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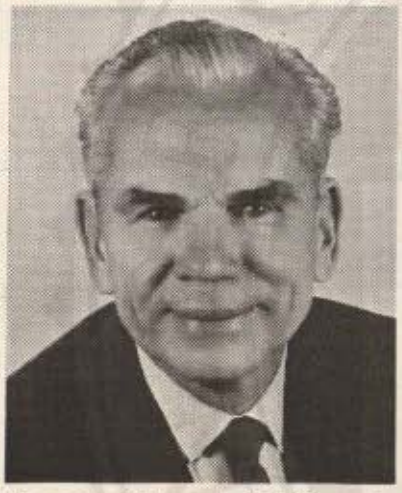
The President's Message . . . By Clinton D. McKinnon

This is the second Christmas season that Urban Coalition has observed, and I hope that the thousands of hours that its members have spent in an effort to eradicate the basic causes and obvious symptoms of racism will make this holiday season more meaningful to many of our citizens.

Urban Coalition has worked with a number of organizations since its formation and has accomplished some substantial improvements in our urban living.



The chief accomplishment, I believe, is that it has brought pressing problems, heretofore unrecognized, to the attention of the so-called "establishment", which, in turn, has directed its effort to their solution.

There are so many things to do,and so little time in which to get them accomplished, that sometimes those in Urban Coalition, as well as those who need the Coalition's help, become impatient.

We should, and we must strive harder to make our community a place where education, housing, and employment opportunities are equally available to all.

Yet our impatience should not lead to discouragement but to a renewed resolution in the year ahead to move forward more vigorously and more effectively.

URBAN COALITION REVIEW

On a recent Sunday afternoon, using prime time on Television Station Channel 10, Urban Coalition "came on the air". Mr. Chuck Johnson served as the master of ceremonies with President McKinnon and Mr. Peter Chacon as co-hosts. Mr. McKinnon presented the new director Mr. William Saunders, and Dr. Wayne A. Neal, executive for the Communications Task Force, the latter spoke briefly concerning the general purpose of the Coalition.

Each of the eight Task Forces was represented either by the chairman or other top flight people and each presented the work of the task force represented. This hour and a half was most informative and resulted in many letters and calls. Several of the letters asked for "Give a Damn" buttons and in some instances a repeat order was made. Our thanks to Channel 10 and to the Walker Scott Foundation for making possible this program.

HOUSING TASK FORCE

The Housing Task Force is holding a series of "Dry Run" trials of its Voluntary Housing Court. Two "courts" have been held to date with a third to follow suit. Participants simulate landlord and tenant, witnesses, etc.

THANKS

Thanks to San Diego Office Supply and to the Communications Task Force budget, we now have a new piece of duplicating equipment in our office! This puts us in a better position to serve the several task forces **if** they will keep us informed

TASK FORCE HELP

The Executive Committee has authorized the executive director to enter into Work Studies Programs with local universities. William Gilly, senior in public administration at San Diego State College, has joined the staff and another student, Miss Delia Cacho will work with the Youth Task Force.

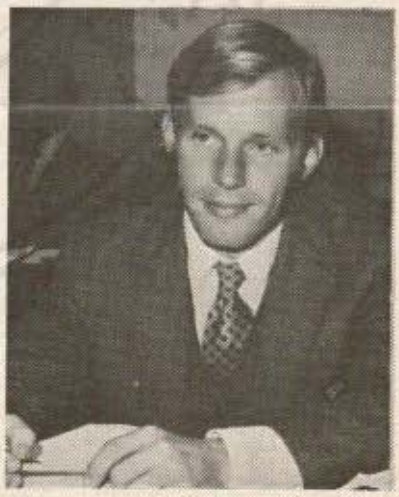
ADIOS, PAT

Pat Doege, the only secretary the Coalition has had, is returning to her position with the City of San Diego. All will remember Pat for her ready smile and willingness to help. The Coalition wishes her Bon Voyage and the best of luck.

URBAN COALITION GETS NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Bill Saunders, 28-year old attorney, has recently been appointed to head the organization.

Saunders is a graduate of Los Angeles State with an A.B. Degree in Government and Jurist Doctorate from Cal-Western. Saunders has passed the Colorado Bar and has taken the California Bar and is awaiting the results.



His job will be to coordinate activities of the various task forces and implement the wishes of Chairman Clinton D. McKinnon and the Board of Directors.

One of Saunders' first assignments was to attend a conference of Coalition Executive Directors in Fresno to discuss methods of financing Coalition.

He has re-activated the Youth Task Force, which he considers, "one of the most important forces of the total Coalition."

RUMOR CONTROL

Celes King III, one of the architects of the Los Angeles Rumor Control Center, addressed the monthly breakfast meeting of the Communications Task Force, November 13.

