. They will inform community residents of existing social agencies and coordinate their efforts with these agencies. Also they will give personal and family counseling where it is needed. SOFA will provide the office space, equipment and assistants needed by the workers. The workers will start in October and will be under the direction of Marian Kahn, a La Jolla resident and a teacher in social welfare at San Diego State.

BLOOD BANK SOFA's recently formed blood bank has been used already. Edith Hill, a La Jolla resident has received three pints and will need more. Donors are needed urgently. Contact the San Diego Blood Bank, 3405 Fourth Ave., telephone 296-6393, for an appointment. Inform them that the blood is being given in SOFA's name. Call Rev. Wormley, 234-4510, for transportation.

The two latest donors were Mary Tucker and Cidney Loggins. The bank was started for the Black and Brown people in the SOFA community who can not afford the high costs that accompany medical emergencies.

BUDGET COMMITTEE A fund raising committee has been formed to study the budget and plan methods of obtaining more operating capital. The Rev. Walt James of La Jolla Presbyterian Church will work closely with the committee

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Monthly Donation $2.00, $5.00, $10.00, $25.00, $100.00, Other $_

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CHILD CARE PROBLEMS Sofa's child care plans may have to be stopped for lack of a place to meet. Two work-study students from UCSD are working with the young minority children from 3 - 6 p.m. five days a week. This recreational program was seen as the first step toward a child care program which is so badly needed by working mothers. But without facilities the state requirements for a child care center cannot be met, so the program is in jeopardy.

EMPLOYMENT COMMITTEE The employment committee is working to get potential employers together with minority workers. Jim Brabant, Associate Minister at La Jolla United Methodist Church, and head of the committee, said that one finding from the committee's visual survey of businesses in La Jolla was that employers would be willing to hire minority people if they knew that they were available. A list of these businesses is being compiled, said Mr. Brabant, and it will be made available to minority representatives throughout the San Diego area. These representatives will then try to co-ordinate jobs with people. SOFA will be the La Jolla representative. The list will serve two purposes; first to inform minority people of job opportunities, and second to provide employers with a way to reach minorities.

BLOOD BANK SOFA's Blood Bank again has a small reserve, thanks to Gerry Nack, Raymond, Pete and William Taylor and Christ Justice, but one emergency could wipe out the supply. Since the bank was started to help low income minority people with the high cost that usually accompanies a medical emergency, more blood is needed urgently. Please make donations in SOFA's name to San Diego Blood Bank, 3405 Fourth Avenue, San Diego. Call 296-6393 for an appointment, and if transportation is needed call Rev. Wormley at 454-4610.

MULTI-PURPOSE BUILDING Rev. Wormley's dream, of a multi-purpose building to house SOFA and its related projects, is being put on paper. William Loy, a La Jolla architect, is donating his services to co-ordinate and draw the plans for the building. Lonnie Wormley Jr., will help him with some of the graphic work. Volunteers with graphic drawing experience are needed. Once the plans are completed a capital fund drive will be started. The estimated cost for the building is $75,000. So far Las Patronas has donated $8,000 and Prince Chapel has pledged $500 to the fund.

TUTORING The tutoring program for this semester will begin with a party on February 4th at Prince Chapel. It is hoped, said Rev. Wormley, that the party will interest more students in the tutoring sessions. Some students have found the sessions so beneficial that they are meeting twice a week. The tutoring is done on a one-to-one basis. The tutors are Marilyn and David Stolfa, Jane and Dick Orwoll John and Chris Justice and Adolfo Correa.

TEEN GROUPS Two co-ed teen groups are now meeting regularly at Prince Chapel. "These are 'feeling' groups, where the students can encounter each other honestly and express their feelings without fear of censure," said Mrs. Inez Robinson, the social worker at SOFA who is responsible for starting the groups. She is leading one group and Bob Hays, a second year graduate student in social work at San Diego State, is leading the other.

ASSIGNMENT COMPLETED The social work team at SOFA will now be Mrs. Inez Robinson and her supervisor Mrs. Marion Kahn. Mrs. Jan Morris, a graduate student, and Don Simmons and Loretta Swaegan, undergraduate students, have completed their assignment with SOFA.

CRISIS FUND A crisis fund to meet family financial emergencies in the minority community, has been started by SOFA. An initial $200 has been contributed by the La Jolla Presbyterian Church Deacon's Fund. The fund will be used to prevent family evic ons, the cut off of utilities, to provide transportation to work, or to meet any other emergency situation. It will be available on a loan basis.

CLUB DE PROGRESSO Dr. Anita Figueredo, a La Jolla physician, will speak to the club on health, and films on cancer will be shown by the Cancer Society. The club, a group of Mexican mothers interested in health and education, will meet on February 17th, at 8 p.m. at Prince Chapel. For further information about the club, call Josephine Foulks, 453-0174.

SOFA SAINTS Three more names have been added to the list of people who help SOFA financially on a monthly basis. They are Mrs. A.M. Young and Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Stone. The Religious Society of Friends has made their annual contribution of $100. It is this type of support that helps SOFA to function on a regular basis.

STEPS BUILT Another type of SOFA Saint is the one who gives of his services; Percy Hill falls into this category. He is a carpenter and has donated his time to build steps for the Prince Chapel manse.

FOOD AND CLOTHING To help families who occasionally run short of funds, SOFA is starting a food bank. Food will be kept in storage and distributed to those who need it. Rev. Wormley discovered the need for this kind of program when he found a family of five without food in their home two days before Christmas.
SOFA wishes to extend special thanks to Mrs. Doris McDermott and the La Jolla Elementary PTA for the clothes they collected and gave to SOFA. Mrs. Marie Stephens, Arizona Williams and two Prince Chapel members have taken on the job of sorting and distributing these clothes.
Persons wishing to help either or both of those programs should bring food and clothing direct to the SOFA office.

FLYING HIGH Thanks to PSA, five mothers and nine children got an airplane trip to Los Angeles last month. The airline flew them to Los Angelels, treated them to lunch and flew them back again. One of the mothers, Mrs. Cuevas, said it was hard to tell who was more excited, the mothers or the children. The trip was made possible through Headstart and was co-ordinated by SOFA.

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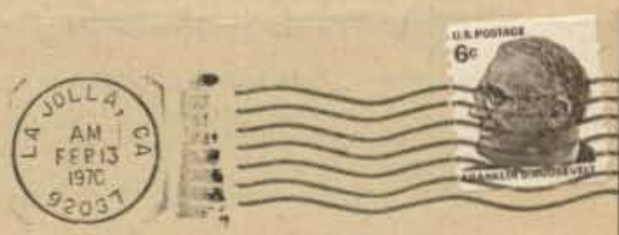

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