King stressed the inability of a community to envision a major upheaval such as Watts, without having experienced it. "Complacency and apathy are our greatest dangers", he said.

Credibility in the community is the Rumor Control's greatest asset and can be obtained only by being aligned with **no** organization.

Other functions of the Control Center are informative. He cited the great "earthquake scare" and what they did to dispel it. Richter, the great Pasadena seismologist cut a three-minute tape on the impossibility of predicting disturbances and put it on the air.

An easily remembered number is a necessity. The Los Angeles number is 29NAACP.

King said that a staff member of the Los Angeles Rumor Control Center would be available should San Diego start a Center.

Sherwood Gordon presided in the absence of George A. Scott, chairman, and Dr. Wayne A. Neal, executive secretary.

SAUNDERS TO MINNEAPOLIS

William Saunders, executive director, will go to Minneapolis in early December to attend a Consumers Conference sponsored by National Urban Coalition. Accompaning Bill will be Delia Cacho of the Chicano Federation, Ed Scott of the Urban League and Arnold Winston, Southern California First National Bank.

COMMUNICATIONS

Prime target of the Communications Task Force is the Second Annual Workshop to be held February 7, at the Abraham Lincoln High School according to Ray Blair, General Chairman.

General Chairman Scott said that Secretary Finch of HEW, along with Senator Montoya have been invited to speak. Questionnaires are ready for distribution (see whole page copy) and individuals as well as organizations are urged to use this important piece of material to indicate community problems and to direct the problem to the proper task force.

"LA VERDAD"

Chairman Scott appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to assist a group of young people publishing the Chicano youth newspaper. Peter Chacon, MPA, Shuford Swift, CURE, Hobby Myers, SENTINEL, Lowell Blankfort, STAR NEWS, Dan McKinnon, KSON, met with Chicano group.

Individuals agreed to assist the young people by raising some $1,500 of which amount Mr. Scott guaranteed $1,000. The group was most appreciative of the committee's help.

LAW AND JUSTICE TASK FORCE

Mr. A. E. Walkoe indicates the following activities concerning the task force which he chairs:

1. A committee led by Judge Donovan of the Municipal Court is working with the personnel department of the City of San Diego with regard to recruitment and qualification requirements for police officers with a view to determining whether any present practices may play in the small number of minority groups that are represented on the Police Department.

2. Continuing discussions between the Task Force, the Police Department and San Diego State College with reference to police-community relations.

3. An investigation into the federal "safe streets act" and how it is being implemented in the county of San Diego.

4. Conferences with the Attorney General of the State of California regarding practices of reporting arrests that are later turned to "detentions" by the fact that the arrested person is later released without charges being filed against him.

(We understand that legislation is expected to be signed by the governor in the immediate future making state-wide a use of a form by all law enforcement agencies similar to the one which has been used in San Diego for several months through cooperation of this Task Force and local law enforcement agencies.

5. Cooperation with the Board of Education with regard to "Civil rights education" in the schools and possible utilization of "Teen Posts" for extra-curricular classes on this subject.

EDUCATION TASK FORCE

The Education Task Force assisted Jr. High and High School Chicano students observe "El Dia del Chicano", September 16, Mexican Independence Day. Chairman Robert Dent assisted and Board chairman Clinton D. McKinnon provided food.

Speeches on the Chicano movement, impressions of Cesar Chavez, "Teatro Frontera, Role of the Chicano parent in the school". The program was MC'd by Peter Chacon.

The Board of Education is to be commended on the positive handling of an explosive situation and it is hoped that the Board will set aside each September 16 for Chicano students to observe the anniversary of the Independence of Mexico.

The Education Task Force has recommended to the Board of Directors that they exert any and all influence it possesses to create and fill the position of "Ed-Ombundsman" by January 1, 1970. The office would have three divisions:

1. Communications
2. Data Collection and Analysis
3. Change Facilitations

Operation Stimulation—The Grant-Proposal for Operation Stimulation has been completed. The Task Force is seeking possible sites. Architects have volunteered their services and soon applications will be made to Foundations nationally for funding.

HOUSING TASK FORCE—Homer Delawie Chm.

About 15 members of the Housing Task Force traveled to the Rincon Indian Reservation, November 7.

The object of the trip was to study first-hand the possibilities of pre-fabricated housing to ease the dire shortage of units in Southeast San Diego.

The Pauma, Pala and Rincon Bands of Mission Indians have enacted ordinances to join in creating the All Mission Indian Housing Authority. They hope to have the La Jolla Band enact a similar ordinance and join the Housing Authority.

The purpose of a consolidated authority is to "implement Authority and the Housing and Urban Development". This will provide an opportunity for low income families living on the Reservation to participate in a program which provides new homes leading to home ownership.

BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

Business Enterprise Task Force recently arranged a $240,000 Navy contract by the Small Business Administration. Of this amount $65,000 was loaned directly by the Union Bank and $25,000 by the SBA.

The purpose of the Task Force is to become involved in furthering minority business enterprise in San Diego County by providing economic structure and technical assistance.

Mr. George Gansler has been appointed to head a subcommittee of the Business Enterprise Task Force.

RUTH GREEN HONORED

Governor Reagan recently appointed Mrs. Ruth Green, member of the Communications Task Force and a county deputy probation officer, to the Council on inter-governmental relations. She will succeed Thomas Sefton who resigned. Mrs. Green is past president and executive board member of the San Diego branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and a member of Southeast Y.M.C.A. board, and the San Diego Urban League.

CURRAN GOES NATIONAL

Mayor Frank Curran will serve as a member of the Steering Committee of the National Urban Coalition and also as a member of the Policy Council of the organization's Action Council. The invitation was extended to the Mayor by Dr. John W. Gardner, chairman of the National organization. He asked Curran to serve on the Steering Committee for the duration of his term as Vice-President of the National League of Cities.

TAX EXEMPTION

A number of people have asked and we are happy to answer the question as to whether or not San Diego Urban Coalition is tax exempt. The answer is "YES" both in terms of the state of California and the Internal Revenue Department. Feel perfectly free to share financially with San Diego Urban Coalition in the knowledge that all such contributions are tax exempt.

COALITION IN BRIEF

On the letterhead of one of the task forces appears the following: "It is the overall objective of the Urban Coalition to marshall all of your community's public and private resources, to co-ordinate their efforts to the end that successful programs are effected, meeting the needs of those in the community who are in the need of a broad-range of assistance."

While these obectives are stated more or less in generalities, each task force attempts to make them specific in terms of the needs made known.

MODEL CITIES PROPOSAL

The San Diego Urban Coalition supports the Model Cities Program in principle and herewith announces its intention to give full hearing of and complete consideration to any proposals offered by that organization.

HEALTH AND WELFARE TASK FORCE

The short-term goals of the Task Force have been accomplished insofar as the authority of the Task Force to accomplish these short-term goals permits. The matter of emergency food distribution is now in the hands of competent and appropriate groups, and the improvement of the food distribution program is the subject of current administrative and legislative action. In addition to being helpful in the establishment of legislation concerning comprehensive health planning, we have been instrumental in activating the medical, hospital, university and citizen groups in creating improved health services where needed. Concerning the inadequacy of welfare payments we have placed before the appropriate administrative and legislative groups resolutions requesting their action in providing welfare payments appropriate to existing cost of living standards. We have intervened with the City Public Works Department to provide appropriate maintenance of public streets and alleys in those areas from which complaints have been received and where the public welfare and health might be a concern.

The entire Task Force is concerned as to the adequacy of the member composition of the Health and Welfare Task Force. They are also concerned that the Task Force is not being sufficiently persuasive in securing the degree of improvement in the area of health and welfare concern that should have been accomplished within the city and county of San Diego during the past year, consequently we are requesting that the Board of Directors review an enlargement of the membership of the Health and Welfare Task Force toward the end of obtaining an early improvement in health and welfare standards. This is particularly important in viewing San Diego and its economy as it may be effected in 1970.

SCOTT AT LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Recently Mr. George A. Scott, Communications Task Force chairman, was asked to appear before the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce in connection with the Walker Scott Expansion Program. The story was carried in the Los Angeles papers and included a story of new stores from Orange County to and including Palm Springs.

MAYOR KICKS OFF '70 JOB FAIR

An organizational meeting was held recently in the Conference room of the Council Chambers to formulate plans for next years Job Fair.

The Fair was co-sponsored last year by the National Alliance of Businessmen and the Urban Coalition.

A new office space and sufficient funds to underwrite the campaign are immediate objectives.

More than 3,000 disadvantaged youths were provided with jobs last year.

However, N.A.B. said they would be unable to furnish full time support to the Fair this year, but promised to assist in a supporting role.

Rear Admiral Constantine Karaberis was named to succeed Sid Gillman.

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YOUTH TASK FORCE

Dr. Bernard Statland from Minneapolis has been named to head the Youth Task Force. He is of the opinion that systematic dialogue with youth is a must.

Dr. Statland also thinks that some goals to look forward to are a citizens advisory board composed of youth and adults dealing with the police and with sensitivity training.

Dr. Statland interned at University Hospital. Urban Coalition welcomes him aboard.

YOUTH ELECTED

Iris Payne is the newest member of the Communications Task Force. She is 17 and a Junior at Morse High School. She also was on the cover of the brochure of "Give a Damn—Hire a Youth" along with Jose Guerrero, now a Walker Scott salesman. The Task Force felt the need of the youthful viewpoint. A Chicano youth will be added shortly.

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